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"Samantha"

"Tara"

"Jason"

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"Kate"

Richie Lee

"Mia"

"Quee"

Donny Nguyen

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"Kim"

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"Matt"

Betsy Lowrey, City of Temecula

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 Saturday, November 20, 2021 10:00 a.m.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Good morning, California. (Spanish
4 spoken, not translated). Good morning, Commissioners.
5 Welcome to the California Citizens Redistricting
6 Commission Public Input Session on our draft maps.

7 Today, we will be focusing on our Board of
8 Equalization maps, but also welcoming public input on all
9 of our maps. We want to thank all Californians who have
10 taken the time to submit public comments this week during
11 our hearings and also via our website. Thank you for
12 engaging with us.

13 We are offering LanguageLines for Spanish language
14 speakers to listen to the meeting in their native
15 language. May I please have the Spanish interpreters
16 provide our LanguageLine number where the public can
17 listen to today's meeting in Spanish?

18 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, good morning, Chair. This is
19 Spanish interpreter Margarita, and we'll do the site
20 translation at the LanguageLine instructions in Spanish.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: (Spanish spoken, not translated).

22 THE INTERPRETER: (Spanish spoken, not translated).
23 Thank you.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much. Good morning,
25 Ravi. Are you ready for roll call?

1 MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair. Thank you.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

3 MR. SINGH: You're welcome.

4 Commissioner Turner.

5 Commissioner Vasquez.

6 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Here.

7 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

9 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad.

10 Commissioner Akutagawa.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

12 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

14 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

16 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

18 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

20 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

21 Commissioner Sadhwani.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

25 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor.

1 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I am present.

2 MR. SINGH: Thank you. Commissioner Toledo.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Here.

4 MR. SINGH: Roll call is complete, Chair.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I'm here, too, Commissioner
7 Ahmad. Here.

8 MR. SINGH: Thank you.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: And good morning. My name is Pedro
10 Toledo. I'll be serving as your chair for today. I'm
11 coming to you from Alta Loma, California, and just a
12 little bit of background. Every ten years after the
13 federal government publishes updated census information,
14 California must redraw the boundaries of its
15 Congressional State Senate, State Assembly, and State
16 Board of Equalization districts so that the districts
17 correctly reflect the State's population.

18 The fourteen-member commission is made up of five
19 Republicans, five Democrats, and four of us not
20 affiliated with either of those parties. The Commission
21 must draw the lines in conformity with strict,
22 nonpartisan roles designed to create districts of
23 relatively equal proportion that will provide fair
24 representation for all Californians. For more
25 information, you can visit us at wedgeawthelineca.org.

1 This week, we've had testimony for our State Senate,
2 State Assembly, and Congressional districts, and we are
3 now going to be taking feedback on our Board of
4 Equalization maps. We will continue to take feedback on
5 any and all districts next week, November 22nd to
6 November 23rd between 9:30 and 2:30 p.m., and please, you
7 can also use our draft map feedback form which provides
8 real-time input to the Commission. The link is available
9 on our website. We also have the State database that has
10 created an online tool for mapping districts. You can
11 also submit -- create and submit your maps and send them
12 to the Commission via drawmycalifornia.org website.

13 Just a few housekeeping rules, the Commission will
14 be enforcing a two-and-an-half minute time limit for
15 appointments and will provide a warning at thirty and
16 fifteen seconds remaining. When you start your input,
17 please identify which district plan and region you will
18 be providing input on so that the mappers can bring up
19 the map.

20 We will open the lines at the end of the day -- at
21 the end of today's meeting around 2:30 when we will open
22 up for public comments, and anyone can call in and
23 provide their general public comments. The number to
24 provide public comment is listed on our livestream
25 landing page on our website. If you are calling without

1 an appointment, please do not hang up as you will lose
2 your place in line.

3 With that, I'll turn it over to Katy to go over
4 directions and reinstructions on call-in process. Thank
5 you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair. Good
7 morning.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Good morning.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Welcome to the draft map
10 feedback session. If you have not done so already, and
11 if your unique ID ends in 001 through 035, please use the
12 "raise hand" button at the bottom of your screen. You
13 will be identified by your assigned unique ID number
14 received with your invite for this session. When it is
15 your turn to speak, I will promote you to have the
16 ability to enable your own audio and/or video in the
17 lower left corner of your screen.

18 Public input time limit is two minutes and thirty
19 seconds. You will receive a verbal warning at thirty
20 seconds remaining and at fifteen seconds remaining in
21 your speaking time. There will also be an active timer
22 on the screen for your convenience. When you start your
23 input, please identify which district plan and region you
24 will be providing input on, and one more time, please use
25 the "raise hand" button at the bottom of your screen to

1 enter the public comment queue line indicating you're
2 present and ready to comment if you're unique ID ends in
3 001 through 035.

4 Now, we will be starting with 003 and then up next
5 after that will be 001. 003, I will be promoting you
6 now. 003, you can now enable your audio and video in the
7 lower left corner of your screen. If you will please
8 remind the mapper of what district plan and what region
9 you would like to address, the floor is yours.

10 003, you are unmuted. If you are speaking, we are
11 not hearing you, which means you may want to check your
12 microphone settings.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: My name is Jack, and I am
14 calling to --

15 MR. MANOFF: 003, 003, I'm so sorry to interrupt --

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Long Beach. First, I want
17 to --

18 MR. MANOFF: 003, we're having a hard time hearing
19 you. Can you hear me?

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me now? Can you
21 hear me?

22 MR. MANOFF: Yes, we hear you better now.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Sorry. Can you hear
24 me?

25 MR. MANOFF: Yep. Let's try again.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Hi. My name is Jack,
2 and I am calling today about the Long Beach maps
3 involving the city of Long Beach. First, I want to thank
4 the Commission for all your work throughout the
5 redistricting process. I have been able to see all of
6 the work commissioners have put into listening to
7 communities of interest. Specifically, as a member of
8 the LGBT community, I greatly appreciate your work to
9 unite more of Long Beach.

10 As a large city with nearly 500,000 people, it's
11 incredibly important for Long Beach to remain as intact
12 as possible from the Board of Equalization to Assembly.
13 Keeping our city together, as together as you can, will
14 ensure that our voice is heard, and our interests are
15 fully represented. We are a large and diverse community
16 (audio interference) -- our shoreline and including out
17 LGBT neighborhoods to the north of (audio interference)
18 that speak to the issues that (audio interference) -- in
19 the final drawing process, please continue to keep the
20 LGBT community in mind as connected as possible (audio
21 interference) the largest LGBTQ community. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
23 right now, we will have 001, and up next after that will
24 be 004. 001, I'll be promoting you now. 001, you can
25 now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner

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

4 MS. KUMIYAMA: Hi, commissioners. My name is
5 Jennifer Kumiyama, and I'm calling from Long Beach. I'm
6 also a member of the Long Beach Transit Board of
7 Directors. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you
8 today.

9 First, I want to thank you and your staff for all of
10 your hard work over the past several months for
11 everything that you are doing, especially for the updated
12 draft maps which unite most of Long Beach in every map
13 you are considering. As a city of almost half a million
14 people, I think it's incredibly important for Long Beach
15 to remain as intact as possible as you draw district --
16 as you draw districts for everything from State Assembly
17 to the Board of Equalization.

18 Keeping our city as together as much as possible --
19 as much as you can, will ensure that our voice is heard
20 and that our interests are fully represented. It also
21 helps protect important communities of interest like our
22 Cambodian and AAPI residents and our city's significant
23 LGBTQ+ community. We are almost at the end of this
24 process, and I know the City appreciates your commitment
25 this work.

1 We're also grateful that -- grateful for the care
2 that you've taken to place us in districts with our
3 immediate neighbors. It's incredibly important,
4 especially in our district for Congress, that Long Beach
5 shares a representative that with communities we partner
6 closely and already like those we share borders with.

7 Also, thank you so much for keeping Lakewood in our
8 Congressional district. Please continue to take our
9 feedback to heart and create districts that help serve
10 the best interests of our area. Thank you so much again
11 for this opportunity, and I hope that you all enjoy the
12 rest of your weekend.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
15 have 004, and up next after that will be 028. 004, I'll
16 be promoting you now. 004, you can now enable your audio
17 and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If
18 you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan and
19 region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

20 MR. GARRETT-PATE: Yes, thank you. I will be
21 addressing Congressional maps in Long Beach and Orange
22 County coasts. Thank you, commissioners, and good
23 morning. My name is Sam Garrett-Pate. I'm the managing
24 director of external affairs for Equality California.

25 The other day, we submitted a joint presentation

1 with the California Environmental Voters, and I just
2 wanted to talk through the changes that we'd like to see
3 you make to Long Beach and the northern Orange County
4 coast to better unit our LGBTQ communities and
5 communities that share environmental concerns. So if you
6 start with the existing map, this can be greatly improved
7 by linking Long Beach to coastal cities in Orange County
8 which share those concerns and share those LGBTQ
9 communities, and the remaining Downey portion could go
10 toward the reconstruction of our northern gateway cities,
11 Latino VRA district which I know MALDEF and NALEO have
12 both asked for.

13 If you take some small population from northwest
14 Long Beach and move that into the adjacent Latino VRA
15 district SP-710, then you can move Signal Hill, most of
16 the city of Long Beach, and all of Seal Beach into the
17 north Orange County coastal district. This is notable
18 because Seal Beach is actually currently diluting API
19 voters in the Little Saigon district. Seal Beach has an
20 API CVAP of just eleven percent. So it's actually
21 bringing down and diluting API power in that Little
22 Saigon district.

23 You move the API Santa Ana City Council district,
24 which was created as a result of a CVRA lawsuit, and move
25 that into the Little Saigon district, that would help to

1 better empower API communities in Santa Ana by uniting
2 them with the Garden Grove and Westminster API
3 communities, and the new boundary would also follow the
4 Santa Ana river. This area is forty-five percent API
5 CVAP, so again, helps to empower API communities there.
6 Then you use the 405 boundary as a southern boundary for
7 that Seal/Brea district. You unite Irvine and Costa Mesa
8 in the Santa Ana district as callers have repeatedly
9 asked, and put coastal Newport Beach City Council
10 districts around Newport Harbor --

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 MR. GARRETT-PATE: -- into that northern Orange
13 County coastal district. You can move minority Latino
14 areas of Tustin and Placentia into the Santa Ana
15 district, and then ultimately adjust inland Orange County
16 for population keeping Irvine --

17 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

18 MR. GARRETT-PATE: -- whole and moving Laguna Niguel
19 and Aliso Viejo into the southern Orange County coastal
20 district which would achieve all of your goals of uniting
21 and empowering LGBTQ+ coastal communities. Thank you so
22 much.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
25 have 028 and then up next after that will be 035. 028,

1 I'll be promoting you now. 028, you can now enable your
2 audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen.
3 If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan
4 and region you would like to address. The floor is
5 yours.

6 MR. RUMBLE: Thank you very much. My name is Peter
7 Rumble. I'm the CEO of the Santa Rosa Metro Chamber of
8 Commerce, and I am interested in providing comment on
9 those districts or the portion of the map of North San
10 Francisco Bay, particularly in Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Lake
11 Counties.

12 I want to start as other speakers have by thanking
13 the tremendous work and thought of your commission as it
14 continues to go through the redistricting process. I
15 know that it is not easy at all, and we absolutely
16 appreciate all of the work that you're putting into it.

17 Napa, Sonoma, and Lake Counties have significant
18 commonality and constituent needs, economic sectors, and
19 more recently over the last several years, shared tragedy
20 and natural disaster response and recovery. For Sonoma
21 County, this is particularly true for the cities along
22 the 101 corridor and moving east into Napa and Lake
23 Counties including Solano County. This commonality does
24 not necessarily extend in the unincorporated towns and
25 areas, west Sonoma County, which has more commonality

1 with coastal California including Marin.

2 And so splitting Sonoma County to maintain a
3 distinct coastal district while allowing the central and
4 eastern portions of Sonoma County to join, particularly
5 in the Congressional visualizations with Napa, Lake, and
6 other counties east is completely appropriate. Combining
7 those communities of middle eastern Sonoma County with
8 those areas in Napa, Solano, Lake Counties is currently
9 proposed in the 11-10-21 Congressional visualizations is
10 extremely desirable as it will allow individuals,
11 families, and businesses to continue to recover from
12 significant natural disasters with consistent
13 representation.

14 It will also help to maintain shared approaches in
15 how our communities are tackling pressing social issues
16 like affordable housing, transportation infrastructure,
17 food production, and climate change. And with those
18 things in mind, the Santa Rosa Metro Chamber of Commerce
19 is supportive of the current 11-10-21 Congressional
20 visualizations.

21 Thank you very much for all of the work that you
22 continue to do.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
25 have 035 and then up next after that will be 025. 035,

1 I'll be promoting you now. 035, you can now enable your
2 audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen.
3 If you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan
4 and region you would like to address, the floor is yours.

5 MR. GALLANO: Good morning. I shall address the
6 Assembly draft maps in the Fresno and Merced areas. My
7 name is Vanancio Gallano. I live in Southeast Fresno.
8 Our Latino community fears the Commission is struggling
9 to comply with the Voting Rights Act in both the Fresno
10 and Merced/Fresno draft maps.

11 From November 2nd to today's draft, the Latino
12 Citizens Voting Right Act population in the Fresno seat
13 dropped by nearly three percent while the Merced/Fresno
14 seat only increased the Latino CVAP 0.8 percent. It
15 appears the Commission does not have a full understanding
16 of why this is. The Commission seems to pay attention to
17 other communities of interest and ignoring where Latinos
18 actually exist.

19 While trying to draw seats to protect the Latino
20 ability to elect candidates of their choice, you have not
21 been paying attention to the Latino priorities. Between
22 November 2nd and the draft maps, you have cut 150,000
23 people from the Stanislaus County out of the Merced seat,
24 even though they were fifty-four percent Latino. You
25 then added 150,000 people in the city of Fresno to your

1 VRA seat, even though they were only forty-three percent
2 Latino. This math does not add up, especially not for a
3 VRA district.

4 This is not an oversight, mistake, or done in bad
5 faith, but you must correct this going forward. It
6 appears you're prioritizing many other communities of
7 interest requests to remain whole and to be included in
8 the South Fresno seat. Because of these requests, you
9 are diluting the Latino vote and making it harder to draw
10 effective Latino VRA seats. Latinos should not be the
11 sacrificial lambs. You are limiting your flexibility in
12 other areas. The South Fresno district goes too far
13 north in the city of Fresno. The Merced district is
14 being pulled away from the Latino communities in
15 Stanislaus and orphaning them.

16 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

17 MR. GALLANO: The North Fresno and Clovis district
18 is not being pushed up all the way into the Sierras. You
19 are not prioritizing the LVRA obligations in the South
20 Fresno seat. Finally, first draw strong VAR seats.
21 Secondly, do not make the Latino community expendable in
22 attempting --

23 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

24 MR. GALLANO: -- to balance the interest of other
25 communities. Thank you.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
3 have 025 and up next after that will be 022. 025, I'll
4 be promoting you now. 025, you can now enable your audio
5 and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If
6 you'll please remind the mapper what district plan and
7 region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

8 MS. OLIVA: Hello. This is Lourdes Oliva from
9 Fresno County area. Thank you for the Commission for all
10 the hard work and especially for writing down and noting
11 down our comments.

12 As a Central Valley resident and originator from the
13 Los Angeles area, I see the need for the Board of
14 Equalization to really meet its goals. As you may know,
15 the property tax program concerning with the Board of
16 Equalization is very important to all homeowners. It is
17 the way that our schools get funded, and our roads get
18 looked at and also a lot of progress.

19 However, the Board of Equalization maps that I'm
20 looking at right now are making maps that are so wide and
21 so equal in population, but not really taking care of
22 looking at the populations that live in them. The Latino
23 community, not only being a majority in number, is also
24 one of the communities that most looks to have their own
25 business, to put up their own projects, and

1 unfortunately, the Board of Equalization it affects their
2 progress.

3 I think that we need to look at these maps in a more
4 realistic way of how we can really help the communities
5 who make our economy thrive, especially in the Central
6 Valley as I see from the map that I see on your website,
7 when I'm looking at that map D, draft D, it's such a huge
8 area covering that really doesn't pay attention to the
9 needs of these areas.

10 I currently had to help the community with
11 unfortunate fraud cases with solar construction
12 salespeople who are doing practices that are very abusive
13 and predatory. The assessments put on their homes, the
14 County Board of Equalization would have been someone that
15 could have helped them avoided them getting loans that
16 they were not ready to take or assume or even learn that
17 they had that.

18 This board is very important for the economy of our
19 state. This board, the Board of Equalization, needs to
20 have --

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 MS. OLIVA: -- representatives that know the
23 community. In the Central Valley, I'm looking for the
24 VRA so the Latino community to be addressed on these
25 maps. I appreciate your time and comments, but please,

1 if you have any need to learn more about this topic, my
2 name is Lourdes Oliva, and I would love to help you.
3 Thank you very much.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much for your comments.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
6 022 and up next after that will be 006. 022, I'll be
7 promoting you now. 022, you can now enable your audio
8 and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If
9 you will please remind the mapper what district plan and
10 region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

11 MS. ROBINSON: Good morning. My name is Judy
12 Robinson. I'm commenting on the Sacramento region maps.
13 I'm a native of Sacramento County and have lived here for
14 over sixty years. I was the 2020 census manager for
15 Sacramento County coordinating regional census outreach
16 with the adjacent six counties and sharing outreach
17 materials with Northern California counties all the way
18 to the Oregon and Nevada borders.

19 I worked two-and-a-half years with key community
20 leaders and stakeholders to develop and implement a
21 successful census outreach plan. It is based on this
22 experience that I urge you to reject the draft Assembly
23 redistricting plans which fail to reflect all that we
24 learned from these census efforts.

25 As an example, during the census, we were

1 intentional in developing a comprehensive language
2 justice plan that represented our diversity. Sacramento
3 County, per capita, speaks more different languages than
4 any other county in California. We identified these
5 diverse communities, worked with key trusted messengers,
6 identified issues important to the residents, and
7 tailored outreach accordingly.

8 In Roseville, you can email residents and they are
9 easily informed. In North Highlands, many residents
10 can't afford broadband or computers or don't know how to
11 use them. We partnered with our library's book mobile
12 and went to apartment complexes to share information
13 face-to-face in different languages. We also provided
14 computers and Wi-Fi in order for residents to complete
15 the census questionnaire online. Yet the draft Assembly
16 maps have drawn these significantly different communities
17 of Roseville and North Highlands into the same assembly
18 districts.

19 Across the county, we outreached and communicated
20 with our communities differently. Many residents get
21 their information on smartphone apps like WeChat and rely
22 on family members and friends to keep them informed.
23 Similarly, Arden-Arcade could never be outreached to like
24 we would for Pollock-Pines. For starters, Arden-Arcade
25 has a significant Afghan refugee population where we had

1 to outreach to residents at the local food bank with
2 interpreters.

3 For the same reasons as above, you should not
4 combine them under the same Senate district as shown on
5 the draft maps. All this to say we need to change the
6 lines to bring together our communities like --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 MS. ROBINSON: -- and not fragment them. Our
9 diversity is our strength. Keep our communities together
10 so that they are understood, their voices heard, and
11 their needs represented. For these reasons, I ask that
12 our long-established Sacramento County communities be
13 removed from districts connected to Placer and El Dorado
14 Counties. Thank you so much.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we'll have
17 006 and up next after that will be 023. 006, I'll be
18 promoting you now. 006, you can now enable your audio
19 and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If
20 you'll please let the mapper know what district plan and
21 region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

22 MS. MARKS: Hi. Thank you, Commissioners and staff.
23 Good morning. My name is Julia Marks, and I'm calling
24 from Asian Americans Advancing Justice Asian Law Caucus
25 on behalf of the API and AMEMSA State redistricting

1 collaborative. I'll be speaking about Congress primarily
2 and also Assembly in the Bay area. Thank you for all
3 your work navigating these complex questions. We
4 continue to encourage you to consider our previous map
5 submissions to deal with some of the complexities of
6 complying with the VRA and also respecting communities of
7 interest.

8 This past week, our collaborative has been meeting
9 with regional and local partner organizations who are
10 interested in these issues as well as additional
11 community members to look at the Commission's drafts and
12 identify priority areas that we both appreciate and have
13 some concerns about.

14 Today, I'm sharing input from our partners in San
15 Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, and Sonoma Counties. First,
16 we really appreciate that the draft Congressional map
17 groups Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Berryessa, Milpitas, and
18 South Fremont in one district. East Asian, South Asian,
19 and Muslim communities all identified these cities as
20 interconnected.

21 Unfortunately, COIs in Mission San Jose and
22 Irvington are cut in your Congressional map. We ask that
23 you please keep each COI whole and keep these two COIs
24 with Centerville. You can keep these neighborhoods with
25 Santa Clara whole and together respecting the large

1 Muslim and South Asian communities throughout these COIs
2 in the area, and you can achieve this by moving Newark
3 into a district with Union City and moving more of San
4 Jose into adjacent districts.

5 We also request that you make changes to the
6 Assembly draft maps to put San Lorenzo, San Leandro,
7 Hayward, and Union City in one district all together.
8 These areas are home to many working class communities,
9 Asian immigrants and Filipino Americans.

10 In San Mateo County, please keep North Fair Oaks,
11 Belle Haven, and East Palo Alto together in one district,
12 and with Redwood City.

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 MS. MARKS: The Commission's Congressional and
15 Assembly maps both break up these communities. These
16 areas are home to many Pacific Islanders as well as other
17 communities of color who have shared policy needs due to
18 relatively low incomes and a history of being underserved
19 and under-resourced.

20 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

21 MS. MARKS: These areas should not be paired with
22 the affluent and tech-oriented areas to the south in
23 Santa Clara County. Finally, we have additional input on
24 the Santa Rosa area which has Pacific Islander
25 communities, and we can submit that in writing. Thank

1 you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
3 right now, we will have 023 and then up next after that
4 will be 015. 023, I'll be promoting you now. 023, you
5 can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
6 corner of your screen. If you will please let the mapper
7 know what district plan and region you would like to
8 address. The floor is yours.

9 MR. LAUSHINE: Good morning. I'm Greg Laushine.
10 I'm concerned about the California -- I mean the
11 Congressional 25th District, and thank you for the
12 opportunity to participate, and yeah, it's impressive,
13 and yes, wow, this looks like a really tough job to
14 figure all this stuff out, and thanks for the effort
15 you're doing.

16 Basically, just wondering if there's a way to make a
17 less drastic change in our district. The -- is there a
18 way to keep, you know, the appropriate population balance
19 but keep Simi Valley and Moorpark with Santa Clarita and
20 the rest of the Antelope Valley. There's some natural,
21 you know, boundaries just to keep, you know, our area
22 together, and the (audio interference) aerospace
23 industries and getting representation regarding helping
24 with the power shut off events and so forth, and pushing
25 it to include more of the San Fernando Valley would --

1 feels like it's getting into a different community area
2 with, you know, different interests, and there's a
3 different school district there with LAUSD and so forth.

4 So basically, just asking for your help with that,
5 and that's all I got. Thank you.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for engaging with us.

7 THE INTERPRETER: And right now, we will have 015
8 and then up next after that will be 009. 015, I'll be
9 promoting you now. 015, you can now enable your audio
10 and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If
11 you will please let the mapper know what district plan
12 and region you would like to address. The floor is
13 yours. 015?

14 MS. MURRAY: Okay. Can you hear me now?

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

17 MS. MURRAY: Thank you so much. My name is Cynthia
18 Murray. I'm the CEO of North Bay Leadership Council. We
19 represent the leading employers in Marin, Sonoma, and
20 Napa Counties, and I am to speak today in favor of the
21 maps from 11-10-21 for Yolo Lake and the North Coast
22 districts. Much of my comments were already made on the
23 Yolo Lake district that -- by Peter Rumble from the Santa
24 Rosa Metro Chamber. We agree wholeheartedly with all
25 that he pointed out on the reason why that district is

1 one that we would support, and we also support the map
2 for the North Coast district. We think Marin definitely
3 should be part of the coastal district, and we very much
4 applaud the lines that were drawn in the 11-10 maps.

5 We again see that these are communities of interest
6 in terms of equity, economy, environmental, and
7 disasters, and we very much hope you will keep those
8 lines as you have currently drawn them in the maps of 11-
9 10-21. Thank you very much.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
12 have 009, and then up next after that will be 005. 009,
13 I'll be promoting you now. 009, try one more time. 009,
14 it appears there may be a connectivity issue with the
15 audio and video option. We will be trying the audio only
16 option at this time. If you will please follow the
17 prompts to unmute on your screen. There should be a
18 little unmute right in the center of your screen at this
19 point, unique ID 009.

20 Unique ID 009, are you there? You should be seeing
21 a prompt for -- to unmute in the center of your screen at
22 this time. All right, 009. We will come back to you.

23 Right now, we'll go to 005, and then up next after
24 that will be 007. 005, I'll be promoting you now. 005,
25 you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left

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

4 MR. AI: Hello, commissioners. I am looking at the
5 San Francisco Congressional maps, specifically north San
6 M. We'll start there.

7 Hello, commissioners, this is Mike Ai. I'm here on
8 behalf of Equality California, the nation's largest
9 statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights organization with hundreds
10 of thousands of members statewide. I'm calling today to
11 express our appreciation to the Commission. We love the
12 San Francisco Congressional and Senate maps, which unite
13 our LGBTQ+ community as well as black, API, and Latino
14 communities of interest.

15 For the Assembly maps in San Francisco, we ask that
16 you revisit the maps as it currently divides our
17 community as well as the city's two largest black
18 communities and Latino communities and actually pack the
19 API voters in SF West District. We kindly recommend that
20 the Commission revisit our maps which are the -- which we
21 submitted under the LGBTQ unity maps and generally
22 recommend that the Commission work to divide the city
23 vertically rather than diagonally. Thank you so much.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will

1 have 007 and then up next after that will be 29. 007,
2 I'll be promoting you now. 007, you can now enable your
3 audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen.
4 If you will please remind the mapper of what district
5 plan and region you would like to address. The floor is
6 yours.

7 DR. DELUGAN: Yes. I'm calling about a Senate map,
8 specifically the ECA district that involves Merced
9 County. My name is Dr. Robin DeLugan. I'm a professor
10 of anthropology at the University of California, Merced,
11 and I reject the current map as it's going to have a
12 negative impact on Merced County's fair representation.
13 The map -- new map severs Merced County from similar
14 communities of interest that, for example, that are in
15 the current Senate district boundaries.

16 I just wanted to say geography matters. When I
17 moved to Merced County, I'm a resident of the City and
18 County of Merced, I have been for sixteen years. When I
19 first moved here from the San Francisco Bay area, it
20 struck me that this was Central Valley, a unique part of
21 California. I continue to learn much from, and it's very
22 distinct from the foothill or mountain communities that
23 now are being enjoined with the draft map.

24 Where there couldn't be communities that are more
25 indistinct -- distinct from each other, excuse me,

1 different from each other than in terms of environmental
2 concerns, health concerns, community concerns, common
3 interests, economics, et cetera. So geography does
4 matter, and this map seems to not take into account those
5 geographical differences and demographic differences.

6 Further, I've been really happy to witness civic
7 engagement grow in the Central Valley and in Merced
8 County, and as we build more confidence in our under-
9 represented communities to be involved in the civic
10 process and raise their voices and their concerns, some
11 of this community building, civic community building
12 happens with the Senate district as it is now. And so
13 the new map actually harms some of the wonderful common
14 communities of interest that have been building for the
15 last several years.

16 So I reject then and ask that that map get
17 revisited. I am not alone.

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 DR. DELUGAN: I am not alone. I hope you can hear
20 the voices of Merced County because there are many, many
21 people who feel the same way. Thank you very much.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
24 have 029 and then up next after that will be 033. 029,
25 I'll be -- 029, as you have chosen to call in, if you

1 will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star
2 6. 029, if you will please remind the mapper of what
3 district plan and region you would like to address. The
4 floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, it will be Santa Clarita
6 Valley, I think it's SCVAD. And I'm calling in regards
7 to -- just to talk about how your map shows that to be
8 part of the San Fernando Valley, and it really needs to
9 be separate and for these reasons. Santa Clarita has
10 five school districts with only 56,000 kids and one
11 community college.

12 The San Fernando Valley being part of the City of
13 Los Angeles has a population of almost four million,
14 sixty-three colleges, and they have the second largest
15 public school in the nation of LAUSD with almost 619,000
16 students, almost 76,000 employees, and a budget of 8.55
17 billion. They oversee 1,600 schools K through 12.

18 Santa Clarita, being such a small city, our children
19 cannot be properly represented, and we do need, you know,
20 our children need proper representation and legislation
21 also. So please, if you would take that into
22 consideration and remove us from the San Fernando Valley.

23 In addition, Santa Clarita only has a budget of
24 248.3 million. San Fernando, being part of Los Angeles,
25 has a budget of 11.48 billion. We just -- our voices

1 would be completely lost. In addition, the PSTS is very
2 important to us. That is our public -- I'm sorry, the
3 PSTS is what protects us from wildfires, and we have two
4 completely separate utility companies. Ours is private
5 SCE. LADWP is with the San Fernando Valley for Los
6 Angeles, and they are completely municipal, so they are
7 not represented by the PUC. They are -- they are
8 regulated by the Water and Power Commissioners and the
9 City Council. So a representative would spend a lot of
10 time --

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- focusing on such a large
13 city and understanding their regulations in order to
14 protect the, you know, to prevent wildfires. And if you
15 would please take that into consideration, and I just ask
16 for Congressional and Assembly --

17 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- to be back with Simi
19 Valley with two smaller and similar cities. Thank you so
20 much, and please have a great weekend.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Likewise.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
23 if I could please ask for one of our Spanish
24 interpreters, our next speaker has request for a Spanish
25 interpretation. That's for 033, and then up next after

1 033 will be 010. 033, will be promoted now. And I do
2 see you Ashley, and 033, if you will please remind the
3 mapper of what district plan and region you would like to
4 address, and if you will please engage with our lovely
5 interpreter. The floor is yours.

6 MS. GONZALES: Good morning. My name is Maria
7 Gonzales, and I'm an organizer in San Bernardino with
8 CHIRLA. I've been an organizer in the city for more than
9 seven years, and I've also been a resident in San
10 Bernardino for more than eighteen years. I would like to
11 thank the commissioners for the opportunity that has been
12 created for immigrants and Spanish speakers to be able to
13 participate. The immigrants that don't have status in
14 San Bernardino, Colton, Rialto, and Muscoy are facing a
15 lot of challenges.

16 Like, for example, issues dealing with access to
17 resources in terms of the schools, in terms of help with
18 rent, in terms of street vendors, in terms of the
19 household workers, domestic workers, and also our street
20 sellers have faced many restrictions in recent times,
21 restrictions imposed by the county, by the city in terms
22 of them being able to sell their products on the sidewalk
23 areas including things like food, flowers, or other
24 merchandise.

25 So these workers that work as street vendors have

1 been and that are in my community, they have been very
2 poorly treated in recent times. They have also received
3 tickets or fines and their merchandise has been taken
4 away from them by the workers from the health department.
5 This happens because our community does not have, in
6 terms of dealing with our community, and our community
7 does not have the right training to understand the
8 culture and also that is linguistically appropriate.

9 Also because they did not have the privilege of
10 being able to stay home during the pandemic, we see that
11 this community, these workers which all live at poverty
12 lives and the poverty threshold, they face a lot of
13 challenges in terms of being able to support their
14 families and in terms of being able to pay their rent as
15 well. That is why I'm here in order to express my
16 support for having the City of San Bernardino be kept
17 whole in terms of all the districts, the Senate and the
18 Assembly.

19 So the Assembly method I would like is the --

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 MS. GONZALES: -- Assembly that has San Bernardino
22 joined with Rialto, Colton, Bloomington, and I do not
23 want it joined with Terrace, Loma Linda, and Grand --

24 THE INTERPRETER: The interpreter didn't catch that
25 third name.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I believe it was Grand
2 Terrace, Redlands, and Loma Linda.

3 THE INTERPRETER: That's it. Grand Terrace,
4 Redlands, and Loma Linda.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
6 right now, we will have 010 and then up next after that
7 will be 002. 010, I'll be promoting you now. 010, you
8 can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
9 corner of your screen. If you will please remind the
10 mapper of what district plan you would like to address.
11 The floor is yours.

12 MS. NIEVES: Thank you. Happy Saturday,
13 Commissioners. I'm going to be addressing the San Diego
14 region, and I'm going to be addressing Assembly, Senate,
15 and Congressional levels, so I'll name the districts if
16 that's helpful, as I talk about them. Okay. I'll get
17 started.

18 So my name is Eryn Wilson Nieves. I'm with Alliance
19 San Diego, and I'm here today raising concerns about the
20 identified San Diego COIs of City Heights, Southeast San
21 Diego, El Cajon, and Spring Valley on an Assembly, State
22 Senate, and Congressional level. These communities are
23 experiencing issues with a lack of funding and resources
24 centering on housing, healthcare, education, language
25 access, and increased criminalization and surveillance

1 from law enforcement.

2 And so that is why I am here today to talk about
3 what I see in these districts that are needed for these
4 communities. On the Assembly level, I'll be speaking to
5 the LMESA-SVAL district and although the before mentioned
6 COIs are paired together in this district, the split of
7 El Cajon is detrimental to immigrant and refugee
8 communities as resources would be assessed and
9 distributed in a district separate from where the
10 residents actually live. El Cajon should be kept whole
11 in this district.

12 On a Senate level, the core Cajon district also
13 pairs the identified COIs together, but includes these
14 COIs with affluent communities of Coronado, Point Loma,
15 and downtown and these communities have drastically
16 different experiences in San Diego, mainly due to income
17 and socioeconomic status. While our communities face a
18 lack of resources, representation, and quality housing,
19 coastal communities in downtown should not be paired with
20 our identified COIs.

21 And on a Congressional level, the SESDC district is
22 very damaging to our COIs of City Heights, El Cajon,
23 Spring Valley, and Lemon Grove. These COIs are paired
24 with east county communities who do not share similar
25 experiences or values as us, and this district also

1 disconnects out communities from resources which are
2 already very minimal, and they are not going to be
3 offered where residents live if they are paired with
4 these districts.

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 MS. NIEVES: Thank you. Overall, it is essential to
7 keep already marginalized COIs whole and in districts
8 with other communities that have similar values.
9 Prioritizing this will maximize equitable representation
10 and give communities an opportunity to thrive.

11 Thank you for providing the opportunity for me to
12 share my recommendations.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for engaging with us.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
15 have 002 and then up next after that will be 027. And
16 I'd like to invite caller 4882 unique ID 009 to please
17 press star 9 on your keypad. This will raise your hand
18 in the calling format. Thank you for calling in. 002, I
19 will be promoting you now. 002, you can now enable your
20 audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen.
21 If you will please remind the mapper of what district
22 plan and region you would like to address. The floor is
23 yours.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very much. Hi
25 there. My name is Connor. I'm calling today to talk

1 about the Long Beach Congressional district. Before I
2 start, I want to thank you all for the months of work
3 you've put in to get us to these draft maps. We're
4 finally coming up on the end of this process, and I just
5 want to say how grateful I am for your commitment to this
6 work. These districts will impact our representation at
7 the state and federal level for the next decade, so it's
8 unimaginably important that we get this right.

9 Thankfully, for me, and my community of interest,
10 the Commission has gotten it right for Long Beach.
11 Residents, businesses, and organizations from across our
12 area have reached out to this Commission asking to be
13 kept as together as possible and you listened. For the
14 last ten years, we've been able to benefit from having a
15 voice in Congress, and we've used that voice to advocate
16 for what we most need from our government. And, for that
17 next ten years, we need that same ability if we're going
18 to meet the challenges we face.

19 Addressing issues like climate and environmental
20 justice, housing affordability, and access to sustainable
21 transportation is an absolute necessity for my community,
22 and redistricting can either make or break our ability to
23 take bold action. Another important consideration for
24 our district is for us to share a representative with
25 other parts of our local area that we already have strong

1 bonds with. I'm grateful that you're looking at having
2 Long Beach kept with Lakewood and Signal Hill, and I'd
3 also encourage the Commission to look to other cities in
4 our immediate border for additional options to add
5 population as needed, like Seal Beach.

6 Thank you again for your continued support of Long
7 Beach and for all the long hours you've devoted to this
8 important process and the hours you will continue to
9 devote to this important process. Take care and have a
10 great weekend. That's all for me. Thank you.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now, we will have 027 and unique ID 009, it appears
14 that you have hung up your call, and rejoined with one of
15 the multiple Zoom links. I would like to ask you to
16 please call in again. It would make the public input
17 probably go much smoother as the Zoom connection has not
18 worked previously. Thank you so much.

19 027, if you will please -- or I will be promoting
20 you now. 027, you can now enable your audio and video in
21 the lower left corner of your screen. If you will please
22 remind the mapper of what district plan and region you
23 would like to address. The floor is yours.

24 MS. PESANTE: Good morning, Commission. I would
25 like to discuss Kern County and the Southern San Joaquin

1 Valley specifically with regard to really either Senate,
2 Assembly, or Congress. It will be relevant to all three
3 levels.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

5 MS. PESANTE: My name is Lori Pesante, and I have
6 spoken previously as the facilitator of our redistricting
7 work in the Central Valley for the Dolores Huerta
8 Foundation, but prior to coming to the foundation, I was
9 a Kern County public defender, and as I have considered
10 my comments regarding redistricting to this commission,
11 I've realized that the splits of specific cities in the
12 Central Valley that we have promoted in our maps and that
13 MALDEF has proposed in theirs, I really want to tell the
14 story of why these cities need to be split.

15 When I was a public defender, I was personally
16 threatened by gang unit officers after finishing a trial.
17 We have had now two consent decrees imposed upon both the
18 Kern County Sheriff's Department and the Bakersfield
19 Police Department. Multiple lawsuits related to racist
20 application of discipline in our high school district and
21 intervention in the California City and Mojave area as
22 well.

23 The reason why we need so much external intervention
24 and why the Senate, Assembly, and Congressional districts
25 are so important to us here in the Central Valley is

1 because we just don't have the kind of equitable
2 representation at the local level. What you do here as a
3 commission will make or break the ability of the seventy
4 percent communities of color in the Central Valley, and
5 especially the Latino community that represents over
6 fifty percent of every county, our ability to thrive for
7 the next ten years.

8 Here's an example. The census designated place of
9 Bakersfield Country Club is currently in your voting
10 rights act districts. These are million-dollar homes in
11 the middle of Bakersfield. They call the sheriff's
12 department. The sheriff's department is right there. My
13 friend lives in the non-census designated place two-
14 tenths of a mile away from that census designated place,
15 she has never seen a patrol of the sheriff's department
16 in her neighborhood in twelve years, and the only reason
17 why she saw the sheriff there twelve years ago is because
18 she was dating him.

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 MS. PESANTE: Okay. So let's be very clear about
21 who's being exploited in the Central Valley and who has
22 all the power. We cannot keep Bakersfield whole, cannot
23 keep Visalia whole, cannot keep Hanford whole.

24 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

25 MS. PESANTE: Please look at our splits and

1 recognize that it's a matter of life or death. Thank
2 you.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your engagement with
4 the process.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, unique ID
6 009, as you are the last person at this time from our
7 session, we'll go ahead and try the Zoom option one more
8 time, and if not, we'll try the audio only option.

9 Actually, let's do the audio only option because the
10 other way just wasn't working.

11 So audio only, if you'll please follow the prompts
12 to unmute.

13 MS. GONZALES: Hello? Can you hear me?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.

15 MS. GONZALES: Yeah, okay. I need translation,
16 please.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'm sorry?

18 MS. GONZALES: I need translation.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. May I please have
20 an interpreter?

21 MS. GONZALES: Okay. Thank you so much.

22 THE INTERPRETER: Spanish interpreter Margarita.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 MS. GONZALES: My name is Martha Gonzales, and I'm
25 calling about the northeast L.A. area. I work at the

1 Romero Clinic in northeast Los Angeles. I want to
2 provide my support for two districts, Assembly District
3 51 and 53 which represent Central L.A. and East L.A. to
4 be together. The Latino community has been able to enjoy
5 a growth and empowerment in the last couple of decades
6 because of the community engagement and development.

7 The two separate communities have been able to --
8 that are hardworking or working class have been able to
9 receive support in the areas of Eagle Rock, South L.A.,
10 Pico-Union, and East Los Angeles. We ask that these two
11 districts be kept in the same configuration or design and
12 to be able to keep the communities of interest together.

13 We ask and urge the Commission to please keep these
14 two districts together in order to be able to represent
15 the families and the working class. We ask that these
16 two districts continue with the representation for the
17 Central area, the Koreatown, Pico-Union, Boyle Heights,
18 and South Central L.A.

19 I ask for the Commission to keep the division of
20 Boyle Heights and East L.A. Thank you, commissioners,
21 for your time and your work. I want to reiterate and
22 reaffirm my support to keep the two Assembly districts.
23 Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
25 have unique ID 008. I will be promoting you now. 008,

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

5 MS. ROBINSON-FLINT: Hi. Thank you so much. My
6 name is Janette Robinson-Flint, and I want to talk about
7 the Assembly districts in South Los Angeles and a little
8 bit about the Antelope, Lancaster, Palmdale area. But
9 first, I want to start with South Los Angeles.

10 So my name is Janette Robinson-Flint. I'm the
11 executive director of Black Women for Wellness. We are a
12 twenty-plus year old organization with offices in Los
13 Angeles and Stockton. Our work centers with lifting with
14 lives of black women and girls and our lens is the social
15 and reproductive justice lens.

16 Black women continue to be the most progressive
17 voting bloc in the country and yes, that includes
18 California, yet our representation in elected office is
19 minimum. The line drawn, the lines currently as they are
20 drawn, have the potential of diminishing our Assembly
21 districts from four to three. And also, it has the
22 potential of diminishing our voting power, our electives
23 by fifty percent.

24 BWW implements a civic engagement program we call
25 VREAM, voting rules everything around me, with a cadre of

1 phone bankers, text teams, and canvassers. We've engaged
2 voters. We've registered voters. We inform voters for
3 at least the past twelve years, and we have seen the vote
4 won or lost by 300 votes in Palmdale, Lancaster and
5 Antelope Valley, and we think that the lines drawn will
6 further amplify the frustration and lack of victories of
7 communities working together to raise their voices and
8 concerns there. Equal population and compliance with the
9 voting rights are high priorities, but we know there's
10 more than one strategy or way to diminish voter power and
11 voter suppression works in many different ways.

12 Our VREAM team works tirelessly in South Los
13 Angeles, and we are the first to recognize the impacts of
14 gentrification, the increase and unhoused, the impacts of
15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital closing. So we
16 understand the importance of voting, of census, and the
17 impacts these intersections have with the lives of our
18 community, and that frustration in that reference is to
19 looking at where we were --

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 MS. ROBINSON-FLINT: -- ten years and where we'd we
22 probably be. Our elected officials need communities of
23 interest to work together because we know what happens in
24 Carson, i.e., the Central Carson will blow over to
25 Compton.

1 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

2 MS. ROBINSON-FLINT: So we recommend that the
3 Commission look at the maps that the California black
4 power hub, that MALDEF, and the people's block have
5 offered as consideration in keeping together communities
6 of interest and not diminishing --

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
8 Chair, at this time, that is the last person from this
9 session.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Great. So let's -- at this point,
11 let's break for -- let's do our fifteen-minute break, and
12 come back at -- actually, because we're a little bit
13 early, it'll be more than a fifteen-minute break. Let's
14 come back at 11:45, which is our time that the next group
15 of individuals are scheduled to come in.

16 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
18 Citizens Redistricting Commission's public input session
19 focused on the Board of Equalization. I hope you had a
20 good break and were able to grab some coffee or some tea,
21 and get ready for the next session. At this time, we are
22 accepting and making ourselves available in Spanish. It
23 would be great if the Spanish interpreters would educate
24 the public on how to access our session in Spanish.

25 THE INTERPRETER: (Spanish spoken, not translated).

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Katy, could you please provide the
2 public with information on how to log in?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.
4 Welcome to the draft map feedback session. If you have
5 not done so already, and if your unique ID ends in 036
6 through 074, please use the "raise hand" button at the
7 bottom of your screen. You will be identified by the
8 assigned unique ID number received with your invite for
9 this session. When it is your turn to speak, I will
10 promote you to have the ability to enable your own audio
11 and/or video in the lower left corner of your screen.

12 Public input time limit is two minutes and thirty
13 seconds. You will receive a verbal warning at thirty
14 seconds remaining and fifteen seconds remaining in your
15 speaking time. There will also be an active timer on the
16 screen for your convenience. When you start your input,
17 please identify which district plan and region you will
18 be providing input on, and one more time, please use the
19 "raise hand" button at the bottom of your screen to enter
20 the public comment queue line indicating you are present
21 and ready to comment if you're unique ID ends in 036
22 through 074.

23 Now, we will be starting off this session with
24 unique ID 049 and then up next after that will be 051.
25 049, I will be promoting you now. 049, you can now

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

5 MR. ICHINOSE: Great. I'll be speaking to
6 Congressional maps in Orange County. My name is Danny
7 Ichinose. I direct the demographic research director,
8 sorry, at the Orange County Civic Engagement Table,
9 OCCET, in Orange County. We're looking at the
10 Congressional map in Orange County. There's a lot to
11 like here for us. We truly appreciate your recent shift
12 to maintaining a federal voting rights district for the
13 Latinx community at the Congressional level, that's
14 District Santa Ana, that draws the South Fullerton and
15 West Anaheim community of interests together with the
16 Santa Ana community of interest.

17 We will be proposing some minor tweaks to the
18 districts that bring in the rest of South Fullerton, west
19 of Richmond Avenue, but we're really happy with the
20 direction that you've taken. We also appreciate that
21 you've drawn an adjacent district north and west of the
22 VRAC that's labeled District CO-Brea that allows three
23 important communities -- immigrant communities of
24 interest to remain whole.

25 That includes the Garden Grove or Westminster COI,

1 the AMEMSA COI spanning South Buena Park, La Palma, and
2 Cypress in Orange County and Artesia and L.A., and the
3 Queen American COI in North Buena Park and Northwest
4 Fullerton. In particular, the district allows the AMEMSA
5 community to remain whole and in Orange County based
6 district and something that we consistently heard was
7 important to community leaders. So thanks so much.

8 This is a long district, but these three immigrant
9 communities have much more in common with each other than
10 with native-born higher income communities on the coast,
11 like Seal Beach and Huntington Beach.

12 One major problem in the Congressional draft map is
13 the division of Irvine and the splitting of the Irvine
14 Costa Mesa and Tustin COI between districts NOC-Coast and
15 Inland-OC. You've heard from alliance members about the
16 importance of keeping these disproportionately immigrant
17 communities whole and together, especially as one of the
18 State's fastest growing cities, Irvine is coming into its
19 own.

20 We're exploring alternatives that keep that COI
21 together in an inland district, but we recognize that
22 keeping these communities whole may require them being
23 drawn into a coastal district. We want to emphasize that
24 any changes to the Irvine area should be made without
25 major changes to either of the two amazing districts

1 you've drawn to the north.

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MR. ICHINOSE: We think you're close to being done
4 in Orange County at the Congressional level and wouldn't
5 want you to undo all that you're achieved. So thanks so
6 much for everything and all your hard work on these.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now is 051 and then
9 up next after that will be 041. 051, I will be promoting
10 you now. 051, you can now enable your audio and video in
11 the lower left corner of your screen. And if you will
12 please remind the mapper of what district plan and what
13 region you would like to address, the floor is yours.

14 MR. PAYNE: Thank you, Katy. I would like to see
15 Congressional maps of the Los Angeles region of Glen 2-B-A
16 district. All right. Thank you. So my name is Jerry
17 Payne. I'm calling on behalf of Equality California. So
18 nice to see folks again. I wanted to call and express my
19 appreciation once again for uniting our LGBTQ+ community
20 and Silver Lake, Los Feliz, Hollywood, and West Hollywood
21 into the Congressional district Glen-2-B-A.

22 However, there is a western portion of our LGBTQ+
23 community in West Hollywood above Santa Monica Boulevard
24 that was left out of this district. Given the
25 significant LGBTQ+ density of this area and the relative

1 ease of unifying the city of West Hollywood, which is
2 less than two square miles, we ask that all of West
3 Hollywood be kept together in Glen-2-B-A bringing our
4 inland LGBTQ+ communities together in districts where we
5 share similar values and concerns and have a long work
6 together to elect candidates of choice who will champion
7 our civil rights interests.

8 I also wanted to bring attention to the district to
9 the west of it, the Shoreline districts. For our coastal
10 LGBTQ+ community, we were disappointed to see our LGBTQ+
11 welcoming beach communities of Pacific Palisades and
12 Santa Monica left out of Congressional district Shoreline
13 and instead placed in a San Fernando Valley based Malibu
14 SFB district. We respectfully urge the Commission to
15 unite our coastal LGBTQ+ community in a Shoreline
16 district that includes Pacific Palisades and Santa Monica
17 with our LGBTQ+ dense neighborhoods of Venice and Marina
18 del Rey.

19 In doing so, our coastal LGBTQ+ community will be
20 empowered to continue the great legacy of LGBTQ+ civic
21 activism, such as when they elected California's first
22 openly LGBTQ+ State legislator who -- in Assembly in
23 1994, who then went on to become the first female speaker
24 pro tem of the Assembly, the first openly LGBTQ+ member
25 of the California Senate, and now first openly LGBTQ+

1 member of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

2 So please keep our coastal LGBTQ+ communities
3 together from Pacific Palisades to Venice, and thank you
4 so much.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
7 have 041 and then up next after that will be 041. 041, I
8 will be promoting you now. 041, you can now enable your
9 audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen.
10 And if you will please remind the mapper of what district
11 plan and what region you would like to address, the floor
12 is yours.

13 MS. WEISSMAN: Thank you very much. Good morning.
14 My name is Sharon Weissman, and I'm calling today about
15 the Congressional map for Long Beach in Southern Los
16 Angeles County. I have been an active member of my
17 community for many years, and as you have heard, we would
18 like to stay together as much as possible in your
19 Congressional maps.

20 I want to thank the Commission for all your work
21 over the past several weeks. Just this week, the Long
22 Beach Independent Redistricting Commission approved our
23 city council's maps and districts, and our commission is
24 modeled after yours. I know we are almost at the end of
25 this process, and Long Beach and California appreciate

1 your commitment to this work.

2 I've listened to people call in over the past few
3 weeks, and I have heard a wide diversity of voices, but
4 in Long Beach, you are hearing one overwhelming
5 sentiment, keep us as intact as you can, and continue to
6 include in our neighbors in Lakewood and Signal Hill in
7 these maps.

8 Our community also cares deeply about the protection
9 of our environment, so it makes sense to include places
10 like Seal Beach in Orange County in our district. I
11 thank you for taking our input. We really appreciate you
12 and the work you did to unite more of Long Beach into a
13 single Congressional district. Thank you for your work.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
16 have 054 and then up next after that will be 061. 054, I
17 will be promoting you now. 054, you can now enable your
18 audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen.
19 And if you will please remind the mapper of what district
20 plan and what region you would like to address, the floor
21 is yours.

22 MS. ASATO: Can you hear me?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

24 MS. ASATO: Awesome. So I'm Kayla Asato, and I'll
25 be talking about Orange County Congressional and State

1 Assembly districts, especially around the South
2 Fullerton, West Anaheim area, and also be touching on
3 State Senate.

4 So I wanted to introduce myself. I am Kayla Asato.
5 I live in the city of Orange. I am a part of Orange
6 County Environmental Justice in Orange County. I wanted
7 to thank the Commission for all of your hard work, and
8 I'd like to talk a little bit about the importance of
9 keeping South Fullerton, West Anaheim together with
10 Chapman as the dividing line between North and South
11 Fullerton and the similarities between the two areas.

12 On the Congressional level, we truly appreciate your
13 recent shift towards maintaining a Federal Voting Rights
14 Act district for the Latinx community that draws South
15 Fullerton and West Anaheim together with the alliance
16 Santa Ana community of interest. We'll be proposing
17 minor tweaks to the district that bring in the rest of
18 South Fullerton, west of Richmond Avenue, but we are
19 really happy with the direction that you've taken on the
20 Congressional level. Similarly, with the Assembly level,
21 we appreciate your drawing low income immigrant
22 communities of interest in South Fullerton and West
23 Anaheim together, Korean communities in North Buena Park
24 and Northwest Fullerton, and AMEMSA communities on the
25 border of L.A. and Orange County together in the north

1 O.C. district.

2 These communities share common challenges like
3 language access for the AMEMSA community that crosses
4 county lines between South Buena Park, La Palma, Cypress
5 in Orange County, and Cerritos-Artesia in L.A. County.

6 Drawing them together in an Orange County-based district
7 is important to community leaders like the South Asian
8 network and the Council on American Islamic Relations.

9 Thank you for that.

10 And almost there, in Orange County, we recognize
11 that there may be some additional changes to make such as
12 fixing the division of Irvine at the Congressional level,
13 but please make sure that any shifts that happen don't
14 disturb what you've achieved in South Fullerton and West
15 Anaheim so far.

16 On the State Senate draft map, it looks pretty good
17 for Orange County. We do want to flag that the district
18 divides two communities of interest outside of the
19 Environmental Justice communities like Korean-American
20 community in North Buena Park and Northwest Fullerton as
21 well as the AMEMSA community spanning South Buena Park,
22 La Palma, and Cypress Orange County and Cerritos-Artesia
23 in L.A. County.

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 MS. ASATO: We want to emphasize that any changes

1 made to this map should be made without major changes to
2 the district in and around Santa Ana, West Anaheim, and
3 South Fullerton. We're almost there in Orange County and
4 we wouldn't want you to take any steps backwards. Thank
5 you.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
8 have 061 and then up next after that will be 048. 061, I
9 will be promoting you now. 061, you can now enable your
10 audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen.
11 And if you will please remind the mapper of what district
12 plan and what region you would like to address, the floor
13 is yours. You are unmuted.

14 If you are speaking, we are not hearing you. You
15 may want to double-check your microphone settings. And
16 your audio settings are going to be in the lower left
17 corner right next to that little microphone. Just
18 double-check that microphone. I see it. Here you come.
19 And go ahead and unmute one more time. Unique ID 061,
20 you should have an unmute prompt in the center of your
21 screen.

22 There you are. Nope, nope, we still can't hear you.
23 I do apologize 061. Do you have another microphone
24 setting you can try? I'm going to go ahead -- if you go
25 ahead and just dial in the phone number that was in your

1 invite that had this link in it. We will be looking for
2 the phone number that you registered with, and I will go
3 ahead and unmute you at that time. Please go ahead and
4 dial in with your phone.

5 All right. Right now, we are going to have to go to
6 -- up next will be 048 and then up next after that will
7 be 058. Right now, it will be 048, and up next after
8 that will 058. 048, I'll be promoting you now. 048, you
9 can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
10 corner of your screen. And if you'll please remind the
11 mapper of what district plan and region you would like to
12 address, the floor is yours.

13 MS. SCHOEN: Awesome. Hello, hello. My name is
14 Kasey Schoen, and I am calling from Long Beach.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

16 MS. SCHOEN: Perfect. I wanted to call today to
17 thank you for keeping our community connected not just
18 for the Congressional lines, but for the State Senate and
19 in Assembly as well. As you know from my neighbors who
20 have called in, Long Beach is a special place. We are an
21 inclusive community and supportive of so many cultures.

22 As a major city of the Los Angeles/Orange County
23 border, Long Beach has historically been a great neighbor
24 to our bordering L.A. County and Orange County cities. I
25 know there is more work ahead of the Commission in the

1 L.A. and O.C. region and know some adjustments for
2 population may still be needed. If population is a
3 concern that would impact Long Beach, I would ask that
4 the Commission to consider adding O.C. cities, like Seal
5 Beach, to the Long Beach area maps. These are cities we
6 already care a lot -- we share a lot in common with.

7 We have traditionally been in federal districts with
8 Orange County neighbors, and we love working with these
9 cities. We share a similar coastal community experience,
10 shop across city boundaries frequently, and believe we
11 can work together in one Congressional district. I know
12 there are many options you have to consider, so these are
13 just merely ideas I wanted to offer. I completely
14 respect your process and want to be supportive of the
15 direction you are headed in. Thank you again for keeping
16 a vast majority of my city together as possible and thank
17 you for the opportunity to share my ideas. Thank you.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will
20 have 058, and then up next after that will be 043. 058,
21 I'll be promoting you now. 058, you can now enable your
22 audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen.
23 And if you'll please remind the mapper of what district
24 plan and what region you would like to address, the floor
25 is yours.

1 058, if you are speaking, we are not hearing you.
2 If you could please double check your microphone
3 settings. You are not connected to audio at all. Hold
4 on.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There we are.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, hi.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm a resident of Brea,
10 and I'm going to talk about the draft map covering
11 northern part of Orange County.

12 Northern Orange County needs representation that
13 understands the threats we face. The northern half of
14 the county has battled wildfires for years, and when
15 these fires happen, our way of life is threatened. The
16 most recent draft lines draw Brea, which has been an
17 absolute hotspot for fires, away from other north Orange
18 County towns that are annually subject to fires, like
19 Yorba Linda and Anaheim Hills. I think this is wrong and
20 frankly, dangerous. Wildfires are a monumental threat to
21 the people whose families and homes are in their path.

22 These people deserve one member of congress who
23 understands these issues and can advocate for help at the
24 federal level. One Congressional District should
25 represent this area, which is why we must amend the

1 previous map to keep northern Orange County together and
2 not to break it up. Thank you so much.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now will be
5 043, and then up next after that will be 040.

6 043, I'll be promoting you now. 043, you can now
7 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
8 your screen. If you will please remind the mapper of
9 what district plan and region you would like to address.

10 The floor is yours.

11 MS. MEHLINGER: Hello, commissioners. My name is
12 Samantha Mehlinger, and I am calling about the Greater
13 Long Beach area.

14 First, I'd like to thank you for unifying as much of
15 Long Beach in the same congressional map as possible. I
16 know you all have a lot to think about, and I appreciate
17 you making that happen for us. But now I'm also seeing
18 that you need to add more communities in the area to the
19 district that represents Long Beach. So I'd like to
20 share that Long Beach has a lot in common with cities
21 along our borders, particularly at the Long Beach and
22 Seal Beach border.

23 One of the things most people don't know about is an
24 area that's called the Pacific Flyway. So that's from
25 the Bolsa Chica wetlands in Huntington Beach to the Los

1 Cerritos Wetlands in Long Beach, where we have one of the
2 richest environments for birds to stop at during their
3 annual migration. Because of all the development in
4 southern California, a lot of natural wetlands have been
5 lost, but here in Long Beach, we are working closely with
6 our partners in Seal Beach and the U.S. Army Corps of
7 Engineers to preserve what's left. And that's just one
8 example of the type of work that's done locally in this
9 region with our partners in congress and the federal
10 government.

11 So please take these important local issues into
12 consideration when you're drawing your maps. Long Beach
13 and our coastal communities are truly one community. And
14 thank you for your time.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for sharing.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
17 right now, we will have 040, and then up next after that
18 will be 047.

19 040, I'll be promoting you now. 040, you can now
20 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
21 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of
22 what district plan and region you would like to address.
23 The floor is yours.

24 MS. DE RIVERA: Thank you, and hello. My name is
25 Maricela de Rivera. I am a resident in North Long Beach,

1 and I'm really grateful for your time. I'm -- like so
2 many of the other callers, I'm very grateful for this
3 Commission. Having most closely watched our city
4 commission go through this process, I -- I realize how
5 much work this is, and it's sort of beyond comprehension.

6 I want to thank you, one, for the state assembly map
7 and two, for the state senate map. Those maps keep Long
8 Beach whole, and I am incredibly grateful. I am a parent
9 to two young children. Keeping the Assembly and Senate
10 Districts together -- keeping Long Beach whole in those
11 districts, rather, will also really help our children
12 when we are advocating for educational dollars,
13 educational reform, and whatnot at the -- at the state
14 level. We have traditionally great partnerships with our
15 representatives, and being able to speak as one voice for
16 Long Beach Unified School District I -- I imagine is
17 going to be a great help.

18 Moving to the congressional side, I wanted to say
19 that I understand population, you know, needs to be
20 balanced, and so it may need to shift. I live in North
21 Long Beach, the very top part of Long Beach that is not
22 part of this congressional map. Of course I want to be,
23 you know, with the rest of Long Beach. I'd like one
24 congressmember for the entirety of Long Beach.

25 However, I do perhaps uniquely want to say that I

1 think if Long -- North Long Beach has to be removed from
2 Long Beach, the rest of Long Beach, for reasons of
3 population, looking at this map, I actually feel
4 comfortable with this. We share a lot of environmental
5 justice issues in North Long Beach that the cities I see
6 that we are grouped with, Carson, Paramount, Lynwood,
7 South Gate -- these cities experience a lot of the same
8 environmental justice issues that we do.

9 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

10 MS. DE RIVERA: And so I think that this is an
11 appropriate grouping. I wouldn't want to -- to have the
12 rest of Long Beach or the other parts of the cities -- or
13 congressional maps, rather, disturbed because --

14 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

15 MS. DE RIVERA: -- we will be served well. So I
16 personally, as a person in North Long Beach, would
17 advocate for bringing Seal Beach into Long Beach if
18 additional population needs to be accounted for. And
19 again, I'm just really grateful for you. Thank you.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for sharing.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
22 have 047, and up next after that will be 071.

23 I'd like to ask one of our Spanish interpreters to
24 please join us as 047 has requested Spanish
25 interpretation.

1 THE INTERPRETER: Yes.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 047, I'll be promoting
3 them now. One moment.

4 THE INTERPRETER: Okay.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: They have been promoted
6 and cannot unmute.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, and I'm sorry.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: There may have been a
10 miscommunication. I actually do not require an
11 interpretation.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I apologize. I was going
13 off of my spreadsheet.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No problem.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: But hi, commissioners. Thank
17 you for your time. My name is Patrick (ph.), and I'm
18 calling today about maps that include the city of Long
19 Beach.

20 I first moved to Long Beach about five years ago,
21 and as you've seen today, we are certainly a city that
22 loves to be involved and loves to organize, especially
23 when our community character is on the line. And I know
24 you've heard from a lot of us so far, and on behalf of
25 all of us, I want to thank you again for working to keep

1 Long Beach mostly intact across the board here. I
2 especially want to thank Commissioner Kennedy for being
3 an advocate and hearing the calls from our community
4 during these hearings.

5 But as you move forward in doing your work, please
6 consider connecting Long Beach with similar coastal
7 communities like Seal Beach and our other neighbors, like
8 Rossmoor and Los Alamitos. The current congressional map
9 does a great job of keeping most of Long Beach together,
10 but if changes are needed, that would be my hope. In
11 Long Beach, we care strongly about the environment
12 because of our coastlines, freeways, and port, and our
13 neighbors to the southeast have always shared this
14 passion and continually work with us on environmental
15 initiatives across the board.

16 So thank you for considering this request, and thank
17 you again for putting more of Long Beach into one
18 congressional map. Thank you for your time today.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
21 have 071, and then up next after that will be 046.

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.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And if you'll please
2 remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd
3 like to address. The floor is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. I'd like to
5 address the north Los Angeles County area. The Assembly
6 District 38 is actually what I was calling about.

7 I'm asking for this opportunity to speak and ask for
8 some changes on the -- on the rough draft that I've seen.
9 The present map of the 38th on the -- the recent map
10 shows that the district is moving southward into the San
11 Fernando Valley and westward away from Acton and Agua
12 Dulce. That means that the -- the Santa Clara River
13 basin would be effectively split in half with the
14 headwaters being separated politically from the majority
15 of the users down in the Santa Clarita, Stevenson Ranch,
16 and Castaic area.

17 I remind this committee that -- you know, that the
18 various communities of interest are all connected by
19 several different things, water being the first one. All
20 water in the Santa Clarita Valley -- Santa Clarita basin
21 area is very precious. It is mostly groundwater. Mostly
22 wells are pumping it up. There is some water that goes
23 to Santa Clarita city that is piped in, but the majority
24 of this is groundwater. The majority of it also is on
25 septic and treatment plants, and they draw a lot of

1 attention from our residents, whose life and properties
2 are impacted.

3 LA County rules this area of legislation, and we
4 have seen changes that are coming. So -- and we're
5 also -- we need one political entity at the lowest level,
6 probably the Assembly District, to confront Southern
7 California Edison, whose power outages, the PSPS of the
8 last few years, have really confused our lives and
9 frustrated our business and schools.

10 We also have one common big area of commonality,
11 which is traffic congestion and long-term traffic
12 planning. It's -- it's an area that needs state
13 leadership. The --

14 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- other -- the last part
16 that I ask for, and the reason why I'd like to have the
17 whole area in one Assembly District, is that housing
18 development is huge in Los Angeles. And LA -- you know,
19 the Santa -- and this Santa Clara basin is one of the
20 last areas to be developed. There's Five Points on the
21 Ventura County line just north of Stevenson Ranch, and it
22 goes into Castaic. There's some housing there. There's
23 also a new housing tract coming into Agua Dulce. And
24 this is --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And

1 right now, we will have 046, and then up next after that
2 will be 062.

3 046, I'll be promoting you now. 046, you can now
4 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
5 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
6 district plan and region you would like to address. The
7 floor is yours.

8 MR. FALCHEK: Hello. My name is Lucas Falchack
9 (ph.). I'm a community organizer and resident here in
10 Long Beach, and I'll be talking about the LB North
11 congressional map draft.

12 I want to thank the Commission for all the work that
13 you guys have done. I know it's been a very long
14 process, and you've been doing a great job. I also want
15 to thank you for listening so closely to our community.
16 Obviously, me and many of my neighbors who you've heard
17 here on the call have been following these meetings quite
18 closely, and we really appreciate so many of the
19 commissioners, all the work that you guys have done in
20 keeping Long Beach intact, or at least as much as
21 possible in these draft maps.

22 I understand that as -- you know, for population
23 purposes, some of the Long Beach -- the city of Long
24 Beach was removed at times to balance out the needs of
25 other maps, and we appreciate you doing what you can for

1 us. I also know the Commission still has a lot of hard
2 decisions to make.

3 And as we continue working towards final maps, I ask
4 the Commission to consider grouping communities -- our
5 community with our neighbor cities like Seal Beach and
6 other OC communities like Rossmoor and Los Alamitos. We
7 share a lot in common with these cities, as you've heard
8 multiple times, due to environmental issues, you know,
9 sharing the ports, things like that. And all that we can
10 do to keep these -- you know, our communities together
11 with Seal Beach would be great. We definitely share more
12 with city cities like that than we do with Downey and
13 southeast Los Angeles. So you know, moving forward, we'd
14 love to see more of that.

15 Long Beach is a community that cares deeply about
16 our coasts and the cleanliness of our oceans, as do our
17 OC neighbors to our east and south. And as the recent
18 oil spill off our coast -- we've seen collective action
19 between our communities be quite inspiring. We are
20 communities that are impacted greatly by the preservation
21 of our environment, and we share very similar day-to-day
22 experiences.

23 Thank you again for keeping Long Beach intact. As
24 we continue our work, please consider these suggestions
25 made by us and our neighbors. Thanks so much for your

1 time. Have a good day.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
4 have 062, and then up next after that will be 070.

5 062, I'll be promoting you now. 062, you can now
6 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
7 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
8 district plan and region you would like to address. The
9 floor is yours.

10 MR. SHOPE: Thank you very much. Talking about LA
11 County and Central SFV Assembly District in the San
12 Fernando Valley.

13 I thank you very much, commissioners. Again, you've
14 done a really great job, I think, with this map. Calling
15 from Eric -- from North Hollywood, Eric Shope (ph.) from
16 North Hollywood. We are a small group of neighbors
17 really just trying to fight to get our neighborhood
18 unified here in North Hollywood, and we're just calling
19 to ask that you help end this division. It is hard
20 enough being represented in government in Los Angeles,
21 and then when you split our community in two, it makes it
22 next to impossible to get anything done.

23 So we're just calling and organizing to get the
24 North Hollywood boundary extended to what the "LA Times"
25 neighborhood map already has in place, and that would be

1 to extend it south -- to the 170 freeway on the west, 134
2 on the south, and Lankershim on the -- on the -- on the
3 east. This would unify our neighborhood, allow us to
4 advocate with -- with neighborhoods we already know
5 are -- are similar to ourselves and we -- we know and
6 already work with very well.

7 So again, only a small change needs to be made,
8 commissioners, and -- and certainly hope you will help
9 our neighborhood unite in this new map. Thank you so
10 much.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your suggestions.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
13 070, and then up next after that will be 050.

14 070, I will be promoting you now. 070, you can now
15 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
16 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
17 district plan and region you would like to address. The
18 floor is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I will be addressing
20 north Orange County and the Congressional Districts on
21 that -- on those draft maps.

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

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I live in Chino
24 Hills, and I just wanted to talk about that area of the
25 draft map. I just want to stress that all of Chino Hills

1 should be in one Congressional District with north Orange
2 County. I do know the mayor commented at one of the
3 meetings on this issue, and I want to echo his sentiment
4 and stress that residents do agree. Please don't chip
5 away at our city just to meet population totals. Please
6 make sure Chino Hills is kept together. We need one
7 representative to represent all of Chino Hills.

8 So thank you guys so much for your time. We
9 appreciate it. And thank you for listening to my --
10 listening to my message request.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
13 have 050, and it looks like 061 has reconnected. So
14 right now, we will have 050. I'll be promoting you now.
15 And then up next after that will be 061.

16 050 -- 050, you can now enable your audio and video
17 in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll
18 please remind the mapper of what district plan and region
19 you would like to address. The floor is yours.

20 MS. MCNEW: Hello, thank you. I'm addressing east
21 and central San Diego County, and specifically Ramona and
22 the San Diego Country Estates area. Good afternoon. My
23 name is -- and the congressional map. Sorry.

24 My name is Andrea McNew. I'm speaking today as a
25 citizen of Ramona and a resident of the San Diego Country

1 Estates. I deliberately chose that language because
2 Ramona and the Estates are one community that deserves
3 representation in congress by one person, and I'm here to
4 urge you not to split our community when redrawing the
5 Congressional Districts.

6 Residents of the Estates consider Ramona our home,
7 and for good reason. Ramona and the Estates share one
8 ZIP Code, one school board, one water board, one
9 community planning group, one county supervisor, and
10 mostly importantly, one community identity, that of a
11 rural small town separate from the suburbs and cities in
12 the western portion of the county. One drive up 78 East
13 from Escondido, and you'll know you're not in the suburbs
14 anymore. We also share natural resources, county fire
15 protection services, two major transportation and fire
16 evacuation corridors, and several tourist attractions
17 that have grown more and more popular as the years have
18 gone by.

19 This draft map also splits the communities of Santa
20 Ysabel and Julian, and while I don't live there, I would
21 feel remiss if I didn't point it out, especially since a
22 portion of Ramona's economy depends on the tourists that
23 pass through via State Route 78 and 67 on their way.

24 On a more general note, the border between these two
25 districts, should it remain as it is, would be

1 devastating to all of the rural communities in east San
2 Diego County. We are already overlooked and
3 underrepresented within our current district with the
4 suburban cities of El Cajon, Santee, Lakeside, Escondido,
5 and San Marcos receiving the vast majority of attention
6 by our congressional representative. Should the rural
7 areas be split in two, it would become even more of a
8 struggle to have our voices heard in Washington.

9 I do want to commend you for your draft senate and
10 assembly maps because they do not have this problem.
11 They keep --

12 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

13 MS. MCNEW: They keep Ramona, Julian, Borrego
14 Springs, Alpine, Warner Springs, and other rural
15 communities -- all those communities across the eastern
16 portion of the county from north to south, we take pride
17 in our backcountry identity and --

18 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

19 MS. MCNEW: -- deserve to be represented in congress
20 the same way you've proposed they be represented at the
21 state level: as one.

22 Thank you, and thank you for your hard work.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
25 have 061, and then up next after that will be 037.

1 And 061, we're going to go ahead and just try the
2 audio-only option at this time. If you will please
3 follow the prompts to unmute on your screen. You are
4 unmuted.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Can you hear me?

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ah, perfect. There you
7 are. If you will please --

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you --

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- remind the mapper of
10 what district plan and region you would like to address.
11 The floor is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I will be talking
13 about North Orange County. My apologies for the earlier
14 technical difficulties. I am a resident of Brea, and I
15 just wanted to talk about the draft congressional maps in
16 that North Orange County area.

17 I believe North Orange County really needs
18 representation that properly addresses the unique issues
19 facing our communities. We have faced wildfires for
20 years, and these communities need to be able to
21 coordinate responses to those natural disasters. And
22 Yorba Linda, Brea, Anaheim Hills, Chino Hills, those
23 areas have especially been hotspots for wildfires, and
24 our fire authorities and officials collaborate very well
25 together to combat these issues.

1 But currently in the draft maps, Brea and even north
2 Fullerton is separate from Yorba Linda, Chino Hills, and
3 Anaheim Hills, and we're placed in a district that runs
4 all the way to Cerritos, down to Garden Grove,
5 Westminster, and Fountain Valley, and this doesn't make
6 very much sense to me. North Orange County is one
7 community. For example, I go all the time to Yorba
8 Linda, Orange and Anaheim Hills, either to shop, meet
9 people, to dine, but I rarely go down all the way to
10 Garden Grove and Westminster.

11 So one Congressional District I believe should
12 represent all of our North Orange County area, and I hope
13 you would consider keeping all our communities together.
14 Thank you so much for your time.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
17 have 037, and then up next after that will be 065.

18 037, I'll be promoting you now. 037, you can now
19 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
20 your screen, and if you will please remind the mapper of
21 what district plan and region you would like to address.
22 The floor is yours.

23 MS. ZEPEDA: Hi, good afternoon. My name is Paula
24 Zepeda, and I am calling today about Long Beach.

25 By trade, I work in the tourism industry, and so I

1 get to see a lot of different places. Long Beach is by
2 far one of the most close-knit communities that I have
3 had the chance to be part of. I think that's why you're
4 hearing so much from us. We definitely care about our
5 representation and feel -- and feel strongly that it
6 should reflect the spirit of our city and also our
7 surrounding communities.

8 Long Beach is a great place, but we don't do it
9 alone. We draw ideas and build communities with our
10 neighbors -- neighboring cities too. With the cities to
11 our south, we share a similar coastal experience and have
12 built quite an aquatic community and an appreciation for
13 our beaches.

14 After reviewing the current maps, I would ask the
15 Commission to consider Long Beach with Orange County
16 coastal cities that border us. A prime example of how
17 connected these places are is the Long Beach transit bus
18 route that connects coastal Long Beach with Seal Beach.
19 This route wouldn't exist if there wasn't such a demand.

20 Thank you for taking that into consideration. We
21 really appreciate all the work you're putting into
22 California's redistricting process.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you for your
24 feedback.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will

1 have unique ID 065. I'll be promoting you now. 065, you
2 can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
3 corner of your screen. And if you'll please remind the
4 mapper of what district plan and region you would like to
5 address. The floor is yours.

6 MS. COX: Hi. My name is Gretchen Cox, and I'm a
7 resident of Fullerton. And I'd like to speak about
8 the -- about Orange County.

9 I want to say that separating North Orange County
10 for the congressional lines is a major and unnecessary
11 mistake. Currently, Fullerton and Brea are separated
12 from Yorba Linda, Placentia, and Anaheim Hills in the
13 map. The communities in our North Orange County region
14 are tightly intertwined together.

15 I go frequently to Yorba Linda, Placentia, and
16 Anaheim Hills for business and shopping and socializing.
17 We all share the same infrastructure concerns, we have
18 affordable housing concerns, we have common wildfire
19 hotspots, and we're one community that should be
20 considered a community of interest. North Orange County
21 has very different concerns from other parts of the
22 county.

23 The lines that divide northern Orange County were
24 drawn it seems quite arbitrarily, and multiple
25 commissioners have admitted this through the process that

1 took place last week, and I hope this situation can be
2 amended. And I want to thank the Commission for all of
3 their time and hard work on this effort. Thank you.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments. And it
5 appears that we don't have any other hands up. Is that
6 correct, Katy?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That is correct, Chair,
8 and we do not have anybody else that is registered for
9 this session in the queue that has not spoken.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Is there anyone who -- in
11 the session who is able to -- or who wants to give
12 comments? Katy, do you know?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I don't -- I -- no,
14 Chair. There -- there's nobody in the session that is --
15 that is registered for the session that is -- I don't --
16 I don't know how to answer that.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: There's three hands raised at this
18 point.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That would be general
20 public comment, Chair.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Given that we have a couple minutes
22 prior to the end of -- we're -- scheduled to have lunch
23 at 1:15.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yep.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I'd just be inclined to just take

1 this now.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Given -- so let's just -- let's take
4 the hands that are raised until 1:15.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's perfectly fine.

6 I've just been going with what we -- that's great.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment. I will need
9 to rename. Give me one moment.

10 MR. MANOFF: Just to clarify, Chair, would you like
11 us to read the instructions to open general public
12 comment?

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: No, just the folks that are on the
14 line at this point. We will have our general public
15 comment session at 2:30. But at this point, since we
16 have individuals who are in the queue at this point,
17 we'll just take them now.

18 MR. MANOFF: Understood.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.

20 MR. MANOFF: And we'll do two --

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 MR. MANOFF: And we'll do two minutes for those
23 calls, correct?

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: That is correct. Thank you.

25 MR. MANOFF: You got it.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we'll begin with
2 caller 8544, and then up next after that will be caller
3 0129. And for those that have called in, if you do wish
4 to give comment, please press star nine. This will raise
5 your hand, indicating you wish to give comment.

6 All right. Caller 8544, if you could please follow
7 the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 8544,
8 if you will please let the mapper know of what district
9 plan and what region you would like to address. The
10 floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. I'd like to discuss the
12 assembly map in San Fernando Valley.

13 My name is Melanie (ph.). I was born and raised in
14 Burbank. My children and grandchildren, who are of
15 Latino descent, were born here and still live and work in
16 the Valley today. My father owned a gift shop here. My
17 mother was a police dispatcher for the city. I spent
18 many years working for the Burbank Water and Power. My
19 ex-husband and his parents owned many businesses in the
20 Valley. I've seen how our city and the cities around us
21 have changed over the years and require representatives
22 who are from the Valley that can relate to our unique
23 area and the challenges we face, the values we hold.

24 And with that said, I want to thank the Commission
25 for carving out Voting Rights Act districts that help

1 protect our communities of color and give us a chance to
2 elect representatives who represent us. However, I
3 believe there are enough people in the San Fernando
4 Valley to draw a second Voting Rights Act assembly seat,
5 and by combining small portions of your current proposed
6 Valley seat with areas just south of it, a parallel
7 Voting Rights Act district can be drawn with both seats
8 containing a majority Latino citizen voting age
9 population.

10 Furthermore, these seats could be nested into a VRA
11 senate seat, adding even more representation for our
12 Latino population. The San Fernando Valley is a diverse
13 area and needs representatives who live in it and can
14 give voice to that diversity. Creating two Valley-based
15 Latino VRA districts in that San Fernando Valley meet
16 that goal.

17 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
21 have caller 0129. If you will please follow the prompts
22 to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 0129, if you will
23 please let the mapper know what district plan and region
24 you would like to address. The floor is yours.

25 MR. LEBARRE: Thank you, commissioners. My name is

1 Mike LeBarre. I am the mayor of King City, California.
2 I will be speaking to CD Cupertino, CD Midcoast, SD
3 SBenFresno, SD Midcoast, AD Benito, AD MontCoast.

4 As you -- the current visualizations in place right
5 now have significantly segregated our Hispanic
6 communities along the Salinas Valley. The Congressional
7 District specifically has segregated the cities of King
8 City, Greenfield, and Gonzales from its sister city of
9 Soledad and now combined us into a Congressional District
10 that now puts us in with San Jose, an area that is not a
11 community of interest.

12 CD 20, which is the current Congressional District,
13 is a 54 percent Hispanic population. The maps now put
14 that at 27 percent for Midcoast and 35 percent for
15 Cupertino, cutting in half the Hispanics' voice. For the
16 Senate District 12, which is currently in place, which is
17 a 68 percent Hispanic district, the new maps even are
18 worse. The Midcoast is down to 19.9 percent Hispanic and
19 then pushes everything to SBenFresno. And likewise, in
20 AD 30 of the current assembly map, you significantly
21 reduce and eliminate the Hispanics' voice.

22 I ask that the -- the Commission really look at --
23 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

24 MR. LEBARRE: -- what's going on down here and see
25 how they have carved out communities of interest and

1 placed them in non-communities of interest. I ask that
2 you go back to basically the material --

3 MR. MANOFF: 15.

4 MR. LEBARRE: -- maps that are currently in place.
5 We understand there can be contractions and expansions.
6 But as standing right now, the maps significantly harm
7 us. Please, look at these maps closely.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments and
9 feedback.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
11 have unique ID 060, and then up after that will be caller
12 7446.

13 Caller 0 -- or -- I'm sorry, unique ID 060, as you
14 have chosen to call in, if you will please follow the
15 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 0135 or
16 unique ID 060, if you will please follow the prompts to
17 unmute by pressing star six. Caller -- or unique ID 060,
18 you are unmuted. If you will please let the mapper know
19 what district plan and region you would like to address.
20 The floor is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, thank you. I'm a
22 resident of Yorba Linda, and I want to speak on North
23 Orange County and that area.

24 The draft maps separating North Orange County makes
25 little sense to us right now. Our communities deal with

1 the same traffic, the same infrastructure issues, but
2 instead, we're separated from Anaheim Hills and Orange.
3 We do not really have the same issues as Anaheim and
4 Buena Park, who focus more on tourism. The rest of us up
5 in North Orange County, like Anaheim Hills, Orange, Yorba
6 Linda, north Fullerton, Brea, we really focus on the
7 freeways and traffic, such as the 57 and the 91. We
8 would really appreciate if that can be put into focus and
9 that the districts would be changed for the Congressional
10 District of North Orange County.

11 Thank you so much, and have a good -- great day.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
14 have caller 7446. And I'd like to invite those that have
15 called in that have not given comment today to please
16 press star nine to raise your hand, indicating you wish
17 to give comment. And we also have one person that is
18 registered for the next session here, so I'd also like to
19 invite unique ID 087 to please use the "raise hand"
20 button at the bottom of your screen.

21 And right now, we will go with caller 7446. If you
22 will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star
23 six. Caller 7446, if you'll please let the mapper know
24 what district plan and region you would like to address.
25 The floor is yours.

1 MS. KIM: Thank you. I will be talking about Irvine
2 and Orange County.

3 My name is Tammy Kim, vice mayor for the city of
4 Irvine. I'd first like to thank you for the -- thank the
5 whole Redistricting Commission for your unwavering
6 commitment to this process and for your service to the
7 state of California and to our residents.

8 I'm speaking today to bring awareness and express my
9 concerns over the proposed congressional and state senate
10 maps. Irvine is the fastest-growing city in the state of
11 California and the tenth-fastest-growing city in the
12 entire nation. We are a highly diverse community with
13 nearly half of our residents that are of Asian American
14 descent. We also have a strong and vibrant Middle
15 Eastern, Northern African, and Persian community.

16 We're also unique in the sense that we are
17 thoroughly integrated. For example, the Islamic Center
18 of Irvine, the Korean American Center, and the South
19 Coast Chinese Cultural Center are all on the same block,
20 on the same street.

21 For congress, we have Irvine split between maps
22 North County Coast that puts us as far as Seal Beach and
23 CD Inland map that puts us as far as Chino Hills. And
24 for state senate, we also have Irvine split in two
25 different ways. And the interests and concerns of Irvine

1 and communities such as Chino Hills or even Seal Beach
2 are vastly different, including our economic interests,
3 our community interest, our demographics, et cetera.

4 And so I'd really urge and ask the Commission --

5 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

6 MS. KIM: -- to please look at keeping Irvine whole
7 and putting us directly with neighbors such as Tustin,
8 which shares our school district and business interests,
9 or Laguna Woods, a senior community that has a growing
10 API population --

11 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

12 MS. KIM: -- which shares our churches, doctors, and
13 families and support system. So splitting Irvine was --
14 would also disenfranchise and dilute our Asian American
15 community. So I urge the Redistricting -- Redistricting
16 Commission to please keep Irvine --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And at this time, I'd
19 like to invite caller with the last four digits 3777, if
20 you wish to give comment, please press star nine. And
21 that is -- goes for caller 5944 as well.

22 And then unique ID 087, if you wish to give comment
23 early, if you could please use the "raise hand" button at
24 the bottom of your screen, indicating you are there and
25 ready to give comment.

1 Chair, at this time, we do not have any hands for
2 those that have not shared -- oh, wait.

3 Unique ID 066, you have just joined. You do have an
4 appointment during this session. If you are ready to
5 give comment right now, I invite you to use the "raise
6 hand" button at the bottom of your screen. As for unique
7 ID -- oh, there you are. All right. I will be promoting
8 you now. 066, you can now enable your audio and video in
9 the lower left corner of your screen. And if you will
10 please let the mapper know what district plan and region
11 you would like to address. The floor is yours.

12 MR. DAISA: Hi, good morning. The district that I'm
13 going to address today is the congressional maps for
14 Fresno-Tulare, Kings-Tulare-Kern, Fresno-Kern.

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

16 MR. DAISA: Good afternoon, commissioners. My name
17 is Greg Daisa. I'm the information technology director
18 for the Dolores Huerta Foundation and the individual who
19 submitted maps on behalf of the Central Valley Equitable
20 Maps Coalition. Our coalition is requesting that VRA,
21 Voting Rights Act, requirements be of the highest
22 priority for the Commission. We request that these VRA
23 districts are not (indiscernible) by any other factors.

24 The Dolores Huerta Foundation has learned from
25 previous redistricting experiences in the Central Valley

1 and -- that CVAP and other metrics must be very high for
2 the VRA district to actually be effective. Please use
3 our submissions as examples of what these thresholds
4 should look like. Also, use our submissions as examples
5 of where it is imperative to split some Central Valley
6 cities.

7 An example of this is in the Tulare-Visalia area on
8 the issue of water. Tulare west of 99 is profoundly
9 underserved, and 2,000 of its residents have not been
10 able to drink water from -- for the last eight years, and
11 code enforcement regularly tickets West Tulare residents
12 for watering their lawns. But in East Tulare, there is a
13 huge, lush park with a taxpayer-funded fishing pond and
14 multimillion-dollar estates with green lawns.

15 Our maps split Tulare along Highway 99 and Highway
16 137, giving northeast Tulare -- keeping northeast Tulare
17 in the same non-VRA districts as affluent parts of
18 Visalia, Clovis, and Exeter. It is acceptable to split
19 Tulare straight down 99.

20 Splitting Tulare and other Central Valley cities is
21 essential because often, state and federal intervention
22 is needed and is the only way that disadvantaged
23 communities can be helped. For example, Exeter City
24 Council voted unanimously to refuse to connect
25 disadvantaged community of Toolville to its water system.

1 The state had to intervene and pass laws to correct this
2 injustice. This is why we drew Exeter into a non-VRA
3 district.

4 Please let me know if our Valley-wide coalition of
5 local residents and public interest groups --

6 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

7 MR. DAISA: -- can be of further assistance to you
8 and the Commission in drawing these lines. We live and
9 have committed our lives to working in these
10 disadvantaged communities every day. Thank you.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your input.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now, we will have unique ID 053, and then up next
14 after that will be caller 2406.

15 053, I'll be promoting you now. 053, you can now
16 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
17 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of
18 what district plan and region you'd like to address. The
19 floor is yours.

20 MR. MUNSON: Thank you very much. This is John
21 Munson. I'm just going to be on audio right now. I'm
22 commenting for Nature for All on the Congressional
23 Districts that include the Angeles and western San
24 Bernardino National Forests and their surrounding
25 communities.

1 Given the challenges these forests face, they need
2 as many stewards as possible, and we need to keep the
3 ones we have. We value the voices of the API community
4 in the San Gabriel Valley in the southwestern 27th
5 District. As part of their 27th, their voices are
6 empowered as to how our federal public lands are managed
7 and what new resources their member of congress should
8 seek. We do not think these voices should be divided and
9 diluted as CD 210 draft does, and we remain baffled as to
10 why anyone would think this is a good idea. We ask you
11 to return to the visualizations of November 2nd that keep
12 the API community of interest intact.

13 All the visualization draft maps have a fatal flaw
14 that we've pointed out before that urgently needs to be
15 corrected. The problem is the two proposed Congressional
16 Districts that include the national -- should include the
17 national forest do not. This is an easy fix since it
18 deals with boundaries within the national forest, but it
19 does need to be corrected.

20 CD 28 and 29 currently give roughly a million and a
21 half people a say in the management of their national
22 forests. The new -- none of the new draft maps do. To
23 correct this, Glen2BA draft or November 2nd -- the
24 November 2nd visualization and SFD draft or November 2nd
25 visualization need to be extended north, to the northern

1 border of the Angeles National Forest, similar to the way
2 they are now.

3 Remember, there is very little forest usage that
4 comes from Palmdale since there are no forest gateways or
5 amenities to -- or few amenities to visit. The same is
6 true east of Santa Clarita, where there is one forest
7 gateway. All of -- almost all the major gateways to the
8 main section of the Angeles National Forest are from the
9 south, between Sylmar and Rancho Cucamonga. This is the
10 same from -- for the 28th and 29th, whose -- whose --
11 whose district members come to the forest in high
12 numbers.

13 The upshot? These two districts need to be extended
14 into the Angeles National Forest. Remember, this won't
15 be a problem for Santa Clarita since they already have to
16 their west 100,000 acres of Angeles -- of Angeles
17 National Forest and a member of congress who can
18 represent their interests --

19 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

20 MR. MUNSON: -- in the Angeles National Forest.
21 Thank you very much.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your engagement with
23 the Redistricting Commission.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now will be
25 caller 0003, unique ID 069, I believe. And then up next

1 after that will be caller 2406.

2 Caller 0003, I'll be -- or will you please follow
3 the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 0003,
4 if you will please let the mapper know what district and
5 region you would like to address. The floor is yours.

6 MS. NIMMERS: Hi. I'll be talking about Central
7 Valley generally on all levels, so I'm not sure if you
8 should zoom in, but I'm starting with the Bakersfield
9 area. Should I begin?

10 MR. MANOFF: Yes, please.

11 MS. NIMMERS: Okay. Good afternoon, commissioners.
12 My name is Kristin Nimmers. I'm an organizing
13 coordinator with the Black Census and Redistricting Hub.
14 I've called a few times, but I work with our coalition
15 partners in the Central Valley and Bay Area. Today, I
16 wanted to call to give feedback on maps of Central Valley
17 on all levels, focusing on areas in Bakersfield, Fresno,
18 and the Kings-Tulare district.

19 Beginning with Bakersfield, the Commission has done
20 a good job of pairing and keeping whole black communities
21 in southeast Bakersfield, Benton, Cottonwood, and La
22 Cresta, but there are small cuts at the senate level in
23 the area west of La Cresta and north of Benton Park that
24 should be brought in to make sure those communities are
25 whole.

1 In Kings County, on the congressional level, the
2 Commission separates Lemoore, Hanford, and Tulare from
3 other Kings COIs, including Terra Bella and Pixley. And
4 each of these areas has urban communities that would
5 be -- that would like to be paired together and share an
6 interest in greater investment in the development of
7 infrastructure, in food accessibility, affordable
8 housing, as well as access to health care.

9 And then in Fresno, at all levels, the Commission
10 has split natural Fresno COIs that should be kept
11 together due to shared interests and demographics as well
12 as differing needs from the surrounding more agricultural
13 communities that don't necessarily share the same city
14 interests.

15 On the assembly level, the Commission has excluded
16 multifamily developments below Bullard Ave. in Fresno.
17 On the senate and congressional levels, the Commission
18 has separated western COIs from the urban core, including
19 West Park, a COI that's west of the 99, as well as
20 multifamily developments around the Fig Garden Loop and
21 the college COI.

22 As we engaged community members during the COI
23 stage, folks continually listed out the importance of
24 ensuring that black communities in this area are both
25 united and not paired with Clovis, which has

1 significantly different interests. The Hub's maps
2 provide an example of how to pair these COIs and ensure
3 that VRA needs are met in this area.

4 And I hope the Commission ensures that these
5 communities are whole and together in the final map.
6 Thank you for your time and consideration of this input.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
9 have caller 2406, and then up next after that will be
10 caller 9938.

11 Caller 2406, if you will please follow the prompts
12 to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 2406, if you will
13 please let the mapper know what district plan and region
14 you would like to address. The floor is yours.

15 MS. DIXON: Thank you. Hi. My name is Kimberly
16 Dixon (ph.), resident leader with Central Valley Urban
17 Institute. I would like to uplift the communities of
18 Tulare, Hanford, Lemoore, Terra Bella, and Pixley.

19 Commissioners, we are requesting you keep hubs,
20 communities of interest in Kings, Tulare, and Kern
21 Counties whole, together, and in a district with similar
22 communities. Comply with the Voting Rights Act by
23 drawing majority Latinx Central Valley AP districts where
24 possible, while also protecting key community of
25 interest. We would like to bring to the Commission's

1 attention the barriers to opportunity, including a lack
2 of investment in the development of infrastructure, food
3 accessibility, lack of affordable housing, need for
4 quality jobs, funding and resources for schools and
5 small -- and small black businesses.

6 What's good about the assembly maps is it keeps the
7 community of interest of Lemoore, Hanford, Tulare,
8 Pixley, and Terra Bella mostly whole and paired together.
9 What is bad is Terra Bella is split. How to fix it is
10 adjust Kings district to include the rest of Terra Bella.

11 I would like -- I would also like to close by
12 thanking the Commission for the senate maps. It keeps
13 the community of interest of Lemoore, Hanford, Tulare,
14 Pixley, and Terra Bella whole and paired together. I
15 appreciate the opportunity to be with you and speak to
16 you today, and happy holidays. Thank you.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and thank you for sharing
18 Saturday with us.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
20 have caller with the last four 9938. And again, for
21 those that have called in, that is our last raised hand
22 at this time. For those that have called in, if you do
23 wish to raise your hand, please press -- and have not
24 shared with us today, please press star nine.

25 And for unique ID 087, you are welcome to comment

1 early, if you like, and please use the "raise hand"
2 option at the bottom of your screen.

3 Caller 9938, if you will please follow the prompts
4 to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 9938, if you'll
5 please let the mapper know what district plan and region
6 you would like to address. The floor is yours.

7 MS. SELL: So the district plan is
8 CD_GREATERED_DRAFT, and it's in Alameda County and Santa
9 Clara County.

10 MR. MANOFF: Thank you, go ahead.

11 MS. SELL: So -- great. Thank you, California
12 Redistricting Commission members, for your tireless work
13 and your dedication in this process. My name is Linda
14 Sell, and I am a housing and human services commissioner
15 for the city of Sunnyvale, where I'm vice chair, and I
16 have cofounded two environmental nonprofits. However,
17 the views I'm expressing here are my own, which I have
18 not shared with the organizations. So I'm representing
19 this on my own behalf.

20 I wanted to speak about CD_GREATERED_DRAFT map.
21 This includes the cities of Cupertino, Santa Clara,
22 Fremont, Sunnyvale, and other cities. You know, one
23 important -- I -- I want to thank the Commission for
24 listening to the community. This community -- these
25 communities all surround the San Francisco Bay. And so

1 in the future, they will have to deal with issues such as
2 sea level rise. They all -- many of them surround the
3 Bay and are adjacent to each other and the Bay, and so
4 they'll have to address sea level rise and the unique
5 wildlife that is common to that area and address that
6 together. There are two wastewater treatment plants in
7 the area near --

8 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

9 MS. SELL: -- the water, in addition. So they will
10 have to deal together with that. Them dealing together
11 with that is important to work together.

12 The other thing is culturally, there is much
13 similarity in those communities.

14 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

15 MS. SELL: There is a high percentage of Asian and
16 Indians. And if possible, some more Asians and Indians
17 and their cultural institutions are a little more --

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
19 right now, we will have caller 9751. And again, I'd like
20 to ask those that have called in, if you do wish to give
21 comment, please press star nine.

22 Caller 9751, if you'll please follow the prompts to
23 unmute by pressing star six.

24 MR. WENDELL: Hello, there.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. If you'll please

1 let the map --

2 MR. WENDELL: Hello, there?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello.

4 MR. WENDELL: Hi, there.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If you'll please let the
6 mapper know what district plan and region you would like
7 to address. The floor is yours.

8 MR. WENDELL: Yes. Thank you so much. Hello,
9 Commission. I'm calling -- I've called previously. My
10 name is Jamie Francis Wendell (ph.). I am a resident
11 that's currently in the 28th Congressional District.
12 However, previously, I was in the 30th Congressional
13 District before being redistricted.

14 If I could specifically say about the Studio City,
15 West Hollywood area that's represented, where you are
16 redrawing the lines, if you look specifically at 8000
17 Sunset Boulevard, to the north of me and the east of me,
18 it will be the 33rd Congressional District, which is
19 represented by Ted Lieu. We should be in the 33rd
20 Congressional District, but yet I am 500 feet south of
21 Sunset Boulevard in West Hollywood, and I'm still in the
22 28th Congressional District, and yet I'm west of where
23 you drew the lines which is in the Hollywood Hills or
24 Laurel Canyon. I'm at Havenhurst, which is one block
25 west of Crescent Heights.

1 Why, even though we're west boundary -- why are we
2 in an eastern district compared to someone who's north of
3 me by 500 feet and they are in the 33rd District? West
4 Hollywood is represented by the Beverly Hills West
5 Hollywood Democratic Club. Why are we always attached to
6 Hollywood? We are West Hollywood for a reason, that we
7 wanted to secede and separate from Hollywood 100 years
8 ago when Sherman basically, you know -- you know,
9 found -- founded West Hollywood and it was Sherman, hence
10 Sherman and Sherman Oaks. We should at least be in the
11 33rd --

12 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

13 MR. WENDELL: -- Congressional District or the 30th
14 Congressional and -- and brought back. I should be
15 represented by the San Gabriel Valley and the eastern San
16 Fernando Valley of Burbank and Glendale and La Canada
17 Flintridge. I don't appreciate having to always --

18 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

19 MR. WENDELL: -- be siphoned out. So please, I urge
20 you to put us into the 33rd Congressional District or let
21 us be in the west side communities. Don't put us in the
22 east valley. It's not appropriate. There are two, three
23 canyons that separate us. We're West Hollywood --

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And at this time, I do

1 not have any raised hands. I'm going to go ahead and
2 give everybody in the queue an opportunity to speak at
3 this time as we do have some time before lunch.

4 Caller with that last four digits 3777, if you wish
5 to give comment at this time, please follow the prompts
6 to unmute by pressing star six. Oh, they hung up.

7 All right. Caller with the last four digits --
8 caller 5944, if you wish to give comment, please press
9 star six at this time. And one last time, caller 5944 --
10 oh, I do apologize one more time. That was completely my
11 fault. Caller 5944, if you will please press star six
12 one more time.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm sorry. Can you hear me?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I sure -- we sure can.
15 That was my fault. I apologize. If you'll please let
16 the mapper know what district plan and region you would
17 like to address. The floor is yours. Oh, oh, hold on.
18 Okay, I don't know what just happened there. Caller
19 5944, if you'll please press star six. The floor is
20 yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hey, can you hear me now?

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, thank you. I'm sorry,
24 I'm speaking -- I'm in a public space, and I'm speaking
25 through a mask as well, so I hope you guys can hear me

1 okay.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I wanted to just look at Kern
4 County, if we could, and also Kings County. Just wanted
5 to look at the west Bakersfield area and how it's
6 attached to the district that goes into Kings County. It
7 seems like that area is not -- doesn't -- it's not really
8 a good communities of interest match with that area.
9 That whole west Bakersfield part really should be
10 included with the other district that's connected to east
11 Kern that currently goes up into the Fresno area. And
12 that's all I wanted to say.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, no.

15 MR. MANOFF: And at this time, Chair, we don't have
16 any other raised hands in the queue.

17 And one more time, we would like to invite unique ID
18 087. That's unique ID 087. You are logged in via Zoom.
19 If you'd like to give comment right now and you're ready
20 to comment, please use the "raise hand" button at the
21 bottom of your screen.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Unique ID 087, I'm going
23 to go ahead and try the audio-only option. I believe the
24 name is Muldoon. 087, Mr. Muldoon. If you'll please
25 follow the prompts to unmute on your screen if you wish

1 to give comment early.

2 It would appear, Chair, he may not be -- or the
3 person may not be at their -- at their computer.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, thank you for trying, Katy and
5 Kristian.

6 And thank you for everyone who has given feedback to
7 the Commission on all of our maps and especially our VRA
8 maps. We will continue to accept public comment, general
9 public comment, after we accept and take our appointments
10 at 1:45. So at 2:30, we plan to open up our public --
11 general public comment line where the public can call in
12 and give us comment on any one of the maps.

13 We will be on break until 1:45, and at that time,
14 we'll begin taking our appointments and then followed by
15 general public comments.

16 And thanks again to staff, interpretation,
17 commissioners, for all of your -- and the public, of
18 course, for all of -- for everything you're doing and for
19 sharing Saturday with us.

20 With that, we're on break.

21 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 1:06 p.m.
22 until 1:45 p.m.)

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
24 Citizens Redistricting Commission's public input session.
25 We are taking public comment on the Board of Equalization

maps. We have scheduled appointments through 2:30, so we will be starting with those first.

3 But before that, we are offering language lines for
4 Spanish language speakers to listen to the meeting and be
5 able to provide comments in their native language. May I
6 please have the Spanish interpreter provide our language
7 line number where the public can call in to listen to
8 today's meeting?

THE INTERPRETER: Of course.

10 (Spanish spoken, not translated)

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Again, we will be starting with
12 appointments for today's -- for this upcoming session and
13 then moving on to general public comments. I anticipate
14 opening the public comment lines at 2:30, but we'll
15 actually open it up as soon as all of our scheduled
16 appointments are heard.

With that, Katy, please start with the appointments.

18 | PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.

Welcome to the draft map feedback session. If you have not done so already, and if you have a unique ID that ends anywhere from 001 to 098, please use the "raise hand" button at the bottom of your screen. You will be identified by your assigned unique ID number which you received with your invite for this session. When it is your turn to speak, I will promote you to have the

1 ability to enable your own audio and/or video in the
2 lower left corner of your screen.

3 Public input time limit is two minutes and 30
4 seconds. You will receive a verbal warning at 30 seconds
5 remaining and at 15 seconds remaining in your speaking
6 time. There will also be an active timer on the screen
7 for your convenience.

8 When you start your input, please identify which
9 district plan and region you'll be providing input on.

10 And one more time, please use the "raise hand"
11 button at the bottom of your screen to enter the comment
12 queue line. This indicates that you are present and
13 ready to give comment. And that is for our unique IDs
14 anywhere from 001 through 098.

15 And right now, we will start out with unique ID 076,
16 and then up next after that will be 095.

17 076, I'll be promoting you now. 076, 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 would like to address.
21 The floor is yours.

22 MR. CHAMBERS: Hi. I'm going to be talking about
23 Long Beach congressional maps.

24 And so hi. Hi. My name is Rich Chambers. I
25 represent our Long Beach police officers. Thank you for

1 hearing me today. Our community really appreciates the
2 Commission recognizing us as one community, and we thank
3 you for unifying as much of Long Beach as you can in our
4 congressional map. We've always shared a Congressional
5 District with other cities and know this time around will
6 be similar, and we absolutely welcome that.

7 We just ask that the Commission district Long Beach
8 with cities and communities that are most like us. The
9 obvious ones are Signal Hill, Lakewood, and Avalon
10 because they are part of the Long Beach Unified School
11 District. But please also consider Orange County cities
12 like Rossmoor, Los Alamitos, and Seal Beach. I myself
13 live in Long Beach, but many of the people who I work
14 closely with and who I'm close friends with live in those
15 bordering Orange County cities, and we are one community.

16 And in closing, thank you for taking our input. We
17 really appreciate you uniting more of Long Beach into a
18 single Congressional District, and we just encourage you
19 to look east and towards Orange County. Thank you for
20 your time.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
23 have unique ID 095, and then up next after that will be
24 078.

25 095, I'll be promoting you now. 095, you can now

1 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
2 your screen. And if you'll please let the mapper know
3 what district and region you would like to address. The
4 floor is yours.

5 MR. SMALLEY: We're looking at Senate District 23,
6 San Bernardino.

7 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

8 MR. SMALLEY: Thank you very much for having me. My
9 name is Joshua Smalley. I'm calling on behalf of Time
10 for Change Foundation and as a member of the Black Census
11 and Redistricting Hub Coalition. I'm calling to request
12 the Commission consider the Hub's drafts of the Inland
13 Empire map, particularly, like, AD District 47 and Senate
14 District 23, and to give rationale as to why it's vital
15 that you take these maps into consideration during the
16 creation of the final maps.

17 For instance, these maps that we are uplifting today
18 serve as a means to confront the reality of the housing
19 crisis we have all been experiencing over the past decade
20 that has hit historically black neighborhoods the
21 hardest. The communities of San Bernardino, Highland,
22 and Rialto serve as a microcosm of self-reliance amongst
23 its citizenry and this beautiful tenacity that makes
24 those communities' continued connection important.

25 These communities are mostly ignored by the rest of

1 southern California. They're kind of dismissed by
2 surrounding communities, though economic prosperity is a
3 top priority for the black community in California. It
4 was top of line during every phase of redistricting and
5 our COI meetings.

6 The 210 and 10 Freeway corridors are unlike any
7 other in the state. Citizens within this region travel
8 east to west to work, family, and entertainment without
9 much exploration to regions to the north and south.
10 Senate District 23 maps that the CRC's provided
11 disregards this very understood existence, severing the
12 communities between Rialto and Fontana and proceeding
13 south to Perris, Good Hope, and Romoland, regions that
14 have no historical relevance to communities within the
15 210 and 10 corridor.

16 All it takes is looking at transit authorities and
17 transit hubs within that area to see that they go east
18 and west and almost always ignore north and south. It
19 really is -- really is a neighborhood framed by these two
20 freeways.

21 If you go here, you'll hear languages unlike your
22 own and see poetry presenting the history of come-ups,
23 people proud of their culture, both foreign and American,
24 and the sacrifice of parents and grandparents and great
25 parents. You'll see a community supporting each other's

1 small, sometimes unlicensed businesses and a community
2 rejoicing when Mary, who's been doing hair in her living
3 room for six years, finally moves into her own shop.
4 This is a community of downtrodden, surviving by leaning
5 on others' skillsets, sharing talents to ensure repairs
6 are made to homes, cars continue to run, bills are being
7 paid --

8 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

9 MR. SMALLEY: -- laborers, trade workers,
10 specialists with years of experience, in a community
11 keeping float. While noble, our maps confront this
12 issue, and the change that our community wants to see,
13 that you will invest more in black-owned businesses and
14 will strengthen the creation of power in our community
15 and give economic longevity --

16 MR. MANOFF: 15.

17 MR. SMALLEY: -- to our (indiscernible). Please
18 take our maps into consideration. We implore you to. We
19 absolutely implore you to. Thank you very much.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
22 have 078, and then up next after that will be 075.

23 078, I'll be promoting you now. 078, you can now
24 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
25 your screen. And if you'll please let the mapper know

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

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, there. I am looking at
4 the Long Beach area. I believe it's LB North.

5 All right. Good afternoon, everybody. My name is
6 Austin (ph.). I'm a resident of Long Beach, and I wanted
7 to again thank the Commission for all you've done so far
8 in listening to our community and many of the communities
9 across California as you determine these maps.

10 I've been following these meetings pretty closely,
11 and I appreciate what so many of the commissioners have
12 done to keep Long Beach as intact as possible in all of
13 the draft maps, and I understand that for population
14 purposes, some of Long Beach was removed at times to
15 balance out the needs of other maps, and we appreciate
16 you for doing all you can.

17 I know the Commission still has a lot of hard
18 decisions to make, and as you continue to work towards
19 the final maps, I'd like to ask that the Commission
20 consider grouping our community with some of our
21 neighboring cities, such as Seal Beach, Rossmoor, Los
22 Alamitos, very similar to the previous gentleman that
23 spoke. I myself work with very -- quite a few folks who
24 work in Long Beach but live in those surrounding cities,
25 and we do share a lot more in common with -- with those

1 cities than we do with some of our neighbors to the
2 southeast -- or to the north of us in southeast Los
3 Angeles.

4 Long Beach is a community that cares deeply about
5 our coasts and cleanliness of our oceans, and this is
6 very true for some of our OC -- for our OC neighbors as
7 well in Seal Beach and in Rossmoor. We are communities
8 impacted -- impacted greatly by the preservation of our
9 environment, and we share very similar day-to-day
10 experiences.

11 Once again, I would like to thank you for keeping
12 Long Beach intact, and as you continue to do your work,
13 please consider pairing us with our other coastal
14 neighbors. Thank you so much for your time today.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
17 have 075, and up next after that will be 077.

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

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon, Chair Toledo
24 and Commissioners. I'm testifying today on the
25 Congressional Districts in east San Gabriel Valley and

1 north Orange County regions. So a couple of different
2 maps: CD STH60 and the Orange County maps, Seal-Brea and
3 Inland OC.

4 The North Orange County bedroom communities of
5 Fullerton and Brea along the 57 Freeway corridor share
6 common commuting, economic, and environmental interests
7 with Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, Hacienda Heights, and
8 Walnut to be included in one district. The large and
9 growing AAPI communities in all of these cities should be
10 given a political voice, and the northern gateway cities
11 in the current draft Long Beach North should be reunited
12 with the rest of the gateway cities in the STH60 map.
13 Doing so will preserve the gateway cities under unified
14 representation and keep the STH60 as a Latino VRA seat.

15 The proposed Seal-Brea and Inland OC draft district
16 boundaries appear to have been the default results of
17 protecting the central Orange County VRA district
18 community boundaries. I would like to see the Commission
19 continue to look at crossing over county lines to better
20 respect the communities of interest and fair
21 representation of local concerns in the Congressional
22 Districts to the east and to the southwest in Orange
23 County from the Central VRA proposed district.

24 The Seal-Brea draft has a number of problems, most
25 notably significant demographic and geographic

1 disparities to the cities that would be districted
2 together. The draft district encompasses communities
3 that are imposing -- 30 miles from one another,
4 translating to a minimum of a one-hour drive in Orange
5 County, and incorporating the cities of Cypress will be
6 to the detriment of residents in this district and will
7 not serve the communities of interest in Westminster,
8 Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, nor the senior living
9 community in Rossmoor, nor the unique coastal city of
10 Seal Beach. Also, this proposed district --

11 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- has produced numerous
13 testimony about keeping -- critical importance of keeping
14 the Fullerton of -- city whole.

15 Finally, I just want to urge the Commission to
16 please remember many communities in Orange County were
17 undercounted in the census.

18 MR. MANOFF: 15.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And I want to make sure that
20 we do the best we can for congressional representation to
21 mitigate the portion -- that funding result of that
22 undercount. Thank you so much.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
25 have 077, and then up next after that will be 073.

1 077, I'll be promoting you now. 077, you can now
2 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
3 your screen. And if you'll please let the mapper know
4 what district plan and region you would like to address.
5 The floor is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, commissioners. My name
7 is Chris (ph.), and I'd like to speak about the city of
8 Long Beach, specifically the LB North Draft Congressional
9 District. And I think it's already up there.

10 I know you've heard a significant amount of
11 testimony from my community, so I'll try and keep my
12 comments brief. I want to sincerely thank you for
13 keeping Long Beach completely together in your senate and
14 assembly drafts and almost entirely complete in this
15 Congressional District as well.

16 I was born and raised in this community, attended
17 Long Beach Unified schools, graduated from Poly High
18 School, and chose to move back after college because this
19 is my home. When people ask where I'm from, I don't say
20 LA or LA County or southern California. I say Long
21 Beach, because in our own right, we are a big, diverse,
22 distinct city, and I really think we should have the
23 right to speak with our own voice in Sacramento and
24 Washington, D.C.

25 Our political system will only work when every

1 single person is adequately and fairly represented in
2 government, and you can help ensure that for our area by
3 keeping this direction for Long Beach. Please know that
4 your work and advocacy on our behalf is not only
5 appreciated, but it's going to directly improve the
6 ability of diverse and historically marginalized
7 communities to see themselves and their needs reflected
8 in leadership.

9 I'm speaking specifically about our LGBTQ community,
10 about our Cambodian community, about our Latino
11 community, and all of my neighbors here in Long Beach who
12 would benefit from our city being kept together
13 throughout the redistricting process as much as is
14 possible, given the considerations that you have to
15 balance.

16 Thank you again for taking the time this weekend to
17 make sure our voices are heard, and thank you in advance
18 for working to keep Long Beach as intact as possible
19 throughout the rest of the line drawing process. Take
20 care, and have a great rest of your Saturday.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
23 have 073, and then up next after that will be 087.

24 073, I'll be promoting you now. 073, you can now
25 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of

1 your screen. And if you'll please let the mapper know
2 what district plan and region you would like to discuss.
3 The floor is yours.

4 MS. EBRAHIMI: Hello. I'm calling for Assembly
5 Districts in Contra Costa County.

6 Hello, commissioners. My name is Jamileh Ebrahimi.
7 I'm calling in today representing the RYSE Youth Center
8 based in Richmond, California, and the Black Census and
9 Redistricting Hub. I'm here to speak in favor of keeping
10 west Contra Costa communities united within one district.

11 Young people in Richmond and west Contra Costa
12 County bear the burden of multiple systemic inequities
13 and face persistent dehumanization, stigma, and
14 criminalization by schools, the criminal legal system,
15 media, and public systems. These inequities are
16 exacerbated by historical disinvestment; job, food, and
17 transportation deserts; and escalating displacement and
18 pushout.

19 In our COI sessions that we held locally, residents
20 lifted up the need for investment in violence prevention
21 that truly addresses the root causes of violence,
22 reallocating money from criminalization to programs for
23 youth and mental health supports, education equity for
24 public schools, ending gender-based violence, increasing
25 supports and programs for the unhoused, supporting

1 communities negatively impacted by the pandemic, and
2 ensuring protections for renters. Many of these
3 strategies are present and need continued support and
4 investment to increase their impact.

5 In my work at RYSE, I have had the opportunity to
6 work with BIPOC youth leaders who have called on adults,
7 those who represent systems in government to listen,
8 partner, and implement solutions grounded in the visions
9 and expertise of local residents. This has been possible
10 by voting unity and solidarity when our representatives
11 are committed to listening and being responsive to our
12 most vulnerable community members.

13 To continue and deepen this work, it's imperative
14 that Richmond, North Richmond, San Pablo, West Contra
15 Costa Unified School District remains together and are
16 paired with Hercules and Rodeo so that BIPOC residents'
17 voices are elevated and listened to by those who are
18 voted in to represent them and their interests.

19 On behalf of RYSE and the Black Census and
20 Redistricting Hub, we appreciate the opportunity to be
21 here today. Thank you for listening and for your
22 consideration.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
25 have 087, and then up next after that will be 012.

1 087, I'll be promoting you now. 087, you can now
2 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
3 your screen. And if you'll please let the mapper know
4 what district plan and region you would like to address.
5 The floor is yours. Unique ID 087, you should be seeing
6 an "Unmute" prompt in the center of your screen at this
7 point. 087, you have been promoted, and you do have your
8 hand raised at this time. You should be seeing an
9 "Unmute" in the center of your screen.

10 MR. MULDOON: Yes, hi. Sorry about that.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. The floor is
12 yours.

13 MR. MULDOON: Thank you so much, commissioners, for
14 dedicating your Saturday to this great cause. My name is
15 Kevin Muldoon. I'm a councilman here in Newport Beach,
16 and I'm calling about that coastal Orange County seat.
17 We passed anonymous -- unanimous resolution -- excuse
18 me -- supporting the concept of having one coastal
19 congressional seat. Ideally, I think it goes all the way
20 from -- up to Seal Beach, down to San Clemente.

21 So I'm hoping the -- the council -- or the committee
22 considers that for the sake of -- of keeping our
23 communities and interests together. Thank you so much
24 for your time.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
2 have 012, and then up next after that will be 098.

3 012, I'll be promoting you now. 012, you can now
4 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
5 your screen. And if you'll please let the mapper know
6 what district plan and region you would like to address.

7 The floor is yours.

8 MR. TRAN: Hi, there. I'll be speaking on the
9 Congressional and Assembly Districts for the cities of
10 Westminster, Garden Grove, and Fountain Valley in Orange
11 County.

12 So my name is Vincent Tran (ph.). I'm a resident of
13 Fountain Valley and part of RISE, a nonprofit
14 organization in Garden Grove. First off, I'd like to
15 thank you, the Commission, for all -- you know, the hard
16 work over this past year.

17 I would like to speak specifically on the drawing of
18 Little Saigon. I believe Little Saigon should be kept
19 together. I think I do -- I work with RISE, dealing with
20 accessibility and housing issues for particularly mobile
21 home residents, continues to be a top priority for the
22 community. And this population is becoming more
23 vulnerable to displacement each year due to the rising
24 costs of rent and living expenses.

25 And furthermore, the socioeconomic background of

1 Vietnamese residents in these three cities are much more
2 similar to AMEMSA and the Korean community, whereas the
3 cities that -- like Huntington Beach and Seal Beach and
4 also Newport Beach have a much more higher median
5 household income, which would result in, you know,
6 diverging shared interests and concerns.

7 I speak on particularly the congressional level.
8 You know, I appreciate that the Commission has drawn, you
9 know, the district of Seal and Brea adjacent to the VRA
10 seat. This district allows three distinct immigrant
11 communities to remain intact and whole. This includes
12 the Vietnamese community in Westminster and Garden Grove,
13 AMEMSA COI spanning from south Buena Park to La Palma and
14 Cypress in Orange County and Cerritos and Artesia in Los
15 Angeles County and also the Korean American community in
16 north Buena Park and northwest Fullerton.

17 And on the assembly level, the Vietnamese American
18 community in Garden Grove and Westminster and Fountain
19 Valley are together in District TTW, as are the Pacific
20 Islander communities in Garden Grove. However, their
21 pairing with --

22 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

23 MR. TRAN: -- Seal Beach, Rossmoor, and Los Alamitos
24 is a point of concern as these communities are
25 disproportionately (indiscernible) and have higher

1 income. And lastly, there needs to be additional changes
2 made to fix the division of Irvine at the congressional
3 level.

4 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

5 MR. TRAN: However, please make sure any shifts do
6 not disturb the overall makeup you've created for the
7 congressional and assembly draft maps. Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
9 right now, we will have 098, and then up next after that
10 will be 091.

11 098, I'll be promoting you now. 098, you can now
12 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
13 your screen. And if you'll please let the mapper know
14 what district plan and region you would like to address.
15 The floor is yours.

16 MS. WOO: Thank you so much. I will be providing
17 public comment on the San Gabriel Valley, specifically
18 the congressional maps South 60 and CD COB.

19 My name is Jackie Wu, and I'm speaking today as a
20 member of CAUSE, the Center for Asian Americans United
21 for Self Empowerment. I'm proud to be born and raised in
22 San Gabriel Valley. Growing up, I was able to see Asian
23 American elected officials who looked like me and
24 inspired me to get involved with politics and work in
25 government.

1 From both personal and professional experience, I
2 can tell you that there is an Asian American COI in the
3 San Gabriel Valley that share common policy concerns and
4 should remain in the same district. We may not be able
5 to meet the 50 percent threshold to be protected under
6 the Voting Rights Act, but we should still be kept whole
7 as a minority community.

8 The San Gabriel Valley has strong interdependent
9 economic and social systems. For example, Asian
10 Americans living in San Marino and Arcadia open
11 businesses in Monterey Park and Alhambra. Bilingual
12 lawyers and accountants serve Asian Americans in
13 neighboring cities. Multiple generations in a family
14 that live throughout the San Gabriel Valley commonly see
15 the same doctor and go out to restaurants in neighboring
16 cities.

17 In the November 4th meeting, there was a case made
18 that district lines should follow the 10 Freeway.
19 Instead, I offer a suggestion to consider Valley
20 Boulevard as a corridor of traffic, economic, and social
21 activities. The culture and businesses are very similar
22 to Alhambra to San Gabriel to Rosemead. As you near El
23 Monte, you can notice a difference. To say El Monte is
24 closer to Alhambra than San Gabriel simply doesn't
25 reflect reality.

1 The most objective measurement of whether there is a
2 cohesive community is to analyze voting patterns. The
3 research clearly shows that Asian Americans in the San
4 Gabriel Valley are a cohesive voting bloc. That is the
5 most obvious evidence of it being a COI. In west San
6 Gabriel Valley, the cities of Monterey Park, Alhambra,
7 Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Temple City, and
8 Arcadia have an Asian American majority and should be in
9 the same Congressional District.

10 The Asian American community in east San Gabriel
11 Valley is also identifiable by retail plazas, churches,
12 temples, and language schools. The communities of
13 Hacienda Heights, Walnut, Rowland Heights, and Diamond
14 Bar should remain together in a district with
15 neighborhoods that reflect similar economic conditions,
16 which may cross county lines into North Orange County and
17 San Bernardino.

18 I ask the Commission to revisit the San Gabriel --

19 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

20 MS. WOO: -- Valley congressional maps and redraw
21 them to keep these Asian American communities whole.
22 Splitting up the Asian American community in either area
23 will set back organizing efforts by decades. Thank you
24 for your time and service.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And

1 right now, we will have 091, and I'd like to invite
2 unique ID 081 to please use the "raise hand" button at
3 the bottom of your screen as you do have a scheduled time
4 during this session.

5 Right now, 091, I'll be promoting you. 091, you can
6 now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner
7 of your screen. And if you'll please let the mapper know
8 what district plan and region you would like to address.

9 The floor is yours.

10 MR. DAY: Well, hopefully you can hear me now.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

12 MR. DAY: Good, fantastic. I will do Orange County
13 Coastal, and specifically -- my name is Brandon Day, and
14 I live in Dana Point. And I specifically just wanted to
15 bring up Dana Point and maybe -- I've been on a couple
16 calls, and I appreciate -- first and foremost, I
17 appreciate all the time you guys have spent on this.
18 I've been -- I was -- I participated in the August and
19 October meetings. And during that time, a lot of the
20 commissioners were talking about having one coastal
21 district in Orange County.

22 I was a little stunned when this recent map came out
23 just because, again, it was split. I'm currently, again,
24 right on the boundary, and I would be in the southern
25 part of that coastal district with portions of San Diego

1 and areas of Orange County that have no relationship,
2 really, to the beach. The gentleman from Newport Beach
3 just spoke about, you know, coastal issues. Coastal
4 issues are different. We have environmental concerns
5 that a lot of people aren't aware of that we have to deal
6 with.

7 Specifically, I'm a member of a nonprofit for a
8 mammal rescue foundation in Laguna Beach. That would be
9 in one district, and in Dana Point, they have the Ocean
10 Institute, and that would be in another district. It
11 would be pretty cool if that was together so we could
12 work on that.

13 Also, the harbors of Orange County, there's really
14 three of them, and again, these would be split in between
15 three areas.

16 I used to live down in San Diego, and I can just say
17 also one other thing about that is there's no
18 relationship, really, with San Diego and Orange County.
19 There is that Pendleton area that commissioners were
20 talking about, and it is a community of interest. I
21 understand. But most of the kids do live in the southern
22 part of Camp Pendleton, in the San Diego area. And
23 that's just something to consider.

24 The environmental and the tourist -- tourism reasons
25 to keep that coast all one is so huge. Sand

1 replenishment --

2 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

3 MR. DAY: -- projects, stuff like that. So I hope
4 you guys reconsider and maybe consider what you guys were
5 leaning towards in August and October.

6 I know it's hard. So best wishes to you, and
7 hopefully you'll consider that. Have a great day, and
8 thanks for all that you do. Take care.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for sharing your thoughts.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
11 have unique ID 081.

12 081, you can now enable your audio and video in the
13 lower left corner of your screen. And if you'll please
14 let the mapper know what district plan and region you
15 would like to address. The floor is yours. 081 -- there
16 you are.

17 MR. HULL: Hello? Can you hear me?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

19 MR. HULL: Yes. Hi. I'm -- I'm calling regarding
20 CD SavanaAna Draft. That's the map covering from Seal
21 Beach to Brea. Okay.

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

23 MR. HULL: Yes. Hi. I'm David Hull (ph.). I'm a
24 resident of Seal Beach. I'm -- I'm just calling to
25 comment on Seal Beach. With the exception of neighboring

1 Rossmoor, Seal Beach has very little in common with
2 inland communities. The drive from Seal Beach to
3 Fullerton and Brea is at least 30 to 40 minutes.
4 Moreover, there is no convenient direct freeway route
5 without crossing into another Congressional District.

6 If Seal Beach is the only coastal Orange County city
7 in the Congressional District, Seal Beach with a
8 population of about 25,000 will -- will just be an
9 afterthought to whoever is representing us in Washington.

10 Like other coastal Orange County cities along
11 Pacific Coast Highway, Seal Beach has unique coastal
12 concerns, such as flooding and beach erosion. For
13 example, each November, Seal Beach builds a sand berm of
14 about one half mile long and nine feet high in order to
15 protect against beach erosion and winter storm damage.
16 Five months later, in each April, the city removes the
17 sand berm. As to those who want to draw Seal Beach and
18 Long Beach together, Long Beach has very little in common
19 with Seal Beach as Long Beach is a large port city of
20 about 470,000. The needs of -- of a port city is
21 different from those of a beach city. For example, as a
22 port city, Long Beach needs to worry about port
23 reconstruction upgrades and maintain roads that can
24 handle large semi-tractor trailers.

25 From a shopping and dining perspective, I rarely go

1 to Long Beach because it has a much higher, 10.25 percent
2 sales tax. Instead, I do my shopping and dining in
3 Orange County because Seal Beach has an 8.75 percent
4 sales tax. And all the other coastal Orange County
5 cities have a 7.75 percent sales tax.

6 Because Orange County coastal cities are currently
7 drawing into three Congressional Districts, my last
8 comment to the Commission is, what is so similar about
9 the north coastal communities from Del Norte County to
10 Marin County, and what is so dissimilar about the Orange
11 County coastal communities from Seal Beach to San
12 Clemente?

13 Thank you for your time.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
16 have unique ID 084. I'll be promoting you now. 084, you
17 can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
18 corner of your screen. And if you'll please let the
19 mapper know what district plan and the region you would
20 like to address, the floor is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Good afternoon.
22 My name is Kaya, and I will be addressing all three
23 (indiscernible) of the map. My remarks focus
24 specifically on the city of Fresno and the county of
25 Fresno and (indiscernible) that lives west of the 99 into

1 Irving (indiscernible). The issues that unite our
2 community are affordable housing, the infrastructure like
3 roads, water treatment and air pollution and access to
4 living wage jobs, health care and quality K through 12
5 education.

6 In the map -- the draft map for low to middle income
7 communities of Fresno. Specifically, we (indiscernible)
8 our community (indiscernible) comparing us to dissimilar
9 communities across the region. Specifically, the
10 communities west of 99, Highway 99, it's not
11 (indiscernible) at the assembly and congressional levels,
12 as we live in Fresno and should be in the district that
13 represents Fresno.

14 Additionally, our Fresno public water treatment
15 facility should be in the district it serves, and the
16 community's (indiscernible) should also be kept whole.

17 At current, none of the maps, at the congressional
18 or assembly or state's level actually do any of those
19 things.

20 West Fresno and Central Fresno along with 99 are
21 different from Kerman, Mendota, Firebaugh, Coalinga,
22 (indiscernible) demographically. We are not rural
23 communities, and we are not over ninety percent Latino.
24 We show the same diversity as the city of Fresno and that
25 be requested in the representation of the assembly and

1 congressional levels.

2 Additionally, we have a high concentration of
3 apartment complexes and multifamily residencies that
4 neither are at the same level of representation as single
5 family homes.

6 (Indiscernible) that the senate maps are acceptable
7 in the way that they've redistributed our population
8 across the district, but I do find issue with both the
9 assembly and congressional maps.

10 So thank you again for the opportunity to uplift my
11 community. It's important that we protect the
12 communities that have historically been disadvantaged,
13 under-represented, and the solutions that I've proposed I
14 believe are reasonable and are within (indiscernible) our
15 ability to accommodate. Thank you again for the time and
16 the consideration of our community.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time we do not
19 have any more of our appointments for the third session.
20 So I'm going to go ahead and read the general public
21 comment instructions followed by one of our interpreters
22 to read the general public -- the general call and
23 instructions in Spanish.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Katy.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome.

1 In order to maximize transparency and public
2 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
3 taking general public comment by phone. To call in, dial
4 the telephone number provided on the live stream feed.
5 It is 877-853-5247. When prompted to enter the meeting
6 ID number provided on the live stream feed, it is
7 82724686608 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a
8 participant ID, simply press the pound key. Once you
9 have dialed in, you will be placed in a queue. To
10 indicate you wish to comment, please press star 9, this
11 will raise your hand for the moderator.

12 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a
13 message that says, the host would like you to talk and to
14 press star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your
15 name, please state and spell it for the record. You're
16 not required to provide your name to give public comment.

17 Please make sure to mute your computer or live
18 stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during
19 your call.

20 Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when
21 it is your turn to talk and -- when it is your turn to
22 speak, and again, please turn down the live stream
23 volume.

24 And I'd like to ask one of our interpreters -- hi,
25 Margarita, I see you -- for the full call-in

1 instructions. Thank you so much.

2 THE INTERPRETER: You're welcome. This is the
3 Spanish Interpreter and I'll be reading the full call-in
4 instructions.

5 (Spanish spoken, not translated)

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And I
7 would like to invite those that have called in to please
8 press star 9. If so, raise your hand indicating you wish
9 to give comment. We have a few hands, but we could have
10 a few more.

11 We will start now with caller 5946. And then up
12 next, after that, will be caller 1351. Caller 5946, if
13 you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
14 star 6.

15 I'm unclear as to what happened. Caller 5946 --
16 wait, all the hands went down. One moment. I do
17 apologize. For some reason, all of the hands went down
18 in the queue. I'm going to ask that all of those that
19 chose to press star 9, please press star 9 again.
20 Technology is not perfect.

21 But I do recall saying caller 5946, so we will go
22 there first. Caller 5946, if you will please follow the
23 prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. Caller 5946, the
24 floor is yours.

25 MR. RIOS: Thank you very much. Good afternoon. My

1 name is Jose Rios, spelled J-O-S-E R-I-O-S.

2 I found an interesting article in the Salinas,
3 California (indiscernible) Salinas Valley and I -- it was
4 really interesting, and it had a great definition of what
5 was going on here and it said, it talks about how
6 gerrymandering has happened throughout the State and over
7 time -- overt gerrymandering ended a decade later after
8 voters approved two initiatives. (Indiscernible) by
9 leaders of both parties to shift a -- to send the
10 mapmaking to an independent commission that would ignore
11 partisan considerations, draw districts to follow where
12 possible city and county boundaries and preserve
13 communities of interest.

14 For our area, including San Marino County and
15 southern Monterey County, this current map takes that all
16 away. We are so closely united that to do so just
17 destroys the brotherhood that we've created through our
18 communities. And I really think this was extremely a bad
19 map and takes into consideration none of what you are
20 supposed to do, and that is preserve city and county
21 boundaries of interest. So we really would appreciate if
22 you would relook at that and make sure our communities of
23 interest are held together. Thank you.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will

1 have caller 3462. And then up next after that will be
2 caller 1351. Caller 3462, if you'll please follow the
3 prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is
4 yours.

5 Caller 3462, you may want to double-check your
6 phone, make sure it's not muted. You are unmuted in the
7 meeting.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Hello?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ah, the floor is yours.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you. I'm calling in regards to
11 the Orange County coastal draft. My name is Renee
12 Johnson. I wanted to thank you for giving me an
13 opportunity to speak.

14 When I heard about the redrafting for coastal, I was
15 very concerned. I grew up in Seal Beach and I raised my
16 family in Huntington Beach. I'm well aware of the issues
17 we face as a coastal community and are the same issues I
18 face living in Seal Beach as living in Huntington Beach.
19 The vast majority of these issues do not affect or
20 concern inland residents, they're strictly beach and
21 coastal concerns.

22 Some people look at -- some people look at Orange
23 County as a north and a south, but it's really a coastal
24 and an inland issue. I would like to urge the commission
25 to reconsider how they're seeing Orange County when

1 making the Congressional districts. A map that goes from
2 Seal Beach all along the coast of San Clemente is a
3 community that shares the same issues, worries and
4 lifestyle and it would be a critical (indiscernible)
5 congressional district for problems that our coast faces.

6 Thank you for your time and consideration.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will
9 have caller 1351. And then up next after that will be
10 caller 1338. Caller 1351, if you will please follow the
11 prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is
12 yours.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, my name is Samantha. I'm
14 a resident of Orange County. I've been a resident for
15 six years in Orange County and two years in the Surfside
16 Colony of Seal Beach. I'm calling on behalf today of the
17 reason for, you know, Long Beach joining and Orange
18 County joining the redistricting map. But first I want
19 to say thank you guys so much for your time. I really
20 appreciate you listening to us and hearing our concerns
21 for this.

22 As a resident of Orange County, I feel like our
23 needs are very different and our priorities on this part
24 of the coastal communities that -- they're very different
25 than what the Long Beach community is. For them, it's,

1 you know, the port is a big deal and super important and
2 their priorities are aligned there. For our coastal
3 communities here, it's a little bit different, a little
4 more tourism-based and beach, you know, beach-friendly
5 and making sure that we're keeping it clean for everybody
6 to enjoy here. And I think that, you know, we can
7 continue to keep those priorities aligned to the coastal
8 community care and, you know, keep Orange County and Seal
9 Beach within the Orange County line all the way down to
10 San Clemente. And aligning with the Long Beach area, I
11 don't think is in the community's best interest here. So
12 those are my thoughts on that. So thank you for your
13 time.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we'll have
16 caller 1338. And then up next after that will be caller
17 7794. Caller 1338, if you'll please follow the prompts
18 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon Commission.
20 Thank you for your time. My name is Tara. I have been a
21 resident of Orange County for forty-seven years and will
22 be speaking about the Congressional O.C. Coast
23 District -- Coastal District.

24 Huntington Beach and Newport Beach share a lot of
25 common beach similarities. They have the same

1 restaurants, common interests, love of beach. It's a
2 surf community -- they're both surf communities, and we
3 need to keep them in one district. In addition, Irvine
4 is not a coastal district and does not share any
5 similarities with the coast.

6 Furthermore, Seal Beach needs to be withdrawn --
7 redrawn into the coastal district. Seal Beach is the
8 first city on the Orange County coast and in order for us
9 to have a coastal district, it needs to start with Seal
10 Beach. And the creation of a coastal district should be
11 from Seal Beach to Dana Point. And we all agree here in
12 the coastal communities that it's important that our
13 interests are aligned and that we are in the same coastal
14 community. And I really appreciate your time, your
15 consideration for this thoughtful issue. Thank you.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
18 caller 7794. And then up next after that will be caller
19 3272.

20 I'd like to invite those that have called in, and
21 have not shared this afternoon, to please star 9 to raise
22 your hand indicating you wish to give comment.

23 Caller 7794, if you'll please follow the prompts to
24 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. My name is Jason.

1 I'm a twenty plus year resident of the Seal Beach
2 Surfside area. Thank you for taking this time to listen
3 to our public input. We really appreciate it.

4 As a twenty plus year resident, I've been all over
5 this area of my life from being a Seal Beach junior
6 lifeguard to going to school in Los Alamitos and going to
7 college at Long Beach State. I really understand the
8 community in this area, and there is a very stark
9 difference of the needs, the wants, and the values of the
10 citizens in these areas.

11 Orange County Coastal District is very different
12 from that of the inland O.C. areas, along with very
13 different from the Long Beach area. It is critically
14 important that we keep the O.C. coastal area together for
15 our congressional district so we can get proper
16 representation and not have our voices silenced by some
17 sort of redistricting.

18 So I appreciate your time. Thank you for listening
19 to us, and I hope you can see our point of view. Thank
20 you.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your thoughts.

22 And we will be closing the line at 3 p.m. So if you
23 want to get your public input today, please call us
24 before 3 o'clock so you can stay in the queue and be
25 heard. Thank you.

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

2 And right now, we will have caller 3272. And then
3 up next after that will be 0277. Caller 3272, if you
4 will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star
5 6. The floor is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello -- hello and thank you
7 for hearing me. I live in Modesto and would like to talk
8 to you about the congressional map that splits my city.

9 I'm a behavioral health specialist working in
10 Modesto, and I would just really like to know why the
11 Commission divided our city in the congressional map.

12 I live on the west side, but our services are
13 doctors, hospitals, stores, professional buildings,
14 malls. They're all on the east side. We are one
15 community, and the finances always seem to go to the east
16 side of our city, which leaves our district impoverished.
17 But those facilities also served the west side and south
18 side community.

19 And then I saw where you put the east side into the
20 mountains, and in my view, that doesn't make any sense
21 because those facilities on the east side serve us here
22 on the west and south side in Modesto. We have people
23 who need social services that are on the east side.

24 And we also have issues that the mountains don't
25 have when it comes to -- when it comes to -- excuse me,

1 when it comes to water because we are a agricultural
2 place. And as a city, we come together to build a
3 community that all work in the same direction. Please
4 keep Modesto together. Thank you so much.

5 CHAIRMAN TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you for calling
6 in.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
8 have caller 0277. And up next after that, will be caller
9 7618. Caller 0277, if you'll please follow the prompts
10 to unmute by pressing star 6.

11 And one more time -- oh, there you are. The floor
12 is yours.

13 MR. MASHBURN: Hello, can you hear me okay?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

15 MR. MASHBURN: Thank you so much, and thank you for
16 your service. My name is Keith Mashburn and I'm the
17 Mayor of Simi Valley, California. And I'm here to speak
18 in favor of keeping Congressional District 25 the same.

19 To separate Simi Valley from Santa Clarita, I think
20 would be doing a disservice to our city and possibly to
21 Santa Clarita also. We're very much -- we're very
22 similar in so many ways, home values, education, incomes
23 and what have you.

24 And our cities are very reliant upon the movie
25 industry that comes both into our city and into Santa

1 Clarita. And we have many folks that are employed in
2 Santa Clarita, but live in Simi Valley, and then just the
3 opposite of that is also true.

4 And so the infrastructure that we share, even though
5 there -- there appears to be a geographical barrier
6 between us, the freeways and travel is the same. And
7 under the same congressional district, it's my opinion
8 that we can get a much better service by remaining just
9 that one district. And so those are my thoughts.

10 I certainly appreciate what you do, and I want to
11 thank you very much.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your thoughts.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have
14 caller 7618. And then up next after that will be caller
15 2275. Caller 7618, if you'll please follow the prompts
16 to unmute by pressing star 6.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. The floor is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Can you hear me?

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, great. Hi, my name is
22 Kate. I'm calling to strongly urge you to draw a
23 congressional district that includes both Huntington
24 Beach and Little Saigon.

25 I saw your current drafts where for our

1 congressional district where you lumped in Little Saigon
2 with cities like Buena Park and Fullerton. Buena Park
3 and Fullerton have very little in common with Little
4 Saigon. Please reconsider your decision and draw a
5 congressional district that keeps Huntington Beach, Seal
6 Beach, and Little Saigon together. Thank you.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for sharing your thoughts.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right we will have
9 caller 2275. And up next after that will be caller 3480.
10 Caller 2275, if you'll please follow the prompts to
11 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I'm calling about
13 concerns about -- the redistricting of my district. We
14 urge you to include Seal Beach within the Little Saigon
15 district to include us like Westminster, Fountain Valley,
16 Huntington Beach, and Seal Beach because they are
17 (indiscernible). Our interests (indiscernible) the best
18 for all of us (indiscernible). Thank you.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
21 have caller 3480. And then up next after that, will be
22 unique ID 082. Caller 3480, if you will please follow
23 the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is
24 yours.

25 MR. LEE: Hi. My name is Richie Lee. I'm calling

1 to urge you to keep Westminster, Fountain Valley, and
2 Garden Grove with Huntington Beach and Seal Beach --
3 Seal Beach. Huntington Beach and Seal Beach are about a
4 five-minute drive from Little Saigon, and traveling
5 between Huntington Beach and Little Saigon is very
6 convenient for a lot of families to stay connected.

7 Our second and third generations of Vietnamese
8 Americans find it very convenient to live in coastal
9 Orange County and still be able to come back to visit our
10 parents in Little Saigon. And that's why Huntington
11 Beach should be a part of Little Saigon. Thank you very
12 much.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
15 have unique ID 082, which would have been caller 7039.
16 And then up next after that will be caller 7686. So
17 unique ID 082, if you'll please follow the prompts to
18 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello Commissioners. Thank
20 you for taking input. I am calling in regards to the CD
21 Santa Ana draft, and in particular the city of Seal
22 Beach.

23 I have been a Seal Beach resident for the past
24 fifteen years. The current map runs Seal Beach to Brea.
25 Seal Beach is a coastal beach city, and it is very

1 different geographically and climate-wise in the inland
2 communities such as Brea and Fullerton.

3 Seal Beach is -- as a coastal beach city, share
4 similar concerns of Huntington Beach and Newport Beach in
5 regards to beach erosion, wetlands management, and beach
6 tourism. Seal Beach should not be combined with Long
7 Beach as Long Beach is an industrial port city and Seal
8 Beach is a beach city, where concerns are very different.
9 And Seal Beach's concerns would be drowned out by the
10 greater concerns of Long Beach.

11 Additionally, as a Seal Beach resident, although I'm
12 close to Long Beach, I rarely do shopping or do much in
13 Long Beach because of their incredibly high sales tax. I
14 stick to the coastal Orange County communities and their
15 less sales tax.

16 As an alternative, I recommend adding Seal Beach and
17 Rossmoor to the North Coast draft, North O.C. Coast draft
18 and taking out the part of Irvine that is in that current
19 draft. This will keep the Orange County coastal
20 communities together. Thank you very much.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments and
22 suggestions.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will
24 have caller 7686. And then up next after that will be
25 caller 6795. Caller 7686, if you'll please follow the

1 prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is
2 yours.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Good afternoon
4 Commissioners. I'm calling with regarding to the
5 congressional mapping of the west San Gabriel Valley
6 district.

7 I'd like to urge the commission here to keep the
8 cities of Monterey Park, Alhambra, Rosemead, San Gabriel,
9 San Marino, and (indiscernible) cities together. Not
10 only is there a significant historical and cultural
11 connection, but as we've seen in recent years, a growing
12 commercial connection as well with the pop-up of AAPI-
13 owned small businesses, retail (indiscernible), et
14 cetera.

15 And moreover, on the state and assembly level
16 districts, these cities are kept together. I urge the
17 commission to reconsider the current draft to keep these
18 cities together for all of the reasons that I've listed.
19 And thank you for taking input.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will
22 have caller 6795. And up next after that will be caller
23 6659. Caller 6795, if you'll please follow the prompts
24 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

25 Caller 6795, oh -- you were unmuted. Go ahead and

1 press star 6 one more time and you might want to double-
2 check and make sure your telephone is not on mute.
3 Caller 6795, you are unmuted. You may want to check your
4 phone and make sure it's not on mute. Caller 6795, it
5 appears you're having some sort of technical difficulty.
6 Try one more time, maybe the third time.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Can everyone hear
8 me?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There we go. The floor
10 is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I apologize for that. Hello.
12 So my name is Mia. I'm a Vietnamese community activist.
13 I live in Westminster but work in coastal Orange County.

14 Putting Seal Beach and Huntington Beach in the same
15 district as Little Saigon makes the most sense
16 geographically. You've heard from numerous callers about
17 drawing the Seal Beach, Huntington Beach District with
18 Little Saigon. Please respect the wishes from our
19 community, and thank you.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will
22 have caller 6659. And up next after that will be caller
23 6445. Caller 6659, if you will please follow the prompts
24 to unmute by pressing star 6.

25 And one more time, caller with the last four digits

1 6659, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by
2 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

3 MR. QUEE: Hi. Can you guys hear me?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

5 MR. QUEE: Hi. My name is Quee. So I would like to
6 talk about the Little Saigon area. Please put Huntington
7 Beach and Seal beach back into the Little Saigon base
8 congressional district.

9 You have heard from so many from our community that
10 Westminster and Fountain Valley is more suited to be in
11 the same district as Huntington Beach and Seal Beach.
12 These two coastal cities physically border Little Saigon.
13 Please honor the request of our community and please do
14 the right thing by drawing a district that includes Seal
15 Beach, Huntington Beach, and Little Saigon.

16 Thank you. That will be all. Have a good day.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will
19 have caller 6445. And up next after that will be caller
20 2974. Caller 6445, if you'll please follow the prompts
21 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

22 MR. NGUYEN: Hello. My name is Donny Nguyen. I'm a
23 Vietnamese-American caller. I'm calling today to implore
24 you to draw a congressional line -- district that
25 encompasses Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, and Little

1 Saigon.

2 I work in Huntington Beach. My family and relatives
3 live in Little Saigon. It is very convenient for me to
4 visit them. Seal Beach and Huntington Beach are just a
5 stone's throw away from Little Saigon. Please don't draw
6 us into the district with Fullerton. Thank you.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

8 And just a reminder to the public, that we will be
9 closing the line at 3 p.m. We want to hear from as many
10 of you as possible, but we will be closing the line today
11 at 3 o'clock and we will have additional public input
12 sessions next week. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.
14 And right now we will have caller 2974. And up next
15 after that will be caller 0129. Caller 2974, if you'll
16 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.
17 The floor is yours.

18 MS. TRAN: Hi. My name is Paulina Tran. And I
19 called earlier this week. And I'm calling you again.

20 We live in Garden Grove and Garden Grove border --
21 Westminster and Garden Grove's border is the CD of
22 Huntington Beach and Seal Beach. We're not sure why you
23 put us with Fullerton. So please keep us together with
24 Huntington Beach and Seal Beach, please, for Little
25 Saigon. Thank you.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling again.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 And right now we have caller 0129. And up next
4 after that will be caller 9644. Caller 0129, if you'll
5 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.
6 The floor is yours.

7 MR. LEBARRE: Thank you Commissioners. This is Mr.
8 LeBarre, Mayor of King City.

9 Again, I speak again regarding the maps that are on
10 your site for the drafts. I ask that all the
11 commissioners look at the current in-place maps of CD 20,
12 SD 12, and AD 30, as all of these current districts meet
13 and comply with the Voting Rights Act. So visualization
14 of S -- I mean CD Cupertino, you split the Salinas
15 Valley, which is the central coast valley. It is
16 predominantly Hispanic. It is an agricultural community
17 and connected it with San Jose. These are two
18 communities with completely different interests.

19 I please urge you to look at the current districts
20 of CD 20, SD 12 and AD 30, and that in the next draft
21 that these districts reflect similar boundaries to keep
22 our communities of interest together. Right now, by
23 splitting the Salinas Valley, you actually put people in
24 a different congressional district where they live and
25 then right across the highway is where they work. Thank

1 you for this opportunity.

2 Again, our people are Hispanics, they're farm
3 workers, and right now are working or are unable to give
4 their voice. So it's up to us electeds. Thank you,
5 commissioners.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in again. And
7 we appreciate the comments.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
9 caller 9644. And up next after that will be caller 3746.
10 Caller 9644, if you will please follow the prompts to
11 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

12 MS. TRILAN: Hi. My name is Trilan (ph.). I'm a
13 registered voter and a resident of Westminster. I'm also
14 a college student. I'm speaking this afternoon to ask
15 the commission to keep Westminster, Garden Grove,
16 Fountain Valley, and Huntington Beach in one
17 congressional district.

18 I see a lot of similarities between Huntington Beach
19 and Little Saigon. I'm not sure if our community has
20 anything in common with Fullerton. Please be thoughtful
21 about your decision. Please keep Little Saigon and
22 Huntington Beach together. Thank you.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
25 caller 3746. And then up next after that will be caller

1 3122. Caller 3746, if you'll please follow the prompts
2 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

3 MS. TONG: Hello. My name is Daisy Tong (ph.) and
4 I'm a parent, a voter, and also a business owner in the
5 Little Saigon area. I'm calling about the congressional
6 district. Of course, I appreciate and thank you all the
7 hard work that the Committee is doing.

8 I really ask that you keep Little Saigon,
9 Westminster, Garden Grove together with Huntington Beach
10 and even into Seal Beach. Please keep our community
11 together. I grew up here. I see how the community works
12 so hard to actively start getting into political and
13 start getting our voice heard. Please don't divide up
14 our community at this point.

15 Please keep us intact because we're so common. As
16 the second generation Vietnamese getting older and make
17 more money, we start moving to Huntington Beach and Seal
18 Beach and our parents still live in Westminster and
19 Garden Grove. Please protect our voice.

20 I appreciate your work, and I really truly hope you
21 hear all of our community's voice. Thank you and have a
22 wonderful day.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for the feedback.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will
25 have caller 3122. And then up next after that will be

1 caller 7699.

2 And I'd like to invite those that have called in
3 this afternoon to please press star 9 to raise your hand
4 indicating you have called in to give comment, so it will
5 allow you to get into the comment queue line.

6 Right now we have caller 3122. Feel free to follow
7 the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is
8 yours.

9 MR. KIM: Hi, my name is Kim. I called earlier this
10 week and now I'm calling you again.

11 We are (indiscernible) and lengthy testimony for two
12 weeks now about keeping Little Saigon with Huntington
13 Beach. I hope that in your next round of drawing, you'll
14 deliver all of this testimony from our community.

15 Huntington Beach should be the same district as
16 Westminster, Fountain Valley and Garden Grove.
17 Huntington Beach is literally next door to Little Saigon.
18 Thank you.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
21 caller 7699. And then up next after that will be caller
22 7807. Caller 7699, if you'll please follow the prompts
23 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

24 MS. SAN: Good afternoon Commissioner. My name is
25 Milee San, and I currently live in the city of Garden

1 Grove, Little Saigon area.

2 So all of our activity for my family, my kids, my
3 parents, we are, you know, are related to Little Saigon
4 area, Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley, Seal Beach area.
5 We would love to urge you to keep, you know, Little
6 Saigon together with the Huntington Beach, Fountain
7 Valley, Seal Beach area. We have nothing in common with
8 the Fullerton, you know, it take a long time to drive
9 over to Fullerton. So please, you know, please, honor
10 our request. Thank you so much.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for the feedback.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
13 caller 7807. And up next after that will be caller 5921.
14 Caller 7807, if you'll please follow the prompts to
15 unmute by pressing star 6.

16 And one more time. Caller with the last four 7807,
17 if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
18 star 6. The floor is yours.

19 MR. TONG: Hello. My name is Hin Tong (ph.). I
20 went -- I want Garden Grove, and Westminster, and city
21 Huntington Beach with the Seal Beach, and Fullerton
22 Valley together. Thank you so much.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
25 caller 5921. And then up next after that will be caller

1 0882. Caller 5921, if you'll please follow the prompts
2 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

3 MS. LEE: Hi. My name is Lee (ph.). I live in
4 Garden Grove. I currently keep Seal Beach with
5 Huntington, Fountain Valley and Huntington Beach,
6 (indiscernible). Thank you very much. Have a good
7 night.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for the call, for the
9 feedback.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
11 caller 0882. And then up next after that will be caller
12 5232. Caller 0882, if you'll please follow the prompts
13 to unmute by pressing star 6.

14 MR. ECONOMY: Hello.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.
16 Hello.

17 MR. ECONOMY: Yes, hello. This is Randy Economy,
18 and I am a resident of Riverside County. I'm here in --
19 which would -- I'm calling about the California State
20 Board of Equalization District that stretches now about
21 six miles south of my home here in the Coachella Valley
22 all the way up to the Oregon border, touching both
23 Arizona and Nevada.

24 And the first thing when I saw the lines, I kind of
25 chuckled, but then I kind of really studied it. And I

1 thought it completely makes sense. And I applaud you for
2 carving out a line like this, a district like this for
3 the State Board of Equalization, which is I'm not sure
4 exactly what the number is going to be. But we have a
5 lot of communities of interest, and it's basically the
6 rural communities and it's -- we're not associated with
7 Los Angeles or San Francisco or San Diego. We're kind of
8 our own, you know, our own individual entity. So I
9 applaud you for that, and I thank you so much.

10 And I know how much hard work it is to be involved
11 in a group like this. And I've spoken to your staff on a
12 number of occasions and you guys are nothing but
13 professionals. I know you come from all different walks
14 of life, but the main thing is that we're all
15 Californians. And I know that the Board of Equalization
16 is kind of a wonky position, but I thank you for -- for
17 the time and effort to carve out these -- these
18 communities of interest. And I thank you, and I just
19 want to make sure that these -- these proposed maps for
20 the BOE are left intact as you proposed. Thank you so
21 much.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
24 caller 5232. And then up next after that will be caller
25 4432.

1 I'd like to invite those that have called in to
2 please press star 9. This will raise your hand
3 indicating you wish to give comment.

4 And for unique ID 096, if you wish to give comment,
5 please use the raise your hand button at the bottom of
6 your screen.

7 Caller 5232, if you'll please follow the prompts to
8 unmute by pressing star 6.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Calvin. I'm
10 a resident of Walnut, and I want to talk about San
11 Gabriel Valley.

12 In general, I think -- I work in, you know, I've
13 lived in both sides of the east and west end of it, and I
14 do feel like the congressional district is surprisingly
15 cutting both communities (indiscernible) from other API
16 communities. Specifically, from Temple City, Arcadia,
17 separated from Monterey Park and Rosemead. Both very
18 close communities, and people go across on a regular
19 basis. I do think that all should be connected and put
20 in with the Foothills District.

21 Going to the east, I feel like Chino Hills is being
22 left out, and we better fit with the Fullerton area, Brea
23 area. And I see that the Little Saigon area doesn't
24 resonate with the Fullerton area, so I think you have a,
25 you know, "two birds with one stone" situation here where

1 you can put back an API District that had 33 percent and
2 is right now at 22 percent and also help the Vietnamese
3 community in Little Saigon feel represented in their
4 area.

5 So I -- I do feel there are Chinese communities that
6 go from (indiscernible) down to Fullerton and vice versa.
7 And the 57 and 60 Freeway is a big inter -- a big traffic
8 congestion. I think the sixth largest in traffic
9 congestion in the United States. And because we have
10 representatives in the senate, and the assembly, and in
11 the congressional level that represented both areas from
12 Walnut to Fullerton, they're able to find funding to
13 actually alleviate from that traffic, but it's not done,
14 and we do need that for the next decade. So please
15 connect us all back together. Thank you.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right we will have
18 caller 4432. And then up next after that will be caller
19 2726. Caller 4432, if you'll please follow the prompts
20 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Yvonne. I'm
22 calling from Del Norte County. A little county up here
23 at the top of California with only a population of 25,000
24 people. I feel that our county lines need to be drawn
25 including us with the counties to the east of us, as in

1 Siskiyou, Trinity, and Shasta.

2 The, you know, being a small community up here we
3 have more in common, as far as our communities go and the
4 issues that we're facing with agriculture, with the
5 counties to the east of us. Going down south, we really
6 don't compare to some of the larger communities that are
7 on the coastal towns and therefore, you know, we don't
8 have anybody up here supporting our issues that we're
9 facing, as they don't have anything in common with the
10 ones that they face in these larger coastal cities. So I
11 just ask that our lines be drawn including Del Norte to
12 the east of us into the Siskiyou District and that's it.
13 Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in and for your
15 feedback.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we'll have
17 caller 2726. And then up next after that will be unique
18 ID 096.

19 And I'd like to invite the rest of those that have
20 called in to please press star 9 to raise your hand
21 indicating you wish to give comment today.

22 Caller 2726, if you'll please follow the prompts to
23 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Matt. I live
25 in Seal Beach, California. And I would like to stay with

1 the coastal community cities from Huntington Beach and
2 Seal Beach together with Orange County, please. Thank
3 you.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
6 unique ID 096. And then up next after that will be
7 caller 2450.

8 Unique ID 096, I will be promoting you now. Oh, one
9 moment. We actually cannot do that. Unique ID 096, I
10 will be doing the audio only option at this time.

11 If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute on
12 your screen. The floor is yours.

13 MS. LOWERY: Hi. Good afternoon. My name is Betsy
14 Lowery. I'm the assistant to the city manager for the
15 city of Temecula, and we're located on the southwest
16 Riverside County area, there you go. Is this the --
17 yeah, this is a -- these are city maps I'm looking at,
18 correct? Is that what this map is? I'm just curious
19 that this map isn't any district map, correct? Okay.
20 Great. Thank you.

21 As you may be aware, Route 15 consisting of
22 contiguous, in fact, I'm going to read a letter, excuse
23 me, into the record from our mayor.

24 "As you may be aware, Route 15 consisting of
25 contiguous segments of State Road 15 and Interstate 15 is

1 a major north/south state, and our state highway in
2 California connecting Riverside, San Bernardino, and San
3 Diego County, as it is a major thoroughfare for daily
4 commuter traffic and considered essential to the
5 country's economy, defense and mobility under the
6 National Highway System. Southwest Riverside County
7 cities, including the city, yeah -- Southwest Riverside
8 County cities, including the city of Temecula have
9 actively engaged as a community to provide operational
10 improvements and enhance safety for our corridor for many
11 years. So we're talking about the southwest Riverside
12 County area. For these reasons, the city of Temecula
13 respectfully requests that the Commission strongly
14 considers cities located adjacent to and near I-15
15 corridor as a community of interest for the purposes of
16 assembly, senate, and congressional redistricting." That
17 concludes this letter.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your testimony.

19 MS. LOWERY: You're welcome. And there is also --
20 the letter has been submitted with contact information,
21 should you have any questions. Thank you so much.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
23 caller 2450. And then up next after that will be caller
24 5188. Caller 2450, if you'll please follow the prompts
25 to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

1 MR. BRENNAN: Hi. Good afternoon, Commissioners.
2 My name is Gary Brennan. I live in Ramona, in south San
3 Diego county, have been here for about the last seven
4 years. Just want to go on record saying I appreciate the
5 hard work the commission has put in drawing the lines for
6 our state.

7 But I'd like to share that I believe the current
8 draft maps of the state senate do not represent our local
9 community down here. The current draft maps separates
10 many of the east San Diego -- San Diego sister
11 communities such as Lakeside, Alpine, Descanso, Jamul,
12 Santee, Poway, Rancho San Diego, El Cajon, and my town of
13 Ramona.

14 We have shared economic, social and cultural
15 interests and we need to keep -- be kept together. We
16 are incorporated communities and have more in common than
17 most cities like El Cajon, Santee, and Poway than we do
18 with the city of San Diego, or with desert communities
19 such as Brawley and Needles. It shouldn't be placed in
20 the districts with North Park, Chula Vista, Pacific
21 Beach, University City or in the city of San Diego. My
22 community's access, the fair allocation of resources and
23 effective governness depends on your decisions.

24 Rural communities -- rural San Diego communities
25 like Jamul, Alpine Crest, Alpine, Bostonia, Lakeside, and

1 Ramona, and Julian belong in the same district and should
2 be -- which should also include Escondido, Poway, Santee,
3 and El Cajon. Rural San Diego areas have different
4 concerns than parts of the city of San Diego.

5 MR. MANOFF: 26 seconds.

6 MR. BRENNAN: I'm sorry?

7 MR. MANOFF: 26 seconds remaining.

8 MR. BRENNAN: Okay. So -- okay. So anyway, if you
9 could look into that please, and keep our rural
10 communities together, we would really appreciate it. And
11 once again, thanks for all your hard work. I know it's a
12 difficult task. Thank you.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your testimony at
14 today's hearing. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
16 right now we have caller 5188. And then up next after
17 that will be caller 8069.

18 And again, I'd like to invite those that have called
19 in to please press star 9 as those are our last two hands
20 for the evening.

21 Caller 5188, if you'll please follow the prompts to
22 unmute by pressing star 6.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: My name is (indiscernible).

1 I live in Westminster. I would like to have the
2 Westminster, Little Saigon together with Huntington Beach
3 and Seal Beach. Thank you.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
6 caller 8069. If you'll please follow the prompts to
7 unmute by pressing star 6.

8 And one more time. Caller with the last four digits
9 8069. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute by
10 pressing star 6.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Katy, I believe the Spanish
12 interpreter is simultaneously interpreting the reminder
13 to press star 6 or star 9 in Spanish; is that correct?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, on the Spanish
15 listening line. Yes.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Perhaps we can have somebody do it on
17 this line as well? One of the interpreters?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure. Yes. Yes. Okay.
19 Yes, for this caller. It may be a connectivity issue.
20 This caller has their hand raised.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes. In general, just for the
22 remaining calls, just to make sure that we have it
23 covered.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Wonderful. Yes, will do.
25 Caller 8069, I will be removing your permission to talk

1 momentarily, and we will do the announcement.

2 And may I please have the Spanish interpreter repeat
3 the instructions to raise hand, which is star 9. And
4 then to unmute it is star 6.

5 THE INTERPRETER: Okay. This is the Spanish
6 interpreter, Margarita.

7 (Spanish spoken, not translated)

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Gracias, Margarita.

9 THE INTERPRETER: De nada.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And we'll go ahead and
11 try caller 8069 one more time. This may be a
12 connectivity issue, but we will try again. Please press
13 star 6.

14 And caller 8069, I will come back to you in a few
15 minutes. There may be just a connectivity issue for you
16 wherever you are at the moment.

17 And Chair, I would assume that you want me to go
18 through the list regardless of hand.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's correct. Let's go through the
20 list and make sure we have everyone covered.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right, will do. We
22 will start with caller with the last four digits 1740.
23 If you wish to give comment, please follow the prompts by
24 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

25 MR. LEE: Hello? Hello?

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Hello. The floor
2 is yours.

3 MR. LEE: Okay. Okay. Hello. Hi, good afternoon.
4 I am Ling (ph.) Lee. I am -- live in Little Saigon. I
5 want to see Garden Grove, Westminster, Fountain Valley,
6 Huntington Beach and Seal Beach together. Thank you.
7 Have a good weekend.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And have a good weekend
9 as well.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we will be
11 going to caller with the last four digits 1789. If you
12 will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star
13 6. The floor is yours.

14 MS. NGUYEN: Yes. Hi. Good afternoon. My name is
15 Suzy Kim Nguyen. I live in Westminster. I want Little
16 Saigon to go with Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, and
17 Huntington Beach not -- not with Fullerton. Fullerton is
18 far away from where I live. Thank you.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you and have a good weekend.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And next will be caller
21 with the last four digits 7786. If you will please
22 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.

23 And one more time. Caller with the last four digits
24 7786. If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by
25 pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Thank you very much.

2 Thank you everyone for giving up your Saturday to hear
3 all of us.

4 I live in Orange County, Laguna Beach. I am a
5 member of Surfrider Foundation. I'm also a Tidewater
6 docent and I've also spent many years on the parking,
7 traffic, and circulation committee for the city of Laguna
8 Beach. And I'm urging you to please keep all of the
9 coastal communities together. Our interests are unique.
10 They are combined and interrelated when it comes to not
11 only the ocean but also the coastal headlands.

12 And most importantly, on a personal basis, because
13 I've spent a number of years on the parking, traffic and
14 circulation committee, our parking and our traffic,
15 directional concerns are also interrelated. We share
16 that great coast highway, and it takes a team, it takes
17 all of us together to make that work. I think bringing
18 in Irvine would be not a good idea because simply the
19 interests are not shared in the same.

20 And again, thank you very much for allowing me to
21 speak and have a great afternoon.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And have a good weekend.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
24 caller 8910. If you will please follow the prompts to
25 unmute by pressing star 6, if you wish to give comment

1 this evening or afternoon.

2 And one more time. The caller with the last four
3 digits 8910, if you wish to give comment this afternoon,
4 please press star 6. Well, thank you so much for your
5 presence and your listening.

6 And we have call-in user 2, which is an indication
7 of no caller ID. If you'll please follow the prompts to
8 unmute by pressing star 6, you will be hearing a prompt
9 in your telephone.

10 And one more time, call-in user 2, if you wish to
11 give comment this evening, please press star 6 on your
12 telephone keypad. Well, thank you so much for listening.

13 And the last one in the queue is unique ID 083 as
14 you have chosen to call in, if you will please follow the
15 prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is
16 yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. The floor is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, okay. Hang on. Wait a
20 minute. I had to pull over, I was driving. Okay.

21 Well, my name is Cathy, and I'm calling from the
22 Central Valley. I have lived in Turlock for over thirty-
23 five years, and I'm calling regarding congressional map,
24 I think it's number ECA. It's the congressional, I live
25 in Congressional District 10. And the maps that you

1 published earlier in the month of November was
2 considerably better than the maps that you have now
3 published regarding where I live in Turlock.

4 You have cut the city of Modesto and the city of
5 Ceres and the city of Turlock basically in half, north
6 and south. We have considerable things in common with
7 Central Valley -- Turlock has considerable things in
8 common with other Central Valley cities. And we would
9 like to remain with those Central Valley cities to
10 continue our work on water, agricultural issues,
11 economics and jobs, transportation. All issues which we
12 share in common because we are -- are centered around
13 that Central Valley corridor.

14 Place one-half of Turlock, and for that matter, one-
15 half of Ceres and Modesto with Lake Tahoe with a district
16 that goes as far north and south as Lake Tahoe and Death
17 Valley is not a good plan because we have nothing in
18 common either geographically, agriculturally,
19 economically with any of those many, many counties. And
20 Modesto and Turlock has nothing in common with the
21 communities of Lake Tahoe and Death Valley. So please,
22 go back to the district that you published earlier in the
23 month of November. Thank you very much.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you for your
25 comments.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And that is everyone in
2 our queue, Chair.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you Katy. Thank you Kristian.
4 And thank you to all the Californians who provided
5 feedback on the draft maps.

As we work towards final maps, your feedback and voice is critical to the refinement of our maps. We will continue to accept public input on the 22nd and the 23rd. And if you don't have an appointment at this time, you can call in during the public comment period at 2 -- at 2:30 on those days. And of course you can always give feedback through our websites and through the tools that we have online.

With that, I hope everyone has a great weekend and enjoys the weekend. And hopefully a wonderful Thanksgiving, if we don't get to talk to one another next week. Thank you.

With that, we are adjourned.

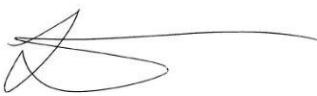
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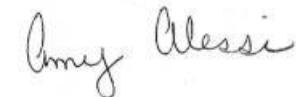
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