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P R O C E E D I N G S

Monday, November 22, 2021 9:31 a.m.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Good morning, California. My name is Pedro Toledo, and I will be chairing today's California Citizens Redistricting Commission's Draft ap Public Input Meeting. I'm excited to be in service to the Commission and Californians. Today we are offering LanguageLines for Spanish language speakers, so that they can listen to the meeting in their native language.

Could I please have the Spanish interpreter provide our language line number, where the public can listen to today's meeting in Spanish?

THE INTERPRETER: Yes, Chair. This is the Spanish interpreter, Margarita. I will read the language line instructions. Thank you.

(In Spanish).

THE INTERPRETER: Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Gracias, Margarita.

Good morning, Ravi. Are you ready to do roll call?

MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Excellent. Always ready.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vasquez?

COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Here.



1 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

3 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

4 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

5 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

7 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

9 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

11 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

13 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

15 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

16 Commissioner Sadhwani?

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

18 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here. Here.

19 MR. SINGH: Thank you. Commissioner Sinay?

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

21 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Taylor?

22 Commissioner Toledo?

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Here.

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

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Ravi.



1           Every ten years after the federal government  
2 publishes updated census information, California must  
3 redraw the boundaries of its Congressional, State Senate,  
4 State Assembly and State Board of Equalization districts.  
5 The districts can reflect -- correctly reflect the  
6 state's population. The fourteen-member Commission is  
7 made up of five republicans, five democrats and four not  
8 affiliated with either of those parties. The Commission  
9 must draw the district lines in conformity with strict,  
10 nonpartisan rules designed to create districts of  
11 relatively equal population that will provide fair  
12 representation for all Californians. For more  
13 information, you can visit us at [wedrawthelinesca.org](http://wedrawthelinesca.org).

14           Today's public forum will focus on all district  
15 maps -- all draft district maps, State Assembly, State  
16 Senate, Congressional and Board of Equalization. We will  
17 be accepting feedback on all of these maps both today and  
18 tomorrow. But providing feedback at these meetings isn't  
19 the only way you can get feedback. Of course, you can  
20 always get feedback through our online -- through our  
21 website at [website at wedrawthelinsca.org](http://website.at/wedrawthelinsca.org) as well as  
22 through the statewide database, which is located at  
23 [drawmycalifornia.org](http://drawmycalifornia.org). You can also submit maps to the  
24 Commission through that platform.

25           As part of our housekeeping rules, the Commission



1 will be enforcing a two-and-a-half-minute time frame  
2 limits on appointments and will provide a warning at  
3 thirty and fifteen seconds remaining. When you start  
4 your input, please identify which district plan and the  
5 reasons you would like to provide feedback on so that the  
6 mappers can bring up the map.

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

13 Katy, with that, please go over the directions so  
14 that the public can -- so we can start with appointment  
15 sessions. Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Good morning. Thank you  
17 so much, Chair.

18 Welcome to the Draft Map Feedback Session. If you  
19 have not done so already, and you have a unique ID that  
20 ends in 001 through 037, please use the raised hand  
21 button at the bottom of your screen. You will be  
22 identified by the assigned unique ID number, which you  
23 received in our invite for this session. When it is your  
24 turn to speak, I will promote you to have the ability to  
25 enable your own video and/or audio in the lower left



1 corner of your screen.

2 Public input time limit is two minutes and thirty  
3 seconds. You will receive a verbal warning at thirty  
4 seconds remaining and fifteen seconds remaining in your  
5 speaking time. There will also be an active timer on the  
6 screen for your convenience. When you start your input,  
7 please identify which district plan and region you will  
8 be providing input on. And one more time, please use  
9 raised hand -- please use the raised --

10 (Background Noise.)

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment. Okay.  
12 Please use the raised hand button at the bottom of your  
13 screen to enter the comment queue line indicating you are  
14 present and ready to comment. And for those that have a  
15 unique ID that have chosen to call in, please use the  
16 raised hand button by pressing star nine. We will start  
17 out here with unique ID 005. And then will be unique ID  
18 028.

19 005, I'll be promoting you now. 005, you can now  
20 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
21 your screen. And if you'd please remind the mapper of  
22 what district plan and region you would like to address.  
23 The floor is yours.

24 MR. SYED: Okay. Can you hear me okay?

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.



1 MR. SYED: Okay. Great Thank you very much. I will  
2 be speaking about CD greater draft in Alameda County and  
3 Santa Clara County.

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

5 MR. SYED: My name is Shafath Syed, and I lived in  
6 Sunnyvale for over forty years and work at a software  
7 company in Santa Clara. I'm active in the South Asian  
8 and Muslim American communities, but speak on my own  
9 behalf as an individual. I strongly support the  
10 visualization of VCD greater 1102, which looks similar to  
11 the recent CD greater draft map for the local  
12 Congressional district, except VCD cratered 1102 has more  
13 of Fremont on it and less of San Jose in the current  
14 draft map, CD cratered draft.

15 I work in the technology profession, and the cities  
16 of Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Santa Clara, Fremont and  
17 Milpitas are technology job centers for thousands. These  
18 cities have a shortage of affordable housing and limited  
19 transit systems and traffic congestion. In contrast, San  
20 Jose has a very -- is a very large city with a population  
21 of about a million and has traditionally had more housing  
22 than jobs. The City of San Jose needs to advocate for  
23 more jobs to generate more revenue to fund city services,  
24 whereas the cities of Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Santa Clara,  
25 Fremont and Milpitas need to advocate for more affordable



1 housing, infrastructure, and a more comprehensive transit  
2 system to relieve traffic congestion.

3       Therefore, cities that share similar challenges are  
4 best put together in the same Congressional district so  
5 those challenges can be focused on and resolved by those  
6 cities working and planning together. These cities with  
7 their tech workers also make up one of the most diverse  
8 communities in our nation with respect to the Asian  
9 cultural diversity, especially East Asian and South Asian  
10 Indian cultural community. This is good for cultural  
11 connectedness and a common interests of cultural-specific  
12 services. Including more of Fremont rather than San  
13 Jose, would also allow for more of this Asian cultural  
14 connectedness. Thank you very much.

15       CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

16       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will  
17 have unique ID, 028, and up next after that will be 002.  
18 028, you have chosen to call in. Oh, no, you have not.  
19 I apologize.

20       028, I'll be promoting you now. 028, you can now  
21 enable your audio and video on the left corner of your  
22 screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of what  
23 district plan and region you'd like to address. The  
24 floor is yours.

25       MS. MACDONALD: Thank you. Good morning



1 Commissioners, and thank you for this opportunity to  
2 speak. We're currently in district 75. I'm at the  
3 Assembly, which is San Diego County and Riverside. My  
4 name is Lila MacDonald, and I'm the CEO of the Fallbrook  
5 Chamber of Commerce, which represents over 500 small  
6 business owners, community nonprofits and farmers in the  
7 Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow and Temecula Valley Center  
8 area.

9 Today, I want to second the comments of the  
10 chairperson of the Fabric Community Planning Group made  
11 to you on November 19th and request that our Assembly  
12 district draft map for Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow and  
13 ask Escondido be amended to include other rural and  
14 agricultural communities in which we have relationships  
15 with, including Temecula, Valley Center, Pauma and Pauma  
16 Valley. Fallbrook is a very rural community, and such  
17 has very real concerns. We are very different from the  
18 coastal and urban communities. We would not -- we should  
19 not be in an Assembly district with the City of San  
20 Diego, in which we have very little in common. Instead,  
21 I urge the Commission to keep us in a district with other  
22 agricultural and rural communities along the I-15  
23 Freeway.

24 Fallbrook is home to a vibrant agricultural  
25 community. We have nurseries, orchards, groves,



1 vineyards and livestock producers that make us part of  
2 the ninth most productive agricultural county in the  
3 United States. We share the same agriculture concerns  
4 and wildfire prevention and access to water as other  
5 nearby cultural communities in which we have built  
6 relationships, including Temecula Valley Center, which is  
7 known for its world-famous vineyards and wineries.

8 We are a very unique community. Like the other  
9 rural communities along the 15, Fallbrook businesses and  
10 residents rely on them, those of Temecula and Escondido  
11 for services, including medical emergencies. The  
12 Temecula Valley Hospital is the nearest to us and  
13 including Bonsall, Rainbow, and Pauma Valley. Please do  
14 not separate our rural communities from these very big  
15 lifelines. I appreciate your consideration and all that  
16 you're doing for our community and our state. Thank you.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have  
19 002, and up next after that will be 0010.

20 002, I'll be promoting you now. 002, you can now  
21 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
22 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
23 district plan and region you would like to address. The  
24 floor is yours.

25 MR. ANDERSON: Thank you. Please display Northern



1 Sherman Oaks in the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles  
2 County. I am Bob Anderson, chair of the Sherman Oaks  
3 Homeowners Association Redistricting Committee. Sherman  
4 Oaks has a strongly united 76,000 person community in the  
5 Southern San Fernando Valley. SOHA represents seven  
6 thousand Sherman Oaks families. We've been working on  
7 state, county, and city redistricting since October 2020.  
8 The California Commission's draft maps do not use the  
9 correct Northern Sherman Oaks boundary. Sherman Oaks  
10 Northern boundary is a straight line across Oxnard Street  
11 from the 405 Freeway to Hazeltine Avenue.

12 This is the boundary used for our current L.A. City  
13 Council district 4 and used for the final draft council  
14 district 4 by both the 2021 L.A. City Council  
15 Redistricting Commission and Council Ad Hoc Redistricting  
16 Committee. This is the boundary for our current L.A.  
17 County supervisorial map and used for all draft county  
18 redistricting maps. The boundary was created in 2009 by  
19 an official city council renaming action, which  
20 unfortunately did not automatically change the  
21 neighborhood council boundary.

22 The Commission's draft Senate District Northern  
23 Sherman Oaks boundary appears to correctly be a straight  
24 line across Oxnard Street. SOHA wants to ensure that the  
25 Commission retains this correct boundary. The





1 Commission's draft Congressional and Assembly district  
2 Northern Sherman Oaks boundaries are South of Oxnard and  
3 have an irregular cut out shape. This is incorrect and  
4 must be changed to agree with the correct straight  
5 Northern boundary used for the Senate map.

6 SOHA recommends that all three Commission maps;  
7 Congressional, Senate and Assembly have the same  
8 straight-line Northern Sherman Oaks boundary along Oxnard  
9 Street. This will provide coherence for Sherman Oaks  
10 Northern boundary for all state, county, and city maps.  
11 Thank you very much. I know this is a very difficult job  
12 to do. Thank you.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
15 010. And up next after that we'll have 007.

16 010, I'll be promoting you now. 010, you can unmute  
17 your audio and video on the lower left corner of your  
18 screen. Please remind the mapper of what district plan  
19 and region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, hello. Can you hear me?

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right, great. So I'm  
23 calling in regards to a draft Congressional and Assembly  
24 maps, particularly in the East Ventura County, Santa  
25 Clarita region. But I'm really calling as a as a local



1 small business owner, and frankly, I'm pretty  
2 disappointed, to be honest. Most of the feedback I've  
3 heard in these meetings has asked that Simi Valley Share  
4 an Assembly and Congressional District of Santa Clarita,  
5 yet the draft maps have pretty much done the opposite, at  
6 least the ones I've seen have.

7 I'm a bit perplexed how the Commission arrived at  
8 the conclusion that Simi Valley belongs in the same  
9 district as Malibu. I've seen plenty of other map  
10 proposals that are much more logical and in line with  
11 what the community wants, such as the Vitka AD\_38 (ph.)  
12 map. I hope you change course and consider the desires  
13 of Simi Valley residents. Thank you for your time.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
15 now, we will have 007. And up next after that, we'll  
16 have 018.

17 007, I'll be promoting you now. 007, you can enable  
18 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your  
19 screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
20 district plan and region you'd like to address. The  
21 floor is yours.

22 MS. KITAMURA: Good morning. I'll be talking about  
23 Los Angeles, mostly focused on a Congressional State  
24 Senate drafts.

25 Good morning Commissioners. I hope you had a



1 restful Sunday. I am Deeana Kitamura, with Asian-  
2 Americans Advancing Justice and the Asian Law Caucus and  
3 the AAPI and the AMEMSA State and Districting  
4 Collaborative. Thank you for your dedication and for  
5 respecting many of the AAPI and the AMEMSA COIs you've  
6 uplifted.

7 After your draft maps were released. We held  
8 regional meetings with our collaborative partners, our  
9 workshop participants and others to get feedback on your  
10 proposals. I'm going to focus on L.A., but my colleagues  
11 will talk about other reconsidering their appointments  
12 slots. I do want to flag that most members of our  
13 collaborative were not able to get appointments, so we  
14 are voicing their concerns.

15 At the Assembly level in particular, thank you for  
16 keeping all of the AAPI COIs essentially whole in Los  
17 Angeles. We understand the Commission may shift the  
18 lines considerably, and we believe that's appropriate in  
19 order to respect other -- the black, Latino and other  
20 community priorities. But when you do that, we ask you  
21 to continue to respect the AAPI and COIs in metro L.A.,  
22 West and East San Gabriel Valley, West L.A., South L.A.  
23 and the South Bay.

24 My colleague, June Lim, will be speaking about the  
25 community's serious concerns regarding the San Gabriel



1 Valley and Koreatown and the Congressional tenant maps in  
2 her appointment. I'll be focusing on other areas of L.A.  
3 I've called a couple of times about the Asian-American  
4 COI, that extend from the Southern part of Gardena to the  
5 Eastern part of Torrance.

6 Thank you for keeping that COI whole at all levels  
7 of government. Today, I want to talk about which  
8 districts they belong in at the Congressional and Senate  
9 level. Gardena and East Torrance are made up of working  
10 and middle class communities. They have very little in  
11 common with the very wealthy residents in Beverly Hills,  
12 Calabasas, Pacific Palisades and Malibu. If the Senate  
13 districts draw them all together, and the Congressional  
14 district includes Beverly Hills, at the Assembly level  
15 the imbalance is not as pronounced. So the South Bay  
16 coastal district makes sense. But at the Congressional  
17 and Senate levels, we've been told that the community in  
18 Gardena and Torrance, East of Hawthorne Boulevard would  
19 be better served in a noncoastal district.

20 Next, I'll talk about Hollywood --

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 MS. KITAMURA: -- which is divided at the  
23 Congressional level, because you're using Hollywood  
24 Boulevard as the district boundary. Hollywood Boulevard  
25 is the key business corridor for a tied town. There are



1 important tied businesses on the North and South side of  
2 the street.

3 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

4 MS. KITAMURA: Instead of Hollywood Boulevard as  
5 the -- our boundary, please use Franklin further up  
6 North. Lastly, please keep Inglewood with Lennox and  
7 Hawthorne to respect the common COI there. Thank you,  
8 and I'll be submitting follow up written comments.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
10 right now we will have 018, and up next after that will  
11 be 006.

12 018, I'll be promoting you now. 018, you can now  
13 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
14 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
15 district plan and region you'd like to address. The  
16 floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes, I am addressing  
18 Santa Clarita. My name is Nancy, and I'm excited to talk  
19 to you guys again. I'm talking in regards to the Santa  
20 Clarita and San Fernando Valley being together. But I  
21 would for these reasons, I would like to see them  
22 separate. Santa Clarita has a population of only  
23 220,000, while San Fernando is part of Los Angeles with a  
24 population of four million, second largest in the nation.  
25 In addition to that, Santa Clarita only -- we only have a



1 small budget of 243 million -- San -- whereas, San  
2 Fernando in Los Angeles has a budget of 11.4 billion. So  
3 totally different cities, different sizes.

4 In addition to that, in Santa Clarita, we only have  
5 five school districts and one community college. The San  
6 Fernando Valley, part of L.A., has a population of four  
7 million, sixty-three colleges. Again, Los Angeles is the  
8 second largest School District in the nation, with  
9 619,000 students, 76 employees, \$8.55-billion budget,  
10 very close to what the city has, and they received 1,006  
11 public schools. Our children would like to be  
12 represented, but we can't be represented equally with  
13 such a large school district.

14 In addition to that, if I could add that Santa  
15 Clarita, we are under the power -- electrical services of  
16 Southern California, Edison. We are very prone to  
17 wildfire. We experience very high winds. We rely  
18 heavily on the public safety power shut off, the PSPS,  
19 L.A. DWP municipality, governed by the one water power  
20 commissioner and the L.A. City Council, completely  
21 different rules and regulations.

22 We can't -- a city of our size, we would not be able  
23 to compete with a city so large, and with high winds,  
24 fire, we have -- experience fires multiple times every  
25 year, especially during the summer. We do need a



1 representative that --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- understands the  
4 regulations of Edison and not have to be complicated --  
5 not have to deal with a complicated municipality  
6 regulations. Last, and that is it, but I do ask that --

7 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

8 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- for the Commission  
9 to consider to having Senate, Congressional and Assembly  
10 to bring back Simi Valley together and merge them,  
11 because we are more similar cities. Thank you so much,  
12 and I'll speak -- see you guys -- talk to guys tomorrow.  
13 Bye.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we'll have  
16 006. And up next after that, we'll have 032.

17 006, I'll be promoting you now. 006, you can now  
18 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
19 your screen. If you could please remind the mapper of  
20 what district plan and region you would like to address.  
21 The floor is yours

22 MR. CHUGH: Congressional Draft Map CD cratered  
23 draft in Alameda County and Santa Clara County in your  
24 map, please. My name is Yogi Chugh, and I live in  
25 Fremont. Thank you for putting out Fremont, Santa Clara,



1 Sunnyvale, Cupertino, Milpitas and Berryessa in the CD  
2 cratered draft map. In these cities, there is tremendous  
3 synergy around the Asian arts, cultural practices,  
4 language, food and shared values.

5 I and other immigrants have thrived since these  
6 cities provide the cultural support network, which  
7 included churches, temples, gurdwaras, Jewish centers,  
8 community centers, dance and music academies. These  
9 community gatherings please give us a sense of place  
10 belonging and familiarity. These cultural touchstones  
11 have helped me and many other immigrants adapt and  
12 positively contribute to volunteerism and our  
13 professions. We contribute these energies to creating  
14 jobs in tech fields and support services that have grown  
15 the economy and can uplift all people regionally,  
16 statewide and nationally.

17 I'm overall happy, as many others are, with the CD  
18 greater draft map. However, if possible, could you try  
19 to keep the Asian-American community in one Congressional  
20 district by including a little bit more of central  
21 Fremont in this Congressional district? The majority of  
22 South Asians and East Asians live in Fremont and work in  
23 the high-tech field are well represented in the previous  
24 visualizations, which was VCD greater 1102 or is shown in  
25 the AAPI and AMEMSA State Redistricting Collaborative





1 Proposed Map, have the City of Fremont joined the  
2 adjacent Congressional District with Union City and able  
3 to keep together the Filipino and other communities who  
4 work in other industries, such as health care and public  
5 service, which have shared interests in policy needs  
6 around immigration, employment and education.

7 Thank you for your work. It's not easy and my  
8 salute to the Chair and the rest of the Commissioners as  
9 well. I would like to leave you by saying this. I'm  
10 overall happy with the CD greater draft map. Thank you  
11 so much.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we'll have  
14 032, and up next after that will be 014. 032, I'll be  
15 promoting you now.

16 032, you can now enable your audio and video on the  
17 lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please  
18 remind the member what district plan and region you'd  
19 like to address. The floor is yours. 032? We shouldn't  
20 have a unmute option in the middle of your screen at this  
21 point.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, there we go. Okay.  
23 And is there a visual? I don't see it. Okay.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If you'll let us know  
25 what district plan and region you'd like to address?



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm addressing the San  
2 Fernando Valley. Can you hear me now?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. All right. I'm a  
5 longtime resident of the West San Fernando Valley, and I  
6 want to thank you for largely recognizing that the Valley  
7 should be in a Valley district. To the extent that there  
8 is room to improve the first draft of the maps. I would  
9 encourage you to remove Santa Monica from the San  
10 Fernando Valley's Congressional district.

11 This really doesn't make sense to the residents of  
12 either the valley or the coast. The valley is separate  
13 from what we call the West Side. This is the area of Los  
14 Angeles, South of Mulholland Drive. Our working-class  
15 concerns are not the same as those in Santa Monica.  
16 Santa Monica is in a wealthy beach community. It takes  
17 us more than an hour to get there because of traffic, and  
18 even our weather is extremely different. They live in a  
19 beach community, and we live in a very high camp and a  
20 rally. These are some of the reasons that combining the  
21 two areas will cause our residents to have competing  
22 legislative priorities.

23 The coast faces many challenges. That fact could  
24 cause the Valley to end up playing second fiddle, even  
25 when there might be more Valley residents. I would

1 suggest that you could add Santa Monica to the coastal  
2 district, to the North, and then you'd have a coastline  
3 district from Oxnard to Santa Monica. To do that, the  
4 Valley could add population from Simi or Moorpark, which  
5 at least is similar and along the 118 Freeway.

6 The other option would be to add Santa Monica to the  
7 coastal district to the South, which would connect Santa  
8 Monica and Venice Beach, which makes more sense. If that  
9 means that the Valley needs to add some areas that are  
10 adjacent with South of Mulholland Drive, that's still  
11 better than the coast. I hope you will agree that Santa  
12 Monica belongs with the coast, and the Valley is its own  
13 special community.

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And thank you very much for  
16 all your hard work.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
18 right now, we have 014, and up next after that will be  
19 001.

20 014, I'll be promoting you now. 014, you can now  
21 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
22 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
23 district plan and region you'd like to --

24 MR. ICHINOSE: I'll be speaking to the Assembly  
25 draft maps in Orange County. Good morning. My name is

1 Dan Ichinose. I'm a research director at the Orange  
2 County Civic Engagement Cable or OCCET. We wanted to  
3 express our appreciation for the State Assembly draft  
4 maps. We love that you've drawn a Federal Voting Rights  
5 Act district at the Assembly level in and around Santa  
6 Ana. Not only are all the VRA requirements met, the is  
7 the district also brings together communities in Sant Ana  
8 and West Anaheim with shared interests, including the  
9 need for affordable housing and common concerns with  
10 policing and immigration enforcement.

11 We'll be proposing some minor tweaks to the  
12 district, but we're really happy with the direction  
13 you've taken. We also appreciate your drawing low-income  
14 immigrant communities in South, Fullerton and West  
15 Anaheim, Korean-American communities in North Buena Park  
16 in Northwest Fullerton and the AMEMSA communities on the  
17 border of L.A. and Orange Counties together in district  
18 NOC. These communities share common challenges, like  
19 language access. For the AMEMSA COI that crosses county  
20 lines between South Win Park, Lipoma and Cypress in OC  
21 and Sirius are in our T.J. in L.A., drawing them together  
22 in Orange County based district is important to community  
23 leaders, like South Asian Network and the Council on  
24 American Islamic Relations, so thank you.

25 Vietnamese-American communities in Garden Grove and



1 Westminster and Fountain Valley are together in district  
2 GGW as are Pacific Islander communities in Garden Grove.  
3 Like we said in the past, they'll fit with Seal Beach,  
4 Rossmoor, and Los Alamitos is -- it's a bit odd. Those  
5 communities are native born and much higher income. But  
6 we do worry that major shifts may disturb some of the  
7 surrounding districts. And then, finally, we're thrilled  
8 that Irvine, Costa Mesa, and Tustin are whole and drawn  
9 together in District IRV. This is not the case at the  
10 Congressional or State Senate levels, so please keep this  
11 disproportionately immigrant district intact.

12 All in all, we want to emphasize that the Assembly  
13 draft map generally looks great and that any changes that  
14 you consider should not disturb the overall architecture  
15 you've achieved here.

16 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

17 MR. ICHINOSE: You're almost there in Orange County,  
18 and we wouldn't want to take any steps backwards. Thanks  
19 so much for all your hard work, and we'll be in touch.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, 001. And up  
22 next after that would be 035.

23 001, I'll be promoting you now. 001, you can now  
24 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
25 your screen. And so please remind the mapper of what



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

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon, Chair Toledo  
4 and Commissioners. I am testifying today on the  
5 Congressional district drafts in the Orange County  
6 region, specifically CD Seal-Brea and the CD Inland OC  
7 drafts. The proposed Seal-Brea draft has a number of  
8 problems, most notably being the significant demographic  
9 and geographic disparities of the cities that would be  
10 districted together. This draft district encompasses  
11 communities that are an imposing thirty miles from one  
12 another, translating in Orange County to a minimum  
13 drivetime of an hour. Incorporating communities to the  
14 South of the City of Cypress, will be to the detriment of  
15 residents in this district and will not serve the  
16 communities of interest in Westminster, Garden Grove,  
17 Fountain Valley, nor the senior living community in  
18 Rossmoor, nor the unique coastal City of Seal Beach.  
19 Also, this proposed district has produced numerous  
20 testimony about keeping the -- critical importance of  
21 keeping the City of Fullerton whole and respecting Korean  
22 communities of interest by keeping Fullerton and Buena  
23 Park together.

24 Now, shifting to the Inland OC draft, it appears to  
25 meet population size but will result in unfair



1 Congressional representation as a result of vastly  
2 different priority issues among the cities that would be  
3 districted together. As an example, Chino Hills in San  
4 Bernardino County in the North part of this draft map,  
5 should not be distracted with Mission Viejo and Rancho  
6 Santa Margarita, located fifty miles to the South. If  
7 county lines may be crossed to include neighboring  
8 residents to the East, such as Lake Elsinore, could be  
9 incorporated instead, there would be greater commonality  
10 and lead to better representation.

11 And finally, I would just like to urge the  
12 Commission again to please remember that many communities  
13 in Orange County were undercounted in the 2020 census  
14 with very low response rates, as low as just fifty-three  
15 percent. So vulnerable residents in these communities  
16 will be subject to cuts in safety net programs and  
17 services requiring focused federal attention to mitigate  
18 apportionment funding. As final district boundaries are  
19 defined, please give special attention to socioeconomic  
20 profiles that will provide for apportionment funding  
21 mitigation.

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you for all your great  
24 work. Good afternoon.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
2 035. And up next after that, we have 015.

3 035, I'm promoting you now. 035, you can now enable  
4 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your  
5 screen. And 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 MS. O'CONNOR: Yes, my name's Anne O'Connor, and my  
9 colleague, Jason Walley, will be speaking, and it's  
10 regarding Sherman Oaks, all maps.

11 MR. WALLEY: Hi, I'm Jason Walley.

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

13 MR. WALLEY: Thank you. Jason Walley, and I am one  
14 of the team leaders of POSO, which is Part of Sherman  
15 Oaks and Northern Sherman Oaks in Los Angeles County. We  
16 are a community of 6900 residents who won our rename to  
17 Shoreman Oaks in 2009.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm sorry, can you hear me? 005?

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 035.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: 035, can you hear me? Please use the  
21 unmute in the bottom of your screen, and let me know if  
22 you can hear me, 035.

23 MS. O'CONNOR: Oh, I already hit that one. Okay,  
24 we'll start over. Go ahead.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you hear me?





1 MS. O'CONNOR: I can you hear you.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, I'm sorry. Were you playing  
3 prerecorded, or were you playing. What --

4 MS. O'CONNOR: No, this is my colleague on a three-  
5 way call. He's my neighbor.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, I gotcha. I gotcha. Sorry.  
7 Just trying to sort out the audio.

8 MS. O'CONNOR: One minute.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much. Go ahead. Your  
10 time will restart.

11 MS. O'CONNOR: All right. Here's Jason again. Go  
12 ahead. Start, Jason.

13 MR. WALLEY: All right. Thank you. Can you hear me  
14 all right?

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: The audio is not fantastic, Jason, it  
16 would be better if you called in, but go ahead.

17 MS. O'CONNOR: Well, here you go. I'll hold him  
18 closer to the microphone.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: We appreciate that, because  
20 everything you're saying is being interpreted, so the  
21 closer you can get it, the better.

22 MR. WALLEY: Wow. Okay, and I'll try to speak up as  
23 well. So my name's Jason Walley, and I'm one of the team  
24 leaders of POSO, Park Sherman Oaks and Northern Sherman  
25 Oaks, part of Los Angeles County. We are a community of



1 6900 residents who won our renaming to Sherman Oaks in  
2 2009. On behalf of POSO, I would like to thank you for  
3 our beautiful State Senate map that keeps all of us whole  
4 in Sherman Oaks, which has been our goal.

5 The use of the straight line from the 405 East along  
6 Oxnard Street to Hazelton (ph.) Avenue keeps POSO's  
7 borders intact. It has no carve outs; and therefore, no  
8 loss of our residents or businesses. We employ the  
9 Commission to use this map as an excellent example of  
10 modifying the North border of our Congressional and  
11 Assembly maps to look just like the State Senate map.  
12 We're still very perplexed about the Congressional and  
13 Assembly maps, which have a strange carve out on our  
14 North border, which excludes about 200 homes near Oxnard  
15 and Vesper Avenue (ph.).

16 This is another omission of our entire Northern  
17 street, Tiara Street (ph.), which excludes another 400  
18 homes totaling about 2,000 people and gives them back to  
19 the City of Van Nuys. Van Nuys has a positive deviation  
20 more than Sherman Oaks in their Congressional map and a  
21 very close deviation in their Assembly map. There's no  
22 room to make this happen -- I'm sorry -- there is room to  
23 make this happen. Please return our residents to Sherman  
24 Oaks.

25 Additionally, the Congressional and Assembly maps



1 has arbitrarily take also businesses along Sepulveda  
2 Boulevard and gives them to the Van Nuys congressmen and  
3 Assemblymen. Van Nuys does not need to take our assets.  
4 They have the Van Nuys Airport and a ton of businesses of  
5 their own. Our POSO businesses are a big part of our  
6 COI. We can walk through all of them, such as Target,  
7 Hampton Inn Hotel, BevMo, PETCO, FedEx, medical building,  
8 eight-story office building, cafes --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MR. WALLEY: -- markets, gas stations,  
11 (indiscernible) care. Also it has significant economic  
12 impact on these businesses along Sepulveda. Our kids are  
13 hired at these businesses if they walk to work. So  
14 members of the Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce. Please  
15 return our assets to Sherman Oaks. Mr. Le Mons, since  
16 you represent Sherman Oaks, we are hoping --

17 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

18 MR. WALLEY: -- you will advocate to restore our  
19 business assets as well as the 2,000 residents North side  
20 of both the Legion Street (ph.) and Tiara Street are  
21 included in our council file, because we know this can be  
22 confusing --

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you very much. And  
24 right now, we'll have 015, and up next after that will be  
25 024.



1           015, I'll be promoting you now. 015, you can now  
2 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
3 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of  
4 what district plan and region you'd like to address. The  
5 floor is yours. Oh, I do apologize, 015, we cannot hear  
6 you. You might want to check that microphone setting.  
7 You are --

8           MS. ALLEN: Can you hear me?

9           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There we go. There you  
10 are.

11          MS. ALLEN: Perfect. Thanks for remembering me. I  
12 see you already have IE pulled up. Good morning,  
13 everyone. My name is Sky Allen with United here to speak  
14 on behalf of the IE redistricting hub. I'm going to talk  
15 about the Assembly maps first for this area. If you  
16 wanted to turn on that later. I just want to offer a few  
17 thoughts about the VRA districts at the Assembly and the  
18 Congressional level for the IE.

19          We want to thank you for drawing multiple VRA  
20 districts in our counties. I just want to offer some  
21 slight modifications that could strengthen them from a  
22 VRA perspective. We ask that you shift the VRA districts  
23 in the Greater San Bernardino area West a little bit. So  
24 for AD\_SBCHR, we ask that you add Rialto and Grand  
25 Terrace to the district and move Bloomington to AD\_RCFR



1 district. Doing that would strengthen the VRA district  
2 in the San Bernardino area and keep black communities of  
3 interest together. And then for RCFR, grouping  
4 Bloomington and Fontana both on an environmental COIs,  
5 given the warehousing development in that area. For  
6 population, you can add more of Rancho and parts of  
7 Ontario to our AD\_RCFR and for AD\_PCO you can add more of  
8 Upland and parts of Claremont and La Verne.

9 Making these changes would only really impact AD\_210  
10 to the North, and you can make up population there by  
11 elongating that district deeper into San Bernardino  
12 County to capture Big Bear and other areas and then other  
13 areas in San Bernardino County. And Riverside, we  
14 recognize that AD\_MPH is overpopulation and just shy of  
15 being a VRA district. So if you cut out South Hemet and  
16 possibly remove the Winchester, you should be able to  
17 create a VRA district and fix the deviation there.  
18 Lastly, we ask generally that you just continue to clean  
19 up the districts in the Coachella Valley.

20 At the Congressional level, we think CD\_RIV Moreno  
21 Valley, Paris looks pretty solid, but CD\_RIASB could be  
22 cleaned up some. Instead of pulling all the way up to  
23 Rancho, we recommend that you add Grand Terrace, Loma  
24 Linda and Redlands to that district and then pull in --

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.



1 MS. ALLEN: -- on the West side. Making that switch  
2 would also allow for Rancho to be with Upland and  
3 Claremont, which would work really well from a community  
4 interest perspective.

5 That's all I have for you today. Thank you for all  
6 of your hard work for listening to me, and I wish you all  
7 a joyous Thanksgiving.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and have a great  
9 Thanksgiving as well.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
11 024. And up next after that, will be 004.

12 024, I'll be promoting you now. 024, you can now  
13 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
14 your screen. Would you please remind the mapper of what  
15 district plan and region you would like to address. The  
16 floor is yours.

17 MS. LADDISH: Good morning, I will be speaking on  
18 the draft Assembly Senate and Congressional districts for  
19 Yolo County. I'm sorry, I'm having a problem with my  
20 screen. Okay.

21 All right. Thank you. My name is Kate Laddish. I  
22 am speaking today as the chair of the Yolo County In-Home  
23 Supportive Services Advisory Committee, which serves and  
24 represents our programs, nearly 6,000 care providers and  
25 consumers. To qualify to receive IHSS, a person must be



1 Medi-Cal eligible, have a disability that will last  
2 longer than one year, and be unable to remain safely at  
3 home without assistance. The goal is to allow people  
4 with disabilities to live at home rather than in  
5 institutions.

6 IHSS as a county-administered state program that  
7 uses county, state and federal funds via Medicaid, Medi-  
8 Cal and other streams and is subject to regulatory input  
9 from all three levels of government. If that sounds  
10 convoluted, it's because it is. The complexities of this  
11 safety net program provide a particularly good example of  
12 why it's important to keep our small, impoverished county  
13 whole.

14 When regulatory issues arise that require  
15 legislative fixes, we reach out to County Assembly, State  
16 Senate and Congressional representatives. This task is  
17 magnified dramatically by our county not being whole in  
18 current state and district federal districts. We request  
19 that the Commission revise the draft Assembly and  
20 Congressional districts to keep Yolo County whole, as it  
21 is in the draft Senate district.

22 People with disabilities are more likely to rely on  
23 public transportation and have difficulty traveling far,  
24 so the geography of districts has a direct impact on our  
25 ability to have access to elected representatives.



1           Grouping Yolo and Solano, as we are in the draft,  
2 Congressional and Senate districts, allows better use of  
3 transportation corridors to access district offices.  
4 This -- there is essentially no public transportation  
5 between Yolo, Glenn and Tajima counties, so the grouping  
6 in the draft Assembly district could significantly  
7 decrease our access to representatives.

8           We have three requests. Please adjust the  
9 Congressional district by adding West Sacramento to Yolo  
10 while maintaining the Yolo Solano grouping. In the  
11 Senate district, please maintain Yolo's --

12           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13           MS. LADDISH: -- community and grouping with Solano.  
14 Please adjust the Assembly district by adding West  
15 Sacramento to Yolo in grouping Yolo with Solano rather  
16 than with counties far to our North. Thank you for your  
17 consideration and valuable work.

18           CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your testimony.

19           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we want  
20 004, and up next after that would be 033.

21           004, I'll be promoting you now. 004, you can enable  
22 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your  
23 screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
24 district plan and region you'd like to address. The  
25 floor is yours.





1 MS. INFUSINO: Hi. Good morning. Hello,  
2 Commissioners. Thank you for allowing me to speak. I'm  
3 calling about the Long Beach Congressional map. My name  
4 is Melissa Infusino. As a resident of Long Beach, I've  
5 lived on the East side downtown, and I'm looking forward  
6 to my next move closer to the beach. I just wanted to  
7 say thank you to Commissioners Turner, Kennedy, Sadhwani,  
8 Toledo and others for recognizing Long Beach as a united  
9 community. Long Beach really is one community, and in  
10 all the places I've lived, I've always felt connected to  
11 this city as a whole.

12 You've done a great job of keeping Greater Long  
13 Beach together with Lakewood and Signal Hill, but we also  
14 understand that no city can be a Congressional district  
15 on. You have many options to consider, but communities  
16 like Bellflower to our North or Seal Beach or Los  
17 Alamitos to our East make the most sense. We currently  
18 have numerous Orange County cities that are in our  
19 Congressional district, and it works just fine. They are  
20 our neighbors. So thank you for your time and for all of  
21 your hard work.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we'll have  
24 0033. And up next after that would be 020.

25 033, I'll be promoting you now. 033, you can now



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

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you and good morning.  
6 This will be Senate District 25, Antelope Valley, Santa  
7 Clarita. And with the revisions, we would like -- I  
8 prefer to keep Simi Valley within -- into the  
9 Congressional district 25. It has been removed. I am a  
10 great supporter and do much volunteer work with veterans  
11 here in the Antelope Valley. I've been in the Valley for  
12 forty-one years. I do quite a bit with veterans. We  
13 have a strong veteran community up here. At a Veterans'  
14 Day event last week that I was at, one of the county  
15 people mentioned that they thought it was L.A. County,  
16 but they said no, Antelope Valley is very strong.

17 Through one of my organizations for veterans, we  
18 have a very good relationship with the veteran community  
19 in Simi Valley. Please return the Simi Valley to this  
20 Senate district, to this Congressional district, I'm  
21 sorry. Please keep it as it is currently. Please  
22 disregard the current draft, which removes Simi Valley.  
23 If you need to add more, please add the remainder of Simi  
24 Valley into this district, but please disregard this  
25 current draft. Please keep Congressional District 25 as



1 it currently stands before this draft.

2 If I have another moment, I would like to see the  
3 Senate district for the Antelope Valley. Okay, it's not  
4 coming up all the way yet. It was greatly expanded to  
5 the East, and the Kern County portion was added to the  
6 Antelope Valley side, and it's a vast, large area.  
7 There's two mountain ranges. My suggestion would be  
8 following the highways that service these areas between  
9 these mountain region and adding the upper corner --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Go -- see where Boron is?  
12 That section that -- it was originally Boron going East  
13 was part of that other Senate district. I would  
14 recommend you follow the highways that go up between  
15 these mountain ranges, and use that --

16 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- to be the geographical  
18 division. Thank you. But keep -- please keep that  
19 Congressional district 25 as it currently stands. Thank  
20 you very much.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right we'll have 020.  
23 And up next after that, we'll have 029. I'd like to  
24 invite those that have unique IDs ending from 001 through  
25 037 that have not shared during the session to please use



1 the raised hand option at the bottom of your screen.

2 That would be 023 -- 032 -- no, that would be 023.

3 Right now, 020 I will be promoting you now. 020, if  
4 you -- you can now enable your audio and video in the  
5 lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please  
6 remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd  
7 like to address. The floor is yours.

8 MR. PAYNE: Thank you so much. I just leaned a  
9 little bit back to get out of the sun that's peering  
10 through my window. I am calling about a Congressional  
11 draft -- Congressional draft maps for the Sacramento  
12 region, specifically North Sac Congressional district. I  
13 just want to start off by introducing myself. I'm Jeremy  
14 Payne of Equality, California. I've called in quite a  
15 few times. So thank you so much for always taking my  
16 testimonies.

17 I want to start off by saying we are grateful to the  
18 Commission for your recognition that downtown Sacramento  
19 and our LGBTQ+ district in Sacramento, Lavender Heights,  
20 belong together in your Assembly and Senate maps. But I  
21 would like to express our disappointment with the  
22 Commission's official draft Congressional maps, which  
23 explicitly divides downtown Sacramento and our LGBTQ+  
24 district between two Congressional districts on the maps.  
25 That is where the dividing line is on the Southern

1 border.

2       The LGBTQ+ residents of these two proposed districts  
3 are served by the same LGBTQ+ organizations and  
4 institutions, like Sacramento LGBT Community Center and  
5 Lavender Library, and they go to the same LGBTQ  
6 businesses, community spaces, bars and nightclubs, many  
7 of which are in the LGBTQ+ district that was divided in  
8 half between districts, North Sac and Sacramento. Our  
9 communities are inseparable and sharply divided from  
10 similar trainee's in Sacramento, which is why I  
11 respectfully urge the Commission to unite all Sacramento,  
12 as was done in Equality California's LGBTQ+ community map  
13 for Sacramento.

14       By extending the Congressional boundaries to include  
15 all of downtown Sacramento, our LGBTQ+ district of  
16 Lavender Heights and the LGBTQ+ dense neighborhoods of  
17 Mansion Flats, New Era, Park Boulevard Park, Newton  
18 Booth, Alhambra Triangle, Curtis Park, Land Park,  
19 Elmhurst and Tahoe Park, we can better unite the  
20 Sacramento LGBTQ+ community at the Congressional level,  
21 as was done in the Assembly and Senate draft maps.  
22 That's all I wanted to share, and thank you so much for  
23 your ongoing work.

24       CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your testimony.

25       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Well, right now we'll



1 have 029, and then up next after, I'd like to invite  
2 unique ID 023 to please use the raised hand button at the  
3 bottom of your screen, as you will be after 029.

4 029, I'll be promoting you now. 029, you can now  
5 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
6 your screen. IF you'll please remind the mapper of what  
7 district you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi there. Calling about the  
9 San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles County. Perfect.  
10 Calling actually from the Toluca Lake area, which is  
11 right next to Burbank. We've been drawn into the  
12 foothill communities and the Hollywood Hills communities,  
13 and that's great, but we are traditionally tied with  
14 North Hollywood. And so just asking as neighbors, we're  
15 all getting together, trying to get drawn into more  
16 similar communities. Our grocery stores are in North  
17 Hollywood, our gas stations are in North Hollywood.

18 We really don't need to be tied in with the foothill  
19 communities who worry about fire zones, things like that.  
20 We just have different interests. So hoping the  
21 Commission can take Greater Toluca Lake and that area,  
22 and tie it into North Hollywood and the other  
23 communities. Thank you again for your service, and thank  
24 you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. 023,



1 just in case there is some type of connectivity issue, I  
2 will be doing the audio only option at this time. You do  
3 have an appointment during the session.

4 023, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute  
5 on your screen, if you are there. Unique ID ending in  
6 the last three digits, 023. Well, you may not be at your  
7 monitor, as you did not have your hand raised.

8 So Chair, I will need to check in with you as to  
9 what you would like to do. We are out of hands, and  
10 people from the session.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Katy. Let's take some of  
12 the hands that are that are up until our break or until  
13 our scheduled break.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sounds like a plan. I do  
15 actually have unique ID 009. I see you have just either  
16 joined, rejoined us or just put your hand up, but I will  
17 be -- 009 will be going right now. And then up next  
18 after that will be caller 5847.

19 009, I'll be promoting you now. 009, you can enable  
20 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your  
21 screen. If you'd please remind the mapper of what  
22 district and plan you'd like to address. The floor is  
23 yours.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very much. I am  
25 looking at the Congressional districts, South Sac, San

1 Joaquin, Stanis-Fresno and the ECA draft maps, and I'm  
2 very concerned that these districts have been drawn  
3 without thought to the social, economic and physical  
4 environments of the valley, foothills, mountains and  
5 districts that are completely different from each other.  
6 The agricultural, transportation, economic similarities  
7 of the Central Valley, align Tracy, Mountain House,  
8 Manteca, Modesto and Turlock together, as we in those  
9 communities have been saying for over a month via calls  
10 and letters.

11 The initial maps on 11/2 were great. We were very,  
12 very happy and relieved. Since then, they don't seem to  
13 have gone our way to include us together as a community.  
14 In viewing the maps that would show that attempting to  
15 represent the ECA district would be unable to  
16 effectively -- anyone would be unable to effectively  
17 represent the interests of such disparate parts of the  
18 state. Those proposed maps would essentially silence the  
19 folks and the voices of the majority Latino, black, Asian  
20 American, the Syrian and LGBTQ communities in Tracy  
21 Manteca, Mountain House, Modesto and Turlock.

22 The way these districts are currently drawn,  
23 unfortunately appear extremely partisan, do not reflect  
24 the values of exclusivity and diversity for our  
25 communities. Please refer back to the 11/2 maps that





1 will provide our communities with effective  
2 representation. Those comments also apply to the  
3 Assembly districts and statewide Senate districts as  
4 well. So I thank you very much for all of your hard  
5 work. I do hope that you take our comments and our  
6 concerns into consideration and fix those three  
7 districts. Thank you.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'd like to invite those  
10 that have joined from the other session -- from what  
11 would be session 2, as well, to use the raise your hand  
12 button at the bottom of your screen to get in the line at  
13 this time. But right now, we will be going to caller  
14 5847. If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by  
15 pressing star six. Caller with the last four digits  
16 5847, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by  
17 pressing star six at this time. The floor is yours.

18 MS. CHUNG JOE: Hi. Thank you. Hello, my name is  
19 Connie Chung Joe. I'm the CEO of Asian Americans  
20 Advancing Justice Los Angeles. I'm also a resident of  
21 South Pasadena. I'm calling to ask the Commission to not  
22 split West San Gabriel Valley into us and to separate  
23 Monterey Park, Alhambra and Rosemead as it's done in the  
24 Congressional and Assembly draft maps. Doing so will  
25 dilute the power of the API community and that community



1 of interest that has been there for several decades, and  
2 it will really backslide on the representation for the  
3 API community.

4 We have community members who regularly shop and go  
5 to church and do their business between cities like South  
6 Pasadena and Alhambra and Monterey Park. These  
7 communities are very close-knit. We go to the  
8 restaurants together. We consider it very much part of  
9 the same community. My children go to the YMCA that has  
10 members for their basketball team that comes from  
11 Alhambra as well as South Pasadena and San Marino. And  
12 so it does not make sense to split it. And I'm very  
13 concerned of what the Commission would be doing to the  
14 voice and the representation of the community that has  
15 taken so many decades to build up in that area at the  
16 Congressional Assembly level.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 MS. CHUNG JOE: And you're really just diluting the  
19 API voice by doing it. Thank you very much.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your testimony.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
22 have caller 7739, and then up next after that will be  
23 4535.

24 Caller 7739, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
25 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.



1 MR. BUCHANAN: Good morning. My name is Tim  
2 Buchanan (ph.), and I'm affiliated with the ACLU of  
3 Northern California, and I want to speak on behalf of  
4 Congressional district 10.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Go ahead, please.

6 MR. BUCHANAN: Good morning Commissioners. Has  
7 redistricting become a euphemism for gerrymandering? It  
8 certainly appears so from a November 9th map for  
9 Congressional District 10. Commissioner Sadhwani said we  
10 really cleared the map and redrew based on our criteria.  
11 One has to wonder what convoluted criteria was applied to  
12 CD\_10, since the proposed map shatters Modesto and  
13 Stanislaus County and mutes the voices of many  
14 disenfranchised minority communities.

15 How can any Congressional person work to represent  
16 Modesto, South Lake Tahoe and the Mojave Desert? Answer?  
17 It can't be done. An ill-advised attempt to unify San  
18 Joaquin County does not justify the shambles present in  
19 EC -- in the ECA map. Tracy and Manteca best fit in the  
20 current district along with Modesto, Turlock,  
21 Patterson --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MR. BUCHANAN: -- and the vibrant -- vibrant  
24 townships. I am a voting, taxpaying resident of Modesto  
25 for the past thirty-six years, and as a teacher in

1 Manteca for twenty-seven years --

2 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

3 MR. BUCHANAN: -- I have witnessed the large  
4 migration from the Bay Area into affordable housing and  
5 improved schools within CD\_10. This dynamic growth has  
6 occurred in all of the cities.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have  
9 caller 4535, and up next after that, will be unique ID  
10 068.

11 4535, if you'll please follow the prompts to a  
12 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Hello. I'm calling  
14 today on the Congressional draft map of North Orange  
15 County in Brea.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Go ahead, please.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So I am a resident of Brea,  
18 and I just wanted to call to let you all know that I am  
19 actually disappointed that North Orange County is  
20 separated into two different districts. I don't  
21 understand how Brea ended up in a separate district from  
22 Yorba Linda, Placentia, Anaheim Hills and Orange. We  
23 were one community and should be kept together in one  
24 Congressional district. I actually work in the real  
25 estate industry, so I see firsthand the serious,



1 affordable housing issues that face all of North Orange  
2 County and how interconnected our communities, especially  
3 our economies, are. Please prioritize putting North  
4 Orange County together in one Congressional district.  
5 Thank you.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we'll have  
8 unique ID 068, and up next after that will be unique ID  
9 045.

10 068, I'll be promoting you now. 068, you can now  
11 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
12 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
13 district plan and region you'd like to address. The  
14 floor is yours.

15 MS. PHUN: Good morning, folks. I'm calling about  
16 West San Gabriel Valley. I'm calling again. Actually,  
17 my name is Juily Phun, and I'm a resident of San Gabriel  
18 and an assistant professor of Asian-American Studies at  
19 Cal State L.A. Not only did I receive my degree in  
20 Asian-American communities in Southern California, but I  
21 grew up in this area in the sister cities of San Gabriel,  
22 Monterey Park, Alhambra and Rosemead. We affectionately  
23 think of ourselves as the 626.

24 I want to tell you a little bit about my  
25 neighborhood and why I believe cutting off these cities



1 from West San Gabriel Valley is detrimental to the Asian-  
2 American community. Valley Boulevard and Garvey Avenue  
3 is the main corridor through these cities that connect  
4 us. So it's -- for example, why I live in San Gabriel.  
5 I drop off my daughter in -- at school in Rosemead, and  
6 after school we walk a few blocks to get a snack in  
7 Monterey Park. We eat dim sum at NBC and sandwiches at  
8 Marie Calendar's in Monterey Park, and then we go grocery  
9 shopping in Alhambra and San Gabriel.

10 We are three generations that live in this  
11 neighborhood. I'm a Monterey Park kid. I went to  
12 elementary school in Rosemead and attended high school  
13 and Mark Keppel, which is in the City of Alhambra. And  
14 we may live in one city, but move between Alhambra,  
15 Monterey Park and Rosemead in San Gabriel seamlessly as  
16 we walk or drive down Valley Boulevard. The culture and  
17 businesses are very similar from Alhambra to San Gabriel  
18 to Rosemead to Monterey Park. And it's not just the  
19 geographical ties with Valley Boulevard and Garvey, but  
20 it is a cultural affinity.

21 We represent a community of interest and a voting  
22 block. I invite you to come to our sister cities of  
23 Monterey Park, Alhambra, San Gabriel, and Rosemead to see  
24 how much we are a part of one another as part of Western  
25 Gabriel Valley. Come and try any number of our Boba



1 shops and our much-loved Tokyo Fried Chicken, for  
2 example, whose owners live just in the neighboring city.

3 We are a cohesive community. We live, work, commute  
4 in what we consider the West San Gabriel Valley, and I  
5 hope the Commission keeps this in mind and keeps our  
6 community intact. Thank you.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, 045, and then  
9 up next will be -- right now 045. I'll be promoting you  
10 now. 045, you can now enable your audio and video in the  
11 lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please  
12 remind the mapper of what district plan you'd like to  
13 address. The floor is yours.

14 MR. AI: Hi Commissioners. I'd like to look at  
15 Sunny Chino. Commissioners, my name is Mike Ai. I am  
16 here on behalf of Equality California, the nation's  
17 largest statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights organization.  
18 Hundreds of one thousands of members statewide. I'm  
19 calling today to express our appreciation to the  
20 Commission. We know how hard this work is and how  
21 extremely difficult it is, so we thank you for all your  
22 hard work.

23 I'm calling because we would like the City of  
24 Campbell moved into Sunny Chino's Assembly district,  
25 because Campbell and Cupertino have vibrant LGBTQ+



1 communities with a history of electing LGBTQ+ candidates  
2 of choice. Also, Sunny Chino has a negative 4.1 percent  
3 deviation, so moving Campbell into the district would  
4 help fix that. Thank you.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thanks for your feedback.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, would  
7 unique ID 060, and then up next after that will be caller  
8 0219.

9 060, I'll be promoting you now? 060, you can enable  
10 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your  
11 screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
12 district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

13 MR. SHOR: Hey, can you hear me?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

15 MR. SHOR: Okay, great. Yeah, it's basically the  
16 Bay Area Assembly District. And my name is David Shor,  
17 and I'm calling as a part of Bay Rising, a grassroots  
18 alliance of community-led organizations who stand up for  
19 working people and communities of color in the Bay and  
20 across the state.

21 Thank you to the Commissioners for doing all of this  
22 work to get us to this point. I've called in a few  
23 times, and I really appreciate all the collaboration you  
24 all have had. There are a bunch of changes that we have  
25 to maps in all different levels, Assembly, Senate, and





1 Congressional, would like to point you to the AAPI and  
2 AMEMSA maps that were submitted in earlier rounds,  
3 because those have good proposals for us.

4 I'm actually going to be looking a little bit  
5 further East than where this is. So there's -- yeah, the  
6 two that I really want to highlight right now are the  
7 Alameda district there, which you can see includes the  
8 area is the down a little bit, sorry, the one that has,  
9 yeah, Hayward and all of those. So these have areas to  
10 the West of Hayward, San Lorenzo, the unincorporated  
11 areas of Ashland and Cherryland and Union City. All of  
12 those areas are heavily POC, are working class  
13 communities that have currently been, you know, the areas  
14 of like Ashland share a ZIP code with San Leandro. They  
15 are absolutely connected over there.

16 And currently they are being connected by that tiny  
17 little path to Pleasanton and Livermore and the areas  
18 East of the Hills, which do not share any characteristics  
19 with these districts. Those areas are suburban, whereas  
20 these ones are urban areas. And currently the way that  
21 this map is drawn, it makes it so voting wise, it's  
22 50/50, but knowing the voting rates for the different  
23 communities, this district will be completely dominated  
24 by the Pleasanton and Livermore area. And so, that is a  
25 change that, you know, there have been a lot of partners

1 who have been calling for a big change there.

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MR. SHOR: So we'd like to see that. I'd also just  
4 like to refer further North in Contra Costa County, we'd  
5 like to see Vallejo paired with similar communities in  
6 Contra Costa County, such as Bay Point, Pittsburgh and  
7 Antioch. We'd also like to see Richmond kept whole and  
8 paired with Hercules and Rodeo. Each of these  
9 communities share values, resources and environmental  
10 concerns --

11 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

12 MR. SHOR: -- and importantly, due to the  
13 surrounding areas. So those and all the changes in the  
14 AAPI and AMEMSA maps, please. Thank you.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your testimony.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now is 0129, and up  
17 next after that is 2982. Caller 0129, if you'll please  
18 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six? The  
19 floor is yours.

20 MR. LEBARRE: Thank you, Commissioners. This is  
21 Michael LeBarre, Mayor of King City, calling again on  
22 behalf of concerns regarding CD Cupertino. Again, I  
23 would like to remind the Commissioners we have heard a  
24 lot of feedback coming from the large population areas  
25 from California and to not be neglectful to look at our



1 smaller communities and to make sure they're fairly  
2 represented. For CD\_Cupertino, the current in place  
3 district CD\_20 as well as SD\_12 and AD\_30 were all drawn  
4 to comply with the Voting Rights Act, and as such, had  
5 created the ability for minorities to have a strong voice  
6 in electing the people of their choice.

7 The way that CD\_Cupertino is drawn takes away their  
8 voice. You've taken a community that is a typically  
9 agricultural community and connected it all the way up to  
10 a tech community, two communities of dissimilar  
11 interests. I ask that you do everything you can to bring  
12 back the general and substantially same districts that  
13 are currently in place of CD\_20, SD\_12 and AD\_30 to  
14 ensure the Voting Rights Act that it created such great  
15 progress in our communities is kept in place. I  
16 appreciate the time, and I appreciate all the work that  
17 you're doing, and I will be calling in as many meetings  
18 as I can to make sure our voice is heard throughout this  
19 process. Thank you, Commissioners.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for engaging with us.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller  
22 2982. And up next after that is caller 3781.

23 Caller 2982, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
24 a unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

25 MR. NGUYEN: Hi. Good morning. My name is Steve



1 Nguyen, and I'm calling in for some feedback on the  
2 Commission draft map for the West San Gabriel Valley. I  
3 work at the Center for Asian Americans United for Self-  
4 Empowerment and then a current resident of West San  
5 Gabriel Valley, specifically Arcadia. I'm very concerned  
6 that the current map is splitting up the Asian-American  
7 community in Monterey Park, Alhambra, Rosemead and San  
8 Gabriel Valley, San Marino, Temple City and Arcadia.

9 This current map will split the Asian-American  
10 community and subsequently dilute and undercut our  
11 community's voice and political power. As such, I stand  
12 strongly against the current map and advocate for keeping  
13 the communities of the West San Diego Valley together.  
14 Thank you.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now is caller 3781,  
17 and up next after that is caller 7189.

18 Caller 3781, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
19 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Hello

23 Commissioners, and thank you again for your continuous  
24 work on these maps. I know how difficult it can be. I  
25 have been listening in for the past couple of days in



1 regards to, I believe the map is at CD\_AVSCV draft, and  
2 if that is incorrect, I'm looking into the Santa Clarita  
3 region, currently known as Congressional district 25. I  
4 have been listening to the calls, and something that has  
5 come to my attention, and I find it very troubling, is  
6 recently, the sitting congressmen of this area did a  
7 tweet in calling out the redistricting Commission, saying  
8 they are actively seeking to eliminate him by not  
9 including Simi Valley in the district, which is when I  
10 saw the upticks of calls to include Simi Valley and with  
11 Santa Clarita. Because beforehand the City of Santa Cruz  
12 has actually sent a letter saying that they do not want  
13 to be a part of Simi Valley due to our no interests.  
14 Same with both of our Chambers of Commerce, when you look  
15 at the Antelope Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley,  
16 including California and Hawaii, NAACP, as well as our  
17 local NAACP.

18       And if -- Simi Valley is in a completely different  
19 county, and they have nothing in common with us. And  
20 when you listen carefully to the reasons, including why  
21 Simi Valley should be looped in, minus the pure partisan  
22 talking points, there are no interests saying that we  
23 share the same water resources, which we do not, and  
24 other than hollow examples of people using our amusement  
25 parks, things like Six Flags Magic Mountain, if that was

1 a community of interest, I would love to be drawn with  
2 Anaheim, because I sure love Disneyland.

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I do ask that you relisten  
5 into why this community should not be included. When we  
6 look at Lancaster, Palmdale in Santa Clarita, we all  
7 share the same transportation. We have the same  
8 interests in our two communities. We use the same  
9 transportation, the Metrolink, 14 and 5 --

10 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and I just thank you again  
12 for listening. Have a good day.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
15 caller 7189, and up next after that is caller 3140.  
16 Caller 7819, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
17 unmute by pressing star six. Caller 7819, if you'll  
18 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.  
19 The floor is yours.

20 MS. BRAND: Hi, can you hear me now?

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

22 MS. BRAND: Okay. Hi. My name is Leanna Brand, and  
23 I am from Simi Valley and similarly to the area that the  
24 last caller was talking into. I would like to look at  
25 the Ventura County area that you have cordoned off. I



1 actually helped to draft this map. You actually took a  
2 lot of my ideas when I asked the Simi Valley to please be  
3 split off from what is -- what was -- well, what is right  
4 now CD\_25. As the last caller said, we do not share  
5 water with them, because are Calleguas Water District and  
6 Golden State Water and have nothing to do with the  
7 Palmdale, Lancaster, Santa Clarita area.

8 For the last ten years, Simi Valley have suffered  
9 with pretty much no representation. All of the resources  
10 that have been taken for CA-25 have been used in -- on  
11 the I-12 corridor and the 14, and the transportation  
12 dollars have been ignored in the Simi Valley area, where  
13 we have the 118 Freeway.

14 Additionally, I'd like to point out that Boeing is  
15 in Palmdale. We have the Santa Susana Field Lab that is  
16 right now not being cleaned up, and part of the of the  
17 area is owned by Boeing. They have been holding jobs in  
18 Palmdale over our representatives head, so that they are  
19 not being pressured to clean up the nuclear disaster from  
20 Santa Susana Field Lab.

21 So we seriously need to be split off from --

22 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

23 MS. BRAND: -- that Palmdale, Lancaster, Santa  
24 Clarita are so that we can actually have representation  
25 in Ventura County. The veterans are serviced by the



1 Ventura County --

2 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

3 MS. BRAND: -- veterans' social services and other  
4 things. The things you've been hearing from the  
5 partisans in Santa Clarita and --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right, now we have  
8 caller 3140 and up next after that will be caller 3564.

9 Caller 3140, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
10 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Hello Commissioners. I  
12 want to start by acknowledging the work that you've been  
13 doing so far. This would have been a monumental effort  
14 even in the best of times, and given the circumstances of  
15 the last year, even more so. So I'm calling today,  
16 because we're seeing a partisan effort being made by bad  
17 faith actors to re-gerrymander the CD\_AVSCV\_Draft Map by  
18 combining Simi Valley in the Santa Clarita Valley in the  
19 same district. Arguments are being made about shared  
20 water; we don't share water resources, about transit; but  
21 we don't really share transit lines, and fire resources;  
22 but we're in separate counties.

23 So quite frankly, when you have the sitting  
24 congressmen tweeting in favor of a particular map that we  
25 all think was gerrymandered in the first place, that





1 should probably tell you all you need to know about the  
2 people calling in in favor of that. The North San  
3 Fernando Valley, we share a transit corridor with.  
4 That's the 5 and the 405. We share water resources, and  
5 their students attend our institutes of higher learning  
6 here in Santa Clarita, like College of the Canyons, and  
7 we go down to CSUN, as the closest university to the  
8 Santa Clarita Valley.

9 And so there's a number of reasons why the North San  
10 Fernando Valley is a much better pick or a much better  
11 area to be combined with our district than in Simi  
12 Valley. The draft map, as it currently stands, is the  
13 best option for the district. Thank you.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

15 TAPE 3

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we have  
17 caller 4036, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
18 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

19 MR. SAXENA: Hello. Hi, my name is Vikram Saxena.  
20 I serve on the Planning Commission of Cupertino. I'm  
21 writing to you about the Congressional -- or talking to  
22 you about the Congressional map. We really would like  
23 the Cupertino -- City of Cupertino to be in the same  
24 Congressional district as other West Valley cities.  
25 That's because a lot of our problems or issues which are



1 important to us, are shared by our cities nearby, and  
2 having a Congressional representative who can represent  
3 all of us together will really help.

4 I'll give you a few examples. One of event is  
5 traffic. We are both -- all the cities are served by the  
6 101/280 corridor. We don't get -- but we don't get light  
7 rail in Cupertino, and this is very different from, say,  
8 other cities, like Fremont or Milpitas or San Jose who  
9 are getting served by BART and light rail. And our  
10 issues are very different. And getting slapped in the  
11 same district as those doesn't help our case to raise  
12 federal funds.

13 I'll personally love to see BART come down 101 and  
14 fix a lot of our traffic, transit and lifestyle problems.  
15 There are other things, like we have a big quarry and a  
16 cement factory just on the Santa Clara property line --  
17 county line, just on the border of Cupertino and Los  
18 Altos and Saratoga, and they have been running for  
19 hundred years, but the people who bought it have made  
20 their money over many times over. And as the valley has  
21 grown, it still continues to pollute and, you know, send  
22 pollution down our creeks, which is becoming a major  
23 issue, especially since we have an application --

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 MR. SAXENA: where they want to start cutting down



1 the red lines and taking things from there. And I think  
2 this is something which will require federal input as  
3 well as federal funding to shut down that thing, because  
4 it is becoming a health hazard. And if you just look at  
5 the map --

6 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

7 MR. SAXENA: -- it looks very gerrymandered that,  
8 you know, we have all the cities in the peninsula coming  
9 down in one district and Cupertino is sort of inserted  
10 into that. So from a point of view of the planning and  
11 all the initiatives we need to take, I would really urge  
12 you to keep --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time, Chair, we  
15 do not have any more raised hands, and we have about  
16 three minutes till the break.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. So let's --

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's take this one last call -

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and then we'll go to break. We'll  
22 take our 15-minute break around 11 o'clock, coming back  
23 at 11:15.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect.

25 Unique ID 023, I'll be promoting you now. 023, you



1 can now enable your audio and video on the lower left  
2 corner of your screen. And if you'd please remind the  
3 mapper of what district plan you'd like to address. The  
4 floor is yours. Hello?

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. First, I would like  
8 to thank the Commission for taking the time to hear my  
9 concern, also for all the time you have invested and  
10 drawing our or your proposed district boundaries. My  
11 concern is regarding State Senate's ECA, currently SD-12.  
12 I have a question, and correct me if I'm wrong, according  
13 to the criteria that the Commission has to follow in  
14 drawing district maps, and I am referring to only one  
15 part of the criteria. It stated that districts must  
16 comply with the Voting Rights Act.

17 I feel that the Commission has failed to follow the  
18 Voting Rights Act, which ensures minorities an equal  
19 opportunity to elect representation of their choice.  
20 With Latinos now making sixty-one percent of the  
21 population in Riverside County, yet your proposed SD map  
22 ECA it only includes twenty-six percent of the Latino  
23 vote. Does this mean then that realistically I or we as  
24 Latinos are not expected -- are not expect it to be  
25 allowed to elect candidates of your choosing?



1           Am I wrong to say that the interpretation of the  
2 content of key intent of the Voting Rights Act is not  
3 being followed? Just questions. I am asking the  
4 Commission to keep the Salinas Valleys -- Salina and  
5 Central Valley together when drawing district boundaries  
6 so that not to dilute the Latino vote and guarantee us  
7 the right to choose our representative.

8           We have many -- all three places have many  
9 similarities, just to name a few, our diverse population  
10 and our agricultural economy. I have worked in the  
11 Merced County for forty-six years to ensure improvement  
12 of our voting rights as Latinos and have never felt so  
13 threatened of losing this right until the last -- these  
14 past five years. The proposed SD\_ECA scares the jeebies  
15 out of me. I don't only see that diluting of our Latino  
16 right to vote, but also feel our democracy is slowly  
17 being diluted too.

18           Thank you for hearing my concern, and thank you  
19 again for all the work you're putting into this and the  
20 time for hearing my concern. Have a good day.

21           CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in and sharing  
22 your thoughts. With that, we will be taking a fifteen-  
23 minute break, coming back at 11:15, at which time we will  
24 continue to take our scheduled appointments and then  
25 public comments, if there are any, until our next



1 scheduled break. Thank you. We are in recess.

2 (The hearing is in recess from 11:00 a.m. to 11:15  
3 a.m.)

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California  
5 Citizens Redistricting Commission Draft Maps Public Input  
6 Meeting. We are continuing on with testimony from the  
7 public. We'll start with appointments and then move on  
8 to public comment, if we have time during the session.  
9 Otherwise, we will accept public comment later in the  
10 afternoon.

11 At this point, we are offering language lines for  
12 Spanish language speakers to listen to our meeting in  
13 their native language. Could I please have the Spanish  
14 interpreters provide our language line number where the  
15 public can listen to our meeting in Spanish?

16 THE INTERPRETER: Certainly, Commissioner.

17 (In Spanish, not Translated)

18 THE INTERPRETER: Thank you.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

20 Katy, would you please read the instructions on how  
21 to -- for those individuals with appointments, how to  
22 start their appointment sessions?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.  
24 Welcome to the Draft Map Feedback Session. If you have  
25 not done so already, and if you have a unique idea that



1 ends in 038 through 077, please use the raised hand  
2 button at the bottom of your screen.

3       You will be identified by your assigned unique I.D.  
4 number, which you received in your invite for this  
5 session. When it is your turn to speak, I'll promote you  
6 have the ability to enable your own audio and/or video in  
7 the lower left corner of your screen. Public input time  
8 limit is two minutes and thirty seconds. You will  
9 receive a verbal warning at thirty seconds remaining and  
10 fifteen seconds remaining in your speaking time. There  
11 will also be an active timer on the screen for your  
12 convenience. When you start your input, please identify  
13 which district plan and region you'll be providing input  
14 on. And one more time, please use the raised hand button  
15 at the bottom of your screen to enter the public comment  
16 queue line, indicating you are present and ready to  
17 comment.

18       If you have a unique I.D. that ends anywhere from  
19 037 through 077. We'll be starting out here with a  
20 unique I.D. 053, and then up next after that will be 038.

21       053, I'll be promoting you now. 053, you can now  
22 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
23 your screen. If you'd please remind the mapper of what  
24 district plan and region you'd like to address. The  
25 floor is yours.



1 MR. SUKATON: I'd like to address -- let's start at  
2 AD North Coast. So it would be Assembly Plan. Let's  
3 focus on Humboldt County. Good morning. This is Sam  
4 Sukaton with the California Environmental Voters  
5 Education Fund, also known as Enviro Voters. Definitely  
6 appreciate your consistent engagement with us around  
7 environmental and environmental justice communities of  
8 interest. And we're going to do a quick tour of the  
9 Assembly map. I had a couple of things that that we  
10 would like and be like to see adjusted. As initially --  
11 as I discussed in my presentation on the Senate map, we  
12 are supportive of the North Coast and Gulf Country  
13 divisions, but we do want to note we support the Karuk  
14 and Yurok tribes in the California Native Hope Project  
15 and drawing Siskiyou County, the Western part of Siskiyou  
16 County East into the North Coast district.

17 We think the population will be negligible, probably  
18 about 20,000 -- 20 to 30,000. If necessary, feel free to  
19 split Sonoma and draw parts of Sonoma East to balance.  
20 If you'll further take down with me -- down to a district  
21 ECA, definitely appreciate the split between ECA in the  
22 North and at colony on the South. That kind of match  
23 cosmetically our interest in one Sierra Senate district,  
24 the two Assembly districts nestling in.

25 I will note, however, again, that when you draw the





1 Eastern Sierra and with the Central Valley, you watered  
2 down the unique character of the Central Valley districts  
3 in kind of self-determination. They've specifically said  
4 they don't want to be governed from Victorville, from  
5 Visalia or from Fresno. With that in mind, I would  
6 encourage you to draw Cala Inyo a little tighter East off  
7 the 99 corridor.

8       It does run into the City of Fresno. We'd very much  
9 like not like that to happen, in that we do believe  
10 drawing Sierra district frees up your hand to draw  
11 stronger, more workable, more functional (indiscernible)  
12 in every level of government in the Central Valley. So  
13 again, Cala Inyo and ECA. I'll refer you back to the  
14 maps that we submitted, which have one Senate seat from  
15 Truckee -- from Sierra County in the North to Inyo in the  
16 South, including Sequoia National Park. It's the only  
17 hand that dips into the Valley counties and does not  
18 touch the 5 and 99 corridors.

19       Also, with ECA, I notice that you we go into Rancho  
20 Cordova. We're a little agnostic on this, but you could  
21 switch it up and take in Roseville. We do believe, like,  
22 again, if you're driving for population of the Sierras,  
23 go East -- go West once and go West to Roseville.

24       Finally, just moving really quickly down to Los  
25 Angeles County --



1 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

2 MR. SUKATON: -- and 10 Assembly district, we've  
3 joined with -- at Equality, California. You probably saw  
4 this on Twitter asking you to combine West Hollywood and  
5 Hollywood in a nonblack and non-Latino majority CVAP  
6 district? That's it for now. We'll be submitting  
7 letters, but definitely appreciate your engagement.  
8 Thank you so much.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your continued  
10 engagement.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now is 038, and up  
12 next, after that will be 061.

13 038, I'll be promoting you now. 038, you can now  
14 enable your audio and video on the lower left corner of  
15 your screen. If you'll you please remind the mapper of  
16 what district and region you'd like to address. The  
17 floor is yours.

18 MS. LIM: Good morning. I apologize for the dog.  
19 The mailperson just came. I'm going to be focusing on  
20 L.A. County, the areas of Koreatown and San Gabriel  
21 Valley. So good morning Commissioners. My name is June  
22 Lim from Asian Americans Advancing Justice Los Angeles,  
23 speaking on behalf of the AAPI and AMEMSA State  
24 Redistricting Collaborative to share feedback from our  
25 community members, many of whom were unable to secure an



1 appointment to speak.

2 As far as Koreatown, please use the Koreatown COI  
3 shapefile that we submitted to the Commission, rather  
4 than the Neighborhood Council District, as the COI has  
5 Koreatown's boundaries as defined by its community  
6 members. Thank you for keeping it whole at the Assembly  
7 level; however, the CIA cut in both the Senate and  
8 Congressional draft maps. The main priority of Koreatown  
9 is for its COI to be kept whole at all levels of  
10 government. In the Senate map, this could be achieved by  
11 bringing the Southern boundary of SDNELA down to Pico  
12 Boulevard and in the Congressional map, the Western  
13 boundary of CDNELA can be moved West to take in the  
14 Koreatown COI pool.

15 As for the West San Gabriel Valley, at the Assembly  
16 level, we thank the Commission for keeping together what  
17 is considered the core of the West San Gabriel Valley  
18 AAPI community, the Cities of Alhambra, Monterey Park,  
19 Rosemead and San Gabriel, and keeping them in an Asian  
20 VRA district with other cities in the Western San Gabriel  
21 Valley that have large concentrations of AAPIs, who have  
22 shared cultural institutions, policy interests, and who  
23 cross city boundaries to access resources and to frequent  
24 the many Asian and other minority-owned small businesses  
25 there.



1           This is why it was very upsetting to the West SGV  
2 community to see Alhambra, Monterey Park and Rosemead  
3 separated from San Gabriel, Temple City, Arcadia and the  
4 rest of the West San Gabriel Valley in CD210 of the draft  
5 Congressional map. At no level of government should  
6 these four cities be split from one another or separated  
7 from the other West San Gabriel Valley communities, as  
8 doing so dilutes the API community's political power.

9           In the Senate draft map, the West San Gabriel Valley  
10 is kept together but unnecessarily put in a Latino VRA  
11 district. Please see the Black Hub and MALDEF Senate map  
12 submissions --

13           MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

14           MS. LIM: -- to see how the West San Gabriel Valley  
15 AAPI can be drawn in a district separate from a  
16 neighboring Latino VRA district. In closing, I urge you  
17 to please use and keep whole the collaborative COIs --

18           MR. MANOFF: Ten.

19           MS. LIM: -- for which the shaped files were  
20 submitted to the Commission. Thank you very much for  
21 your time.

22           CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

23           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, 061, and  
24 up next after that will be 066.

25           061, I'll be promoting you now. 061, you can now



1 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
2 your screen. Please remember to provide what district  
3 plan and region you'd like to address. The floor is  
4 yours.

5 MS. LANE: Thank you. I'll be addressing West  
6 Contra Costa County. Hello Commissioners. My name is  
7 Cheryl Lane. I'm a Richmond native, and I continue to  
8 call it home, where I'm raising my ten-year-old son. I'm  
9 also fortunate to lead a sixteen-year-old organization  
10 called Building Blocks for Kids, or BBK. We work with  
11 thousands of black and Latinx families throughout West  
12 Contra Costa County to amplify their voices around  
13 education and health equity.

14 I'm here to ask the Commission to keep Richmond  
15 whole and paired with similar communities in Hercules and  
16 Rodeo. Families in our community understand the  
17 importance of our issues and life intersect. Our  
18 children may live in Richmond and go to school in  
19 Hercules or vice versa. That's why our district, West  
20 Contra Costa Unified, encompasses a region and not just  
21 one city. Our faith communities are connected, because  
22 our families have moved throughout West Contra Costa  
23 County. They may live in a place like Hercules and still  
24 call their home church in Richmond.

25 I'm here today to ask that for our Assembly



1 district, it is imperative to keep Richmond whole with  
2 other communities along the Bay in West Contra Costa  
3 County and not within the communities of Central Contra  
4 Costa County, including Orinda and Morada, that are just  
5 similar in so many ways that you already know. For our  
6 simply districts in the map that have been presented by  
7 the Black Hub, we had the opportunity to create two  
8 strong black citizen voting age population districts in  
9 West Contra Costa County, as well as East Contra Costa  
10 County Vallejo.

11 For our projected district Congressional district,  
12 let's ensure black communities in Vallejo and Richmond in  
13 East Contra Costa have a strong political voice in a  
14 single district. It is vital that we have  
15 representatives to understand the priorities of black  
16 residents that understand the historical context of our  
17 areas and how they shifted and how they impact our  
18 communities today. Keeping Richmond and other West  
19 Contra Costa communities, as well as their alignment with  
20 other black communities, is key to reducing the fracture  
21 that has and continue to result from disinvestment and  
22 rapid gentrification.

23 So I thank you for your time and consideration of  
24 our community. And lastly for that forty-one seconds, I  
25 just want to lift up some of the issues that our

1 community shared. They want to share that all of our  
2 students have an opportunity, that black students have an  
3 opportunity --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MS. LANE: They want violence prevention programs  
6 that center on funding and youth programs. They also  
7 want strong infrastructure to prevent illegal dumping and  
8 littering in our communities. Lastly, they want healing  
9 center care that focuses on mental health.

10 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

11 MS. LANE: Thank you for your time and  
12 consideration.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in and  
14 providing your thoughts.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now is 066, and  
16 then up next after that would be 072.

17 066, I'm promoting you now. Oh, yes, 066. 066, you  
18 can now enable your audio and video in the lower left  
19 corner of your screen. If you could please remind the  
20 mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to  
21 address. The floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. I would  
23 want to talk about the Assembly visualizations for Irvine  
24 and North of Seacoast. Hi everyone. Infrastructure is a  
25 big topic these days, and whether you support spending



1 more on it or not, there are billion headed to California  
2 to deal with it. So depending on where you live in  
3 Irvine, you have different concerns, and you will want  
4 your representative to advocate for different things.

5 First of all, public transportation is important.  
6 Where the 405 meet the 55 near John Wayne Airport is a  
7 mess right now. At the wrong time of the day, it can  
8 look like a parking lot, and Costa Mesa, South of Irvine,  
9 Newport Beach all suffer, while UC Irvine is nearby, and  
10 the students need to go to class, to jobs, and maybe to  
11 the beach on the weekend.

12 While at the other end, you have the Irvine, the 241  
13 toll road is also a mess. It's a beautiful road, but not  
14 many people use it right now, as they consider the tolls  
15 is too high. On top of that, there is an ongoing debate  
16 as to where the road should be in. And because the 241  
17 is underutilized, the 5 became too congested, while  
18 Ervine, Santa Margarita and other Ingot communities are  
19 still growing and still adding traffic to the roads.

20 Someone needs to speak for this region and fix the  
21 241. At the same time, air quality is also a problem as  
22 pollution backs up when it hits the mountain, and people  
23 who live near the mountains breathe air that is not as  
24 clean as those who live near the beach. Vehicle travel  
25 stations mean more to people who are breathing polluted



1 air. So I ask you to adjust your maps, so they allow  
2 representatives to focus on the infrastructure needs of  
3 their communities. Lake Forest residents use the 5 or  
4 241, a lot more than the 241 and 5, while Portola  
5 residents in North Irvine takes the four hundred five or  
6 four hundred two -- 241, as do those who live in Rancho  
7 Santa Margarita.

8 Well, elected officials care about a lot of topics.  
9 We all want good schools, good health care, but nothing  
10 is more local than infrastructure. So I would like to  
11 request you to please consider the needs of my part of  
12 Orange County when drawing your maps. Thank you so much.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

14 PUBLIC COMMENTATOR: Right now, we have 072, and up  
15 next after that would be 075.

16 072, we'll be promoting you now. 072, you can  
17 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
18 your screen. If you'd please remind the mapper of what  
19 district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Thank you so much for  
21 the opportunity. Good morning to members of the  
22 Commission. My name is Juan. I'm a resident of  
23 Bellflower and a small business owner. Before owning my  
24 own business, I also worked in a variety of different  
25 places; downtown L.A., Port of Long Beach, and even a



1 small renters company. I worked in many small cities in  
2 the region, but living in Bellflower has been great.

3 I'm raising my family here, and we feel safe and  
4 connected to our local community. But we also know that  
5 Congressional districts are more than just one community.  
6 They are a collection of communities, and I'd like to  
7 express my support for connecting Bellflower with a  
8 district that represents the Greater Long Beach area. We  
9 have so many things in common. We share the same local  
10 media, park space, hospitals, and other things that are  
11 important to us. Connecting Bellflower to Long Beach is  
12 a good thing, and it's currently connected in your map,  
13 so please don't change it. Keep Bellflower with our  
14 neighbor, Long Beach. Thank you so much for your service  
15 and for your time this morning.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your input.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have 075,  
18 and up next after that, will be 071.

19 075, I'll be promoting you now. 075 -- it would  
20 appear there's a -- oh, no. Good to go. All right, 075,  
21 you can enable your audio and video in the lower left  
22 corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the  
23 mapper of what district plan and region you would like to  
24 address. The floor is yours.

25 MR. WOO: Good morning. My name is Charlie Woo, and



1 I would want to comment on Congressional map in San  
2 Gabriel Valley in L.A. County. I'm a resident of  
3 Congressional District 27 in West San Gabriel Valley and  
4 the Board Chair for Center for Asian Americans United for  
5 Self-Empowerment. For nearly thirty years,  
6 (indiscernible) San Gabriel Valley leaders to strengthen  
7 our political voice. Today, I speak for forty community  
8 groups and over a hundred leaders to urge you to keep the  
9 Asian communities together in both East and West San  
10 Gabriel Valley. For Asian Americans that work, live and  
11 engage in social and family activities in either end of  
12 the San Gabriel Valley, our lives are not divided by city  
13 or county boundaries.

14 You shouldn't divide the community based on one or  
15 two factors alone, but should instead look at the bigger  
16 picture to get the real sense of the community. Because  
17 our shared ethnic and cultural heritage and immigrant  
18 experience with similar concern for language access,  
19 immigration, education, and assimilation, we have created  
20 a strong, interdependent, economic, social and cultural  
21 community of interest in both East and West San Gabriel  
22 Valley. The draft map does not capture that reality.

23 Let me share with you third evidence, by providing  
24 you, you data from recent research done by Professor  
25 Christian Gross of USC and Professor Natalie Matsusaka

1 from UCLA on Asian voting patterns in CD-27. Their  
2 research shows that Asian voters in this district  
3 cohesively support Asian candidates of their choice.  
4 With a cohesive voting block large enough, Asian  
5 candidates can form a coalition to be successful.

6 We don't need to draw a fifty percent Asian district  
7 for the opportunity to elect our representatives. The  
8 current representatives, in both East and West San  
9 Gabriel Valley are a living example of such effective VRA  
10 districts, although both are less than fifty percent  
11 Asians.

12 Ten years ago, your predecessor Citizen Commission  
13 listened to our community and create such opportunities  
14 districts by putting the Asian community together in one  
15 piece in the West and the Asian community together with  
16 North Orange County districts in another district in the  
17 East.

18 Through years of community organization, we turned  
19 that opportunity into reality. With pandemic, an anti-  
20 Asian hate crime hitting our community hard, we need our  
21 voices heard now more than ever. Do not dismiss us --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MR. WOO: -- just because it is difficult to show a  
24 fifty percent district and then think it would be okay to  
25 split us even further.



1 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

2 MR. WOO: You have a moral and legal obligation to  
3 make sure our voices can be heard and our needs can be  
4 addressed. Thank you.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in and for your  
6 testimony.

7 PUBLIC CONTENT MODERATOR: Right now, caller 071,  
8 and up next after that is 074.

9 071, I'll be promoting you now. 071, you can now  
10 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
11 your screen. If you would please remind the mapper of  
12 what district and region you'd like to address. The  
13 floor is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Thank you very much. My  
15 name is B.J. I would like to address the East San  
16 Fernando Valley in Los Angeles. First, I want to thank  
17 the Commission for doing the great work of paring most of  
18 the working-class neighborhoods of the East San Fernando  
19 Valley. But it's a very critical that both the Senate  
20 district labeled SCSFV and the Central San Fernando  
21 Valley Assembly map be corrected.

22 I strongly encourage you all, as a resident of this  
23 community, to unify North Hollywood and Toluca Lake to  
24 Central San Fernando Valley Assembly map and Senate map.  
25 North Hollywood and Toluca Lake share both economic and



1 community assets that are traditionally linked. Please  
2 do not break up to Toluca Lake from North Hollywood.  
3 Please keep our communities unified and united. These  
4 are small population shifts that don't require any major  
5 changes. Please continue the great work you've done so  
6 far, and keep these two communities united and unified.  
7 Thank you.

8 PUBLIC CONTENT MODERATOR: All right, now we will  
9 have 074, and up next, after that will be 056.

10 075, I'll be promoting you now. 074, you could now  
11 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
12 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of the  
13 district plan and region you'd like to address. The  
14 floor is yours. Hello?

15 MS. MUNOZ: Hello?

16 PUBLIC CONTENT MODERATOR: There you go. The floor  
17 is yours.

18 MS. NUNEZ: Hello. My name is Maribel Nunez. I'm  
19 addressing the Victor Valley and then the Morongo Basin.  
20 And my name is Maribel Nunez with the Brown and Black  
21 Redistricting Alliance. We collected over a hundred  
22 communities of interest and community meetings to address  
23 you all what our map recommendations are. And we're here  
24 in the Inland Empire Group of Latino-African-American and  
25 Asian-American community members. And so for the -- I

1 think for the most part, you've done a great job with the  
2 Assembly districts.

3       And also I want to address more on the State Senate  
4 maps, the Antelope Victor Valley. We recommend that you  
5 remove Little Creek. I think it -- that will impede  
6 to -- abide to the Voter Rights Act. We feel that Little  
7 Creek might be best on an East and West to be more  
8 contiguous, and it's more connected with San Bernardino  
9 and L.A. Forest and maybe be under Monrovia or Glendora  
10 versus the desert. We are connected on the Freeway 40,  
11 connects to the tribe's resources in Barstow, Mojave  
12 National Preserve area. Victor Valley has its own unique  
13 desert and rural communities that need to be together.  
14 Shopping activities connect with school districts and  
15 services. And so we do recommend that for that State  
16 Senate and VICVAL to remove Little Creek.

17       And then the other one on the MCV, the Morongo-  
18 Coachella Valley, we recommend that you remove the  
19 mountain cities, like Arrowhead, Running Springs, Big  
20 Bear. We have a possibility of having another State  
21 Senate map that connects all Coachella Valley, Morongo  
22 and Imperial, and so it would violate the Voting Rights  
23 Act, including those mountain cities. We have the area  
24 of Coachella Valley, Imperial Valley and San Jacinto that  
25 are very connected Latino-led district. We're connected

1 by services, school districts, various Native American  
2 tribes of Morongo and La Paz.

3 As I mentioned, we're also very connected to media,  
4 to services, and as I mentioned before, this will violate  
5 the Voting Rights Act if we separate these.

6 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

7 MS. NUNEZ: And then the State Senate map in  
8 Riverside, Riverside's split in three ways. We recommend  
9 that Riverside is connected with Hoopa Valley, Moreno  
10 Valley and Perris --

11 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

12 MS. NUNEZ: -- not Temecula. That also violates the  
13 Voter Rights Act. It should not be connected to  
14 Temecula. So thank you so much for your time.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
17 056. And up next after that is 039.

18 056, I'll be promoting you now. 056, you can now  
19 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
20 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
21 district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

22 MS. CHENG: Hi. I'll be discussing Congressional  
23 and Assembly draft maps in Orange County.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, go ahead.

25 MS. CHANG: All right, thank you. Good morning. My





1 name is Susan Cheng, and I'm the organizing director at  
2 AHRI for Justice, a nonprofit organization focused on  
3 organizing civic engagement and providing immigration  
4 legal services in Orange County. We're also a member of  
5 the People's Redistricting Alliance. Before anything  
6 else, I just want to thank you all for your commitment to  
7 this crucial process.

8 Today, I wanted to comment on the communities of  
9 interest in Irvine, Costa Mesa, and Tustin. Me, my two  
10 siblings, and five cousins have attended or are attending  
11 school at the University of California, Irvine, and have  
12 been for throughout the span of a decade. We've seen  
13 Irvine and its surrounding areas grow and have  
14 experienced the challenges and disparities in this area.  
15 It's so important that we keep the communities of  
16 interest in Irvine, Costa Mesa and Tustin together  
17 because of the common challenges immigrant communities  
18 face, such as access to affordable housing,  
19 transportation and environmental justice issues.

20 These parts of Orange County should be drawn  
21 together, especially keeping Irvine whole and with Costa  
22 Mesa. While the Congressional map generally looks good  
23 in Orange County, the division of Irvine and splitting of  
24 the Irvine, Costa Mesa, and Tustin COI are the major  
25 concerns. It's extremely important that we keep



1 disproportionately immigrant communities whole and  
2 together, especially as one of the fastest growing major  
3 cities in the state.

4 At the Assembly level, I thank you all for keeping  
5 Irvine, Costa Mesa and Tustin whole and drawn together in  
6 district IRV. Please keep this immigrant district  
7 together, and also please make sure that any shifts to  
8 the maps don't disturb the overall architecture achieved  
9 in both the Congressional and Assembly draft maps.

10 Thank you for your time. This is an important  
11 process that will have effects for ten years, and I'm  
12 grateful for the Commission and all the work you do.  
13 Thank you once again.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your testimony.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
16 unique ID 039, and up next after that will be unique I.D.  
17 059.

18 039, I'm promoting you now. 039, you can now enable  
19 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your  
20 screen If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
21 district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

22 MS. ORR: Thanks so much. I will be addressing all  
23 maps in referencing Sacramento and San Diego areas.

24 So thank you all to the Commissioners and staff for  
25 your ongoing hard work with this complicated process. My



1 name is Adria Orr, and I'm calling from Asian Americans  
2 Advancing Justice Asian Law Caucus on behalf of the AAPI  
3 and AMEMSA State Redistricting Collaborative. We  
4 uploaded -- uplifting priorities and feedback from -- for  
5 your draft maps from our community partners in Sacramento  
6 and San Diego and Sacramento.

7 In Sacramento, I first want to appreciate that the  
8 maps for all levels of government, keep crucial Hmong and  
9 Southeast Asian communities of interest in the El Paso  
10 Heights, Lemon Hill, and Meadowview Hall. We also  
11 strongly support all of the effort that went into keeping  
12 Elk Grove with the Sacramento based district at all  
13 levels of government. Our Punjabi Sikh community was  
14 very pleased to see Roseville and Antelope kept together  
15 and separate from Granite Bay at the Assembly level.

16 We also appreciate that the quickly growing Syrian  
17 and Afghan refugee community in Arden Arcade, which  
18 extends East into Carmichael at Manzanita Avenue, was  
19 kept whole at the Senate and Congressional levels. We  
20 asked for that refugee community of interest to also be  
21 kept together at the Assembly level. We also request  
22 that Vineyard, an area with a growing AAPI community that  
23 has little in common with San Joaquin County and  
24 communities in the Central Valley, be kept with Elk Grove  
25 in the Sacramento based district at all levels of

1 government.

2       In order to accomplish both of these tasks within  
3 the current draft Assembly lines, one option is to move  
4 West Sacramento and the area around Fruit Ridge Pocket,  
5 North of Fruit Ridge Avenue, out of the central  
6 Sacramento district into the neighboring districts with  
7 Yolo County and Elk Grove, respectively. This would make  
8 room to bring Vineyard into a district with Elk Grove and  
9 for the remainder of the refugee community of interest in  
10 Carmichael to go into the central Sacramento district.

11       In San Diego, we appreciate that our city heights  
12 community of interest is whole at the Assembly and Senate  
13 levels and ask that you work to accomplish the same at  
14 the Congressional level, if possible, while respecting  
15 the Latino VRA district there. Additionally, the  
16 Filipino-American community and national city, which was  
17 bounded by Deep Avenue and 16th Street, would prefer to  
18 be kept together as Paradise Hills and other  
19 neighborhoods in Southeast from San Diego, rather than  
20 having the district lines follow the city boundary.

21       The neighborhoods of Linda Vista, Claremont, Kearny  
22 Mesa and Mira Mesa form an important Asian-American  
23 community of --

24       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25       MS. ORR: -- interests surrounding the convoy

1 business district, and should be kept intact and together  
2 at all levels of government. To accomplish this within  
3 the Assembly map, we recommend swapping the Sorento  
4 Valley and Carmel Valley areas out to make Mira Mesa  
5 whole in the Central Valley -- San Diego district. We  
6 also request --

7 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

8 MS. ORR: -- to explore a new configuration for  
9 Senate districts in the San Diego area, as this community  
10 of interest has little in common with the areas they're  
11 currently group with, like Santee, Fallbrook, Hummel  
12 Valley Center, and Rainbow. Thank you so much for your  
13 time.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

15 PUBLIC CONTENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
16 have unique I.D. 059. And up next after that will be  
17 076.

18 059, I'm promoting you now. 059, you can now enable  
19 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your  
20 screen. If you will please remind the mapper of what  
21 district plan and region you would like to address. The  
22 floor is yours.

23 MR. SUPAHAN: Good morning. This is Terry Supahan.  
24 I am executive director of the True North Organizing  
25 Network, and a member of the Karuk Tribe on the Klamath



1 River, and your mapper already has the map I'm most  
2 concerned and interested in, and Humboldt and Siskiyou  
3 Counties that Congressional district being proposed. As  
4 I indicated last week, I believe that the Commission is  
5 trying to do all that it can to support interest and  
6 intentions of the Karuk Tribe. Unfortunately, the  
7 Congressional district being proposed and the State  
8 Senate map being proposed is detrimental to our region  
9 and to our county. We have been in the county of Eastern  
10 Humboldt for many generations and that is where we're  
11 oriented to in Orleans, Weitchpec, Hoopa. We are  
12 oriented to the county seat on the coast in Eureka, not  
13 to the county seat in Siskiyou, which would be three  
14 hours away from our ancestral lands in Orleans. So that  
15 change would be incredibly difficult for many of us who  
16 send children to school, both on the reservation and in  
17 the Klamath County School District, as well as in the  
18 public schools there in Orleans. So we really hope that  
19 you reevaluate that, and put that Congressional district  
20 2 back into Humboldt County, and that if there's going to  
21 be other ways to support the ancestral lands of the Karuk  
22 Tribe that you find a different way to do that. Thank  
23 you so much.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have 076.



1 And up next after that we have 077. 076, I'll be  
2 promoting you now. 076, you can now enable your audio  
3 and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If  
4 you'll please remind the mapper --

5 MR. MELONAKOS: Yes. Hello. This is Brian  
6 Melonakos. I'm addressing Assembly district 75, and  
7 Congressional district 50. My name's Brian Melonakos.  
8 I've been a resident of Escondido for over seventeen  
9 years, and we are used to having more in common in  
10 Escondido with the more agricultural areas of Valley  
11 Center, Fallbrook, Bonsall, the tribal lands to the East.  
12 Most of these areas come into Escondido to do their  
13 shopping and a lot of their business, and we just have a  
14 lot in common in terms of transportation networks and so  
15 on. So what's being proposed here -- I know you're all  
16 doing very hard, good work, but it's a pretty radical  
17 change, merging the District of Escondido in with parts  
18 of San Diego, such as Rancho Bernardo and 4S Ranch. And  
19 so I respectfully request that you reconsider that and  
20 keep Escondido, Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow, and  
21 including Hidden Meadows and up to Temecula -- keep that  
22 into the current district 75, and also Congressional  
23 district 50, and not put us in with the much more urban  
24 neighborhoods of City of San Diego, such as Rancho  
25 Bernardo, 4S Ranch, and Mira Mesa, which do not have much



1 in common with the areas I've mentioned. And that  
2 includes Lake Hodges that should continue to be in our  
3 district of interest. So I thank you for all the time  
4 you're putting into this, and I hope you consider my  
5 opinions.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have  
8 077. And up next after that will be 070.

9 077, I'll be promoting you now. 077, you can now  
10 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
11 your screen. Please remind the mapper what district plan  
12 you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

13 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi there. I would  
14 like to talk about the Eastern San Fernando Valley.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Go ahead.

16 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: My name's Beth. I'm a  
17 homeowner in Toluca Lake, and I'm talking today -- first  
18 I wanted to thank the Commission, which has done a great  
19 job so far of just doing such a good job, just thank you  
20 so much. And so I really just wanted to say that it's  
21 critical that both the Senate district labeled as SCSFV,  
22 and the Central San Fernando Valley Assembly map be  
23 corrected. I really want to unify North Hollywood and  
24 Toluca Lake to the Central San Fernando Valley Assembly  
25 map. North Hollywood and Toluca Lake share economic and



1 community assets that have been traditionally linked  
2 throughout our history. As you know, our communities  
3 share so much, and we've been linked throughout our  
4 history. And we really don't want to break Toluca Lake  
5 and North Hollywood. These are just small population  
6 shifts that don't require major changes, and so we really  
7 just ask that you keep Toluca Lake with North Hollywood  
8 and you put us back. And so that's really what we're  
9 asking today. So these are just the small changes, so  
10 please finish your good work by unifying our working  
11 neighborhoods, and by adding Toluca Lake back with North  
12 Hollywood in the Eastern San Fernando Valley. Thank you  
13 so much.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have unique  
15 ID 070. And up next after that will be 042.

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

20 MR. ROWTEN: Good morning. We're talking Escondido  
21 Assembly District. My name is James Rowten. Good  
22 morning, Commissioners. I am the CEO of the Greater  
23 Escondido Chamber of Commerce, which represents small and  
24 large business owners in Escondido and its neighboring  
25 communities along the I-15 corridor.



1 I am testifying today regarding the Escondido  
2 Assembly draft map to request that you revise the  
3 district lines to keep Escondido, Fallbrook, Bonsall, and  
4 Rainbow in a separate district from the City of San  
5 Diego, and unify it with our rural neighbors along the  
6 I-15 corridor, including Valley Center, Temecula, and the  
7 tribal communities East of Escondido to the county line.  
8 This is actually my second time testifying to the  
9 Commission.

10 I previously testified on September 2nd, requesting  
11 that you keep Escondido and Temecula together in one  
12 district because of the strong commercial and  
13 agricultural ties between the two cities. Today, I  
14 reiterate this request, and also ask that you keep  
15 Escondido and our rural neighbors in a separate district  
16 from San Diego proper. Under the current draft map,  
17 Escondido is drawn into a district with the City of San  
18 Diego, including neighborhoods as far South as Mira Mesa.

19 Escondido has much more in common with nearby rural  
20 communities, including Valley Center, Hidden Meadows,  
21 than we do these urban areas. I urge the Commission to  
22 draw the boundaries of our Assembly district at Lake  
23 Hodges, and certainly no further South than the 56  
24 Freeway. Escondido has many connections with its rural  
25 neighbors, including strong agrotourism ties with San



1 Pascual Valley, Valley Center, Fallbrook, Bonsall, Pala,  
2 Pauma Valley, and Temecula.

3 Escondido is proud to be home of the San Diego  
4 County Farm Bureau, and support agriculture in our  
5 region. Please reunite Escondido with Valley Center and  
6 Hidden Meadows and Temecula, as well as our local tribal  
7 lands, including Rincon, Pala, Pauma, San Pascual, La  
8 Jolla and Pechanga. The tribal communities contribute  
9 immensely to the local economy and workforce of our  
10 community.

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 MR. ROWTEN: The 15-Freeway is well positioned and  
13 is the freeway of commerce up and down from the border  
14 all the way up into Temecula and the Inland Empire. This  
15 is where commerce is traveled. We have much more in  
16 common --

17 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

18 MR. ROWTEN: -- with our neighbors to the North.  
19 Please, consider these changes. We respectfully request  
20 it. Thank you.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
23 have 047. And up next after that is 040.

24 047, I'll be promoting you now. 047, you can now  
25 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of



1 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper what  
2 district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

3 MS. JAMES: Good morning. The map I'm calling about  
4 is AD\_SOLANO. My name is Cassandra James, and I live in  
5 Vallejo for the last ten years. Both of my sons were  
6 born at Kaiser Vallejo. I am an appointed member of the  
7 Housing and Community Development Commission for the City  
8 of Vallejo, and I recently served on the Advisory  
9 Committee for the Solano County redistricting process.  
10 So thank you all for you service.

11 The Voters FIRST Act was passed to ensure fair lines  
12 were drawn, and not lines that benefit the status quo.  
13 The status quo has often been to the detriment of Solano  
14 County. Though our current Assembly member moved to  
15 Solano after being elected, we haven't elected a native  
16 to the Assembly since '92. That's thirty years of voices  
17 not being heard. Under the current Assembly lines, our  
18 county is split into three different Assembly districts.  
19 Your draft map keeps Solano County whole. Our request is  
20 a simple one: Resist the calls from others saying what  
21 is best for Solano. Most of the testimony you've heard  
22 is true. Dixon may have ties to Davis, Vallejo to Napa.  
23 We have a sizeable African-American community, but that  
24 shouldn't be excuse to split up the county once more. To  
25 dilute and diminish our voice. Be aware, when it is



1 people from Yolo saying how you should divide Solano to  
2 their benefit, Napa saying how we should divide Solano to  
3 their benefit, and Contra Costa saying how we should  
4 divide Solano to their benefit. Please leave Solano  
5 whole in your final Assembly plans. Thank you so much,  
6 and have a great day.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much for your feedback.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have  
9 040. And then up next after that is 049.

10 040, I'll be promoting you now. 040, if you will  
11 now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner  
12 of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of  
13 what district plan you'd like to address. The floor is  
14 yours. 040, you should be seeing the unmute prompt --  
15 there you go. The floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. Good morning.  
17 I'm commenting on the current redistricting map for  
18 Stanislaus County. Looking at some of the requirements  
19 for redistricting, I'm concerned that this map violates  
20 at least two of the factors required. The first states  
21 that, as much as possible, districts must not split  
22 cities, counties, neighborhoods, or communities of  
23 interest that share social and economic interest. You  
24 have split up -- excuse me -- two of the largest cities  
25 in Stanislaus County, that's Modesto and Turlock. I

1 don't understand how this is justified. I live in a  
2 district that would make up Tahoe to Death Valley. What  
3 common concerns or interests do these areas share other  
4 than being part of California? I grew up in a mountain  
5 resort in California and I can tell you that their needs  
6 are completely different than what -- the needs of the  
7 Central Valley. The communities of Turlock, Manteca,  
8 Modesto, Turlock, and Patterson share the need to address  
9 the needs of transportation, both goods and people. The  
10 unique freeway patterns and warehouses and agriculture  
11 make this area a transportation hub to connect Northern  
12 and Southern California as well as a major route to the  
13 Bay Area. Our shared concerns involve infrastructure,  
14 affordable housing, environmental issues, agriculture and  
15 employment. We have been making progress in these areas  
16 and now you want to split up our area and destroy that  
17 progress.

18 Another violation of the requirements is that there  
19 be compliance with the Voting Rights Act. Minority  
20 groups have equal opportunities to elect representatives  
21 of their choice. Stanislaus County is extremely diverse  
22 and with the current map, you attempt to dilute the power  
23 of the minority voices. Stanislaus County alone has a  
24 huge Hispanic community, and the voting bloc would be  
25 impacted by --



1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- of their power.  
3 When I looked at the original redistricting map, I  
4 thought I was looking at a map of Texas, not California.  
5 I implore you to keep California district 10 intact.  
6 Thank you.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
9 049. And up next after that we have 052.

10 049, I'll be promoting you now. 049, you can now  
11 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
12 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
13 district plan and region you'd like to address. The  
14 floor is yours.

15 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. I will be  
16 addressing the State Senate in the Central Valley -- the  
17 South Central Valley to be specific. Happy Monday,  
18 Commission. I'm going to be discussing, as I mentioned,  
19 the State Senate drafts in the Southern Central Valley.  
20 I am a lifelong Valley resident. I grew up in East  
21 Bakersfield. I live in Fresno. And I attended UC Merced  
22 for university. Last week, I gave input about the ECA  
23 draft map, urging you to bring Merced County back into a  
24 Valley-based Senate district. Today, I want to urge you  
25 to work on the Kings/Kern draft, and encourage you to add



1 more Fresno County and the City of Fresno to the  
2 Kings/Kern draft map. Earlier this month I heard a lot  
3 of testimony from folks in Fresno and Bakersfield, angry  
4 that Fresno and Bakersfield were being connected in your  
5 Fresno/Kern draft, saying that the two cities were such  
6 different polar opposite communities. However, Fresno  
7 and Bakersfield are both in a Senate district together  
8 today. In fact, the hardworking Latino communities and  
9 immigrant communities of South Fresno and East  
10 Bakersfield have been in a Senate district together for  
11 decades. So joining the two cities is nothing new. In  
12 fact, it is a lot. Your current map separates South  
13 Fresno and East Bakersfield, hurting vulnerable and  
14 marginalized Latino and immigrant communities. Under the  
15 Voting Rights Act, it is crucial for these communities to  
16 be linked together in a Senate district so their  
17 collective voices can be elevated in Sacramento. The  
18 Central Valley, from Modesto to Fresno to Bakersfield, is  
19 a beautiful and unique region, but we face many  
20 challenges, particularly around longstanding polarized  
21 voting. Your number one obligation and goal here must be  
22 to create strong and effective Latino Voting Rights Act  
23 districts. This means the districts must go beyond just  
24 looking good on paper with a fifty-five percent CVAP.  
25 These districts must be recognized -- must recognize --



1 I'm sorry -- the historic barriers and marginalization of  
2 the Latino community, and ensure that they can elect  
3 candidates of their choice. So Commission, I urge you to  
4 rework Kings/Kern draft and include Southside City of  
5 Fresno communities in this district. There is a  
6 precedent, and the law compels this. Thank you so much.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you for your  
8 feedback.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
10 have 052. And up next after that will be 042. I'd like  
11 to invite 048 and 043 to please use the raise hand button  
12 at the bottom of your screen.

13 052, I'll be promoting you now. 052 -- oh, every  
14 time. 052, you can now enable your audio and video in  
15 the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please  
16 remind the mapper of what district plan you'd like to  
17 address. The floor is yours.

18 MS. DAVIS: Hi. Good afternoon. My name is China  
19 Davis, and I would like to give input on the Assembly  
20 draft maps in the Inland Empire region. More  
21 specifically, I'm talking about the Cities of San  
22 Bernardino and Rialto. I've been living in the area my  
23 entire life, and I was born in Fontana and raised in  
24 Rialto, and I noticed that the Commission has split  
25 Rialto from San Bernardino in the Assembly district

1 despite the submissions that have been made by the Black  
2 California Redistricting Hub, which clearly protects our  
3 Rialto and San Bernardino COIs. I'm here to ask that the  
4 Commission please keep San Bernardino and Rialto whole  
5 and paired, as proposed by the Black California  
6 Redistricting Hub. These communities mirror each other's  
7 needs and deficiencies such as education, need for  
8 quality jobs, and food accessibility. And it's  
9 imperative that we keep these communities together so  
10 that we can elect representatives that will push our  
11 interests and lift our needs. San Bernardino and Rialto  
12 are bound by lifelong friendships and family ties, and  
13 because of this, it is not uncommon for a grandmother to  
14 live in San Bernardino while her grandkids are just down  
15 the road on Baseline, living in Rialto. And by splitting  
16 these COIs, the Commission is not only weakening the  
17 community's voice, but it will also greatly impact our  
18 community's ability to organize in the region. I would  
19 like to thank the Commission for all that you've done,  
20 and I hope that you take the community's voice into  
21 consideration. Thank you.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
24 042. And then up next after that will be 050. 042, I'll  
25 be promoting you now.



1           042, you can now enable your audio and video in the  
2 lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please  
3 remind the mapper of what district plan you'd like to  
4 address. The floor is yours.

5           MS. BREZNOV: Hello, Commissioners. My name is  
6 Raa'na Breznov, and I'd like to speak about Long Beach.  
7 First, I want to thank the Commission for all your work  
8 and for giving Californians, like myself, a chance to  
9 help shape what our districts look like for the next ten  
10 years. Like so many of my neighbors, I would also like  
11 to share why keeping Long Beach as united as possible is  
12 important. We are a big city with a diversity of people  
13 and needs.

14           I'm a mom of two. I have a holistic reiki practice,  
15 and I'm also an artist. And in my work, I have seen how  
16 every aspect of our city is very much interconnected. I  
17 want to thank the Commission for keeping Long Beach as  
18 connected as possible, and because we are already such a  
19 big city, please think about our connecting cities, like  
20 Lakewood, Bellflower, and our Orange County neighbors,  
21 like Seal Beach. Thanks so much.

22           CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

23           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
24 have unique ID 050. And then, up next after that will be  
25 062.



1           050, I'll be promoting you now. 050, you can now  
2 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of  
3 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what  
4 district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

5           MS. LOWE: Good afternoon, Commissioners, and  
6 everyone listening. My name is Alonda Lowe (ph.) and I'm  
7 a community member from the Inland Empire. I was proudly  
8 born in Fontana and raised in different areas throughout  
9 the region.

10           I'm present today to give input on the Senate  
11 district draft maps in the region. The communities of  
12 interest that I will be detailing are Rialto and San  
13 Bernardino. It is visible that the Commission has split  
14 these communities of interest mentioned in previous Black  
15 California Redistricting Hub submissions, indicating the  
16 need for these areas to be kept together and as whole as  
17 possible to reflect the community representation. These  
18 communities share inadequacies in employment, food  
19 accessibility, housing, and education sectors.

20           In addition to reducing the wholeness of Rialto and  
21 San Bernardino, the Commission has completely removed  
22 certain parts of Fontana that were advocated for in  
23 previous submissions made by the Black California  
24 Redistricting Hub from the community members that go to  
25 work, attend school, and live in these areas.



1 I'm advocating for the proposal placed by the Hub,  
2 which illustrates the importance of communal ties and  
3 overall protects our Rialto and San Bernardino COIs. The  
4 finalizing of the Commission's proposed draft maps will  
5 further dilute the voting power, representation, and  
6 individual, and collective agency of the constituents in  
7 these communities, especially the African-American  
8 community.

9 I am emphasizing and respectfully requesting that  
10 Rialto and San Bernardino should be kept whole to ensure  
11 the black voting power and voice is not continuously  
12 minimized or weakened. It is important that the  
13 Commission understands the shared values and relativity  
14 beyond city lines previously constructed in the past.  
15 This is a unique opportunity for the Commission to  
16 highlight the importance and necessity for equitable  
17 representation in all communities, especially in inland  
18 regions similar to the Inland Empire. Thank you, all,  
19 for your time and your consideration in allowing the  
20 community to be heard, and I hope this is reflected.  
21 Thank you. Have a great day.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you for your  
23 comments.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
25 unique ID 062. And I'd like to invite unique ID 043,



1 048, and 057 to please use the raise hand button at the  
2 bottom of your screen, as you do have appointments during  
3 this session. Right now, we will have 062. Up next  
4 after that will be 057, and 043, I see that hand.

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 you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

9 MS. BIRCH: Thank you very much. Thank you so much,  
10 Commissioners, for allowing the opportunity for all of us  
11 Californians to give input. I would like to make some  
12 comments regarding the Sacramento region.

13 My name is Jessica Birch. I live in Folsom,  
14 California. So I'm calling regarding your draft Assembly  
15 and Senate maps. They combine communities with different  
16 concerns and different needs into the same districts.  
17 And they cut up Sacramento County to benefit others. For  
18 the last three years, I have been a volunteer disaster  
19 responder for the Red Cross. I was compelled by the rash  
20 of wildfires, which are continuous now, sadly, in our  
21 state, to start volunteering with the Red Cross.

22 If you want to remember how Sacramento County is  
23 different from El Dorado and Placer County, keep in mind  
24 Sacramento gets all the smoke, but the foothills get all  
25 the flames. Climate-induced fires equal pollution and



1 respiratory health issues in our valley. They mean homes  
2 burned and skyrocketing fire insurance in the foothills.  
3 This issue requires different representation -- different  
4 representation that your draft maps fail to deliver. I  
5 know you have many concerns to balance, but I have two  
6 simple, firm rules that would deliver fair representation  
7 for both Sacramento and the foothill communities.

8 First, please dip into the Sacramento County no more  
9 than once from the foothills.

10 Second, if you do, only for communities near where I  
11 live around Folsom Lake. And while I personally would  
12 prefer to be drawn into the Sacramento County district, I  
13 have to admit that there are connections between Folsom  
14 and places like Granite Bay and El Dorado Hills and  
15 communities up toward the foothills. So again, I ask  
16 that you please dip into Sacramento County no more than  
17 once from the foothills. Sacramento communities like  
18 Arden-Arcade, Carmichael and Rancho Cordova should be  
19 drawn with the City of Sacramento or drawn South along  
20 the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley along Highway 5 and 99.  
21 Thank you for providing time for --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MS. BIRCH: -- myself and other community members to  
24 be heard.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
2 have unique ID 057. And then up next after that will be  
3 unique ID 067.

4 Unique ID 057, I'll be promoting you now. 057, you  
5 can now enable your audio and video in the lower left  
6 corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the  
7 mapper of what district you would like to see or discuss.  
8 The floor is yours.

9 MR. MUNSON: Well, thank you very much. I'd like to  
10 wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving in advance. So for  
11 the map -- this is John Munson, and for the map purposes,  
12 let's see -- the Eastern San Fernando Valley below the  
13 Angeles National Forest, Tujunga -- that area. We need  
14 as many stewards of the Angeles and Western San  
15 Bernardino National Forest as possible. This is good  
16 public policy. It follows the Commission's guidelines  
17 for communities of interest, and it empowers diverse  
18 voices. These are the only urban national forests in the  
19 United States. Millions of people live South of these  
20 public lands, only forty-five minutes' drive away from  
21 the Gateway Cities, like Sylmar, Tujunga, La Canada,  
22 Azusa, and Claremont. The only way a community can have  
23 significant influence over this extremely important  
24 federal public land is if they have both a member of  
25 Congress and themselves in the same Congressional





1 district. Examples of this would be the current 27th,  
2 28th, and 29th Congressional districts. The problem  
3 becomes in how you do this. And you've already made a  
4 lot of progress, including many of the foothill cities  
5 communities of interest and Congressional districts that  
6 include the national forest. However, you haven't  
7 included all of the cities. So take a look, for  
8 instance, at San Fernando, Lake View Terrace and Tujunga.  
9 In the current 27th and -- excuse me -- the current 28th  
10 and 29th district, these cities are connected North to  
11 the national forest by extending -- because the districts  
12 extend North of the national forest. You've  
13 inadvertently cut these cities off from having -- and the  
14 district South of them, by not including the national  
15 forest in the North in your new versions of the 27th and  
16 28th districts. Again, this is easy to fix by just  
17 extending these districts North as they currently are now  
18 in the 27th and 28th districts. Otherwise, you're going  
19 to have a 1,500,000 people that used to have a say about  
20 the management of their national forest that no longer  
21 will. You don't intend this, so you need to fix it. And  
22 then also we'd like to end --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MR. MUNSON: -- yeah, thank you -- end by saying, we  
25 prefer the visualizations on November 2nd, and we want to



1 ensure that the San Diego Valley API community is not  
2 divided. There's no reason to do this. We appreciate  
3 their voices being united about Angeles National Forest  
4 issues and want to keep it that way. Thanks, again. And  
5 happy Thanksgiving, again.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback. And  
7 happy Thanksgiving.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, you'll  
9 have unique ID 067. And up next after that will be 043.

10 067, as you have chosen to call in, if you will  
11 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.  
12 The floor is yours.

13 MR. CAMACHO: Hello, Commissioners. My name is  
14 Tracy (ph.) Camacho, and today, I'd like to talk to you  
15 about Long Beach. Long Beach is a city I live in, work  
16 in, and where I spend a vast majority of my time.

17 Professionally, I am an educator and get to see  
18 young adults from all over Long Beach, our state, and  
19 especially this region. I am proud that Long Beach is a  
20 place where students can get a top notch education and  
21 come into their own as young adults in the city that is  
22 welcoming to everyone. To me, that is something  
23 California should be proud of and uplift.

24 I think it is great that you've chosen to unite a  
25 large majority of Long Beach into a single Congressional



1 district. Our city has so much to offer and already  
2 works with cities across our region. I hope that a map  
3 that keeps most of our city together moves forward  
4 creating opportunities for us to work on federal issues  
5 that would help everyone living in our area. There  
6 definitely are the resources to do so, and I'm looking  
7 forward to seeing how we can make it happen.

8 Also, as a member of the LGBTQ plus community, it is  
9 really important that you keep our federal interests  
10 together. As a gay man, we do not have the same federal  
11 protections at work as others do, and we are so  
12 discriminated against across the country. You can make a  
13 difference by keeping the LGBTQ plus community, like the  
14 large one in Long Beach, united.

15 Thank you for your work on this Commission and for  
16 allowing me to speak today. Have a great day.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
19 have unique ID 043. And then up next after that, we will  
20 be unique ID 048 an opportunity, as you do have an  
21 appointment during this session.

22 Unique ID 043, I'll be promoting you now. 043, you  
23 can now enable your audio and video in the lower left  
24 corner of your screen. If you will please remind the  
25 mapper of what district plan you would like to address.



1 The floor is yours.

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.

3 Thank you for allowing me to speak today. My name is  
4 Isaac (ph.), and I'm calling from Long Beach. I moved to  
5 Long Beach from El Sereno about fourteen years ago and  
6 have lived here ever since. I currently reside in the  
7 downtown neighborhood, but I've also lived in the city's  
8 Westside at the Long Beach Job Corps, which is just West  
9 of the LA river and the 710.

10 We appreciate everything -- we appreciate what  
11 you're doing to treat Long Beach as a whole city and  
12 doing your best not to break us up. I know you must be  
13 thinking about ways to create a city that -- a district  
14 that covers our entire city in a way that fits with the  
15 rest of the Congressional districts that you are drawing  
16 as well.

17 Please, connect Long Beach to cities that border us  
18 where traffic flows naturally. That would be Lakewood,  
19 Bellflower, Seal Beach, Signal Hill, Rossmore, Los  
20 Alamitos, and even Cypress.

21 I heard some folks in Orange County may not want to  
22 cross the LA County border, but please know that that's  
23 not everyone. In fact, our current Congressional  
24 state -- Senate state and federal lines cross these  
25 borders already cross counties.

1 But most importantly, I'm so grateful that you are  
2 keeping our city as in tact as possible, and I want to  
3 thank you for all your hard work and keeping Long Beach  
4 together as much as possible. Thank you, again.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, I will be  
7 giving unique ID 048 an opportunity to speak. And then  
8 after that, we will be reading instructions and all of  
9 those things.

10 048, we will do the audio only option in case you  
11 not there at your computer or device of some sort. If  
12 you will please follow the prompts on your screen to --  
13 oh, there you are.

14 MR. FASS: Yeah.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If you will please let  
16 the mapper know what district you would like to address.  
17 The floor is yours.

18 MR. FASS: Yeah. This is for the -- I live in  
19 Chatsworth. It's council district 25. And it's the 38th  
20 Assembly district. My name is Russell Fass. I live in  
21 Chatsworth in the San Fernando Valley, to be specific.

22 In the proposed 38th Assembly district, my home of  
23 Chatsworth would be lumped in with the Northern city of  
24 Santa Clarita instead of placing me with the rest of the  
25 San Fernando Valley where we belong. There is no basis

1 to connect our two very different communities since the  
2 San Fernando Valley is a very diverse and populated area.  
3 I would say more so that Santa Clarita.

4 I think that we would be best -- oh, hang on. I  
5 think we would be best represented if you all made -- if  
6 you'd made all our -- I'm sorry. Can't read my own  
7 writing. If you all made our own VRA district with the  
8 rest of the San Fernando Valley and Santa Clarita can be  
9 placed elsewhere, like in Simi Valley or in the Antelope  
10 Valley.

11 We deserve to have representatives here who can  
12 connect the valley and fight for the resources in  
13 Sacramento to benefit our communities here in the Valley.

14 Thank you for all your time. And I hope you keep  
15 the San Fernando Valley together. Have a good day.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And at this time, we do  
18 not have any other people signed up for this session,  
19 Chair, so I will go ahead read the instructions for  
20 general public comment and then invite the translator; is  
21 that correct?

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: That is correct. And let's change  
23 the timer to two minutes for public -- because this is  
24 general public comment. Let's change it to two minutes.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Will do. Will do.



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And in order to maximize  
3 transparency in public participation in our process, the  
4 Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To  
5 call in, dial the telephone number provided on the  
6 livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247.

7 When prompted to enter the meeting ID number  
8 provided on the livestream feed, it is 86352187003, for  
9 this meeting. When prompted to enter a participate ID,  
10 simply press the pound key.

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

19 Please, make sure to mute your computer or  
20 livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion  
21 during your call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be  
22 alert for when it is your turn to speak, and again,  
23 please turn down the livestream volume.

24 I'd like to invite our translators to read the full  
25 call-in instructions, please.



1 THE INTERPRETER: Certainly. Just one second,  
2 please. Thank you.

3 (In Spanish, not translated)

4 THE INTERPRETER: Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And right now, we will have caller 7052. And up  
7 next after that will be caller 0080.

8 Caller 7052, if you will please follow the prompts  
9 to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time.  
10 Caller with the last four digits, 7052 -- oh, the floor  
11 is yours.

12 MS. MADUENO: Good afternoon, Commissioners, and  
13 everybody listening today. My name is Virginia Madueno,  
14 and I'm calling on behalf of Stanislaus and the Senate  
15 and Congressional district.

16 For the central valley Senate and Congressional  
17 plans, I would strongly encourage you to go back to your  
18 November 2nd map. Those visualizations did a much better  
19 job of preserving the valley than your draft maps.

20 Throughout your process, you have been clear in  
21 combining valley communities with the High Sierras. Oh,  
22 excuse me. Sorry. Can you still hear me?

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, we can.

24 MS. MADUENO: Okay. Sorry about that. Which hurt  
25 both communities. But your draft maps split Stanislaus



1 County in both the Senate and Congressional map. Not  
2 only have you split our county, but you have split our  
3 county seat of Modesto and have thrown us into the  
4 sprawling mountain district, which we have really  
5 nothing -- or not much in common with, including my  
6 hometown of Riverbank just Northeast of Modesto.

7 We are not a mountain community. We are a valley,  
8 city, and county. I fully understand you have to comply  
9 with the Voting Rights Act in the South valley, and I  
10 support those and strongly encourage you to do so. And I  
11 understand the valley Commissioners are from San Joaquin  
12 County, a county that has managed to stay whole, but you  
13 are treating Stanislaus and Modesto like an afterthought,  
14 and we are -- I'm urging you to please pick this first  
15 visualizations from the November 2nd maps. That, again,  
16 I urge you, and in particular, I urge our valley  
17 Commissioners to go back to the drawing board and create  
18 fair and more equitable Senate and Congressional maps for  
19 our valley.

20 Look back at your November 2nd visualizations and do  
21 everything you can to bring Stanislaus and Modesto back  
22 into the valley districts with our fellow valley  
23 community and not the High Sierras.

24 Thank you so very much for your time.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
2 caller 0080. And then up next after that, we have caller  
3 2567. I'd like to invite all of those that have called  
4 in to please press star nine. This will raise your hand  
5 indicating you wish to give comment this afternoon.

6 Caller 0080, if you will please follow the prompts  
7 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

8 MS. DANIELS: Hi. My name is Karen Daniels, and I'm  
9 a resident of Valencia, and I commute everyday down the 5  
10 and 405.

11 I'm calling to advocate for the map CD\_AVSCV draft,  
12 as it encompasses most of the route that I and thousands,  
13 trust me, thousands, of other commuters take to get to  
14 other parts of LA County every day.

15 By keeping the North valley with Santa Clarita, we  
16 can help advocate for resources to one of the most  
17 travelled parts of LA freeway systems.

18 I would also like to point out that we share no  
19 infrastructure with Simi Valley, so there's no reason to  
20 keep us with Simi Valley. We are also in different  
21 counties, and we also don't share the same transportation  
22 corridors or public transportation.

23 In addition, we do not share police or fire. We are  
24 LA County and they are Ventura County. And they have  
25 their own city police department.



1 Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 And right now, we have caller 2567. And up next  
4 after that will be caller 9399.

5 Caller 2567, if you will please follow the prompts  
6 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very much.

8 I'd like to reference the STANFRESNO Congressional  
9 map.

10 Good afternoon, Commissioners. I've been hearing  
11 some people calling in saying that the Congressional maps  
12 for Stanislaus are not good. But by splitting up  
13 Stanislaus, the Commission was able to achieve three VRA  
14 districts in the San Joaquin Valley, which is a great  
15 accomplishment.

16 And I would like to say that, for the people who are  
17 calling in that don't want to maximize the number of  
18 Latino vote seats in the central valley, I do strongly  
19 support three VRA seats in the valley and urge the  
20 Commission to keep them in (audio interference).

21 Thank you for your time.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
24 caller 9399. And up next after that will be caller 0751.

25 Caller 9399, if you will please follow the prompts



1 to unmute by pressing star six. And one more time,  
2 caller with the last four digits -- oh, there you are.  
3 The floor is yours. Caller 9399, you are unmuted. You  
4 might want to double-check your phone and make sure you  
5 are not muted. There you are.

6 MR. FERNANDO: Can you hear me now?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

8 MR. FERNANDO: Hello? Okay. Thank you. My name's  
9 Fernando. I live up in the high desert of San Bernadino  
10 County. I'm referring to the Congressional district map  
11 that involves Congressional district number 8.

12 The map that you have -- the draft map that you've  
13 shown has excluded the Inyo Mono counties from that  
14 district and that's great. However, you have included  
15 communities that are down South of the high desert all  
16 the way down to the Calimesa, Redlands area, splitting  
17 those communities in half, and actually also putting us  
18 in two counties now, San Bernadino and Riverside County.

19 I wish you would reconsider and consider instead of  
20 stretching out district 8 down to 15 and 215 Freeway,  
21 which would be wet of the mountain region. This would be  
22 more compatible with our district. It would also keep  
23 all of our services within the county, our Congressional  
24 representative would be strictly concentrated in the San  
25 Bernadino County and not having to cross into Riverside,

1 and it would also keep all of our communities whole.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. We did have  
5 unique ID 069 join us, as you do have an appointment  
6 during this session, so we will be going to caller 0751,  
7 and then we will be going to unique ID 069.

8 Caller 0751, if you will please follow the prompts  
9 to unmute. The floor is yours.

10 MR. CHURCHERIA: Hi, there. I hope you can hear me.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

12 MR. CHURCHERIA: Okay. Hi. My name is Victor  
13 Churcheria (ph.). I've been a resident of Simi Valley in  
14 Ventura County for nineteen years.

15 And I'd like to say that I agree with your current  
16 map right now, keeping Simi Valley with the Ventura  
17 County, particularly keeping Simi Valley with Moorpark,  
18 and Thousand Oak, and the Conejo Valley. Because Simi  
19 Valley, we're in Ventura County, and we share schools  
20 like Moorpark College with Moorpark and Thousand Oak, and  
21 we share transportation. We're connected by Freeway 23.  
22 And then we do a lot of our shopping and entertainment  
23 between the three communities.

24 So please continue to keep Simi Valley with Moorpark  
25 and Thousand Oak in Ventura County.



1           Okay. Thank you.

2           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 Excuse me. Thank you so much. And right now, we will  
4 have unique ID 069. And then up next after that will be  
5 caller 3220.

6           Unique ID 069, I'll be promoting you now. 069, you  
7 can now enable your audio and video in the lower left  
8 corner of your screen. If you'll remind the mapper of  
9 what district you would like to address. The floor is  
10 yours.

11           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning, everyone.  
12 Toluca Lake. Can you hear me?

13           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

14           MS. SARXION: My name is Marianay Sarxion (ph.). I  
15 just want to say thank you to the Commission for doing a  
16 great job of pairing most of the working-class neighbors  
17 up East San Fernando Valley, but it's critical that both  
18 the Senate district labeled SCSFV, which is page 34 of  
19 the slides, and the central SFV Assembly map, page 77 of  
20 the slides, to be correct.

21           Please unify North Hollywood and add Toluca Lake to  
22 central SFV Assembly map. North Hollywood and Toluca  
23 Lake share economic and community assets that are  
24 traditionally linked. Please, do not break Toluca Lake  
25 from North Hollywood. These are small population shifts



1 that don't require major changes. Please, finish your  
2 good work by unifying our working neighborhoods.

3 Thanks so much.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
6 caller 3220. And then up next after that will be caller  
7 2297.

8 Caller 3220, if you will please follow the prompts  
9 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

10 MR. SAYLOR: My name is Don Saylor. I'm a county  
11 supervisor in Yolo County. I'm asking that the draft map  
12 for CD Yolo Lake be revised to reflect the communities of  
13 interests of Yolo and Eastern Solano counties.

14 Many of the visualizations and draft maps have  
15 attached Yolo County communities as appendages to  
16 communities far away and unconnected to our concerns.  
17 Just when the most recent visualization appeared to be  
18 making progress, this current trap came out and sort of  
19 drove us back to the starting point.

20 Eastern Solano, Yolo, and the Delta areas are more  
21 aligned with the Sacramento capital region than the Bay  
22 Area. Not all AG is the same. Eastern Solano and Yolo  
23 share similar agricultural economies, whereas Napa is  
24 primarily monocrop and destination AG tourism, similar to  
25 other Bay Area counties.



1           The 180 corridor and passenger rail service along  
2 the capital of corridor are a significant linkage for the  
3 communities of Solano and Yolo counties. The further of  
4 this transportation infrastructure requires unified and  
5 coherent representation at the federal level.

6           Yolo is more closely aligned with Delta communities  
7 and Eastern Solano County than other areas. It is  
8 critical that federal representation understand and  
9 advocate for the concerns of Delta communities, including  
10 flood prevention, habitat preservation, a co-equal goal  
11 through use of the area, and a deep understanding of the  
12 sensitive area as water transfer projects are considered.

13           Draft map city Yolo Lake connects Yolo and North  
14 Solano County with Napa and Sonoma, which are very  
15 different from our communities. The economies of Solano  
16 and Yolo are anchored by advanced manufacturing and  
17 defense industries.

18           The way that Yolo Lake is currently drafted is not  
19 contiguous for a driver. To drive from Napa to Davis,  
20 you need to drive South to either Highway 12 or 37 and  
21 across more than half of your North Contra Costa  
22 districts to head North of North Solano or Yolo --

23           CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback and for  
24 calling in again.

25           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have



1 caller 2297. And then up next after that will be caller  
2 6559.

3 Caller 2297, if you will please follow the prompts  
4 to unmute. And the floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

6 I'm calling with input on the three maps that impact  
7 the city of Santa Clarita in which I've been a resident  
8 for thirty-five years.

9 First, I'd like to comment on the Congressional map,  
10 CD\_ABSCV draft. May I just say, bravo. The  
11 redistricting Commission has done an excellent job  
12 drawing this map and balancing a diverse population in  
13 this Congressional district. Actually, you nailed it, so  
14 thank you.

15 Please, continue to keep LA County together so that  
16 our elected officials can maximize their efforts in  
17 education, since we share the Samaniego education  
18 district, and in transportations system, and our public  
19 health department, and the policies that go with that.

20 Our law enforcement and fire department also serves  
21 the entire map as you've already drawn for this  
22 Congressional district, and I would like you to consider  
23 to keep this map and not include -- and not reannex  
24 anything in Ventura County or Kern County, please.

25 And if any adjustments are made, I urge you to



1 continue with your current plan and expand into Los  
2 Angeles County and remain contiguous. This would mean  
3 extending further into Northern LA County and our current  
4 Congressional Northern neighbors in San Fernando Valley,  
5 especially the cities along the 5 Freeway where we share  
6 our common interests most that it would be Granada Hills,  
7 Mission Hills, Porter Ranch, Northridge, and the city of  
8 San Fernando, which are all in the LA County.

9 Also, Bravo on the AD\_SUV draft for the Assembly  
10 district. Same comments along those lines.

11 The Senate maps, SD\_SCSFV draft is also very well  
12 done. But a few adjustments are necessary on that. And  
13 again, I would urge you to maintain contiguous integrity.  
14 Keep together our communities that share border, schools,  
15 and shopping instead of going down into cities like Van  
16 Nuys, Reseda, and North Hollywood, which should be  
17 excluded. Include Granada Hills, Porter Ranch, and  
18 North --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
21 have caller 6559. If you will please follow the prompts  
22 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

24 I'm calling about the proposed map that you have for  
25 the California 25.



1           How many people in Antelope Valley and Santa Clarita  
2 consider the 118 to be their daily transportation artery?  
3 None of us. How many people in Simi Valley consider the  
4 14 to be a major artery, which we in the Santa Clarita  
5 Valley and the Antelope Valley do? The 210 and the 5 are  
6 major transportation arteries for the San Fernando  
7 Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, and the Antelope Valley,  
8 but not so much for the Simi Valley.

9           Our local government needs to work with our  
10 representatives in Los Angeles counties where we all  
11 live. We don't live in Ventura County. We have separate  
12 water resources, separate firefighting resources,  
13 separate police resources. We need these to be viewed in  
14 total as they are.

15           Finally, Simi Valley is not contiguous with any part  
16 of Santa Clarita Valley and Antelope Valley, but the map  
17 you drew does give a single continuous area where we have  
18 a community of interest in multiple social, legal, local  
19 environmental, local government coordination matters that  
20 are distinctly different from Ventura County.

21           I again, want to thank you for the hard work you're  
22 doing. Thank you so much. Bye-bye.

23           CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

24           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller  
25 3564. Yes. Right now, we have caller 3564. If you will



1 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

2 The floor is yours.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. My name is  
4 (Indiscernible) in the West San Gabriel Valley. I'm  
5 speaking in relation to the draft Congressional state  
6 redistricting map in the West San Gabriel Valley.

7 The West San Gabriel Valley Asian-American Pacific-  
8 Islander community has a strong longstanding cultural  
9 identity which has allowed immigrant and PI families to  
10 have a sense of belonging and seek opportunities for  
11 economic success.

12 I encourage the Commission to consider keeping the  
13 West San Gabriel Valley as one community of interest,  
14 otherwise, it cuts out the heart of the most ethnically  
15 diverse region in the country. The West San Gabriel  
16 Valley cities such as Alhambra, Arcadia, Monterey Park,  
17 Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, and Temple City share  
18 characteristics that make them a West San Gabriel Valley  
19 community of interest.

20 Dividing the West San Gabriel Valley community of  
21 interest creates unnecessary obstacles to foster a  
22 symbiotic relationship between government and its  
23 constituents. The San Gabriel Valley community is one of  
24 the most ethnically diverse regions in the country and  
25 shares common cultural, social, familial, economic, and

1 quality of life interests that should not be divided into  
2 separate districts.

3 The SGV community is a place where children learn,  
4 adults work, and seniors gather. Families are bound  
5 together by a rich cultural heritage and a sense of duty  
6 and traditions that are tirelessly preserved and passed  
7 on to the next generation.

8 Along with all these historical cultural familial  
9 ties, Asian-Americans speak dozens of languages and  
10 dialects reflecting the communities rich immigrant  
11 character and diversity. Language remains to be a  
12 challenging barrier impacting access to a range of vital  
13 services such as healthcare, social services, housing,  
14 courts, and education.

15 It is essential for the citizens in this community  
16 to be able to be able to voice their concerns to  
17 representatives would be sensitive to the uniquely  
18 diverse need for the community.

19 The SGV have been deeply impacted by the COVID-19  
20 pandemic and the rise of anti-Asian violence even before  
21 March 2020. They walk through some the neighborhoods  
22 (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

23 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- valuable arts and main  
25 street that turns into (indiscernible) reveal this

1 impact.

2 We would like to keep our communities under one  
3 district so we can overcome obstacles together and claim  
4 victory as one district.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comment. And with  
6 that, we will be breaking for our scheduled lunch, which  
7 is scheduled for 12:45. We'll be coming back at 1:30 to  
8 take -- to continue on with public comment as public  
9 comment is what's remaining on the agenda. And so we are  
10 now on break and coming back at 1:30. Thank you.

11 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 12:45 p.m.  
12 until 1:30 p.m.)

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Good afternoon, California. Hope you  
14 had a great lunch. My name is Pedro Toledo. I will be  
15 chairing today's rest -- the remainder of the meeting  
16 today on our draft map input. For now, we are offering  
17 the session in Spanish to those who want to listen in  
18 their native language. Can I please have the Spanish  
19 interpreters provide LanguageLine number where the public  
20 can listen to our -- to today's meeting?

21 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, Chair, absolutely. Thank  
22 you.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. With that, Katy, can you  
24 please going over the instructions on how the public can  
25 call in and give input? And we will be given --

1 accepting input into 2:30, at which time our lines will  
2 close.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.

4 The Commission will now be taking general public  
5 comment on all items. To give comment, please call  
6 877-853-5247, enter meeting ID number 86352187003 for  
7 this meeting. Once you have dialed in, please press star  
8 nine to enter the comment queue. The full call-in  
9 instructions were read previously in this meeting and are  
10 provided in full in the livestream landing page.

11 At this time, we will be going to caller 3006, and  
12 then up next after that will be caller 1604.

13 3006, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute  
14 by pressing star six. And one more time, caller with the  
15 last four digits 3006, if you'll please follow the  
16 prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

17 I do apologize. 3006, there appears to be some type  
18 of connectivity issue for you at the moment. I do have  
19 your number marked for retry. We'll come back to you.

20 All right. Now, we have caller 1604, and then up  
21 next after that will be caller 2153.

22 Caller 1604, if you'll please following the prompts  
23 to unmute by pressing star six.

24 MS. CHEN: Hello?

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. The floor is



1 yours.

2 MS. CHEN: Great. Thank you. My comment is related  
3 to the Congressional draft map to call CD greater draft,  
4 which includes the cities of Cupertino, Santa Clara,  
5 Fremont, Sunnyvale, and other cities in Santa Clara and  
6 Alameda County. My name is Sofia Chen, and I live in  
7 Cupertino, and I'm a parent leader and active volunteer  
8 in my community, but today I'm speaking only as an  
9 individual.

10 I support the Congressional map CD greater draft map  
11 because the draft map has the cities of Cupertino,  
12 Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Fremont, and Milpitas, which are  
13 all technology job centers for several thousand people in  
14 each of these cities, and these cities have the same  
15 challenges of the shortage of affordable housing, limited  
16 trans -- trans system, and traffic congestion.

17 As a result, Cupertino and other cities such as  
18 Sunnyvale, Fremont, Santa Clara, and Milpitas with  
19 similar traffic issues must ensure that we as a region  
20 are working together to carefully coordinate and invest  
21 in infrastructure solutions to handle the traffic of  
22 workers commuting.

23 In contrast, cities like San Jose have very  
24 different challenges. San Jose has traditionally had  
25 more housing than jobs, and these housing-to-job



1 imbalances causes other problems and requires different  
2 solutions; therefore including more of Fremont and less  
3 of San Jose as shown on CD greater 1102 visualization  
4 presented on November 2nd would be a good minor  
5 adjustment to the draff map.

6 Besides San Jose not sharing many common interests  
7 with Sunnyvale on the other end of the spectrum, our  
8 cities in the adjacent Congressional district map --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MS. CHEN: -- such as Saratoga, which has a much  
11 smaller and -- and -- and a principal employer of a  
12 community college. So -- so therefore cities that share  
13 similar challenges, such as Fremont, Santa Clara,  
14 Sunnyvale, Santa Clara --

15 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

16 MS. CHEN: -- and Milpitas might be best with the  
17 same Congressional district. So that's a challenge to  
18 keep these altogether in a district regionally. Thank  
19 you for taking these points into consideration.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
22 have caller 2153, and up next after that will be caller  
23 5311.

24 Caller 2153, if you will please follow the prompts  
25 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.



1 MR. WENDLER: Yes. Thank you. This is Tim Wendler  
2 (ph.) from Pasadena area, and I'm commenting on the San  
3 Gabriel Valley area of Los Angeles County, specifically  
4 CD\_COV and CD\_210, the Congressional map, and I would  
5 like to thank the Commission. I think you've done an  
6 excellent job of recognizing communities of interest in  
7 this region on the state, and I'm someone who has a  
8 served on a city Commission for redistricting and  
9 currently serving a school district for redistricting.

10 And I would recommend a minor adjustment to the maps  
11 for these two districts that you've proposed as draft,  
12 and this would maintain approximate population balance  
13 and would solve a gap in the Foothill communities of  
14 CD\_210 by adding Azusa to that district, and then  
15 removing the communities of San Gabriel and San Marino  
16 and moving them into CD\_COV, and the reason for this is  
17 that the pandemic has reinforced the importance to access  
18 to public open space, and the San Gabriel Mountains  
19 supplies seventy percent of our public open space in Los  
20 Angeles County with 2.5 million visitors, and I would  
21 urge you to keep the Foothills communities to the South  
22 of the San Gabriel Mountains together as a community of  
23 interest and keep them connected to the mountains.

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 MR. WENDLER: A legislator for this area can



1 consider the recreational needs, management of forest,  
2 fire prevention, wildlife, water sheds with the  
3 constituents in mind. Thank you so much.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we have  
6 caller 5311, and up next after that will be caller 1021.

7 Caller 5311, if you please follow the prompts to  
8 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

9 MS. KAUR: Hello. My name is Anya Kaur (ph.). I'm  
10 a junior at Fowler High School. I -- I'm a resident of  
11 the Fresno County. I appreciate you giving me an  
12 opportunity to share during this historic redistricting  
13 process.

14 I would like to comment about the Congressional  
15 draft in the Fresno region. We appreciate the current  
16 Congressional draft map in our area. We would like to  
17 Selma, Kingsburg, and Fowler with the West Fresno areas.  
18 This is where we work and communicate. We are much  
19 closer to them as our community of interest, than the  
20 Tulare region. We would like our communities to be part  
21 of the CD/San/Fresno draft map rather than the  
22 CD/Fresno/Tulare draft map. Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
24 right now, we will have caller 1021, and up next after  
25 that will be caller 0527.



1           Caller 1021, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
2 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

3           MR. L. SINGH: Hello. My is Linjut Singh (ph.).  
4 I'm calling on behalf of the Punjabi -- or Central  
5 Unified Punjabi Community, and we have the largest  
6 Punjabi community in the region, in the Fresno County  
7 region living in this area. Those of us just South of  
8 Shields Avenue, we want -- we would like to be kept with  
9 the rest of our community in AD\_Merced/Fresno.

10           We kindly ask the Assembly -- Assembly Commission to  
11 consider moving the line currently at Shields on the 99  
12 Freeway to be moved South to Clinton to keep many of the  
13 traditional community of interests together. Thank you.

14           CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

15           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
16 have caller 0527, and up next after that will be unique  
17 ID 044.

18           0527, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute  
19 by pressing star six. And one more time, caller with the  
20 last four digits 0527, if you'll please follow the  
21 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. Caller 0527, I  
22 do apologize. There appears to be some type of  
23 connectivity issue for you at the moment. I do have your  
24 name -- number marked for retry. We will come back to  
25 you.

1           And right now, we will have unique ID 044. I'll be  
2 promoting you, and up next after that will be caller  
3 3894.

4           Unique ID 044, you can now enable your audio and  
5 video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you'll  
6 please remind the mapper of what district you'd like to  
7 address, the floor is yours. Unique ID 044 -- there you  
8 are.

9           MR. CHAVEZ: My apologies for that. I was trying to  
10 load up the map. Yes. I -- my name is Chris Chavez. I  
11 am a resident of Long Beach, and I'm looking specifically  
12 at CD\_LB North draft, and I just first of all want to  
13 thank the Commission for all your hard work. I know that  
14 this is a difficult and long process, and you're at the  
15 very end.

16           And generally speaking, the map proposed for this  
17 district is pretty good except for one little area where  
18 I would suggest a change to. At the very North end of  
19 the -- this proposed area, part of North Long Beach is  
20 moved into another Congressional district, and this is  
21 where the 710 and 91 Freeways meet. This area has long  
22 been a marginalized community. It's a disadvantaged  
23 community under CalEnviroScreen and is -- faces  
24 significant socioeconomic challenges.

25           In order to maximize and really make sure that this

1 community is included with the overall Long Beach  
2 community, I would suggest and urge the dis -- Commission  
3 to include that within the rest of Long Beach under CD\_LB  
4 North draft, and that way all of Long Beach can speak  
5 with one voice in Congress and really give all the -- our  
6 communities the due attention it deserves.

7 North Long Beach, again, is in need of particular  
8 consideration and representation, and having us  
9 solidified under one -- under one district would help  
10 achieve that. So again, thank you for your hard work. I  
11 appreciate it, and I hope to see all of Long Beach  
12 unified under one district. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
14 right now, we will have caller 3894, and up next after  
15 that will be caller 0914.

16 Caller 3894, if you'll please follow the prompt to  
17 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

18 MR. EDMOND: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Thank  
19 you so much for all your dedication and hard work. Just  
20 seems like a lifetime ago I couldn't and didn't know how  
21 to log into this meeting, and now I'm a pro, but anyway,  
22 thank you for all of your due diligence.

23 My name is John Edmond. I represent the Long Beach  
24 Area Chamber of Commerce. We represent over 800  
25 businesses across our fine city of 50 square miles.



1 Thank you very much for working hard to unite Long Beach  
2 in the Congressional district for this area of the state.

3 Through my work at the Chamber, we see lots of  
4 businesses, and we provide leadership, education,  
5 advocacy for Long Beach area businesses that thrive in  
6 the city, especially in the 21st Century, and the Chamber  
7 takes our work very seriously.

8 Long Beach is an established city, but if you look  
9 at us now, we're a city of immense change and -- and very  
10 nice growth. The economy has shifted from a -- sort of  
11 a, you know, military court tourism town to know we, you  
12 know, still air -- aerospace, such as Boeing, but we also  
13 have Virgin Orbit, SpaceX, Rocket Lab, SpinLaunch, and  
14 other aviation and space economy. So we are the new  
15 space economy. So we're proud of these companies  
16 revolutionizing the space and engineering right here in  
17 the City of Long Beach, and so with these in mind,  
18 dynamic change and collaboration in the future, we ask  
19 for federal partnerships is going to be immensely  
20 important as this growing sector and tech hub is critical  
21 for the economic outlook for our city. So we humbly and  
22 most --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MR. EDMOND: -- respectfully ask that the  
25 Commissioners continue to Long Beach united as possible



1 on your maps, and please keep our school district and  
2 community college district, that includes Lakewood,  
3 Signal Hill, Catalina Island in your Congressional map as  
4 well. Thank you so much for taking this into  
5 consideration, and thank you for your work on  
6 redistricting.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we have  
9 caller 0914, and up next after that will be caller 9445.

10 Caller 0914, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
11 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello. I'd like to  
13 reference the Tulare Congressional map draft. Good  
14 afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Kaylee. I am a  
15 Latina woman who has grown up in Kings County. Kings  
16 County is a small collection of rural towns economically  
17 driven by their agricultural industry. Kings County  
18 towns should have the same represent -- representative  
19 because their demographics and local economy -- economics  
20 are largely similar. It would be irresponsible to split  
21 up Kings County because of its former Section 5  
22 designations. Please keep Kings County whole. Thank  
23 you.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will





1 have caller 9445, and up next after that will be caller  
2 1049.

3 Calling 9445, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
4 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

5 MR. J. SINGH: Hi. My name Jigraj (ph.) Singh, and  
6 I'm thankful for the redistricting committee for letting  
7 me speak today. I'm born and raised in Sunnyvale, and  
8 I'm a current student at Santa Clara University.

9 Redistricting is an important process, and it only  
10 happens once every ten years. I'm blessed with the  
11 opportunity to represent the Punjabi community today.

12 I'm glad to say we appreciate the lines drawn for  
13 the Santa Clara County Assembly, Senate, and  
14 Congressional lines, which allows us to keep our voices  
15 united. Thank you for your hard work and making sure  
16 that the Punjabi community is well represented within  
17 this area.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we have  
20 caller 1049, and then up next after that will be caller  
21 6300.

22 Caller 1049, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
23 unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller  
24 with the last four digits -- oh, there you are. The  
25 floor is yours.



1 MS. SHOKAR: Hello. My name is Gideon Shokar (ph.).  
2 My family has lived in California for fifty years. I am  
3 a resident of Sacramento, California. Thank you for  
4 giving me this opportunity to share my opinion about the  
5 redistricting process for Sacramento.

6 I'd like to share that I appreciate the current  
7 Assembly district draft map for the area and the current  
8 Senate -- the current Senate district draft maps, but I  
9 would like to see Elk Grove included with Placer County  
10 as in the previous drafts. We have overlapping  
11 communities of interest in the Punjabi community and  
12 would absolutely like the older drafts that brought us  
13 together. Thank you for listening. Thank you for your  
14 time and your consideration.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in, giving your  
16 feedback.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
18 have caller 6300, and up next after that will be caller  
19 7672.

20 Caller 6300, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
21 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

22 MR. GUTIERREZ: Hello, Commissioners. My name is  
23 Isaiah Gutierrez (ph.) from Modesto, and I'm of Hispanic  
24 heritage, and it is very important we have representation  
25 in California. I've heard people calling in saying that



1 the Congressional maps for Stanislaus are not good. In  
2 splitting Stanislaus, the Commission was able to achieve  
3 three VRA districts in the San Joaquin Valley, which is a  
4 huge accomplishment.

5 Sounds like people who are calling in don't want to  
6 maximize the number of Latino seats in the Central  
7 Valley. I strongly support three VRA seats in the  
8 Central Valley and urge the Commission to keep a minimum  
9 of three. Reuniting Stanislaus would have a ripple  
10 effect that would marginalize Latinos and prevent them  
11 from selecting a candidate of their choice.

12 Unfortunately, there are some hard s that must be  
13 made, including splitting up counties, in order to meet  
14 the Voting Rights Act and Hispanic representation. Thank  
15 you.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you for calling in.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
18 caller 7672, and up next after that will be caller 3979.

19 Caller 7672, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
20 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

21 MR. FONG: Hi. My name is Henry Fong, and I'm going  
22 to be commenting on the districts in and near the Cal  
23 Poly Pomona area. I do appreciate the Commission placing  
24 Cal Poly connecting with Pomona on the Assembly district,  
25 but they did not do have for the Senate district and the

1 Congressional district. So I would ask that as the Cal  
2 Poly Pomona alum, I would like to see the Cal Poly Pomona  
3 campus united in the SC/POF Senate district and also in  
4 the CV/POM/ONT/FON district. Currently, Cal Poly Pomona  
5 are in different districts to the West, and they need to  
6 be together with the City of Pomona.

7 In regards to the Congressional district, the CD\_210  
8 draft, I kind of like, like I said in previous public  
9 comment, the SC\_210 draft district, which ends at the San  
10 Bernardino/Los Angeles County line is better, and I don't  
11 really like the fact that CD210 continues to -- to travel  
12 East of San Bernardino County, East of the county line to  
13 Upland and Alta Loma, Rancho Cucamonga. So I would ask  
14 that the district of CD\_210 look like the district of  
15 SC\_210 ending at the San Bernardino/Los Angeles County  
16 line.

17 If there is a need for population to go West, we're  
18 along the 210 corridor to include communities such as  
19 Sunland and Tujunga, which, in my opinion, have more in  
20 common with communities to the East like La Canada  
21 Flintridge --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MR. FONG: -- Glendale, Montrose, et cetera, than  
24 communities to the West in the Central San Fernando  
25 Valley. So those are my comments on the Congressional



1 districts and the -- and the Senate district, Assembly  
2 district in the Cal Poly Pomona area. Thank you so much.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
5 caller 3979, and then up next after that will be caller  
6 0403.

7 0 -- caller 3979, if you'll please follow the  
8 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is  
9 yours.

10 MS. FIFITA: Malo e lelei. Greetings. My name is  
11 Melenaite Fifita. I am a resident of Huntington Beach,  
12 and I am with Pacific Islander Health Partnership. We're  
13 a nonprofit organization based in Garden Grove, and we  
14 serve the native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander  
15 communities to seek health access.

16 I'd like to say thank you very much for your  
17 dedication, your continued efforts on re -- the  
18 redistricting process. I wanted to comment on the  
19 communities of interest in Garden Grove and Westminster.  
20 West Garden Grove and Westminster are home to prominent  
21 native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander populations, and so  
22 it's important that the cities Garden Grove and  
23 Westminster be drawn together as we are  
24 disproportionately low income, many households speak a  
25 language other than English, live in multigenerational

1 households, they earn minimum wage, and share the need  
2 for social services and affordable housing.

3       There are numerous small businesses and safe space  
4 organizations and civic clubs that live in these cities,  
5 and we urge you to keep them together on the map.

6 Pairing Garden Grove and Westminster with the beach  
7 communities/coastal communities is not a good fit because  
8 the majority of our community are service workers, and  
9 again, they own small businesses and earn low income  
10 wages as compared to the beach coast communities.

11       And so on behalf of Pacific Islander Health  
12 Partnership, we would like to thank the Commission for  
13 your work and dedication to our communities. Thank you.

14       CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

15       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
16 have caller 0403, and then up -- oh, hold on one second.  
17 Yeah. 0403, and then after that will be caller -- a  
18 retry of caller 0527.

19       Caller 0403, if you will please follow the prompts  
20 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours are.

21       MS. GOULD: Thank you. Hi. Hello, Commissioners.  
22 My name is Ravine Gould (ph.), and I'm a resident of Kern  
23 County in Bakersfield specifically. I appreciate you  
24 giving me the opportunity to share during this historic  
25 redistricting process and being born and raised in



1 Bakersfield, California, it's really important to me to  
2 know how our lines and our communities are drawn out.

3       So I have a comment specifically as -- in -- in  
4 terms of the Congress and the way the lines are drawn, we  
5 are appreciative of the current Congressional maps in our  
6 area.

7       As for Senate, in the Senate district, we'd like to  
8 keep the City of Bakersfield together, and so the Senate  
9 district boundary to Buena Vista forth North and South  
10 instead of Gosford to make sure we're kept together in  
11 the Senate instead of splitting our historically Punjabi  
12 and Black communities at Ridgeview High School in half.  
13 We appreciate being part of the Senate district Kings and  
14 Kern County and not Senate district Fresno and Kern.  
15 Thank you.

16       In terms of Assembly, in the Assembly district, we'd  
17 like to keep Southwest Bakersfield whole as home to the  
18 region's largest Punjabi-speaking community and historic  
19 Black communities. These both go to Ridgeview High  
20 School together.

21       We would like Southwest Bakersfield to either be  
22 kept in Assembly district West Bakersfield by either  
23 extending that line that currently splits the two --  
24 community in two, we would like Assembly district West  
25 Bakersfield to include areas West of Bannister (ph.) or

1 seed the entire region up to the 99 South of White and to  
2 Assembly district Tulare/Kern.

3 We have -- we have little representation in this  
4 area, and we'd like to see our Punjabi and Black voices  
5 together and stronger in an area where we have never --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 MS. GOULD: -- seen ourselves represented. Thank  
8 you so much for giving me this opportunity to speak. I  
9 yield the rest of my time.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for comments.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now. We'll  
12 have caller 0527, and then up next after that will be  
13 caller 2211.

14 Calling 2 -- 0527, if you'll please follow the  
15 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is  
16 yours.

17 MS. RASH-ZIEGLER: Hi. My name is Satambi  
18 Rash-Ziegler (ph.). I'd like to talk about the Assembly  
19 plan in San Diego County. So thank you for your time  
20 today. I want to bring to your attention to the split --  
21 bring your attention to the split in it Assembly map  
22 because of how split Spring Valley -- how -- how Spring  
23 Valley is split into two districts in the draft plan.

24 This probably happened because most of Spring Valley  
25 is considered by the Census Bureau to be in a place





1 called La Presa. It's actually same community, so if you  
2 mail a letter to my home, I live in La Presa, you would  
3 mail it to Spring Valley, California 91977, just like  
4 anywhere else in Spring Valley, even though I technically  
5 live, like I said, in La Presa census place.

6 I looked it up, and La Presa census place actually  
7 didn't exist until 1990 census. Before that, we were all  
8 just part of Spring Valley census place. So our whole  
9 community fits better with the La Mesa/Spring Valley  
10 district and the SESDC district.

11 Next, I want to make sure you are aware that the  
12 Independent Redistricting Commission in San Diego County  
13 has been focusing on local communities of interest for  
14 several months, and I would encourage you to borrow from  
15 their work since you have -- have so many other parts of  
16 the state to focus besides our -- on -- focus on besides  
17 our county.

18 The county Independent Redistricting Commission has  
19 agreed that the supervisorial districts here, which all  
20 have to be ideally, you know, 660,000 people each should  
21 include a district 4 that captures two major communities  
22 of interest, including first a BIPOC refugee community  
23 that includes El Cajon, Spring Valley, La Mesa College  
24 area, City Council district 4, and City Heights.

25 Second, the LGBTQ communities of interest in -- of

1 Hillcrest, Mission Hills, North Park, University Heights,  
2 Bankers Hill, and Balboa Park, these two areas are  
3 connected by the 8 and the 94 Freeways.

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MS. RASH-ZIEGLER: The green and the orange colored  
6 lines and major streets like the El Cajon Boulevard and  
7 University Avenue, this is preferred district 4 in  
8 addition to the VRA district to the South. So I'll be  
9 submitting draft maps from the San Diego County's  
10 Independent Redistrict -- Districting Commission website  
11 to show you. A district --

12 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

13 MS. RASH-ZIEGLER: This district -- this district 4  
14 in the county maps would be the best building block for  
15 the original San Diego districts in the Senate and  
16 Congressional plans that are a little larger than the  
17 county supervisorial district. In the draft Senate plan,  
18 the core Cajon district is a good start. In the draft  
19 Congressional plan, the Commission unfortunately --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in. And with  
21 that, just a reminder that we will be closing the lines  
22 at 2:30. So if you -- if you'd like give comments,  
23 please call in and get in the queue, and please don't  
24 hang up as you will lose your place in the line. Thank  
25 you.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
2 right now, we have caller 2211, and then up next after  
3 that will be call 7090.

4 Caller 2211, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
5 unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller  
6 with the last four 1122, if you'll please follow the  
7 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is  
8 yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. My  
10 name is (indiscernible). I'm a resident of Fresno, and  
11 I'm a freshman at Fowler High School. I appreciate you  
12 giving me this opportunity to share during this historic  
13 redistrict -- redistricting process.

14 I would like to comment about Assembly in Fresno --  
15 in Fresno region. In the current Assembly district map,  
16 you're splitting our central unified community that is  
17 also home to the largest Punjabi community in the region.  
18 Those of us just South of Shields would like to keep --  
19 would like to be kept with the rest of our community in  
20 Assembly district Merced/Fresno.

21 We kind ask the Commissions to consider moving the  
22 line currently at Shields on the 99 to be move to --  
23 South to Clinton to keep so many of these traditional  
24 communities of interest together. Thank you for letting  
25 me speak.



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we have  
3 caller 7090, and then up next after that will be caller  
4 8682.

5 Caller 7090, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
6 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

7 MR. M. SINGH: Hello, Commissioners. My name is  
8 Mandeep Singh, and I'm from Sacramento in Elk Grove. I  
9 appreciate you giving me an opportunity in order to share  
10 with you during this process. I would like to comment  
11 about the Congressional maps. Actually, before that, we  
12 do appreciate the Assembly and Senate district maps. I'm  
13 representing the Punjabi community here in Northern  
14 California.

15 And we would like to see Elk Grove included with  
16 Placer County. This, you know, kind of -- we -- in -- in  
17 both of these areas, especially like Roseville, up North  
18 there in Placer, Ancho (ph.), Barrio, we would ---our  
19 communities of interest have a lot of -- like the way we  
20 live, the -- the -- the places we go, the places we  
21 gather, you know, it's -- it's a -- the Punjabi community  
22 is over -- overlap like quite a bit, so, you know, we  
23 would appreciate you all keeping Elk Grove with Placer as  
24 was in the previous drafts. But yeah. I just wanted to  
25 mention that. Thank you, all. Appreciate it.



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
3 have caller 8682, and then up next after that will be  
4 8224.

5 Caller 8682, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
6 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

7 MS. BENAVIDES: Hello. My name is Laura Benavides,  
8 And I'm calling for the San Diego region. I'm calling in  
9 regards to Assembly district 80. The communities of  
10 Barrio Logan, Logan Heights, Sherman Heights, Southcrest,  
11 and City Heights should be in a Latino majority district.

12 The draft shows those communities joined with East  
13 County, which is politically, geographically, and  
14 culturally in opposition to your communities. These  
15 communities have more in common with the South Bay  
16 communities of National City, West Chula Vista, and San  
17 Ysidro, and shay should be joined with them.

18 The draft is a serious injustice that dilutes the  
19 Latino voice and directly ties us to representation that  
20 is not in our best interest. This is a serious problem,  
21 and we call the Commission to fix it. Thank you.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
24 caller 8224, and up next after that will be calling 8368.

25 Caller 8224, if you'll please follow the prompts to



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

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.  
3 My name is Sahil (ph.). I'm a resident of Santa Clara,  
4 and I go to Santa Clara University. I appreciate you  
5 giving me an opportunity to share during this  
6 redistrict -- redistricting process.

7 Coming to Santa Clara County, I like to appreciate  
8 that for our Assembly district draft maps that are drawn  
9 in our area and the same goes for current Senate district  
10 maps and the Congressional draft map. Thank you for all  
11 the hard work in making sure that the Punjabi community  
12 in Santa Clara is now basically together. That's all.  
13 Thank you.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
16 caller 8368, and then up next after that will be caller  
17 1600.

18 Caller 8368, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
19 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

20 MS. CRUZ: Hello. Good afternoon. My name is Nancy  
21 Cruz, and I'm a resident of Logan Heights, and I'm  
22 calling about the district -- the 80th district and to  
23 basically reiterate the importance of keeping this  
24 community together as a Latino community.

25 It's important for us to keep resources together,



1 and so the communities that I'm specifically referencing  
2 are City Heights, Barrio Logan, Logan Heights, Sherman  
3 heights, and Southcrest. We want them to stay in the  
4 same district as National City, West Chula Vista, and San  
5 Ysidro. It's important that resources like the Barrio  
6 Station, EHC, Chicano Federation, Latino Health Coalition  
7 remain in the same district for -- for the community  
8 members, and so I'm just calling to ask the Commission to  
9 fix the map and to keep these communities together.

10 Thank you.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you for calling in.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will  
13 have caller 1600, and then up next after that will be  
14 caller 7175.

15 Caller 1600, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
16 unmute by pressing star six.

17 MR. ATTEBERY: Yes. Can you hear me?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. The floor  
19 is yours.

20 MR. ATTEBERY: Yes. Thank you for this opportunity.  
21 My name is Buster Attebery. I'm the Karuk chairman, and  
22 we are located in the very Northern region of -- of  
23 North -- of California. So the Karuk Tribe, we've lived  
24 a long time at river since time memorial. We continue to  
25 live and practice our cultural traditions such as



1 hunting, gathering, fishing, basket making, and  
2 traditional ceremonies. We are ultimately connected with  
3 the Klamath River and continue to reside along the river  
4 in Western Siskiyou County and Northeastern Humboldt  
5 County.

6 With our written comments, we have sent a map of our  
7 aboriginal territory. In redistricting, we ask that we  
8 are kept together with the coast in Congressional  
9 district 2. The salmon of the Klamath River is core to  
10 our people's existence and has historically been one of  
11 our primary foods for our people. Through time, we have  
12 cared for the Klamath River through our land and water  
13 management and through our ceremonies. Today the tribe  
14 is act -- actively engaged in work to help fix the  
15 environmental social damage that has harmed our people.

16 We are highly involved and interested in work  
17 downriver and work closely with the Yurok and Hupa Tribe  
18 as we work to restore the once great fisheries in our  
19 river. Because of this interest, we believe that our  
20 interests are best represented by political bound --  
21 boundaries that draw us together --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MR. ATTEBERY: -- with the Yurok Tribe and the Hupa  
24 Tribes. We ask again that we -- in redistricting, that  
25 we are kept together with the coast in Congressional



1 district 2. We appreciate all your effort.

2 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

3 MR. ATTEBERY: If for some reason you can't keep  
4 us -- put us all in our aboriginal territory in district  
5 2, we ask that it be kept the same. Thank you for all  
6 your hard work.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much for calling in.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we have  
9 caller 7175, and up next after that will be caller 6553.

10 Caller 7175, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
11 unmute pie pressing star six. The floor is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Luis  
13 (ph.), and I just wanted to call in and comment on the  
14 Stanislaus maps, so -- because I've heard other people  
15 making their comments on it, and they've been saying that  
16 the maps aren't very good, but I do think that splitting  
17 up Stanislaus, the Commission was able to achieve, you  
18 know, the three VRA districts in San Joaquin Valley.

19 So I think that was a big win, and it sounds like  
20 people, like, don't really want to see Latino -- like,  
21 Latinos really represented with the seat and stuff,  
22 and -- and we need to maximize that in the Central  
23 Valley. So I strongly support three VRA seats in the  
24 Central Valley, and I urge the Commission to keep at  
25 least three of them be -- and, you know, reunite

1 Stanislaus. It would be -- it would like -- it would  
2 make a ripple effect, you know, and it would marginalize,  
3 you know, the Latinos because we wouldn't be able to  
4 really, like, select a candidate that we want.

5 So you know, there is going to be some hard  
6 decisions to make, but, you know, we have to, you know,  
7 stay and like -- stay in -- stay in order with the --  
8 with the Voting Rights Act. So that's really all I have  
9 to say. So thank you.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: I appreciate your call. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we have  
12 caller 6553, and then up next after that will be caller  
13 2 -- 9751.

14 Calling 6553, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
15 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

16 MS. WOLFOR: Hello, Commissioners. My name is  
17 Lauren Wolfor (ph.). I'm a resident of Palm Springs.  
18 Thank you for giving me an opportunity to share my  
19 thoughts, and also thank you for all of your hard work on  
20 this difficult process. I would like to comment on both  
21 the proposed Assembly and Congressional districts in the  
22 Coachella Valley area. I grew up in the city of  
23 Cathedral City and have lived in Palm Springs my entire  
24 adult life, and I strongly believe that those two cities,  
25 along with Desert Hot Springs, truly form a single



1 community of interest and need to be kept together in a  
2 single Assembly district.

3 We share a common tourist economy, people live and  
4 work, shop, they dine out in all of those cities  
5 interchangeably, and please amend the proposed map to  
6 include Desert Hot Springs in that same Assembly district  
7 with Palm Springs and Cathedral City.

8 I also very strongly recommend that the entire  
9 Coachella Valley, including the Cities of Palm Springs,  
10 Cathedral City, Desert Hot Springs, Rancho Mirage, Palm  
11 Desert, Indian Wells, La Quinta, Indio, and Coachella  
12 remain in a single Congressional district along with the  
13 Salton Sea. Not only is the Coachella Valley very much  
14 one cohesive community, we are one social and economic  
15 unit, but splitting the Coachella Valley into two  
16 Congressional districts would cause really tremendous  
17 damage to our ability to advocate for ourselves and  
18 effectively bring resources to our region.

19 And then as far as the Salton Sea is concerned, we  
20 are really facing an extremely serious environment and  
21 public health threat that's posed to this region by the  
22 deterioration of the Salton Sea.

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MS. WOLFOR: So we need to be able to have a voice  
25 in this crisis. There's already been a great deal of

1 advocacy work trying to solve this environment problem,  
2 and all of that would be cut off at the knees if the  
3 Coachella Valley is -- is split into two districts --

4 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

5 MS. WOLFOR: -- and not cohesive with it Salton Sea.  
6 Thank you.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
9 caller 9751, and then up next after that will be caller  
10 3995.

11 9751, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute  
12 by pressing star six.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, there.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The -- the floor is  
15 yours.

16 MR. WENDELL: Hello, there, Commission. Hello,  
17 there, Commission. My name is Jamie Francis Wendell  
18 (ph.). I reside in Los Angeles County in the City of  
19 West Hollywood. What I'd like to call is a three-fold  
20 comment is that our Senatorial and our Assembly districts  
21 have been intact. We're basically combined and united  
22 with Beverly Hills, as we have been, along with the Santa  
23 Monica region of Santa Monica and Brentwood and Westwood,  
24 and if you look at Sunset, specifically at 8100 Sunset  
25 Boulevard and I'm West of Laurel Canyon, and Laurel



1 canyon has been the divider of most of our districts;  
2 however, Congressionally, even though I'm West of the  
3 Hollywood Hills and certain part of Laurel Canyon and  
4 Selma, if you look at 8000 Sunset and 8100 Sunset, the  
5 dividing line, we're put into the 28th Congressional  
6 district while part of West Hollywood, which is basically  
7 ten blocks to the West of me down the same corridor on  
8 Sunset corridor and the West side of Santa Monica  
9 Boulevard, they're in the 33rd Congressional district.

10 I wish that you -- that West Hollywood, being the  
11 1.9 miles that we are, that we're divided with Hollywood,  
12 why this part always has to be attached and other parts  
13 of West Hollywood are basically in another Congressional  
14 district, it doesn't -- I don't understand it. It -- it  
15 actually seems to be counterproductive and  
16 counterintuitive.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 MR. WENDELL: So I really implore that -- that we be  
19 in the 33rd district with the rest of West Hollywood.  
20 Why I'm living West and yet the Hollywood Hills, they get  
21 to be in the 33rd Congressional district, and I'm in the  
22 28th Congressional district, which is combined with  
23 Glendale --

24 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

25 MR. WENDELL: -- Burbank, and La Canada Flintridge.

1 I don't really appreciate it. I'm in a corridor, and I  
2 want to be represented just like my Senate and my  
3 Assembly, which is in the same demographic area that's  
4 combined and united. Why divide West Hollywood? I  
5 really do appreciate your time Com --

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
9 have 395 (sic), and up next after that will be 8052.

10 Caller 3995, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
11 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you so much. Good  
13 afternoon, Commissioners. I just want to say as a  
14 lifelong resident of the Central Valley and a Latino, I  
15 want to thank you so much for your rep -- for maximizing  
16 the representation of our community here in -- in San  
17 Joaquin Valley.

18 We really need to keep three VRA districts out here  
19 with Latino majority representation because it maximizes  
20 our political voice, and I please ask that you do not  
21 reduce it to less than three out here in the Central  
22 Valley. Thank you, and have a great day.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
25 caller 8052, and then up next after that is caller 1505.



1           Caller 8052, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
2 unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller  
3 with the last four digit 8052, if you'll please follow  
4 the -- oh, shoot. One more time, if you can -- there we  
5 go. The floor is yours.

6           MS. KULKARNI: Hi. My name is Manjusha Kulkarni.  
7 I'm executive director of AP3CON, the Asian Pacific  
8 Policy and Planning Council and one of the cofounders of  
9 Stop AAPI Hate a coalition to combat hate against Asian  
10 Americans and Pacific Islanders nationwide. We're a  
11 coalition of over forty communities-based organizations  
12 that serve and represent the 1.5 million AAPIs in Los  
13 Angeles County.

14           I wanted to share with you a few thoughts regarding  
15 the Commission's draft maps for LA County. Starting with  
16 metro -- metro Los Angeles, I want to thank the  
17 Commission for keeping together Chinatown, Little Tokyo,  
18 and historic Filipinotown at all levels of government.  
19 In West LA, we thank you for keeping the two Japanese-  
20 American communities of interest whole at level of  
21 government. However, we wanted to urge you to keep  
22 Koreatown whole in the Congressional and Senate map and  
23 to keep Thai Town whole in the Congressional map.

24           Turning to the South Bay, we thank you for keeping  
25 the AAPI community of interest in Carson and West Carson



1 and with the Cambodian communities of Long Beach whole,  
2 together at all levels of government, and we thank -- ask  
3 you to keep Inglewood, Lennox, Hawthorne together in the  
4 Senate map as these are areas with large concentrations  
5 of PIs.

6 Finally, in moving to the San Gabriel Valley, which  
7 is home to over a half a million Asian-Americans, we  
8 thank you for keeping the Asian-American community of  
9 interest in the West San Gabriel Valley in the Asian  
10 Voting Rights Act district in the Assembly map, and urge  
11 the Commission to keep the community whole in the  
12 Congressional maps. For Congress --

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 MS. KULKARNI: -- we please -- we ask that you move  
15 Monterey Park, Alhambra, Rosemead into a district with  
16 the rest -- rest of West San Gabriel Valley, and for  
17 Senate map to please draw districts with respect to the  
18 Asian American community will respecting the Latino --

19 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

20 MS. KULKARNI: -- Voting Rights Act district. Thank  
21 you so much for this opportunity, and we want to make  
22 sure that Asian Americans are kept safe against hate  
23 against our communities in this time.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate your comment, and also  
25 just a reminder to the public that we will be closing the



1 telephone lines at 2:30. If you'd like to give comments,  
2 please get into the queue. Anyone in -- in the queue by  
3 2:30 will have an opportunity to be heard at today's  
4 meeting.

5 With that, Katy, let's continue on.

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

7 And right now, we have caller 1505, and up next  
8 after that will be caller 2070.

9 Caller 1 -- 1505, if you'll please follow the  
10 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And one more  
11 time, caller with the last four 1505, if you'll please  
12 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. I do  
13 apologize, caller 1505. There appears to be some type of  
14 connectivity issue for you at the moment. I will come  
15 back to you. I have your number marked as a retry.

16 And right now, we have caller 2070. If you'll  
17 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.  
18 The floor is yours.

19 MS. YAR: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Nori Yar  
20 (ph.), and I'm a student at Buchanan High School. I'm  
21 here to comment on the redistricting map of Fresno  
22 County. In the current redistricting will split out  
23 central unified communities, home to a substantial amount  
24 of Punjabi people. Those of us just South of Shields  
25 would like to be kept within the rest of your community



1 and Assembly district Merced/Fresno.

2 I respect -- I respectfully request the  
3 consideration of having the line currently at Shields on  
4 the 99 to be moved South to Clinton in order to keep  
5 communities of interest together. Thank you for your  
6 time.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
9 caller 1122, and then up next after that will be calling  
10 1818.

11 Caller 1122, if you will please follow the prompts  
12 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

13 MR. BECK: Hello?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, hello.

15 MR. BECK: Hi. My name is Cory Beck (ph.), and I'm  
16 from Hesperia. I wanted to thank you the Commission for  
17 its work on the draft maps. I have to say that I really  
18 support the draft Congressional map and Assembly for San  
19 Bernardino County High Desert. Our community is rural,  
20 and we believe conservation is a way of life, that makes  
21 us unique from communities around us.

22 Communities in the Apple -- in the Antelope Valley,  
23 Coachella Valley, and San Bernardino Valley all have  
24 access to huge amounts of water; however, the San  
25 Bernardino County High Desert from Phelan to Joshua Tree,



1 our aquifers are in overdraft. All our communities rely  
2 on Mohave Water, ABC (ph.) to deliver our -- deliver to  
3 our communities. We need to be able to advocate for our  
4 water needs, and your draft Congressional map will allow  
5 us to do this.

6 I do not like that in typical Senate maps because it  
7 puts us with Los Angeles County. LA is a big county that  
8 dominates the areas around it, and we want to ensure our  
9 voices are not drowned out by the larger voices in Los  
10 Angeles. Additionally, there are no real connections  
11 between our valley and theirs. We have different  
12 infrastructure needs, healthcare system, economies, and  
13 the only way to get there is to drive in a two-lane road  
14 that is extremely dangerous. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
16 have caller 1818, and up next after that will be caller  
17 3520.

18 Caller 1818, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
19 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

20 MS. SIMMONS: Hello, Commissioners. This is  
21 Catherine Simmons (ph.) from Victorville. I wanted to  
22 express my thanks for keeping our Victor Valley whole and  
23 out of Los Angeles County in the Assembly and  
24 Congressional draft maps. I would urge the Commission to  
25 continue working to give our High Desert region a voice



1 and connect us with other rural mountain and desert  
2 communities in San Bernardino County.

3 I don't like the draft Senate map because it links  
4 us to communities in Los Angeles County. Our community  
5 has a history with this, and we feel very neglected by  
6 representatives we have had from Los Angeles in the past.  
7 Although I thank the Commission for trying to be more  
8 balanced in population between the two counties, I still  
9 urge you to keep our high rural desert with other San  
10 Bernardino County communities and not with the Antelope  
11 Valley.

12 I appreciate the work you are doing, I can only  
13 imagine how difficult it is, but wanted to express my  
14 thanks in hearing from our community. Thank you.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback and your  
16 comments.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
18 have caller 3520, and up next after that will be caller  
19 2546.

20 Caller 3520, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
21 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

22 MS. SANDERS: Hello. My name is Karen Sanders  
23 (ph.), and I'm a resident of Del Norte County, a  
24 homeowner, volunteer, and I've worked in Del Norte for  
25 almost fifteen years. My comments are regarding the



1 North Coast versus the North districts for all three  
2 Congressional, State Senate, and Assembly maps. Del  
3 Norte County has been forgotten for the last ten years  
4 being included in the North Coast.

5 One size doesn't fit all. I am asking that the  
6 Commissioners put Del Norte County back into the North  
7 district as it was ten years ago. Looking at our  
8 socioeconomics, we are but a dot on the North Coast  
9 without Del Norte County being the poorest and the  
10 smallest county. We closely align economically with  
11 counties to the East providing equity for Del Norte. Our  
12 medium income and property values are literally half the  
13 value, if not less, than both Marin and Sonoma, which are  
14 Bay Area counties.

15 Issues those counties face for are very different  
16 than the issues we face regarding economics, livelihood,  
17 transportation, infrastructure, rural healthcare, rural  
18 schools, mental health, and so much more.

19 In the next ten years, the Klamath plan of removal  
20 is a huge issue for our region, which affects counties to  
21 our East, not the South. We need fair representation  
22 regarding this life-changing issue, which is with the  
23 North Coast -- or excuse me, with the North district,  
24 which are the Eastern counties.

25 I have developed a map showing Del Norte in the



1 North district, that includes the Hupa, Karuk, Yurok  
2 Tribes.

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 MS. SANDERS: -- including the Klamath River and  
5 keeping us all whole, which is in -- inclusion. I'll  
6 send on the written comments. Del Norte is eighty  
7 percent (indiscernible) owned, therefore our tax base is  
8 very low, and coastal counties don't share --

9 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

10 MS. SANDERS: -- these challenges as we do. Del  
11 Norte is only ten percent of the 350 miles along the  
12 coast of California. We are more in line with the Oregon  
13 coast, and we deemed it, branded it Wild River Coast.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: We appreciate your comments. Thank  
15 you very much for calling in.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And at this time, we'll  
17 have caller 2546, and then up next after that will be  
18 caller 8251.

19 Caller 2546, if you will please follow the prompts  
20 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. Thank  
22 you for your time and your energy. I want to talk  
23 specifically about the City of Santa Monica. Santa  
24 Monica was moved into the Congressional district Malibu  
25 SSV, but we need to put it back into Shoreline district.



1 Santa Monica is a famous beach town, the most famous pier  
2 in California, and if we were to take a walk down to that  
3 pier and hop on the Ferris wheel, you will never see the  
4 San Fernando Valley. You would see the beach cities,  
5 you're on the beach.

6 Santa Monica does not belong in the valley. It's  
7 not even near the valley. It belongs with the coast with  
8 Venice and other beach cities. Santa Monica should  
9 anchor the Shoreline district as it originally did.

10 What's more is I think the Commission may already  
11 agree with this. I don't think anyone from the public or  
12 any Commissioner has ever argued for putting Santa Monica  
13 with the San Fernando Valley. So if it's just a  
14 population needs for other districts, the line drawer  
15 could simply fix this by returning all of Santa Monica to  
16 the Shoreline district, and then shifting the parts of  
17 the current Shoreloin -- Shoreline district closest to  
18 Mulholland back into the San Fernando Valley. That is to  
19 say that Pacific Palisades, Westwood, Beverly Hills, they  
20 are not in the valley, but they're sure a heck of a lot  
21 closer to the valley than Santa Monica.

22 Please don't send the Santa Monica Pier to the San  
23 Fernando Valley. There are no piers in the San Fernando  
24 Valley. There's no ocean there. Thank you so much for  
25 your time.



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much. And just a  
2 reminder that we are closing the phone lines at 2:30. If  
3 you'd like to make a comment, please call in now. It's  
4 your last chance for today.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.  
6 And right now, we'll have caller 8251, and then up  
7 next after that will be caller 4967.

8 Caller 8251, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
9 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours. Caller  
10 8251, you may want to double-check, make sure your phone  
11 is not on mute. You are unmuted in the meeting.

12 MR. MUNDAR: Hello?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There you go. The floor  
14 is yours.

15 MR. MUNDAR: Oh, hello. My name is (indiscernible)  
16 Mundar (ph.). My hometown is Sacramento. I'm a student  
17 at (indiscernible) High School, I'm a Lincoln resident,  
18 and I'm fifteen years old. I appreciate the chance to  
19 speak during this historic redistricting process. I  
20 would like to make a comment on Senate in the Sacramento  
21 area.

22 The latest Senate district draft maps in our region  
23 are very appreciated. I appreciate your hard work  
24 throughout the counties for the Punjabi community. I  
25 thank you for your time for hearing me.





1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you for calling in.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
3 have caller 4967, and up next after that will be caller  
4 2668.

5 Caller 4967, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
6 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

7 ALITA: I'd like to reference the Fresno/Tulare  
8 Congressional district. Good afternoon, Commissioners.  
9 My name's Alita (ph.). I'd like to comment on community  
10 of interest. Kings County communities face similar  
11 socioeconomic challenges. Cities in Kings County are  
12 connected to each other by bus, more so than they are to  
13 communities in other counties. Kings County has a  
14 dominant Latino presence throughout, and the county  
15 should be kept together to ensure the Latino community  
16 has fair representation in Congress. Thank you, and have  
17 a nice day.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
20 have caller 2668, and then up next after that will be  
21 caller 4273.

22 Caller 2668, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
23 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm from Bakersfield,  
25 and I want to thank the Commission for all the hard work



1 they're doing. I've been listening for a while, and I've  
2 been following along to everything, and I just want to  
3 thank you guys for hearing my concerns from, you know,  
4 Bakersfield and everything and that you're working really  
5 hard for it, and I just want to encourage you to keep  
6 working at it and to just keep getting everything going  
7 along well. Thank you so much.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. We appreciate your call.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will  
10 have caller 4273, and up next after that will be calling  
11 9468.

12 Caller 4273, if you will please follow the prompts  
13 to unmute by pressing star six. Go for it.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Am I on?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You sure are. The floor  
16 is yours.

17 MR. PARISH: Thank you. My name is Brandon Parish  
18 (ph.), and I'm a lifelong resident a Carmichael an  
19 unincorporated suburban community in Sacramento county,  
20 so if we could please zoom in on the draft Congressional  
21 maps for Sacramento County, that would be great.

22 I am deeply concerned by the draft map for several  
23 reasons. The proposed North/South divide of Sacramento  
24 does not make much sense as the county is clearly divided  
25 between the urban West and the suburban and rural East



1 portion of the county.

2 On this map, East county is cut into three pieces,  
3 with Orangevale and Folsom being separated from their  
4 neighbors of Citrus Heights, Fair Oaks, and Carmichael.  
5 Additionally, the Southeastern and outlying and  
6 agricultural communities like Sloughhouse, Rancho  
7 Murieta, and Wilton and Galt have been placed into an  
8 urban-dominated seat, and I don't think that that makes  
9 sense for those communities.

10 Finally, I was very concerned that the City of  
11 Sacramento itself has been divided into two districts.  
12 Cities in general should be kept whole when possible, and  
13 the population of Sacramento allows it to be included in  
14 a single Congressional district.

15 Because what this map does is it tips the voters of  
16 suburban Sacramento County against urban voters because  
17 historically, the city has elected its own  
18 representative, and I think this is very concerning for  
19 both suburban residents of Sacramento County as well as  
20 those who are the residents of our capital city. Other  
21 states have divided their capital cities up, and I would  
22 really like California to keep its capital city whole.

23 So I would ask the Commission to place the suburbs  
24 of Sacramento County into one seat. Alternatively, the  
25 Commission could use a previous visualization, which

1 placed Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Citrus Heights, and  
2 Folsom --

3 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

4 MR. PARISH: -- with Southern Placer cities like  
5 Roseville and Rockland. So please either create a  
6 Northern -- Northeastern Sacramento/South Placer seat or  
7 an East County/Sacramento seat. Thank you for listening  
8 to my input. I appreciate all you guys do.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
11 caller 9468, and then up next after that will be caller  
12 2863.

13 Caller 9648, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
14 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

15 MS. J. KAUR: Hello, Commissioners. My name is  
16 Jasmine Kaur (ph.), and I'm a resident of Stanislaus  
17 County. I respect the Punjabi Sikh population of the  
18 Center Valley. I would like to say that we appreciate  
19 the current Senate district draft maps in our area, but  
20 we would like to see Ceres kept whole in our  
21 Congressional district instead of being split in two.

22 We are a smaller community in Stanislaus County and  
23 would rather be represented by one Congress member rather  
24 than have two ignore us. Currently, our Punjabi  
25 community is being split into the Eastern California



1 region where we have no communities of interest with this  
2 rural and mountainous area. We would like to be kept  
3 together whole and part of the immediate district  
4 dividing us on the West. We want to be in Congressional  
5 district Stan/Fresno draft. Thank you. This is very  
6 important for us.

7 As for Assembly, we would love to see if Ripon and  
8 Manteca can be added to Assembly district Stanislaus. We  
9 would -- or we have a families in those areas, and there  
10 is a large community of interest, a Punjabi trucking  
11 community with family and lots of crossover. We would  
12 appreciate if the Commission can find for home for  
13 Manteca that seems more natural either with Stanislaus or  
14 the Stockton area rather than with Lodi. Thank you.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in and for your  
16 comments.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, is  
18 caller 2863, and then up next after that will be caller  
19 4569.

20 Caller 2863, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
21 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

22 MS. JAKUR: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Karen  
23 Jakur (ph.), and I'm a resident of Stanislaus County. I  
24 appreciate your giving me the opportunity to share during  
25 this historic redistricting process. I would like to



1 comment about Assembly in Stanislaus region.

2 We would love to if Ripon and Manteca can be added  
3 to Assembly district Stanislaus. We have family in those  
4 areas, and there's a huge -- sorry, and there's a large  
5 community of interest, which is the Punjabi trucking  
6 community with family and lots of crossover. We would  
7 appreciate if the Commission can find a home for Manteca  
8 that seems more natural, either with Stanislaus or the  
9 Stockton area rather than with Lodi. Thank you.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for --

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- your comments.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
14 caller 4569, and up next after that will be caller 8182.

15 Caller 4569, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
16 unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller  
17 with the last four digits 4569, if you'll please follow  
18 the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. And -- oh.  
19 The Floor is yours.

20 MS. TALAMONTEZ: Hi. Can you hear me?

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

22 MS. TALAMONTEZ: Okay. Hold on just a second. Here  
23 I am. My name is Josephine Talamontez (ph.), and I'm  
24 calling from San Diego, California, Logan heights, Barrio  
25 Logan, and I'm asking the Commission the neighborhood of



1 Barrio Logan and Logan heights connected to Sherman  
2 Heights, National City, West Chula Vista, San Ysidro.

3       These interest the districts -- this is the  
4 district, the City district 8 and 9 to be included as a  
5 Latino majority census blocks that would help the  
6 Assembly district become more effective in allowing our  
7 community to the ability to elect a candidate of choice.

8       It's very important to connect to the South Bay  
9 because we have nothing uncommon with East County/San  
10 Diego. This would dilute or -- our vote. My family has  
11 been in Barrio Logan since 1906, and I would like to  
12 maintain the ability to keep our community together.

13       This action that is being proposed right now to put  
14 us in East County, it just -- it would be harmful to the  
15 Latino community who are drawn into these districts that  
16 is controlled by East County politics, who won't look  
17 after our community. It will be harmful to the Latinos  
18 on the South Bay seat who will not have a representative  
19 to fight for the resources that Latinos rely on.

20       Please fix these maps to include --

21       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22       MS. TALAMONTEZ: -- City Heights, Barrio Logan,  
23 Logan Heights, Sherman Heights, and Southcrest into the  
24 same district as National City, Chula Vista, and San  
25 Ysidro. Thank you very much.



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
3 caller 8182, and then up next after that will be caller  
4 0201.

5 Caller 8182, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
6 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Zeke,  
8 and I'm a resident of Huntington Beach. I'm a current  
9 student at Orange Coast College, and I'm here to talk  
10 about the importance of a coastal Congressional district.

11 The Orange County Coast has a lot more in common  
12 with each other than they do with their inland  
13 communities like Irvine and Costa Mesa. I signed onto a  
14 petition with over 1,000 fellow coastal residents in  
15 support of keeping the Orange County beach cities  
16 together as one district.

17 Seal Beach has a lot more in common with San  
18 Clemente than they do with Long Beach, and I urge the  
19 Commission to create a coastal district that removes  
20 Irvine and Costa Mesa. Thank you very much. Have a  
21 great day.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you for calling in.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we have  
24 caller 0201, and up next after that will be caller 9782.

25 Caller 0201, if you'll please follow the prompts to





1 unmute by presser star six. The floor is yours?

2 MR. A. SINGH: Hello. Hello, Commissioners. My  
3 name is Abajeet (ph.) Singh, and I'm a resident of  
4 Fresno, California. I'm a student at Fresno State  
5 University and have been in Fresno for around twenty  
6 years. I appreciate you giving me an opportunity to  
7 share during this historic redistricting process.

8 I would like to comment about the Assembly Fresno  
9 region. In the current Assembly district map, you are  
10 splitting our central unified community and our largest  
11 Punjabi community in the region. Those of us just South  
12 of Shields would like to be kept with the rest of our  
13 community in Assembly district Merced/Fresno.

14 We kindly ask the Commission to consider moving the  
15 line currently at Shields on the 99 to be moved South to  
16 Clinton to keep so many of these traditional communities  
17 of interest together. Thank you for your time, and  
18 thanks for listening.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
21 call 9782, and then up next after that will be caller  
22 6563.

23 Caller 9782, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
24 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. My



1 name is (indiscernible), and I have been a resident of  
2 Stanislaus County for over twenty years. I would like to  
3 say that we appreciate the current Senate district draft  
4 map in our area, but we would like to Ceres kept whole in  
5 our Congressional district instead of being split in two.  
6 We are a smaller community in Stanislaus County and would  
7 rather be represented by one Congress member rather than  
8 two ignore us.

9       Currently, our Punjabi community is being split into  
10 the Congressional districts of Eastern California Region  
11 where we have no communities of interest with this rural  
12 and mountainous area. We would like to kept together  
13 whole and part of the immediate district dividing us on  
14 the West. We want to be in Congressional district  
15 San/Fresno draft. This is very important for us.

16       As for Assembly, we would like to see if Ripon and  
17 Manteca can be added to Assembly district Stanislaus. We  
18 have family in those areas, and there is a large  
19 community of interest, Punjabi trucking community with  
20 family, and lots of crossover. We would appreciate if  
21 the Commission can find a home for Manteca that seems  
22 more natural, either with Stanislaus or the Stockton area  
23 rather than Lodi. Thank you for letting me speak during  
24 this historic redistricting process.

25       CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments and for

1 calling in.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we'll  
3 have caller 6563, and up next after that will be caller  
4 1481.

5 Caller 6563, if you will please follow the prompts  
6 to unmute by pressing star six. And calling with the  
7 last four 6563, the floor is yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. Good  
9 afternoon. My name is (indiscernible). I'm a Punjabi  
10 Sikh resident of Alameda County, I'm twenty-one, and I'm  
11 a college student. (Indiscernible) important  
12 redistricting is to the building community  
13 (indiscernible). Thank you so much for hearing us today.

14 So first I want to suggest changes to the Assembly  
15 district map. I would like to see if Union City could be  
16 combined in Assembly district Fremont since our  
17 communities of interest, especially in the Punjabi  
18 community, are closely tied. We all attend Fremont  
19 Gurdwara together, and we would like to be kept together.

20 As for the current Senate district draft map and the  
21 current Congressional draft maps in our area, we really  
22 appreciate them. Thank you so much for your hard work,  
23 for listening, and for your commitment to doing this  
24 work.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments and for



1 engagement.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
3 caller 1481, and up next after that will be caller 1126.

4 Caller 1481, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
5 unmute by pressing star six. The floors is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Can you guys hear me?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

8 MR. SINGH-SHERGILL: All right. Thank you.

9 Commission, first of all, thank you very much. My name  
10 is Grudeep Singh-Shergill (ph.). I am an educator in the  
11 Fresno area for the last sixteen years. I would like to,  
12 you know, add some of my, you know, input into the  
13 process, into this democracy here.

14 You know, in the current Assembly district map, it  
15 looks like they are trying to split our Central Unified  
16 School District community and -- and Fresno and  
17 (indiscernible) School District is a huge, you know -- I  
18 mean, there's a huge Punjabi and Sikh community in the  
19 area. So we would like to request those of just South of  
20 shields would like to just keep with within the rest of  
21 your community with the Assembly Merced/Fresno.

22 We kindly ask the Commission to consider moving the  
23 line currently at shields and 99 to pretty much South of  
24 Clinton Avenue so that way our communities of interest  
25 would stay together. I would also like to make another



1 comment about the Senate district. In the Senate  
2 district in Northwest Fresno, we would like to have our  
3 Punjabi community kept together. In the area along  
4 Herndon and the 99, we would like to see the small region  
5 from the 99 to the train tracks to put in the South  
6 district in the Fresno end, not South district  
7 Fresno/Kern. Thank you very much for that.

8 And the last comment would be for the Congress. We  
9 would like to Selma, Kingsburg, and Fowler with the West  
10 Fresno area, since this is where we work and commute. We  
11 are much closer to them --

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13 MR. SINGH-SHERGILL: -- as our community of interest  
14 and them and Tulare region. We would like our  
15 communities to be part of the San -- San/Fresno draft map  
16 rather than Fresno/Tulare draft maps. Thank you, and --  
17 and thank you for your ward work. Appreciate it.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your call.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now is caller  
20 1126, and then up next after that will be caller 8499.

21 Caller 1126, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
22 unmute by pressing star six. Caller 1126, if you'll  
23 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six,  
24 the floor is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. Sorry about that.



1 So my name is Max (indiscernible). I'm from Chico. This  
2 is about Northern California. I think I'm the third  
3 caller to -- to call about the Klamath river watershed.  
4 The Washington Post had an excellent article on this  
5 today. I'd just like to -- to draw that to the attention  
6 of the -- of the Commissioners.

7 Basically, the Klamath river goes from Modoc to --  
8 to Humboldt and Del Norte, kind of cutting across  
9 Northern Shasta, most of Siskiyou, and then a little bit  
10 of Trinity as well. So I -- I just think like that --  
11 this watershed has really been affected by climate  
12 change, there's huge water shortages, a lot of debate  
13 about where to -- where to put water for environmental  
14 purposes, tribal purposes, agriculture, especially in  
15 Modoc and Siskiyou, and it's just really important for  
16 that community to be kept together.

17 I just think it's -- it's a very clear community of  
18 interest, one that's been really poorly served by being  
19 split between kind of a coastal district and an inland  
20 district. I think we've had a coastal district now  
21 for -- for twenty years or so, the last two cycles have  
22 split those two things up, those two, like -- the -- the  
23 two halves of this community up.

24 The -- it also going in Oregon, but obviously, like,  
25 that can't be in one district. Anyway, I just think it's

1 really important to -- to draw an East/West district up  
2 there to -- to tie the river together, and I just want to  
3 echo the -- the previous comments made earlier today  
4 about the -- the importance of the Klamath as a community  
5 of interest. So thank you very much.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
8 caller 8499, and up next after that will be caller 5340.

9 Caller 8499, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
10 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon,  
12 Commissioners. I just want to thank you very much for  
13 all of the time and effort that you have all put into  
14 this. I'm a resident of Bakersfield, and I know that  
15 this isn't easy work, and it's very time consuming, so I  
16 want to thank you for everything that you've done, and  
17 you have done a great job. Have a nice day.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for the call.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
20 caller 5340, and then up next after that will be caller  
21 1505.

22 Caller 5340, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
23 unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller  
24 with the last 45340, the floor is yours. Caller 5340,  
25 double-check your phone, make sure it is not on mute.



1 MS. H. KAUR: Hi. Sorry about that. Hi. My name's  
2 Harsimarran Kaur (ph.). I'm from Fresno County. I  
3 really appreciate you giving me an opportunity to share  
4 this -- share my comment on this historic redistricting  
5 process. I'm from the Fresno County, and I would like to  
6 say that in the current district map, you're put --  
7 you're splitting our central unified community that is  
8 also the home to one of the largest Punjabi communities  
9 in the region.

10 Those of us just South of Ashland would like to be  
11 kept with the rest of the community and instead of  
12 Merced/Fresno. We kindly ask the Commission to consider  
13 moving the line currently at Ashland on the 99 to be  
14 moved up to South up to Clinton to keep many of our  
15 community together. Thank you.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
18 calling 1505, and up next after that is caller 2568.

19 Caller 1505, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
20 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

21 MS. HUANG: Thank you. Hello, Commissioners. I am  
22 Peggy Huang, and I serve as mayor of Yorba Linda, and I  
23 would to thank you the Commission for your hard work and  
24 appreciate that in the current draft map to the North  
25 Orange County area, you have put Yorba Linda together





1 with Anaheim Hills, East Orange, and Chino Hills.

2       However, I think Brea in North Fullerton should also  
3 be put together with the rest of North Orange County. As  
4 the mayor of Yorba Linda, I know this area very well, and  
5 North Orange County cities such as Yorba Linda, Brea,  
6 Anaheim Hills, North Fullerton, and Chino Hills face  
7 similar infrastructure issues and are big wildfire hot  
8 spots, and we also share similar economic concerns and  
9 housing concerns.

10       I hope you would consider putting the of Or -- North  
11 Orange County together with the cities of Yorba Linda,  
12 Anaheim Hills, and Chino Hills and Brea and North  
13 Fullerton, as we are communities of common interest.  
14 Thank you.

15       CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

16       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
17 caller 2568, and then up next after that will be caller  
18 3849.

19       Caller 2568, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
20 unmute by pressing star six.

21       MR. H. SINGH: Hello, Commissioners. Hello,  
22 Commissioners. My name is Harmin Singh (ph.), and I am a  
23 resident and community organizer in San -- in San Joaquin  
24 County. I appreciate you giving me an opportunity to  
25 share about this historic redistricting process. I would



1 like to comment about the Assembly map for San Joaquin  
2 region.

3 In the current Assembly district map -- sorry. Hold  
4 on one second. I have my comment written right here. So  
5 yeah. In the current -- so right now, I -- I really  
6 appreciate the Assembly maps that keep Tracy and Manteca  
7 together. There are large Punjabi trucking communities,  
8 and we would like to see if Manteca could find a way home  
9 with us in Tracy or South with the Assembly district  
10 Stanislaus area. We think that parts of North Stockton  
11 that are more affluent may be better off with the  
12 Northern San Joaquin County district that goes into  
13 Sacramento county. Thank you.

14 And then I also wanted to make a quick comment about  
15 the Senate district maps. We appreciate the current  
16 ones, and we also appreciate with the Congress --  
17 Congressional district draft maps in our area. Thank  
18 you.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we'll have  
21 caller 3849, and then up next after that will be caller  
22 5576.

23 Caller 3849, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
24 unmute by presser star six. The floor is yours.

25 MS. TORRES: Hi. My name is Lupita Torres, and I'm



1 calling from Davis, California, and I would like to ask  
2 that you please keep Solano -- excuse me, Yolo County and  
3 Solano County connected. It is it's my understanding  
4 that there's a portion of them that's going to be  
5 separated, and again, I said Solano County earlier  
6 because historically we have similar groups, similar  
7 diverse thinking, and if this gets split up, it's going  
8 to also split up our vote.

9 I also wanted to express concern over what seems to  
10 be gerrymandering over certain district lines, a lot of  
11 disenfranchisement of not only Latinx, but other BIPOC  
12 communities. Please keep in mind that we do have another  
13 ten years before these lines are redrawn and just keep in  
14 mind equity and inclusion, and a lot of these "special  
15 interest groups," that are being disenfranchised are the  
16 Latinx populations and other BIPOC communities, and  
17 please don't take away our voting power because that will  
18 have detrimental effects to a lot of legislation and  
19 policy, and please keep in mind the voices of some of  
20 these communities that are calling in today asking that  
21 their voices not be disenfranchised or dissolved. Thank  
22 you so much, and have a beautiful day, and thank you all  
23 of you for all of your hard work and working in redrawing  
24 the lines in an equitable and inclusive way.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much for calling in.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
2 right now, we'll have caller 5576, and then up next after  
3 that will be caller 3654.

4 Caller 5576, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
5 unmute by presser star six. The floor is yours.

6 MR. MUHAT: Hello, Commission -- Commissioners.  
7 Good afternoon. My name is Art Muhat (ph.). I'm a  
8 resident of Fresno County. I appreciate you guys giving  
9 me an opportunity to share during this historic  
10 redestruct -- redestructing (sic) process. I would like  
11 to comment about Senate. We will -- Senate in the Fresno  
12 region.

13 We would like to keep our Punjabi CUI intact in the  
14 Senate district of Northwest Fresno. We would like to  
15 have a tiny area along Herndon and 99, and from the 99 to  
16 the railroad lines put in the SD. We like to put in the  
17 S -- SDBE in Fresno rather than SD, Fresno, and Kern.  
18 Thank you very much.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
21 caller 3654, and then up next after that will be caller  
22 3241.

23 Caller 3654, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
24 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours. Caller  
25 3654, double-check, make sure your phone's not on mute.



1 MR. BURCHETT: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My  
2 name is Brent Burchett calling on behalf of San Luis  
3 Obispo County Farm Bureau, would like to make comments on  
4 the Assembly district maps affecting San Luis Obispo  
5 County. San Luis Obispo --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Go ahead.

7 MR. BURCHETT: -- County and Northern Santa Barbara  
8 County are agricultural communities. Linking them with  
9 coastal communities to the North and South makes little  
10 sense as they share no communities of interest with  
11 Monterey Bay or coastal Ventura and Santa Barbara.

12 San Luis Obispo County and Northern Santa Barbara  
13 County and similar economies that revolve around  
14 agriculture and energy and share a healthcare system and  
15 a water basin. Kids from both regions play in the same  
16 high school sports leagues, residents in SLO routinely  
17 work in Northern Santa Barbara County and vice versa.  
18 Residents in San Luis Obispo County rarely travel North  
19 into Monterey County. Northern Santa Barbara County  
20 residents rarely travel South over the Gaviota Pass and  
21 into Southern Santa Barbara County. Thank you for  
22 considering our comments. Bye-bye.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
24 have caller 3241, and then up next after that is caller  
25 3006.



1           Caller 3241, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
2 unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller  
3 with the last four 3241, if you'll please follow the  
4 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is  
5 yours.

6           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, there. I think -- I was  
7 liking at the map, and I think it's just illogical to  
8 split Orange County's coastal communities with LA and San  
9 Diego because all these communities in Orange County have  
10 so much in common than with those areas, and so I think  
11 it's more logical to keep them together versus splitting  
12 them apart. Thank you.

13          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
14 right now, we have caller 3006, and then up next after  
15 that will be caller 9024.

16          Caller 3006, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
17 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

18          MR. LATSHAW: Thank -- thank you for the opportunity  
19 to speak today. I'm here to recommend what you called CD  
20 greater draft, which includes many cities, including  
21 Cupertino, Santa Clara, Fremont, Sunnyvale, and part --  
22 other parts of the surrounding cities. My name is Gary  
23 Latshaw. I'm a resident actually of Cupertino where I've  
24 lived for forty years. I'm very active in the community,  
25 I belong to the Cupertino Rotary and the Sierra Club, and

1 I'm currently on the Sustainability Commission of the  
2 City of Cupertino and a member of the Climate Reality  
3 Project.

4 One important aspect of this visualization is that  
5 most of the cities involved touch the San Francisco Bay.  
6 The draft map does a great job of putting together these  
7 areas that depend on major facilities around the South  
8 Bay and will require collaboration.

9 The issues include landfill, recycling and  
10 composting at Newby Island, wastewater treatment  
11 facilities in Milpitas and Sunnyvale, the Santa Clara  
12 Valley Water district advanced water purification plant,  
13 all these communities form an infrastructure that's of  
14 value to the South Bay.

15 Also the -- the Bay, although it's affected by what  
16 is typically called sea level rise, we have unique  
17 characteristics that happen here because of the way the  
18 water flows through the Golden Gate Bridge down to the  
19 South Bay.

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 MR. LATSHAW: Also, the -- the -- the area includes  
22 the headquarters of Apple and LinkedIn, which -- which --  
23 and a substantial office of others. They share the  
24 problems of insufficient affordable housing, lack of  
25 public transportation --



1 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

2 MR. LATSHAW: -- and traffic congestion.

3 Culturally, there's much that is shared, a high  
4 percentage of Asian and Indians and Chinese in the  
5 regions. So again, it's CD greater draft.

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

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And Chair, at this time,  
8 we are up against a break.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's take our fifteen-minute break,  
10 and then we'll come back at 3:15 to continue with public  
11 comment.

12 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 2:59 p.m.  
13 until 3:15 p.m.)

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Good afternoon. We're continuing on  
15 with the California Citizens Redistricting public input  
16 session on our draft maps.

17 With that, Kristian, let's open up our lines.

18 MR. MANOFF: Sounds good, Chair.

19 And for those who have called in, if you have not  
20 yet given comment, please press star nine. That's for  
21 those who have not yet spoken, please press star nine.  
22 This will raise your hand for the comment moderator,  
23 which is me.

24 Could I have the Spanish interpreter please invite  
25 the queue to press star nine.





1 (In Spanish, not translated)

2 MR. MANOFF: All right. First up, we have caller  
3 9024, and after that will be caller 9329.

4 Caller 9024, if you could please follow the prompts  
5 by pressing star six. Go ahead.

6 MR. DHILLON: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My  
7 name is Amarin Dhillon (ph.), and I'm a lifelong resident  
8 of Union City. I'm representing the Punjabi Sikh  
9 community of Alameda County, and I would like to thank  
10 you for giving me the time to share today. I'd like to  
11 start off by saying we in the Punjabi Sikh community are  
12 very appreciative of the current Senate and Congressional  
13 lines in Alameda County.

14 However in the Assembly district, we would like to  
15 see if Union City could be combined in Alameda district  
16 Fremont since our communities of interest, especially in  
17 the Punjabi community, are very closely tied. We all  
18 attend the Sikh Temple of Fremont, the Fremont Gurdwara  
19 together, and we would like to be kept together. Thank  
20 you so much for your time and all of your hard work, and  
21 have a great rest of your day.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

23 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller  
24 9329, and after that will be caller 3069.

25 Caller 9329, please follow the prompts to unmute by



1 pressing star six. That's caller are the last four  
2 digits 9329. If you could please press star six to  
3 unmute. The floor is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. I'm Jacqueline,  
5 and I am a member of Stanislaus County, and I've been an  
6 educator in the area for close to twenty-five years, and  
7 I am calling to just say, first of all, Commissioners,  
8 thank you for all the work that you do.

9 I want to mention that the draft map that is  
10 published and moves Modesto into a district that's with  
11 Lake Tahoe and Death Valley really is disturbing to me  
12 because there's nothing in common with those areas, and  
13 it will divide communities of color, religious  
14 minorities, and it will cause an economic damage to a  
15 region already struggling to grow.

16 The diverse communities where it has a majority  
17 community, it shouldn't be drawn with Calaveras and  
18 Tuolumne Counties, who are more than ninety percent white  
19 in comparison to Stanislaus County, there are a lot of  
20 people of color.

21 I'm also very concerned that with the proposed map,  
22 it will require -- or not require, but reduce inclusion  
23 and equity for healthcare, education, affordable housing,  
24 and more concerning for me is how it will negatively  
25 impact the youth in Stanislaus County. So I'm asking

1 that instead of dividing Modesto from the rest of the  
2 Valley, please keep --

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- the region intact by  
5 drawing a map that keeps Modesto with South San Joaquin  
6 communities such as Manteca and Tracy, Mountain House,  
7 and Lathrop. Thank you.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

9 MR. MANOFF: Up next, we've got caller 3069, and  
10 after that will be caller 4855.

11 Calling 3069, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

12 MR. STRANKOWSKI: Hello. My name is Bob Strankowski  
13 (ph.). I'm a resident of Coastal Orange County calling  
14 about Congressional, I think it's called North Coast  
15 centered around Huntington Beach, California. The  
16 current redesign is a breakup of Coastal Orange Coast  
17 communities. At the North, Seal Beach is being taken  
18 with the beach community and being lumped in with the  
19 port city Long Beach. As you go South, you're taking out  
20 Laguna Beach, San Juan Cap -- Capistrano, and Dana  
21 Pointe. Those are all beach communities that have a --  
22 really a different economic, social, and political  
23 background compared to the inland cities.

24 The common -- commonalities that the beach cities  
25 have is not with Irvine, Costa Mesa, Lake Forest, Mission



1 Viejo, they -- they have a different economic, social  
2 networks. If you just -- I've been a thirty-five-year  
3 resident of Westminster, particularly in -- within Little  
4 Saigon, which is a vibrant Vietnamese community, and the  
5 Vietnamese community is in Westminster, Huntington Beach,  
6 and Fountain Valley, and the -- adding it to the Irvine  
7 area is a different move.

8 The -- also, I've been a volunteer in all kinds of  
9 different activities, the YMCA little leagues, UASO  
10 Soccer, they are all --

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 MR. STRANKOWSKI: -- along the beach communities,  
13 and they don't have anything in common, you know, there's  
14 no link-up with the inland communities. There's a  
15 different vibe along the beach. We are concerned about  
16 oil spills, they're concerned about wildfires. Having  
17 a --

18 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

19 MR. STRANKOWSKI: -- Congressional representative  
20 who -- who can represent the entire beach communities  
21 would be much better than having two different groups.  
22 Thank you for your time.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

24 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller  
25 4855, and after that will be caller 2961.



1           Caller 4855, please follow those prompts. The floor  
2 is yours.

3           MS. FRERIDGE: Hi, there. My name's Michelle  
4 Freridge. I'm the executive director of the Asian Youth  
5 Center. I'm calling about the West San Gabriel Valley  
6 area of Los Angeles County. The West San Gabriel Valley  
7 area is home to one of the largest AAPI communities in  
8 the nation, and it's recognized as a case study for  
9 successful AAPI political representation. The most  
10 recent map shows dramatic changes that chop it all up and  
11 make it so that there can't be an AAPI majority voting  
12 district in any of the new districts.

13           The visualization from the November 2 map  
14 visualization is much more desirable for the West San  
15 Gabriel Valley community. That's Alhambra, Arcadia,  
16 Monterey Park, San Gabriel, Rosemead, and Temple City.  
17 These communities need to remain together. We have  
18 common interests, we have a common desire to elect a  
19 representative who will speak for us.

20           So if you could go back to that November 2 map for  
21 the West San Gabriel Valley and make sure that in all of  
22 the districts, the West San Gabriel Valley is kept  
23 together, we would appreciate it. Thank you.

24           CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

25           MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller



1 2961, and after that will be caller 6115.

2       Caller 2961, please follow the prompts to unmute.

3 Go ahead.

4       MS. GRIJALVA: Thank you for this opportunity to  
5 speak. My name is Maria Grijalva I am founder and  
6 director of Latino Information and Resource Center in  
7 West Sacramento. I'm calling regarding the Congressional  
8 map that will split Yolo and Solano, and I'm calling to  
9 ask that please keep this, Yolo and Solano together.

10       Although I live in West Sacramento, I am seriously  
11 impacted by Yolo County policies, and the first thing  
12 that I'd like to say and -- and remind everyone is that  
13 the purpose of the redistricting is for fair  
14 representation, and the reason that we are seeking fair  
15 representation is because there's a history of unfair  
16 representation or an overrepresentation of the white  
17 population, and -- and so that is the case in Yolo  
18 County.

19       Yolo County has a long history of diluting the  
20 Latino vote, splitting Losano and -- Solano and Yolo  
21 would -- would dilute the Latino vote further. Right  
22 now, Yolo County is forty-six percent white, thirty-two  
23 percent Latino, very large Punjabi population also, and  
24 the problem with our county is that we -- it's very  
25 conservative, and we have some --

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MS. GRIJALVA: -- extreme policies, some very  
3 extreme policies as a result of this -- of this attitude,  
4 I want to say, and so the -- the -- one of the extreme  
5 policies that we had --

6 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

7 MS. GRIJALVA: -- is that in just alone in -- in  
8 2013, we had the highest rate for charging minors as  
9 adults in criminal cases, more than any other county in  
10 California, and so that's just one -- one --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much for your call.

12 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller  
13 6115, and after that will be caller 3240.

14 Caller 6115, if you could please follow the prompts  
15 to unmute. Caller with the last four digits 6115, you  
16 can now unmute your phone by pressing star six. Go  
17 ahead.

18 MS. J. KAUR: Hello. Hi. This is Jolene Preet Kaur  
19 (ph.). I'm a resident of Fresno. I appreciate you  
20 giving me an opportunity to share during this historic  
21 redistricting process. I would like to comment on  
22 Assembly, Senate, Congress in the -- in the Fresno --  
23 region.

24 In the current Assembly district maps, you're  
25 splitting our central unified community that is also home



1 to the largest Punjabi community in the region. Those of  
2 just South of Shields would like to kept within -- within  
3 the rest of our community of Merced/Fresno.

4 I would like to kindly ask the Commissioners to  
5 consider moving the line currently at Shields on the 99  
6 to be moved to South to Clinton to keep so many of these  
7 traditional communities of interest together. Thank you.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your call.

9 MR. MANOFF: Up next, we've got caller 3240, and  
10 after that will be caller 2111.

11 Caller 3240, if you could please follow the prompts.  
12 Go ahead.

13 MS. ADAMS: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name  
14 is Victoria Adams, and I'm with East County Branch of the  
15 NAACP. I just wanted to let you know that we are against  
16 the CD North Con map as it drawn today. The  
17 recommendations of the district draft appears to carve  
18 out cities in Pittsburg and Bay Point and merge them with  
19 cities such as Vallejo and Fairfield is something that we  
20 do not agree with.

21 The community of Pittsburg and East coast of Contra  
22 County has nothing in common with Solano County. The  
23 Carquinez Strait separates these two areas, and our needs  
24 are not the same. The City of Pittsburgh is attached to  
25 Antioch, and our needs are more likely -- are more





1 closely aligned with that city.

2 In addition, Contra Costa County does not have the  
3 same transportation, education, or government needs as  
4 the proposed areas of change that Solano County has.

5 This type of change will greatly affect our local and  
6 federal resources in a negative way. We will not lose  
7 Congressional representation, but also state and federal  
8 funding, but we will also lose local funding support that  
9 we need in non -- for nontraditional programs.

10 Our community college system will also be affected  
11 as it spans three different cities, which includes the  
12 City of Brentwood --

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 MS. ADAMS: -- which according to this map, will be  
15 in a different district. These cities all also are  
16 aligned with other cities along the corridor regarding  
17 the terms of socioeconomic diversity and public  
18 transportation, such as BART, which runs along the --

19 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

20 MS. ADAMS: -- Highway 4 corridor, and we need that  
21 for transportation to our jobs and homes. This district  
22 change, we would hope that you would not effect and that  
23 we are upset because we have people from 500 miles away  
24 who have come along --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your call.



1 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

2 Up next, we've got caller 2111, and after that will  
3 be caller 5554.

4 Caller 2111, please press star six to unmute. Go  
5 ahead.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. As  
7 someone who has lived in Santa Monica for many years, I  
8 am concerned that the Santa Monica is with the San  
9 Fernando Valley in your Congressional district map.  
10 Santa Monica really belongs with the coast. The San  
11 Fernando Valley, it apparently does not think this is a  
12 good idea either. We've seen oil spills, pollution, and  
13 fishing issues that the coast needs a lot of attention.

14 If you caught last night's episode of Curb Your  
15 Enthusiasm, you also saw that Larry David, who famously  
16 lives on the West side of LA couldn't get to the Valley  
17 because of all the traffic, and he missed a funeral.  
18 Anyways, it sounds a true story to me.

19 I don't think that it has to be overly complicated  
20 to move Santa Monica to a coastal district. For  
21 instance, you -- you could swap where Santa Monica and  
22 Malibu go together with the coast that goes North to Port  
23 Hueneme in Ventura County. This would be a true Pacific  
24 Coast highway district. I assume this would make Malibu  
25 happy too because it could stay with Agoura, Calabasas,



1 and other Las Virgenes areas. The Valley could then take  
2 corresponding population from Ventura County, which is  
3 suburban and of course inland. Cities like Moorpark  
4 and --

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Simi are along the 118  
7 Freeway and might make sense, and then the Valley  
8 wouldn't need to go South of Mulholland much at all.  
9 Thanks for whatever you can do to keep Santa Monica with  
10 the coast.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thanks for your feedback.

12 MR. MANOFF: Up next, we've got caller 5554, and  
13 after that will be caller 5481.

14 Caller 5554, your time has come to press star six.  
15 Go ahead.

16 MS. J. KAUR: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My  
17 name is Jasnoor Kaur (ph.), and I'm currently a junior at  
18 Clovis North High School. I was born and raised in  
19 Fresno County. I appreciate you guys giving me an  
20 opportunity to share during this historic redistricting  
21 process. I would like to comment about Assembly in  
22 Fresno County.

23 In the current -- current Assembly district map,  
24 you're splitting our central unified community that is  
25 also home to the largest Punjabi community in this

1 region. Those of us just South of Ashland would like to  
2 be kept with the rest of your community in Merced/Fresno.  
3 We moved South to Clinton to keep so many of these  
4 traditional COIs together. I appreciate your guys' time  
5 and effort. Thank you so much.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

7 MR. MANOFF: Up next, we've got caller 5481, and  
8 after that will be caller 1353.

9 Caller 5481, please press star six. Go ahead.

10 MR. GALINDO: Greetings, Commissioners. Thank you  
11 for the time and effort you've put into coming up with  
12 the maps. My name is Larry Galindo. I'm calling about  
13 Lake Forest on the latest Assembly draft map.

14 As you know, Lake Forest has more in common with  
15 Northern Irvine and Tustin than with coastal beach cities  
16 it is currently grouped with. Residents of Lake Forest  
17 routinely cross into Irving -- Irvine, excuse me, and  
18 into Tustin to shop, recreate, and go to school.  
19 Splitting these cities and placing Lake Forest into a  
20 coastal district does a disservice to the region because  
21 of the different public policy priorities between Lake  
22 Forest and the Foothills and beach cities.

23 I hope that the Commission shares this viewpoint and  
24 puts Lack Forest back into an inland district with  
25 communities with similar needs. There is no reason for

1 it to be in a coastal district in the next draft map.

2 Thank you very much.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much for the feedback.

4 MR. MANOFF: Up next, we've got caller 1353, and  
5 after that will be calling 8037.

6 Caller 1353, if you could please follow the prompts  
7 by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

9 MR. MANOFF: We sure can. Go ahead.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yeah. My name is  
11 Matthew. I'm a resident of Dana Pointe, and I feel that  
12 it is not sensible to place South Orange County with the  
13 district that is mostly in San Diego. Dana Pointe has  
14 more in common with cities such as Laguna Beach and  
15 Newport Beach than cities such as Oceanside, Encinitas.

16 There are fifty miles between San Clemente and  
17 Oceanside, yet we are not in the same district as these  
18 neighboring communities. So the Orange County beach  
19 cities that are along the coast have similar interests,  
20 and we are in dire need of critical infrastructure, and  
21 being in that district centered around the needs of San  
22 Diego leaves us with little representation.

23 We would like to have one representative focus on  
24 the concerns specifically related to our Orange County  
25 coastal communities. So please keep Orange County



1 beaches in one district from Seal Beach to San Clemente  
2 and Orange County's coast. They deserve one  
3 Congressional district. Our economy is so reliant on  
4 tour; attracting visitors, both domestic and  
5 international, and we -- we need one representative that  
6 shares these goals. So being grouped with more inland  
7 areas diminishes that ability to prioritize issues that  
8 our -- our livelihood depends on. So one -- one  
9 district, one representative. Thanks so much.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

11 MR. MANOFF: Up next, we've got caller 8037. Please  
12 follow the prompt to unmute. The floor is yours.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Can you hear me?

14 MR. MANOFF: We sure can.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm writing to argue for  
16 a Congressional district that includes all of Orange  
17 County's coast from Seal Beach to San Clemente. The  
18 response to the oil spill is the perfect example as to  
19 why this most happen. The coordinated federal, and  
20 state, and local response was inconsistencies gathered.  
21 Having one voice in Congress lead would have minimized  
22 our issues and bet enabled our ability to respond. Thank  
23 you.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

25 MR. MANOFF: And at this time, we have no more



1 raised hands. I'd like to invite those who have not  
2 spoken to please press star nine if you'd like to speak.  
3 This is for caller 2846, 5672, 5160, I see those hands.  
4 Thank you so much.

5 So up next, we will have caller 5672, and after that  
6 will be caller 5160.

7 Caller 5672, the time has come to press star six.  
8 Go ahead.

9 MS. MULDER: Hi. Thanks so much all of the time you  
10 Commissioners have dedicated to this important work that  
11 can have such dramatic implications for the future of our  
12 communities. My name is Janet Mulder, and I'm a longtime  
13 residence of Jamul, which is located in San Diego County,  
14 and I have been an elected member of the Jamul-Dulzura  
15 Community Planning Group, but speaking to as an  
16 individual.

17 Jamul is a rural, unincorporated area that has  
18 absolutely nothing in common with North Park, which is in  
19 metropolitan City of San Diego, but that's where we're  
20 altogether. The rural communities need to be together as  
21 their problems are dramatically different from that more  
22 metropolitan area.

23 We do have lots in common with our close neighbors  
24 in the unincorporated area like Alpine, Descano, Pine  
25 Valley, Potrero, Campo, and Ramona, but they are now



1 linked all the way to Needles. This is ridiculous.

2 Please take another look.

3 I am confused as to why an ultimate wisdom one would  
4 consider linking unincorporated areas, with the  
5 inexplicable exception of Jamul, to link all the way to  
6 Needles where distance alone would mean they could have  
7 little or no interaction with one senator. I plead with  
8 you to please take another look and put the  
9 unincorporated areas together and have them be able to  
10 work together as we have done so successfully in the  
11 past. Thank you very much for your time and your effort.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your -- for feedback.

13 MR. MANOFF: Up next, we have caller 5160, and after  
14 that will be call 2846.

15 Caller 5160, please follow those prompts.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello.

17 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Aaron.  
19 I'm from Westminster. Thanks for giving me a second  
20 chance to raise my hand, by the way. I had to drive for  
21 a little bit. I just wanted to comment, I think it's CD  
22 Seal/Brea. Yea. I really like the direction you guys  
23 are going with Orange County. Little Saigon was really  
24 disenfranchised the last ten years. They were split  
25 between Long Beach and Huntington Beach.





1 I love that you guys have kept us whole. My only  
2 suggestion would be that I think that district goes a  
3 little too far to the North into Brea and North  
4 Fullerton. I would rather see the more AAPI parts of  
5 Northern Huntington Beach be kept in the Little Saigon  
6 district. If you look that current Assembly district,  
7 not the ones you guys are proposing, but the ones in  
8 place now, they actually do that by keeping coastal  
9 Huntington Beach with South Irvine and Newport, and then  
10 keeping Northern Huntington Beach with Little Saigon. I  
11 think that's the best way to do it.

12 I think Brea, from a local perspective, would  
13 probably be a better fit for that OC inland seat that  
14 goes to North Irvine/Yorba Linda. That would basically  
15 be my suggestion. I just think that Little Saigon is  
16 really looking forward to being kept whole, and I think  
17 it would be more respectful to just make sure that the  
18 parts of Huntington Beach where people work, live, own  
19 businesses that are connected to that Westminster/Garden  
20 Grove area, places like Golden West College are kept in  
21 one seat. Thank you.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

23 MR. MANOFF: And up next, we've got caller 2846.  
24 Please press star six to unmute. Go ahead.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Can you hear me?



1 MR. MANOFF: We can.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello.

3 MR. MANOFF: Hello.

4 MS. NGUYEN: Yes, yes. Hi. My name is Kine Nguyen  
5 (ph.), and live in Huntington Beach since 1993. My two  
6 daughters and their family also live in Huntington Beach.  
7 I've called in few weeks ago and was able to make  
8 comments before.

9 First I wanted to say thank you for keeping part of  
10 Little Saigon together. Now, we need to ask you to just  
11 make it whole.

12 The Senate district was spot on, and no changes are  
13 needed. The Assembly and Congressional districts are  
14 almost there, so just a few line changes. Here is what  
15 will make Little Saigon whole and keep our parents who  
16 living in Westminster and us in Huntington Beach  
17 together. This will continue to give them emergency  
18 access to someone who can speak Vietnamese near  
19 Huntington Beach, but also be able to continue to attend  
20 weekly temple visits in Westminster with them.

21 Assembly map ADTTW, take out part of Garden Grove,  
22 which is anything East of Euclid Street, and take out  
23 Stanton. Both of these areas don't have any community of  
24 interests with little Saigon. Now, put in the noncoastal  
25 part of Huntington Beach, which is everything North of



1 Garfield Avenue so it can include our homes and so many  
2 other Vietnamese-Americans. This would be perfect for  
3 our Little Saigon community.

4 Congressional map cities Seal/Brea, take out  
5 Artesia, Cerritos, but in the noncoastal part of  
6 Huntington Beach, which is everything North of Garfield  
7 Avenue. Thank you for your time and for --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 MS. NGUYEN: -- allowing me to speak. Again, we are  
10 asking for these small changes to make the Assembly and  
11 Congressional districts right for our community so that  
12 we have a voice in these districts as well. Thank you so  
13 much.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your call.

15 MR. MANOFF: And Chair Toledo, the queue is clear.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Kristian.

17 With that, we will -- that concludes today's  
18 commenters. Tomorrow from 9:30 to 2:30, we will continue  
19 to accept public feedback on our State Assembly, State  
20 Senate, Congressional, and Board of Equalization district  
21 maps. This is an opportunity for the public to provide  
22 feedback on any and all of our maps, including the Board  
23 of Equalization, and again, you can certainly call in and  
24 give us feedback during the public input session.

25 If you don't have an appointment, you can also go



1 onto our website at wedrawthelineca.org and provide  
2 feedback to us through that platform, or you can even  
3 draw a map and -- with information about what your  
4 community looks like and submit it through the my --  
5 drawmycalifornia.org platform. You can go to that  
6 website also from our website. Again, it's  
7 drawmycalifornia.org.

8 With that, we will recess until tomorrow at 9:30.  
9 Thank you to everyone and all the Commissioners, the  
10 public, and to staff and contractors. Appreciate all of  
11 your hard work, and see you bright and early tomorrow  
12 morning.

13 (Whereupon, the California Citizens  
14 Redistricting Committee meeting adjourned at  
15 3:45 p.m.)  
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