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Mirea Navarro
Miles Nevin
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 Tuesday, November 23, 2021 9:31 a.m.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Good morning, California. Buenos
4 dias, commissioners. My name is Pedro Toledo, and I'll
5 be chairing today's California Citizens Redistricting
6 Commission's Public Input Session on our draft maps.

7 We are offering language lines for Spanish language
8 speakers to listen to their meeting -- or to listen to
9 this meeting in their native language. Could I please
10 have the Spanish interpreters provide our language line
11 number where the public can listen to today's meeting in
12 Spanish?

13 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, Chair. This is Margarita,
14 Spanish interpreter. I will go ahead and read the
15 instructions for the Spanish speakers.

16 (In Spanish, not translated)

17 Thank you.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Gracias, Margarita.

19 Good morning, Ravi. Please conduct roll call.

20 MR. R. SINGH: Thank you, Chair; and good morning.
21 Commissioner Turner.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

23 MR. R. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez.

24 Commissioner Yee.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

1 MR. R. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad.

2 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

3 MR. R. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

5 MR. R. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen.

6 Commissioner Fernandez.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

8 MR. R. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

10 MR. R. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy.

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

12 MR. R. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

13 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Presente.

14 MR. R. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, she's here.

16 MR. R. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

18 MR. R. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor.

19 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present, Ravi.

20 MR. R. SINGH: And Commissioner Toledo.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Here.

22 MR. R. SINGH: Roll call is complete, Chair.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Every ten years after the

24 federal government publishes updated census information,

25 California must redraw the boundaries of its

1 congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and State
2 Board of Equalization districts so that the districts
3 correctly reflect the state's population.

4 The fourteen-member Commission is made up of five
5 Republicans, five Democrats, and four not affiliated with
6 either of those two parties.

7 The Commission must draw the district lines in
8 conformity with strict, nonpartisan rules designed to
9 create districts of relatively equal population that will
10 provide fair representation for all Californians.

11 You can visit us at WeDrawTheLinesCA.org to get more
12 information. This week we've been getting public input
13 on our draft maps. Today, we will be accepting input on
14 any one of our maps, including State Senate, State
15 Assembly, Board of Equalization, or congressional.

16 Participating through these forums is not the only
17 way to give input. You can also go online to
18 WeDrawTheLinesCA.org, and use our submission tool to
19 provide input.

20 You can also draw maps at DrawMyCalifornia.org. You
21 can submit maps through that platform, and additional
22 information to the Commission, and we are able to access
23 that information and use it as -- consider it and use it
24 in our deliberations.

25 Some housekeeping rules: The Commission will be

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

7 We will open up the lines at the end of the day when
8 we reach our public comment session. And today that'll
9 be around 1:30, and we will continue to accept public
10 comment callers through to 2:30 when we will close the
11 lines. If you are calling without an appointment, please
12 do not hang up as you will lose your place in the line.

13 With that, Katy, please go over the directions and
14 instructions on starting the appointment sessions.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Good morning. Yes,
16 Chair.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Good morning.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Welcome to the Draft Map
19 Feedback Session. If you have not done so already, and
20 if your unique ID number ends in 001 through 037, please
21 use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen.
22 You will be identified by your assigned unique ID number
23 received with your invite for this session.

24 When it is your turn to speak, I will promote you to
25 have the ability to enable your own audio and/or video in

1 the lower-left corner of your screen. Public input time
2 limit is two minutes and thirty seconds. You will
3 receive a verbal warning at thirty seconds and fifteen
4 seconds remaining in your speaking time. There will also
5 be active timer on the screen for your convenience.

6 When you start your input, please identify which
7 district plan and region you will be providing input on.
8 And one more time, please use the raise hand button at
9 the bottom of your screen to enter the public comment
10 queue line indicating you're present and ready to comment
11 if your unique ID number ends anywhere from 001 through
12 037 for session 1.

13 And right now, we will begin our day with unique ID
14 034. And then up next after that will be 010.

15 034, I'll be promoting you now. 034, you can now
16 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
17 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
18 district plan or region you'd like to address. The floor
19 is yours.

20 MS. ROSS-FRANCOM: I would like to address
21 congressional district for the County of Sacramento.

22 Good morning, Commissioners. Thank you for all your
23 work and allowing me to comment today. My name is
24 Deniece Ross-Francom, and I am calling to ask that you
25 keep the Sacramento floodplain together in one state and

1 federal district. I own a home, live, and work in the
2 City of Sacramento, specifically in North Natomas, which
3 is one of the areas in Sacramento most likely to flood.

4 Sacramento has one of the highest flood risks in the
5 nation. We are surrounded by two large rivers: the
6 Sacramento and American. Our community shares evacuation
7 routes, levee patrol watches, flood insurance rates, and
8 very active local flood agencies whose work we could not
9 live without. Millions and millions of dollars have been
10 invested in our flood protection program -- excuse me --
11 system, and we are very grateful for this investment.

12 Since the City of Sacramento was founded, it has
13 worked very hard to build and fortify its flood
14 protection system. You may be familiar with the famous
15 photo from 1862 when Governor Leland Stanford rode a boat
16 to his inauguration at the Capitol because the city was
17 underwater.

18 Seventy-five percent of the funding for this work is
19 from the federal government, and our advocacy as a
20 community has been significant to get that funding.
21 Having unified representation has made all the difference
22 when we advocate for funding at the state and federal
23 levels; these projects are much more expensive than any
24 local community could afford.

25 Over many decades of work by this local, state, and

1 federal government, our flood protection system is
2 better, but we still have much more work to do. Please
3 respect the history that our city has endured and keep
4 the Sacramento floodplain in one state and federal
5 district.

6 Thank you so much for your dedication, time, and
7 thoughtful consideration. And just to give you an idea,
8 in case you're not aware, in the area where my home is
9 built, if there was a catastrophic flood, we would be
10 under twenty-six feet of water, is the estimate. Thank
11 you very much.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
14 have 010. And then up next after that will be, 005.

15 010, I'll be promoting you now. 010, you can now
16 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
17 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
18 district plan and region you would like to address. The
19 floor is yours.

20 MR. PAYNE: Good morning. Thank you, Katy. My name
21 is Jeremy Payne calling for Equality California. I would
22 like to zoom into the East Bay region. I'll be talking
23 about our Assembly, Senate, and congressional maps. All
24 right, thank you.

25 So for all three of these maps, I just want to thank

1 the Commission for your recognition of the East Bay
2 LGBTQ+ community be kept together in the Assembly, Senate
3 and congressional draft maps. The East Bay region
4 stretching from the City of El Cerrito in the north and
5 south through Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland,
6 Alameda, and San Leandro has served as major building
7 blocks of the East Bay LGBTQ+ community.

8 Today, notable LGBTQ+ institutions, like the Oakland
9 LGBTQ+ Community Center, and the Pacific Center, and
10 several LGBTQ+ businesses and community spaces throughout
11 the East Bay continue serving members of our community,
12 looking for more welcoming and affirming spaces, or
13 direct services unique to our community's needs. Our
14 community has always come together to support one
15 another, and the East Bay LGBTQ+ community is no
16 exception.

17 The community is mobilized and active, and has
18 demonstrated a cohesive voting pattern of electing
19 diverse LGBTQ+ leaders in their local cities. For
20 example, in El Cerrito, Berkeley, Emeryville, Oakland,
21 and San Leandro, that all has diverse LGBTQ+
22 representation. And this is spearheading LGBTQ+
23 representation throughout the state that reflects the
24 LGBTQ+ community's true diversity in California.

25 So again, I just want to thank you for keeping this

1 LGBTQ+ community united. And since this is my last
2 comment, I hope you all have a great Thanksgiving. And
3 take care.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And have a great
5 Thanksgiving.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
7 have 005. And up next after that will be 024.

8 005, I'll be promoting you now. 005, you can now
9 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
10 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
11 district plan and region you would like to address. The
12 floor is yours.

13 MR. HACEGABA: Yes, good morning, Commissioners. My
14 name is Noel Hacegaba, and I'm calling to comment on the
15 City of Long Beach. Long Beach is my home and I'm
16 raising two daughters on the east side of the city. I'm
17 not too far from the border of Orange County.

18 I live in Long Beach and I also work in Long Beach.
19 In fact, I work for the Port of Long Beach. And I can
20 tell you that while our city has a great diversity of
21 spaces, we are one community. I want to thank you for
22 grouping a large majority of Long Beach in the
23 congressional map that you've drawn for this region.
24 It's really important that you continue to support us by
25 keeping us as intact as possible.

1 In the past, I've seen iterations that have split us
2 apart, and we definitely don't want to go in that
3 direction. I know there's a little over a month more of
4 line drawing and public comment left before the final
5 maps are adopted, so I just ask that, for Long Beach,
6 that you please continue to keep the large majority of
7 our city united. You have heard from hundreds of people
8 across our city and our voice is united.

9 So as you consider other areas to add to the
10 congressional map for this area, I would like to remind
11 you that -- this Commission that we already share a
12 congressional district with numerous Orange County cities
13 like Rossmoor and Los Alamitos; and of course Avalon,
14 Signal Hill, and Lakewood are part of our community, and
15 our school and college system.

16 So again, thank you for your time. And I wish you
17 and yours a wonderful Thanksgiving.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we're on
20 024. And up next after that will be 036.

21 024, I'll be promoting you now. 024, you can now
22 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
23 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
24 district plan and region you would like to address, the
25 floor is yours.

1 MS. INSCOE: Good morning, Commissioners. My name
2 is Tina Inscoe. I'm a council member in the City of
3 Escondido, located in North County San Diego, on the I-15
4 corridor. I am testifying today regarding the ESC-
5 Bonsall-Rainbow Assembly draft map to request that you
6 revise the map to keep Escondido, Fallbrook, Bonsall, and
7 Rainbow in a separate district from the City of San
8 Diego, and unify it with our rural neighbors along the I-
9 15 corridor, including Valley Center, Temecula, and the
10 tribal lands east of the 15 to the San Diego/Imperial
11 Border.

12 Under the current Assembly draft, Escondido,
13 Fallbrook, Bonsall, and Rainbow, which are rural
14 communities, are connected with urban neighborhoods in
15 the City of San Diego, including Rancho Bernardo, Forest
16 Ranch, and Mira Mesa. These neighborhoods have very
17 little in common with Escondido and our rural neighbors
18 along the 15 freeway.

19 I urge the Commission to draw the San Diego
20 neighborhoods below Lake Hodges, or at least below the 56
21 freeway into a separate district from Fallbrook, Bonsall,
22 Rainbow, and the other rural communities near Escondido.

23 Under the current draft maps, Escondido, Fallbrook,
24 Bonsall, and Rainbow are also separated from Valley
25 Center, Temecula, and other rural agricultural

1 communities along the 15. Valley Center and Hidden
2 Meadows are, in many ways, suburbs of Escondido.
3 Residents living in Valley Center and Hidden Meadows rely
4 on Escondido, not just for shopping and other commercial
5 needs, but also medical and emergency services.

6 Escondido police and fire respond to public safety
7 concerns in these neighboring rural communities when
8 needed. Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow, Pala, and Pauma
9 Valley rely on the City of Temecula in the same way. All
10 of our communities are connected by the 15 freeway. I
11 urge the Commission to redraw the Assembly draft map to
12 keep Escondido with a rural community of interest,
13 including Valley Center, Rincon, Pala, Pauma Valley,
14 Hidden Meadows, Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow, Temecula,
15 and the tribal communities east of the --

16 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

17 MS. INSCOE: -- Escondido County line. Thank you
18 for your time and service to the state. And happy
19 Thanksgiving to all.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
22 036. And up next after that will be 001.

23 036, I'll be promoting you now. 036, you can now
24 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
25 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper what

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

3 MR. ADEVA: Yes, thank you. I will be speaking
4 about congressional maps, and specifically CD-Ventura
5 Draft. All right, thank you.

6 Good morning, members of the Commission. My name is
7 Ramiro Adeva, and I'm the assistant city manager for the
8 City of Agoura Hills. Thank you to the Commission for
9 the tireless work in drafting boundaries. I'm speaking
10 today in regards to major concerns we have with the
11 latest draft congressional maps.

12 Early in the redistricting process, Agoura Hills
13 stood alongside the cities of Calabasas, Hidden Hills,
14 Malibu, and Westlake Village, to author a letter from the
15 Las Virgenes-Malibu COG urging the Commission for a
16 redistricting plan that keeps the COG cities together and
17 connected to the Santa Monica Mountains.

18 Unfortunately, Agoura Hills was placed in a district
19 comprised predominantly of Ventura County cities,
20 separated from the Santa Monica Mountains, despite Agoura
21 Hills residing entirely within Los Angeles County. The
22 city of Agoura Hills was incorporated into LA County in
23 1982. All essential services and community interests are
24 rooted in Los Angeles County.

25 Our police force are LA County sheriffs. Our

1 firefighters are from LA County Fire District. Our city
2 even falls under LA County's North Area Plan, a specific
3 plan containing policies governing areas of Los Angeles
4 County that include Agoura Hills. Unlike any of the
5 agencies in the proposed congressional district, we are
6 geographically located in a region that drains directly
7 to the Santa Monica Bay, and are active partners in the
8 North Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee.

9 From an emergency management and hazardous
10 mitigation standpoint, it's imperative we remain
11 connected with LA County agencies we have historically
12 leaned on to coordinate first responders and mass
13 evacuations. The success of recovery efforts, as we
14 learned firsthand from the devastating Woolsey Fire in
15 2018, depends on locking arms with our COG and
16 surrounding cities to seek federal assistance from a
17 common congressional representative.

18 As a COG, along with Los Angeles County, we have
19 secured funding towards critical services,
20 infrastructure, and protection of natural resources,
21 which often include assistance or support from shared
22 congressional representation which, again, would be
23 threatened if the current plan is approved. Agoura Hills
24 respectfully ask the Commission to revise the lines --

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

1 MR. ADEVA: -- in a way that reconnects Agoura Hills
2 with its COG cities, partners in Los Angeles County, and
3 the Santa Monica Mountains. Agoura Hills is vastly
4 different demographically and socioeconomically than the
5 agencies included in the draft maps. As a result --

6 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

7 MR. ADEVA: -- the challenges we face are different
8 as well. Redrawing the lines is the only way we stand a
9 chance of having representation that can advocate for
10 what's important to us. Relocating 21,000 people will
11 hardly tip the population scales, but has profound
12 impacts in ensuring effective congressional
13 representation for Agoura Hills. Thank you.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
16 001. And then up next after that will be 009.

17 001, I'll be promoting you now. 001, you can now
18 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
19 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
20 district plan and region you'd --

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good morning. This will --

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Good morning.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Yes. This will
24 be District 25, with the Santa Clarita Antelope Valley.
25 It was -- been an interesting processing of these

1 revisions. We have lost Simi Valley. Please return --
2 keep Simi Valley in District 25, continue with the plan
3 that is already in effect. Please do not take this draft
4 version.

5 Simi Valley and Santa Clarita are quite a bit
6 similar demographically, and the Antelope Valley has long
7 been connected to Santa Clarita, thanks to the 14
8 freeway, and people that do come over the back way, the
9 backdoor entrance over through the mountain. I am a big
10 part of the veteran community up here, although I am not
11 a veteran. I support veterans. I've had many family
12 members, and friends who have been veterans.

13 One of the groups I'm with has a strong connection
14 with the veteran community in Simi Valley. Please bring
15 Simi Valley back into this district. Keep the original.
16 Please do not accept the draft. Veterans are an
17 important part of our entire nation. They cover all
18 socioeconomic and ethnic backgrounds.

19 They are, I'm going to say, the backbone of our
20 country. They have given their lives. Some have
21 actually given their lives. Some have many disabling
22 factors from serving, and that goes for the families as
23 well that need to support their loved ones.

24 Please keep Simi Valley and the Antelope Valley and
25 Santa Clarita together, as the current District 25 is.

1 Please do not accept this draft. Thank you. Have a
2 great Thanksgiving. It's been an interesting process on
3 this, and learning what you all need to be doing as
4 general citizens pulled out of the -- stepping up to take
5 this position on for our state. Thank you again. Have a
6 great day.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And have a great
8 Thanksgiving.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
10 009. And then up next after that will be 007.

11 009, I'll be promoting you now. 009, you can now
12 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
13 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
14 district plan and region you would like to address. The
15 floor is yours.

16 MS. NAVARRO: Hi. Thank you. Good morning. It
17 will be the Long Beach congressional map -- draft maps,
18 please.

19 Good morning, Commissioners. Thank you for the
20 chance to provide feedback today. My name is Mirea (ph.)
21 Navarro, and I'm speaking today about the Long Beach
22 congressional draft maps.

23 Professionally, I work in the Port of Long Beach,
24 and have been very involved in the Long Beach area for
25 many years. Firstly, I want to thank the Commission for

1 your recent work to bring more of the city into one
2 Assembly, State Senate, and congressional district. The
3 Port of Long Beach is always striving to be greener,
4 cleaner, and more business-friendly; having good lines of
5 communications with our elected officials help with those
6 goals.

7 Moving forward, I hope the Commission will continue
8 to keep Long Beach unified. From my perspective, we are
9 a city that cares deeply about the environment, and ask
10 that if more cities are needed to be added to our final
11 maps, that they be similarly passionate about the
12 environment. Keep the Port of Long Beach with the rest
13 of our city and our coastline. Again, I thank the
14 Commission for all you're doing for the state. Thank
15 you.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
18 007. And then up next after that will be 037.

19 007, I'll be promoting you now. 007, it would
20 appear there might be a connectivity issue with the
21 audio? Oh, well, see -- I just need to say that and
22 then -- I'll just go over. Okay.

23 007, you can now enable your audio and video in the
24 lower-left corner of your screen. And please remind the
25 mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to

1 address. The floor is yours.

2 MR. NEVIN: Good morning. Thank you and good
3 morning, Commissioners. My name is Miles Nevin, and I
4 wanted to address the Long Beach area. So firstly, I
5 just wanted to say thank you so much for uniting as much
6 of Long Beach as possible in your draft congressional
7 maps. I'm really encouraged, and hope to see that it
8 stays this way throughout your process.

9 Several weeks ago, I had sent a letter to the
10 Commission expressing how important it is to the LGBTQ
11 community here in our area to remain united. And that's
12 because Long Beach is such a special place; we have a
13 proud, visible, and connected LGBT community, and one of
14 the largest in California, in fact. And we have worked
15 hard to uplift our LGBTQ voices in our city.

16 I'd certainly like for us to be able to continue
17 this work in a meaningful way, and to work with elected
18 officials in our area who understand the power of our
19 LGBTQ voices. Please don't break up our LGBT community
20 here in the Long Beach area.

21 Again, thank you for hearing this feedback, and for
22 bringing more of Long Beach into the congressional map
23 for this region. I know that you have such a tough job
24 to do, and at the end of the day that Long Beach won't be
25 a district by itself. So again, please, as you look to

1 add more population in this region, look to places where
2 the LGBTQ population is strong. Equality California
3 presented maps that include most of Long Beach and
4 Lakewood, they also connect Orange County coastal LGBTQ
5 communities, so please take that into consideration as
6 you draw the maps.

7 But again, for me personally, it's most important
8 not to break up our Long Beach LGBTQ historic community
9 because of how meaningful it has been. So thank you
10 again so much. And hope you all have a great day and a
11 great week.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
14 037. And then up next after that will be 013.

15 037, I'll be promoting you now. 037, you can now
16 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
17 your screen. If you'll please remain the mapper of what
18 district plan and region you would like to address. The
19 floor is yours.

20 MS. CHAVEZ: Yes, addressing the Central Valley
21 congressional, Assembly, and Senate. Shall I start?

22 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead.

23 MS. CHAVEZ: Great. I'm Camila Chavez, executive
24 director of the Dolores Huerta Foundation, DHF. Our
25 president, Dolores Huerta, has been working in the

1 Central Valley since the early '60s. We established DHF
2 in 2003. We are putting racial and social justice in
3 GIS.

4 Our redistricting experience began in 2011 with the
5 statewide redistricting. We then engaged in Kern County
6 Board of Supervisors Mapping in 2017, Kern High School
7 District in 2018, and Kern Community College District in
8 2020. This experience allowed us to testify as experts
9 at state legislative hearings to support AB-849, the
10 California Fair Maps Act of 2019. We live and work in
11 the Central Valley and have profound local knowledge.

12 As there are no commissioners from Kern, Fresno,
13 Kings, Tulare, Madera, Stanislaus, or Merced counties,
14 the DHF established a comprehensive Equitable Maps
15 Coalition working with over 5,000 Central Valley
16 residents and dozens of public interest organizations.

17 We collected over 1,200 community-of-interest
18 surveys, and drew maps at all levels of government that
19 hundreds of people have testified to support. We applied
20 proven metrics to draw effective Kern, Kings, and Tulare
21 County VRA districts that meet at least sixty-five
22 percent Latino population, fifty-five percent plus Latino
23 CVAP, and fifty percent plus voter registration.

24 The Tulare County Independent Redistricting
25 Commission used our standards to adopt a Board of

1 Supervisors map that has already prevented legal action.
2 While fifty-five percent CVAP or higher is absolutely
3 necessary in Kern, Tulare, and Kings counties, it may not
4 be necessary in other areas.

5 We strongly believe that this Commission must to
6 draw three effective VRA congressional districts, two
7 effective VRA Senate districts, and four effective VRA
8 Assembly districts in the Central Valley.

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MS. CHAVEZ: Asian and Latinx communities are
11 growing and will continue to grow over the next ten
12 years, in Fresno, the Valley, and California, hard
13 decisions must be made and must be guided by those in our
14 region. Our maps were drawn by Central Valley residents
15 for Central Valley residents --

16 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen --

17 MS. CHAVEZ: -- and should continue to inform your
18 next round of maps. Thank you. Si se puede. Yes, we
19 can.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
22 013. And up next after that will be 006.

23 013, I'll be promoting you now. 013, you can now
24 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
25 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what

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

2 MS. MORAZA: Thank you. Good morning,
3 Commissioners. I will be focusing on the San Joaquin
4 Valley. All right.

5 My name is Marisa Moraza. I am with Power
6 California. I have spoken with you all before, and
7 really appreciate the opportunity to continue to provide
8 comments, and really want to thank the Commission for the
9 time, dedication, and effort that has gone into this
10 process and in drafting these maps. And continuing to
11 highlight comments that have already happened from the
12 Central Valley, we appreciate the inclusion of three VRA
13 seats in the Central Valley and we know we can continue
14 to strengthen districts to ensure fair representation and
15 candidates of choice.

16 I'll be speaking specifically on Assembly and Senate
17 districts. So to start at the Senate level, I want to
18 provide comment on the ECA map. As has already been
19 highlighted, the Central Valley floor should not be
20 included with the Sierras. We need to strengthen
21 representation for Central Valley priorities, and Sierra
22 and Foothills populations.

23 So this will require architectural changes and
24 adjustments. But it is important that cities such as
25 Merced, Modesto, Turlock, that were included in this --

1 in this district are able to have their own Central
2 Valley district.

3 Moving on to Assembly maps, wanting to provide
4 comment on the Fresno draft, wanting to ensure that we
5 are continuing to put communities of color together and
6 keeping those communities of interest together. It's
7 also important to ensure that we are considering
8 socioeconomic status, and ensuring that we have Highway
9 City, which is West -- with West Fresno, and that
10 southern portion of the Fresno urban CORE.

11 This means including the section of apartments and
12 multi-family units that are part of the Fig Garden Loop.
13 This is around west of the railroad tracks, up to around
14 Bullard Avenue. Folks are united by issues of
15 infrastructure, housing insecurity, and affordability.
16 With this map, we do also want to ensure student housing
17 continues to be included. So thank you for including
18 areas of student housing around Fresno State --

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 MS. MORAZA: -- which is the area below Shaw and
21 west of the campus. In the Assembly Merced/Fresno map,
22 we want to continue to strengthen the Latino CVAP, so
23 please keep that in mind as we continue to build out that
24 large district.

25 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

1 MS. MORAZA: So just want to thank you for your
2 time, and continue to have good -- sorry -- good luck
3 with the rest of this process. Thank you so much for
4 your time.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
6 right now we will have 006. And then up next after that
7 will be 025.

8 006, I'll be promoting you now. 006, you can now
9 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
10 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
11 district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

12 MS. BOLTON: Hello, Commissioners. I am addressing
13 the Long Beach Congressional District. My name is
14 Camille Bolton, and I'm calling about Long Beach.

15 I want to thank you for reuniting the two Long Beach
16 City College campuses into the same congressional
17 district. As someone who cares deeply about the success
18 of Long Beach City College students, I can tell you that
19 the decision impacts our students, faculty, and staff
20 greatly, and we truly appreciate it. I know you still
21 have a few weeks worth of work to do, and certainly there
22 will be a lot to cover statewide.

23 But for Long Beach City College, I want to share our
24 appreciation for the decision you've made to reunify our
25 City College campuses in a single congressional district.

1 Please do not make any changes to that. As long as Long
2 Beach is kept mostly together, our Long Beach City
3 College campuses should be okay. And that's what we
4 need.

5 Thank you for your time and we wish you all the very
6 best. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
8 right now we have 025. And then up next after that will
9 be 012.

10 025, I'll be promoting you now. 025, 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 what
13 district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

14 MR. HAGOBIAN: Good morning. My name is Masis
15 Hagobian, and I'm speaking on behalf of the Santa Clarita
16 City Council, and would like to provide comments on the
17 congressional, Senate, and Assembly draft maps related to
18 the Santa Clarita area located in North Los Angeles
19 County. Perfect.

20 The City of Santa Clarita is third most populous
21 city in the county, home to approximately 228,000
22 residents, with an additional 78,000 people residing in
23 the adjacent unincorporated areas of the Santa Clarita
24 Valley. These adjacent unincorporated communities
25 include Acton, Agua Dulce, Castaic, and Stevenson Ranch

1 shared many unifying conditions with the city, including
2 geographic, economic, social, climatic, and watershed
3 boundaries.

4 Furthermore, the city collaborates on regional
5 issues, including transportation planning, homelessness,
6 public safety, emergency preparedness and response, and
7 water quality and supply with the surrounding
8 unincorporated areas directly adjacent to the city, and
9 the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale, located in the
10 Antelope Valley, and the City of Simi Valley, connected
11 by the Santa Susanna Mountains.

12 Specifically, the city serves on the North Los
13 Angeles County Transportation Coalition with the
14 unincorporated areas of the North Los Angeles County,
15 including Acton and Agua Dulce, and the cities of
16 Lancaster and Palmdale. The coalition develops regional
17 policies and implements projects and programs to address
18 critical transportation issues, promote economic
19 development, maximize transportation and funding
20 opportunities in the region.

21 Moreover, the city shares many commonalities with
22 the City of Simi Valley, including almost identical
23 topographies, with both cities predominantly surrounded
24 by mountain passes and open space. As such, the cities
25 work diligently on wildfire prevention and safety

1 policies with state and federal representatives.

2 Additionally, due to similar dry climates and vast
3 open space, the city and Simi Valley have been
4 disproportionately impacted by public safety power
5 shutoff events issued by Southern California Edison. As
6 those service areas have experienced a significantly high
7 frequency of PSPS events, local officials from both
8 communities have collectively advocated to Edison, state
9 and federal representatives, and the California Public
10 Utilities Commission for greater investments in
11 electric --

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13 MR. HAGOBIAN: -- grid hardening and wildfire
14 prevention. Therefore, we respectfully urge the
15 Commission to include the City of Simi Valley, and the
16 Congressional and Assembly draft map, and to replace the
17 communities of the San Fernando Valley, including
18 Pacoima, Arleta, Sun Valley, North Hollywood West, and
19 Panorama City, which have limited to no commonalities
20 with the (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

21 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

22 MR. HAGOBIAN: -- Santa Clarita Valley, with Acton,
23 Agua Dulce, and the cities in the Antelope Valley for the
24 Senate draft map. Thank you for your consideration of my
25 comments, and for your service this past year. Happy

1 Thanksgiving.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
3 right now, we'll have 012. And up next after that will
4 be 026.

5 012, I'll be promoting you now. 012, you can enable
6 your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your
7 screen. If you'd please remind the mapper of what
8 district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

9 MR. AI: I would look at CD_SAVANAANA, and
10 CD_NOCOAST.

11 Hello, Commissioners. My name is Mike Ai. I'm
12 actually calling on behalf of myself today, as a
13 Vietnamese -- as a first-generation Vietnamese American
14 who grew up in Orange County, I want to bring your
15 attention to the issues around CD_SAVANAANA. I know
16 there's been a great deal of testimony about uniting Seal
17 Beach, Huntington Beach, and Little Saigon.

18 I just wanted to point out to the Commission that by
19 combining Seal Beach and Huntington Beach with Little
20 Saigon, you actually decrease the API CVAP in Savana
21 (ph.) Ana. If the Commission plans to increase API CVAP
22 in Savana Ana, adding Seal Beach and Huntington Beach to
23 Santa Ana, will do the opposite. It decreases the API
24 CVAP.

25 It would make more sense to create a coastal

1 congressional district, combining the coastal communities
2 into CD_NOCOAST, which shares the same coastal issues,
3 and also unites the LGBTQ+ community.

4 Finally, I would like to thank you all again for all
5 the hard work you have done. I wish you an early Happy
6 Thanksgiving. Thank you so much.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
8 right now I have 026. And up next after that will be
9 016.

10 026, I'll be promoting you now. 026, 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 what
13 district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.
14 026, you should be seeing an unmute prompt in the center
15 of your screen at this point. There you are.

16 MR. STANDERFER: Okay. Good morning, Commissioners.
17 My name is Harold Standerfer, and I would like to address
18 the Commission on Southwest Riverside and the South
19 Orange County, North San Diego County districts.

20 Thank you for the opportunity to address the
21 Commission on these maps. And my bottom line is, I urge
22 you to keep the City of Encinitas in one congressional
23 district, one Senate district, and one Assembly district.

24 I am a resident of a community of Olivenhain, one of
25 the five neighborhoods that comprise the City of

1 Encinitas. Approximate population of the city is 61,000.
2 The city incorporated in 1986. The city was founded in
3 part as a result of rampant unplanned growth in the area
4 when it was unincorporated. The growth was subjected --
5 was done at the whim of the existing County Board of
6 Supervisors. Between 1980 and 1990, this region grew in
7 population from one 10,000 to 50,000.

8 My request to the Commission is that the community
9 of Olivenhain, which is part of the city of Encinitas, be
10 included in the same congressional district as the
11 remaining portion of the city. We are a community, one
12 city, one community. We share the same City Council,
13 mayor, representatives on the County Board of
14 Supervisors, the same school districts, including
15 community college district, same water board, same
16 police, same fire district; we share the same cultural
17 history, and currently we have the same state senator,
18 same State Assembly representative, and same
19 congressional member.

20 In short, we are a community of interest with
21 similar concerns and issues. I speak for my community.
22 Please do not attach us to a different district that
23 stretches as far east as Riverside, nearly a hundred
24 miles away. We should be included with the coastal
25 district, reflecting our coastal issues and mutual

1 interests.

2 I thank the Commission for their service to the
3 State of California. And wish everybody a happy
4 Thanksgiving.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
6 right now we will have 016. And then up next after that
7 will be 028.

8 016, I'll be promoting you now. 016, you can now
9 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
10 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
11 district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

12 MS. FRANKLIN: Good morning, Commission. I am
13 referencing the Oakland, Emeryville area. Good morning
14 again. My name is Nicole Franklin. I'm an Oakland
15 native and a member of Black Women Organized for
16 Political Action. I'm here to ask the Commission to
17 maintain a strong black voting population on all levels
18 for the City of Oakland to protect the voice of black
19 communities here, and make sure we're able to have a
20 voice and elect a candidate and representative of our
21 choice.

22 The Commission has done a great job by ensuring East
23 and West Oakland are together. Well, should also
24 consider bringing Emeryville in with Oakland on all
25 district levels. Oakland has a rich history that is

1 anchored by its diversity. At the core of that diversity
2 are the countless contributions made by black Oaklanders,
3 to uphold the civil rights and social justice of all
4 Oakland residents.

5 In my conversations with community's interest,
6 everybody knows exactly what's happening in Oakland,
7 black Oakland, strategic disinvestment. We have not felt
8 the economic prosperity of a hot housing market and tech
9 jobs. We've seen higher-income folks get priced out of
10 San Francisco and move to Oakland, while Blacks have been
11 pushed further east, or completely out of a city that we
12 can no longer afford.

13 It's so important that we have representatives that
14 understand this, and that redistricting does not divide
15 us. Staying together is key to reversing the strategic
16 disinvestment and fracturing that has happened in Oakland
17 over the last forty years and the rapid gentrification
18 that has accelerated in the city over the past decade.
19 By working together we have an opportunity to reverse the
20 legacy of black erasure, and lean into democracy by
21 ensuring the Commission can draw lines that reflect and
22 strengthen representation for our black communities.

23 The result of this year's redistricting will have
24 far-reaching impacts on the residents of Oakland for
25 years to come. So I want to thank this Commission for

1 its hard work on this very important issue. In closing,
2 thank you, and happy holidays.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All
4 right, now we have 028. And up next after that we will
5 have 032.

6 028, I'll be promoting you now. 028, you can now
7 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
8 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
9 district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

10 MS. RIVERA: Yes. I'm speaking in favor of the
11 current draft of the La Mesa-Spring Valley map. Okay?

12 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

13 MS. RIVERA: Thank you. So yeah, hi everyone. My
14 name is Ianne Rivera. I'm a San Diego County resident,
15 specifically living in Lemon Grove. And I'm speaking in
16 favor of the current draft of La Mesa-Spring Valley map,
17 keeping these communities together specifically for the
18 purposes of representation by elected officials, which is
19 extremely important.

20 In this map, it encompasses the communities where
21 people live and would commute to San Diego's 32nd Street
22 Naval Station, Coronado Naval Station, and other military
23 facilities. This district also encompasses a rich
24 immigrant community and is the heart of San Diego's
25 historical civilian working class.

1 And these people are responsible for building the
2 foundation for which San Diego has become today. These
3 people that live in this area, including myself, we
4 really utilize the family resources -- resource centers
5 that are within this particular draft of the map. The
6 idea that the location where -- of these public services
7 where strong immigrant communities like these African
8 immigrant community live and work, would be separated,
9 and wouldn't be a benefit to these communities, and to
10 San Diego as a whole.

11 So thank you so much for your time. And happy
12 holidays.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now we will have 032. And up next after that it
15 will be 029.

16 032, I'll be promoting you now. 032, you can now
17 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
18 your screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper what
19 district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

20 MS. STURDY: Hi. My name is Marjorie Sturdy. And
21 I'm calling in today about the Northern Central Valley,
22 Stanislaus County maps -- congressional maps, excuse me.

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

24 MS. STURDY: So the current draft maps that you guys
25 released on the 10th of November do not accurately

1 represent our Northern Central Valley needs. We have a
2 map here that splits our county main city, Modesto,
3 straight in half. And while our county -- our City of
4 Modesto is mostly minorities, this completely drowns our
5 minority voices as well as our voices for our general
6 county and community.

7 Our current congressional district map has almost
8 the entire county in it, and it has provided us for the
9 last several years amazing representation that has aided
10 in getting plans and funding for various projects,
11 including transportation and affordable housing. The
12 current map would completely dilute and put into question
13 the progress that has been made in the last five to ten
14 years. As well as possibly diminish some of the
15 growth -- transportation growth that we have had from the
16 commute districts that include Tracy, Mountain House,
17 Ripon, because our commuting population is very large.

18 They very frequently -- a huge number of our
19 community commutes to the Bay Area, still, during COVID,
20 myself being one of those in the past. I currently now
21 live in Oakdale, which is in the northern right part of
22 the district.

23 In the current map, the ECA map, would put me in a
24 representation district with all of the Mountain
25 communities all the way up to South Lake Tahoe. My

1 community, I can guarantee you, has absolutely nothing in
2 common with those communities. Those are mostly tourist
3 communities. We are a hardworking community with a huge
4 number of people -- community representation that --

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 MS. STURDY: -- commutes to the west, not to the
7 east. The east commutes to us. And so I really beg of
8 you to change your map back to something similar to what
9 you released on November 2nd, which also --

10 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

11 MS. STURDY: -- more accurately represents our
12 minorities and our community best. Thank you for taking
13 on this momentous task. And I really appreciate you.
14 Have a -- happy holidays.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
16 right now we have 029. And up next after that will be
17 027.

18 029, I'll be promoting you now. 029, you can now
19 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
20 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper what
21 district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

22 MR. ALTOON: Can you hear me now?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

24 MR. ALTOON: Oh, wonderful. Well, thank you all for
25 your time this morning. My name is Ryan Altoon. A long-

1 time resident of Toluca Lake in the San Fernando Valley,
2 so I'll be focusing on the San Fernando Valley map, the
3 SC-SFV, and I just want to focus in that area.

4 You know, historically, you know, Toluca Lake has --
5 even geographically, had a lot of affinity with our
6 neighbors to the north of us, North Hollywood. In fact,
7 the federal map's zip code actually overlays Toluca Lake
8 as a (indiscernible) of Hollywood.

9 And so a few things I just wanted to mention.
10 First, that we just appreciate the tremendous job the
11 panel has done in pairing the working class neighborhoods
12 of the East San Fernando Valley together, but note that
13 is critical that both the state -- the Senate district
14 labeled map, and the Central San Fernando Valley Assembly
15 map should be corrected so that we can unify North
16 Hollywood and Toluca Lake to the Central San Fernando
17 Valley Assembly map, and so forth, with the Senate
18 district.

19 So I've had a lot of time within Toluca Lake. I
20 actually served in the neighborhood council for about ten
21 years, its former president for eight of those years, and
22 as chair of the Planning and Land Use Committee. And
23 note that there are tremendous amount of issues and
24 opportunities that affect both of our communities to the
25 north and south.

1 And right now we are currently drawn, as we're
2 sharing jurisdiction with -- in the new map, Studio City
3 and some other areas. And in fact, the freeway, the 170
4 freeway, acts as a geographic boundary between the two.
5 So when you look at the corridors and the streets,
6 principally, Lankershim Boulevard and Camarillo, they are
7 corridors that impact, seamlessly, these two communities,
8 which is why we'd like to have them unified.

9 You know, North Hollywood, Toluca Lake share not
10 only cultural, but also historic ties. They rely on one
11 another for critical infrastructure, including major
12 transportation hubs, and also rely on the Red Line that
13 connects them, and other state transportation projects to
14 generate foot traffic in the areas for Toluca Lake, and
15 our business corridors, which is most important these
16 days. So keeping our neighborhoods in one Senate and
17 Assembly seat --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 MR. ALTOON: -- that allows current projects --
20 thank you -- designed to economically develop the area
21 and continue without disruption is very important. Now,
22 these are small population shifts we're talking about,
23 but they do have some meaningful impact. They don't
24 require major changes, so we'd appreciate this
25 adjustment, and look forward to your work in the time to

1 come. Thank you very much for your consideration. And
2 happy Thanksgiving everyone.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
4 right now we have 022. And up next after that we have
5 030.

6 022, I'll be promoting you now. 022, you can now
7 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
8 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
9 district name you'd like to -- what district plan you'd
10 like to address. The floor is yours.

11 MR. MANOFF: 022, can you hear us?

12 MS. WOZAB: I can hear you. Can you hear me?

13 MR. MANOFF: We sure can. Go ahead, please.

14 MS. WOZAB: Okay, I'm sorry. Do you see my video?

15 MR. MANOFF: We see your video, and we hear you loud
16 and clear.

17 MS. WOZAB: Oh, fantastic. Good morning,
18 Commissioners. My name is Lisa Wozab. I am a lifelong
19 resident of Fullerton and I appreciate all of the hard
20 work the Commission has done throughout the process. I'm
21 calling in reference to the SEALBREA draft map. I think
22 the Commission, unfortunately, missed the mark while
23 drawing this district. It includes the coast, a vibrant
24 Vietnamese area, and then Fullerton and Brea.

25 There are three completely different communities

1 that are now arbitrarily drawn together in one
2 congressional district. I think it would make more sense
3 if we separated Brea and North Orange County from the
4 Northwest Orange County and coastal cities, and instead
5 grouped it with Yorba Linda and Anaheim Hills. These are
6 actually similar communities, and if we basically shifted
7 the Orange County district clockwise around the VRA Santa
8 Ana district, I think we would end up pleasing the many
9 different communities of interest in this area:
10 Fullerton, Brea, Yorba Linda, Anaheim Hills, and Orange
11 share very similar concerns, such as infrastructure,
12 wildfires, and housing affordability.

13 I'm a member of the Infrastructure and Natural
14 Resources Commission of the City of Fullerton.
15 Currently, Fullerton has mutual aid agreements for some
16 of our first responder services with neighboring cities,
17 which potentially could end up in different congressional
18 districts, affecting potential funding and grant
19 opportunities.

20 As a family, we reside in Fullerton, our son attends
21 school in Yorba Linda, and our church is located in
22 Anaheim Hills. As North Orange County residents, this is
23 an experience for many families and business owners. We
24 also share similar economies, and I hope the Commission
25 considers placing them in one congressional district.

1 And I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving. And thank
2 you for all your efforts and consideration of these
3 regional concerns.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All
5 right, now we will have 030. And then up next after that
6 will be 003.

7 030, I'll be promoting you now. 030, you can now
8 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
9 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
10 district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

11 MR. SCOBOLD: Hello? Am I visible and heard by
12 everyone?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, you are.

14 MR. SCOBOLD: Great. Thank you. My name is Zachary
15 Scobold (ph.). I live in Simi Valley. I'm a lifelong
16 resident of East Ventura County. I'd like to quickly
17 thank the Commission for their service in this
18 redistricting process. I can only imagine the difficulty
19 in finding a fair solution for as many residents as
20 possible. So the continued effort here is highly
21 appreciated.

22 However, I do call in to express disappointment with
23 the decision to lump the entirety of Simi Valley into the
24 same district as Thousand Oaks, Calabasas, and Malibu. I
25 believe these areas are quite distinctively separate

1 communities in many regards. A previous commenter had
2 mentioned there was far more in common with our
3 neighboring city of Santa Clarita, and I agree with that.

4 Notably today, I'd like to just bring to the
5 attention that the fact that Simi Valley is a lot younger
6 than Calabasas, Westlake Village, and Malibu. My
7 research shows that our sixty-five and younger population
8 is a mere fifteen percent, compared to upwards of twenty-
9 six percent in both Malibu and Westlake.

10 Simi Valley's residents are also a lot less affluent
11 than those regions as well; our per capita income in Simi
12 Valley is around ten percent less than it is in Thousand
13 Oaks, and upwards of twenty percent in Malibu, and
14 Calabasas areas as well.

15 There are really many differences between Simi
16 Valley, Thousand Oaks, Calabasas, Malibu, and West Lake
17 than what I describe, that these are just a few that
18 demonstrate that Simi Valley should really not be in the
19 same district as Thousand Oaks and those other regions I
20 mentioned. I believe we are far more culturally sharing
21 a community with Santa Clarita and the North Valley area.
22 So I really hope you'll take that into consideration and
23 maybe consider redrawing that area.

24 Thank you for your time. And happy Thanksgiving,
25 everyone.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
2 right now, we will have 003. And then up next after that
3 will be 027.

4 003, I will be promoting you now. 003, you can now
5 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
6 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
7 district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

8 MR. SEN: Hi. Can you hear me?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

10 MR. SEN: Perfect. Thank you. Good morning,
11 Commissioners. My name is Rahul Sen. I'm calling about
12 Long Beach. Thank you for uniting more of our city into
13 a single congressional district. I recently got more
14 engaged in the local City Council race and got to know
15 the downtown area quite well. Before that, I used to
16 think Long Beach was one big city. Even though that's
17 true, there are so many unique neighborhoods that each
18 play their own part in our city's urban fabric, and each
19 depends on the other.

20 That's why it's so important for us to stay grouped
21 together. Long Beach just finished our own independent
22 redistricting process for City Council districts
23 recently, so I think we know a little bit about what you
24 have to consider.

25 Thank you for all that you're doing, and for making

1 public comments so accessible. We appreciate being able
2 to share just how important it is to keep -- continue
3 keeping Long Beach united in your draft maps so that,
4 especially in our congressional district, the final map
5 reflects a united Long Beach.

6 We know you will have to make some tough decisions
7 about population, but please keep our downtown, our
8 Cambodian community, our port, and our LGBT communities
9 together. Thank you again, and have a great day.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
11 right now, we will have unique ID 027.

12 I'll be promoting you now. 027, you can now enable
13 your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your
14 screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
15 district plan you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

16 MS. RIVAS: Hi. Good morning. I am commenting on
17 Draft Map ECA for California State Senate, Merced County,
18 current Senate District 12.

19 Good morning, everyone, Citizen Redistricting
20 Commission. My name is Sol Rivas. And I am the
21 executive director of Valley Onward. I want to start by
22 thanking you all for the hard work you're doing to draw
23 the lines for all California congressional, state, and
24 Assembly districts. I have been a long -- a lifelong
25 resident of Merced County, born and raised here. And I

1 have never seen the kind of enthusiasm for participation
2 in our elections and our communities that I have in the
3 past several years. And I have never felt so hopeful.

4 Valley Onward, in conjunction with many other
5 organizational leaders, were inspired by the results of
6 the 2018 election in Merced County, not just because of
7 who was elected, but because who voted. And all of these
8 elections overall turnout exceeded expectation. As a
9 percentage of the total electoral Merced County, there
10 were more young and Latino voters than ever. This has
11 happened because Merced County, along with other majority
12 Latino counties in the current Senate District 12,
13 Monterey, San Bernardino, Madera, and Fresno, have come
14 together with a purpose to support each other and to work
15 in partnership with other elected candidates of our
16 choice, and to dedicate ourselves to making an impact in
17 our community.

18 The effects of your Draft Senate Map ECA will roll
19 back all of the progress we have made to build our local
20 democracy and increase participation among the
21 underserved communities and those less frequent voters.
22 You are removing us from our Central Valley and San
23 Benito Valley, and Salinas Valley's racial, agricultural,
24 and rural communities of interest, and placing us with
25 counties who we have very little in common, Inyo, Mono,

1 and Amador.

2 Before you draw final maps, please consider some of
3 the leaders that I have had the pleasure of working with
4 since 2018 in Merced County. Please consider families
5 and leaders who have lived and become animated by the
6 political opportunities to make a difference. Please
7 consider the message you will --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 MS. RIVAS: -- send to them to never be able to
10 elect a state senator who looks like them. Consider
11 somebody like my own child that have had ambitions to be
12 civically engaged. What will they tell their children --

13 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

14 MS. RIVAS: -- my children about how our democracy
15 works? Please, put Merced County back into something
16 that resembles currents and a District town, so we can
17 continue to work with our fellow Salinas, San Bernardino,
18 and Central Valley allies.

19 Thank you, and have a wonder -- wonderful holiday
20 week.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now, we'll have unique ID 014. I'll be
23 promoting you now. 014, you can now enable your audio
24 and video in the lower-left corner of your screen. And
25 if you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan

1 an region you'd like to address. The floor is yours.

2 MR. SUKATON: Good morning. Please, move me to the
3 congressional map. Let's start with NCOAST, North Coast.
4 I'll go ahead and start my timer.

5 Hi. My name is Sam Sukaton. I'm calling for a
6 third time on behalf of the California Environmental
7 Voters Education Fund. Again, definitely appreciate your
8 leadership and your thoughtfulness and your hard work on
9 this. So I'm going to go over the congressional plan, as
10 I did with our Senate and Assembly interests.

11 As I mentioned, on the North Coast, we appreciate it
12 took the California Native Vote Project's maps. We have
13 some changes to keep the Karuk lands whole in the west.
14 With that in mind, please draw Siskiyou County, as much
15 as Siskiyou County as necessary. And I defer to the --
16 to the Yurak and the Karuk, as far -- draw as -- at least
17 to Fort Jones, very possibly west into the North Coast
18 District, keeping Humboldt whole. And then, you can make
19 up the population, if necessary, by going to Sonoma.

20 If you'd move east for me, looking at the PLACER-SAC
21 District and the Eastern California District, as the
22 executive director of Valley Forward mentioned, you have
23 been drawing a Sierra's Corridor with the Central Valley.
24 I believe in the Senate, you've taken Stanislaus. In the
25 Assembly, you've taken Fresno. And here, in the

1 congressional map, you've taken what's called the -- what
2 we're calling the Modesto Bin.

3 We don't think that it's necessary to have a Sierra
4 and Eastern Calif -- like, a PLASER-SAC, and then, a ECA
5 District, if you, again, draw from Sierra down to Inyo
6 County with the Foothills and accept the Central Valley
7 in its entirety. Again, if you have to draw pop and go
8 west, go to Roseville, go to Truckee. You don't have to
9 go to Stanislaus, the Central Valley. And that frees you
10 up to do more Latino VRA districts in the Central Valley.

11 If I could just jump down to this SD North Coast.
12 So that's the South Coast -- North Coast of SD, North --
13 South Coast of Orange County. I do want to mention --
14 and I do want to mention, you know, Commissioner Sinay
15 mentioned this that --

16 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

17 MR. SUKATON: -- the I-15 corridor and Fallbrook
18 should not be drawn with the I-5 corridor, which
19 includes -- on the north side, your San Clemente, your
20 San Juan Capistrano, and your Dana Point. And then, on
21 the south with your Encinitas --

22 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

23 MR. SUKATON: -- your Carlsbad, Oceanside, and
24 Vista. So take that out. If you need to draw more, go
25 down as far as La Jolla, as you need to, taking UCSD as

1 the southern border, or north to Laguna. So again, an I-
2 5 coastal community then.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 And Chair, at this time, that is all of our unique
5 IDs in the -- in the queue.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Katy.

7 Could we have the raised-hand instructions in
8 English and Spanish?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, I do apologize. It
10 looks like 008 just popped in.

11 008, if you'll please use the raised-hand button at
12 the bottom of your screen.

13 And Chair, you would like me to read the -- read the
14 instructions, or just give the raised-hand instructions?

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Actually, there's a bunch of raised
16 hands coming up, so maybe if we could just --

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: So we'll just go with
18 that?

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- take it, yeah.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. Perfect. I will
21 start with unique ID 008, as they do have an appointment.
22 And then, up next after that, will be caller ID 9286.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Very good.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 008, I will be promoting
25 you now. 008, you can now enable your audio and video in

1 the lower-left corner of your screen. If you'll please
2 remind the mapper of what district you'd like to address,
3 the floor is yours.

4 MR. BALAS: Hi, everyone. My name is Eric Balas.
5 And I'm calling today about the congressional region
6 involving Long Beach. I have lived in Long Beach for
7 many years. I work in education. I'm also a member of
8 the LGBTQ community. We've been united in asking that
9 you do not break up our community. We have a historic
10 and large gay communities. And we are asking that you
11 respect and support us. We highlighted that Equality of
12 California had identified Long Beach as a gay- and LGBTQ-
13 dense region.

14 And I'm so thankful that you heard our call. I also
15 want to thank the Commissioners that have worked, to not
16 just keep Long Beach together, but also communities like
17 San Diego, San Francisco, the Palm Springs area, and our
18 neighbors in Los Angeles. It is vital that our voices
19 are recognized as a strong community of interest. And I
20 appreciate you recognizing that.

21 I continue to keep -- please continue to keep our
22 community united, as you draw the final maps. We are
23 counting on this commission, especially the LGBTQ
24 members, to fight to keep us whole. Thank you, again.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

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

4 And right now, we will have caller 9286. And then,
5 up next after that, will be caller 5701.

6 Caller 9286, I'll be -- or I'm sorry, caller 9286,
7 if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
8 star-6. The floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

10 I will be commenting on the congressional map in
11 Northern Los Angeles County, where I've lived for thirty-
12 seven years. And that is the CD_AVSCV draft map. The
13 redistricting commission has done an excellent job
14 drawing this continuous map and balancing the diverse
15 population of this congressional district. Thank you to
16 all of the commissioners for your hard work and your
17 focused efforts to this nonpartisan process. I encourage
18 you to finalize this map and keep LA County together, so
19 that our elected officials can maximize their efforts
20 without doubling the work they would need to do to serve
21 populations in two, or even three, separate counties as
22 previously considered.

23 LA County is large enough without having to
24 superficially add in other counties by connecting them by
25 a thread of a crosstown highway. And so I urge you not

1 to attach Simi Valley, which is a single city from
2 another county. The residential communities from
3 Northern San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita, all the way
4 through Palmdale and Lancaster, share these features in
5 common. We live here because of the affordable housing.
6 And that makes us commuters. We commute to jobs south of
7 us in the greater LA area, and shares transportation
8 system, including the 145 and 405 freeways, and the
9 Metrolink that runs from Lancaster through Santa Clarita
10 and San Fernando to Burbank and Downtown LA.

11 Our kids transferring from local community colleges
12 funnel to the only university in our area, and that's Cal
13 State University, Northridge, CSUN.

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's closest. If adjustments
16 are made, I urge you to continue with your plan and
17 extend into LA County. In these public input sessions
18 I've been hearing about, support to reattach a single
19 city, Simi Valley, to the draft map.

20 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: For I have not heard a single
22 caller able to identify a common interest between Simi
23 and this map that isn't common to the entire State of
24 California. Yes, we both have veterans. Yes, we both
25 have Southern California Edison. But that serves most of

1 Southern California. I urge --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 And right now, we will have caller 50 -- or 5701.

4 And then up next after that will be caller 2961.

5 Caller 5701, if you'll please follow the prompts to
6 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

7 May I have a Spanish interpreter?

8 THE INTERPRETER: Hi, this is the Spanish
9 interpreter.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi, Johanna. Caller 5701
11 will be needing interpretation.

12 THE INTERPRETER: Okay. I'll go ahead and introduce
13 myself. Okay.

14 And Katy, did you want me to give him a number, or
15 no?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, no, we're not doing
17 that.

18 THE INTERPRETER: Gotcha.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: But thank you.

20 THE INTERPRETER: Okay, just checking. Okay.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you so much. I
22 wanted to call and give a comment regarding the Central
23 Valley area.

24 Well, I've been reading along. And the way I see it
25 now, the way that the Valley is being designed, it's very

1 difficult for the Latino community to have a good
2 representation in the government for this next decade.
3 Well, we just want good opportunities. We want
4 everything to be fair. And we need some consideration,
5 or a better treatment, for the district lines to be drawn
6 with a better representation and for the Latino
7 community.

8 THE INTERPRETER: Sorry.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Better representation for the
10 Latino community. Okay. Well, the Latino community here
11 in the Central Valley is very big. And so we want fair
12 lines and for good representation. That's all. Thank
13 you so much.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

15 And right now we have caller 2961. And then up next
16 after that will be caller 0471.

17 Caller 2961, if you'll please follow the prompts to
18 unmute. But -- oh, one more time. Go ahead 2961, if
19 you'll please press star-6 one more time. The floor is
20 yours.

21 MS. GRIJALVE: Buenos dias. Maria Grijalve,
22 director of Latino Information and Resource Center here,
23 from West Sacramento. I'm calling regarding YOLOLAKE
24 congressional draft map.

25 I am the resident a/k/a plaintiff that forced

1 district elections under the CVRA into my school district
2 and city council. The proposed map would separate Yolo
3 County from Paloma County. Yolo County has nothing in
4 common with Lake -- with the Lake Region. Please do not
5 accept this draft map. And it is politically dangerous
6 for Latinos. It would lump us into a very politically
7 conservative region. We would lose John Garamendi. And
8 it would further silence the Latino voices in Yolo
9 County. I beg your consideration.

10 Yesterday, I commented about extreme racist policies
11 in Yolo County against Latinos and people of color, which
12 have developed here thanks to our fifteen-, sixteen-year
13 district attorney, Jeff Reisig. I had -- I wanted to
14 share how that in 2013, we had the highest rate in the
15 whole state for charging minors as adults in court, more
16 than Los Angeles, Stockton, or Oakland. We are known for
17 the harsh sentences. Ninety-year prison sentences are
18 very common here, even if you don't spill blood or kill
19 anyone. It's -- ninety years is very common for Latinos
20 and people of color, by the way, not for the white
21 population.

22 The last example of an extreme policy here is that I
23 want to give you is the fact that only three percent of
24 Yolo is black.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds, please.

1 MS. GRIJALVE: Yet on any given day -- yet on any
2 given day, the average amount of the black population in
3 the inmate population is twenty-three percent. So please
4 reject this map. Please don't separate us from Solano.

5 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

6 MS. GRIJALVE: It's practically a death sentence.
7 Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 And right now, we will have caller 0471. And then
10 up next after that will be caller 4775.

11 Caller 0471, if you'll please follow the prompts to
12 unmute, by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

13 MR. LO: Thank you very much. My name is Henry Lo.
14 I am the mayor pro tem for the City of Monterey Park.
15 And I will be making comments for the West Sacramento
16 Valley congressional district.

17 The West Sacramento Valley Asian American Pacific
18 Islander community has strong and longstanding cultural
19 identity, which has allowed immigrant AAPI
20 (indiscernible) to a sense of belonging and seek
21 opportunities for economic success. In the West
22 Sacramento Valley, the cities of Monterey Park,
23 Alhambra, Rosemeade, San Gabriel, San Marino, Temple
24 City, and Arcadia have AAPI majority, and should be in
25 the same congressional district.

1 It makes no sense that these communities should be
2 split at a congressional level in a way that dilutes the
3 political power of the Asian American Pacific Islander in
4 the community. Please keep these communities together.
5 These communities should remain together with
6 neighborhoods that reflect similar economic and
7 demographic characteristics. Please keep these
8 communities together. Thank you very much.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 And right now, we will have caller 4775. And then
11 up next after that will be caller 5492.

12 Caller 4775, if you will please follow the prompts
13 to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

14 MS. CAIN: Thank you.

15 Dear Commissioners, my name is Domas Tadvola Cain
16 (ph.). And I'm a long-term resident of the Bay Area and
17 a homeowner in Campbell, California. Firstly, I would
18 like to acknowledge your work so far in conducting a
19 complex process. But I do find the current congressional
20 map bizarre, with Cupertino being excluded. Personally,
21 it looks gerrymandered and strangely placed with other
22 cities that are very different from us. Having spent
23 twenty-two years in the Bay Area, I think Cupertino
24 belongs in the West Valley cities and the Santa Clara
25 County Congressional District. This is core Silicon

1 Valley, along with Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, and
2 Saratoga. Please fix the mistakes of the 2012
3 districting and keep Cupertino together with West Valley
4 cities.

5 I see that the City of San Jose is being split into
6 so many congressional districts. And I believe we should
7 keep communities of interest together. Please do your
8 utmost to keep San Jose together. Thank you so much for
9 listening to me.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 And right now we have caller 5492. And then, up
12 next after that, will be caller 5820.

13 Caller 5492, if you'll please follow the prompts to
14 unmute, by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

15 MS. SHATRI: Thank you, Commissioner. My name is
16 Pia Shatri (ph.). And I am a resident of Saratoga. I've
17 lived in the Santa Clara County for fifteen years, and
18 have been following the redistricting commission. In
19 reviewing VCD_SANTA CLARA_1107 (ph.), I find the
20 visualization awkward, with Cupertino excluded and placed
21 strangely with other cities that are very different from
22 us in the visualization called VCD_GREATERED_1107.
23 Cupertino belongs in the West Valley cities, along with
24 Campbell, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, and Saratoga.

25 Secondly, the Asian population of

1 VCD_SANTACLARA_1107 is the smallest compared to any other
2 congressional district of the Bay Area. The Asian
3 population being the majority and minority hasn't had the
4 opportunity for congressional representation from
5 District 18 ever. So please distribute the Asian
6 population evenly among -- between VCD_SANTACLARA and
7 VCD_GREATERED, and make it possible for another Asian
8 American representative from Silicon Valley.

9 Please consider adding portions of Fruitdale,
10 Cambrian Park, San Jose -- the portion of San Jose which
11 is west of Campbell, Los Gatos, into VCD_GREATERED to
12 compensate for Cupertino. But that will also keep areas
13 of COI from San Jose together. Thanks so much for
14 leading a complex task. I appreciate your service to our
15 state. Happy Thanksgiving and happy holidays. Thank
16 you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 And right now we have caller 5820. And then up next
19 after that will be unique ID 051 from Session 2.

20 Caller 5820, if you'll please follow the prompts to
21 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. Good morning,
23 Commission. And I'm a lifelong resident of the wonderful
24 San Joaquin Valley. And I've been listening to the
25 meetings. And I've wanted to call in regarding some

1 comments I've heard from other people in the Valley,
2 specifically the fear of splitting up counties in the
3 Valley. I've heard a lot of comments, especially, with
4 Stanislaus County, scared that, you know, splitting the
5 county was, you know, first their progress, their
6 economic progress, getting their funding for their
7 communities, you know, hurting the growth they've had.

8 But I did just want to bring up, that in the past
9 ten years, you have a county like Tulare County, which is
10 100,000 people smaller than Stanislaus County, which was
11 split three times. It was split three times ten years
12 ago for three different representatives. It wasn't kept
13 whole, and that didn't affect their funding. The county
14 has grown immensely, both economically, both population-
15 wise, and is very successful in what they've done. And
16 they did that while being separated three times. And I
17 think you could say the same about Kern or Fresno or
18 other counties in the wonderful San Joaquin Valley, even
19 San Joaquin County.

20 So I just -- I wanted to say that I don't think that
21 the -- that the concern of keeping counties whole, and
22 necessarily as important as your other priorities. And
23 some of the callers, you know, may be having other
24 motives, like, trying to protect certain political
25 classes versus actually caring for what's best for the

1 county, right?

2 I just wanted to thank you for your work,
3 Commissioner, and the time listening to me. Thank you
4 for your care for the San Joaquin Valley and everything
5 you're doing for us. And we look forward to seeing
6 more --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- of your work. So thank
9 you. Have a good day.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Well, right now we will
11 have unique ID 051. And then up next after that will be
12 0751.

13 Unique ID 051, I'll be promoting you now. 051, you
14 can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left
15 corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the
16 mapper of what district plan you'd like to address, the
17 floor is yours.

18 MS. A. SINGH: Hello. My name is Amrita Singh. I
19 am the senior research analyst with Asian Americans
20 Advancing Justice LA, and part of the AAPI and AMEMSA
21 State Redistricting Collaborative. I'll be providing
22 public input in Fresno on the latest Assembly,
23 congressional, and Senate draft maps.

24 Before I continue, I want to remind the Commission
25 to review the Collaborative's COI shape files, as well as

1 our new and forthcoming congressional and Assembly maps,
2 which keep communities whole while maintaining the
3 Commission's existing Latino citizen voting age
4 populations in West and Central Fresno Districts.

5 First, they're overlapping Muslim, Sikh, Hmong and
6 COIs east and west of Highway 99 in North Fresno. While
7 we are grateful that the Hmong COI is whole in Assembly
8 and Senate configurations, it is split at the
9 congressional level. And the Sikh and Muslim COI is
10 split at all three levels of government. These
11 communities would prefer to remain whole. But if they
12 must be cut, they request that, one, the eastern boundary
13 of the Fresno-Merced Assembly district extend along the
14 Northern Santa Fe Railway; two, that the Fresno-Merced
15 Shields Avenue boundary move south to West Clinton
16 Avenue; and three, that the Assembly lines and the
17 aforementioned adjustments in the region be maintained in
18 congressional and Senate plans as well, as they will keep
19 all three overlapping COIs whole at all three levels of
20 government. We will also send shape files and plans that
21 demonstrate this specific cut.

22 Next, we found that the Commission's congressional
23 plan splits several other Hmong communities, including
24 one south of Fresno Downtown, and one just above
25 Sunnyside. These COIs should be kept whole and in Latino

1 VRA districts, as they are in Assembly and Senate plans.
2 Likewise, we are grateful that the Muslim community near
3 Masjid Fresno and Fresno State is whole at the Assembly
4 level. However, the community wants to be kept whole at
5 congressional and the Senate level as well.

6 Finally, I'd like to share some plan recommendations
7 overall. To maintain the existing levels of LCVAP in the
8 Fresno Assembly district --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MS. A. SINGH: -- we recommend removing Tarpey
11 Village from the Fresno District and placing it with the
12 CALA-INYO District. Also, the current Senate district
13 configuration combines areas that have little to do with
14 each other. We recommend viewing MALDEF and Black Census
15 and --

16 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

17 MS. SINGH: -- Redistricting Hub plans, which
18 provide sensible and alternative configurations. Thank
19 you so much for your time and this opportunity to uplift
20 AAPI and AMEMSA priorities in Fresno.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: So Katy, we'll take one more call
23 before the break.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We are at -- okay. We
25 are at 10:58. Okay.

1 Caller 0751, if you'll please follow the prompts to
2 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Oh, hi. My name is
4 Victor. And I've been a resident of Simi Valley, Ventura
5 County for nineteen years. And first, I'd like to say
6 thank you, Commissioner, for all your hard work. And I'd
7 like to comment on the congressional map
8 CD_VENTURA_DRAFT. And I'd like to say bravo to the
9 Commissioner. I think you got this map correct this
10 time. You kept Simi Valley with Moorpark and Thousand
11 Oaks. Simi Valley has many more in common with --
12 with -- with Ventura County than LA County. So please
13 keep Simi Valley with Moorpark, Thousand Oaks, and the
14 Conejo Valley.

15 Simi Valley is a bedroom community. And many of us
16 drive to Thousand Oaks and the Conejo Valley for work.
17 And man -- and also, the three communities, Simi,
18 Moorpark, and Thousand Oaks, we travel back and forth for
19 shopping, entertainment, churches, schools. We share
20 Moorpark College in common. Many of us live in these
21 three communities and drive to Moorpark College and Cal
22 Lutheran.

23 So I'd just like to encourage that you keep the map
24 the way it is for CD_VENTURA Draft map. And -- and thank
25 you for your time.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

2 We'll go ahead and go to our required break now.

3 And we'll return at -- let's see, 11:16.

4 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 11:00 a.m.
5 until 11:15 a.m.)

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back from break to the
7 California Citizens Redistricting Commission. Continue
8 to take public input on our draft maps.

9 Katy, we'll continue with our appointments?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, sure. Would you
11 like the call-in instructions read in Spanish prior to us
12 beginning again?

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, please.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

15 Could we have the call-in instructions for the
16 Spanish listening line read, please?

17 THE INTERPRETER: Hi, this is the Spanish
18 interpreter, Margarita. Did you want the full call-in
19 instructions?

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: No, just the listening
21 line at this time.

22 THE INTERPRETER: Okay.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

24 THE INTERPRETER: (In Spanish, not translated).
25 Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much,
2 Margarita.

3 And at this time, welcome to the draft map feedback
4 session. If you've not done so already, and you have a
5 unique ID that ends in 038 -- uh-oh. All unique IDs
6 and -- we have all unique IDs. Please use the raise hand
7 button at the bottom of your screen. You will be
8 identified by your assigned unique ID number received
9 with your invite for this session. When it is your turn
10 to speak, I will promote you to have the ability to
11 enable your own audio and or video in the lower-left
12 corner of your screen.

13 Public input time limit is two minutes and thirty
14 seconds. You will receive a verbal warning at thirty
15 seconds remaining and fifteen seconds remaining in your
16 speaking time. There will also be an active timer on the
17 screen for your convenience.

18 When you start your input, please identify which
19 district plan and region you will be providing input on.
20 And one more time, please use the raise hand button at
21 the bottom of your screen to enter the comment queue line
22 indicating you are present and ready to give comment, for
23 anyone who has unique ID that is signed up for an
24 appointment.

25 At this time, we will have unique ID 040 and then up

1 next, after that, will be 050.

2 040, I'll be promoting you now. 040, you can now
3 enable your audio video in the lower-left corner of your
4 screen. If you will please remind the mapper of what
5 district plan you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Thank you. Good
7 morning, Commissioners. My name is Tyler (ph.) and I'm
8 calling in today about Long Beach, and specifically the
9 congressional map. My wife and I are Long Beach
10 residents and we are committed to the Long Beach
11 community. I work in Long Beach and my wife also works
12 in the region.

13 As a young couple, being a part of a big city like
14 Long Beach has been perfect for us. Long Beach has so
15 many resources to offer and it's so well connected to
16 other cities that it makes exploring areas outside of
17 Long Beach easy to do. Today, I'm calling specifically
18 about the congressional map because I'd like to see the
19 entire city of Long Beach continue to be united, but also
20 connected with neighboring communities like Lakewood,
21 Bellflower, and Seal Beach.

22 We previously lived in Lakewood, and think of these
23 surrounding cities as part of the greater Long Beach area
24 and experience. I think it would be ideal to have them
25 in the region's congressional district. Last, I'd like

1 to thank you all for working to unite more communities
2 during this process. You've listened to the Long Beach
3 community asking to remain together, and we appreciate
4 that. Thank you so much for all you're doing and have a
5 great day.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
7 right now we have 050. And up next, after that, will be
8 049.

9 I'd like to invite unique ID 046 and 055, 056, 059,
10 and 072. If you will please use the raise hand button at
11 the bottom of your screen. And so raise your hand
12 indicating you are ready and present to give your comment
13 today during session 2.

14 Right now, we have 050. I will be promoting you.
15 050, you can now enable your audio and video in the
16 lower-left corner of your screen. If you'll please
17 remind the mapper of what district plan you'd like to
18 address, the floor is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Thank you so much.
20 Silicon Valley congressional map is perfect.

21 So my name is Hung and I'm actually one of the over
22 half a million Asian-Americans who currently lives in the
23 SGV. I'm actually joining you today from Arcadia, you'll
24 see that on the map. But I was also proudly born and
25 raised here, born in Monterey Park and went to school in

1 Rosemead.

2 My family and I have been in the unique position to
3 have lived in every city in the SGV. And so that's three
4 generations that have called this place home, beginning
5 with my refugee parents. So when I introduce myself, the
6 most accurate description is to say I'm from SGV, but you
7 see I'm not the only one that says that. Every person I
8 know who grew up in the SGV identifies that way too,
9 regardless of whether they've moved around the area like
10 me or to this day still go back to their childhood home
11 in just one of these cities. And it's because despite
12 city names, those from here know that what binds these
13 communities together is a collective experience and
14 cultural phenomenon.

15 That SGV is a unique area and that despite its vast
16 geographic space, if you've ever been here, it actually
17 feels like one giant neighborhood. Growing up, my mom,
18 like many other working mothers, made Sundays the
19 ultimate day of chores. She'd start the day by dropping
20 me off at a temple for me to go to Vietnamese school.
21 She'd go to Rosemead to this hole-in-the-wall place that
22 makes fresh tofu. If it was crab season, she'd drive
23 over to Monterey Park for the market. And she would
24 always stop off in (indiscernible) to the bakery. Which
25 all sounds really labor intensive, but this is the

1 routine she's done for decades. And beyond the chores,
2 it was her way of convening with community on Sundays to
3 speak with them, to ask the fishmonger how his family is,
4 or to say hi to the baker.

5 So despite zipping from city to city, if you're from
6 here, you know that everything is ten to fifteen minutes
7 apart and the borders between the cities are arbitrary
8 when it comes to being with a community. Just this past
9 Sunday, I did the same. I went and bought fresh soy
10 milk, and visit the auntie who watched me grow up, I
11 stopped off in San Gabriel to shop, I had dim sum in
12 Alhambra. But it isn't just food that makes this one
13 giant community. There are small business owners and
14 multigenerational families.

15 And with the rise of anti-Asian hate
16 (indiscernible) --

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- these are the areas
19 that have the best culturally sensitive services that
20 these folks need. It's where people can see signs in
21 their languages, hear people speak in their native
22 tongues, and can feel like they belong. I am the person
23 I am today because of the collective SGV.

24 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

25 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: So I ask that this

1 commission keep this community of interest whole at all
2 levels of government. I ask that you keep my home intact
3 and as one community as it's always been and should
4 continue to be. Thank you so much.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And right now we have unique ID 409, and then up
7 next after that will be 059.

8 049, I'll be promoting you now. 049, you can now
9 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
10 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
11 district plan you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

12 049, you should be seeing an unmute prompt in the
13 center of your screen. There you are. Floor is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Sound good? Okay,
15 thank you. Hi. Thanks for this floor. My name is
16 Melissa. I'm here asking questions about the
17 redistricting in California 25. I hope you can hear me,
18 my computer fan is a little bit loud.

19 So I'm here to ask your consideration to -- to keep
20 the map that involves -- the prior map that involves
21 Santa Clarita Valley and, just below that, Simi Valley.
22 Instead of -- I think your current map that you're
23 considering, incorporates Sylmar to Santa Clarita Valley
24 as opposed to maintaining Simi Valley.

25 Here's why. Let me just give you the big picture.

1 So Santa Clarita Valley, simply like the past few
2 callers -- by the way, I'm a longtime resident. Thirty-
3 three years of Santa Clarita Valley, and I've seen it
4 grow tremendously over that period of time. However,
5 what has always been the same, and I believe will be the
6 same in the future is, Santa Clarita Valley is LA County
7 unincorporated and has a different -- it has county fire,
8 county police, county water, Edison Power, and our local
9 Santa Clarita Valley school districts. Sylmar, on the
10 other hand, is LA city, and then has different LA city
11 fire, police, water, power, and as we know, LA USC as a
12 really -- well, let's just say factually, the second
13 largest school district in the nation.

14 So my concern is -- and the concern of some of my
15 neighbors and longtime residents is, to have every
16 California constituent represented, but Santa Clarita
17 Valley and Simi Valley being more bedroom communities and
18 more rural as opposed to LA city and Fillmore, we think
19 that -- well, we're concerned that our needs needs to be
20 met. Similar to Sylmar, our needs are a little bit
21 different. We have wildfires out here that are
22 significant. And we need just the --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- the comprehensive
25 focus of both the citizens and our representatives to

1 meet our needs for fire, water, and school districts. I
2 think that can be best done with maintaining Santa
3 Clarita Valley, plus --

4 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

5 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- the Simi versus the
6 current plan that seems to designate Fillmore. Thank
7 you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
9 right now we will have 059, and then up next, we will
10 have 066.

11 And again, I'd like to invite those that have signed
12 up for the session with unique IDs 043, 046, 055, 056,
13 061, 072, please use the raise button at the bottom of
14 your screen. It will help me manage the queue.

15 059, I'll be promoting you now. 059, you can now
16 enable your audio and video on the lower-left corner of
17 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
18 district plan and region you'd like to address, the floor
19 is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon, and thank
21 you. I'd like to address Assembly District 47 map,
22 please. And I am calling to express my concerns for this
23 map. As much as possible, I'd like to keep community of
24 interests whole in Adelanto and Victorville, as well as
25 other high desert communities, along with pairing San

1 Bernardino -- keeping it paired in whole or with Rialto
2 also -- and also our cities of Fontana, Rancho Cucamonga,
3 Ontario, together as whole as possible. And we also have
4 emerging black communities in Corona and Banning and
5 Desert Hot Springs, so that we pair those communities of
6 interest with like interests. We keep them together
7 while also protecting other key communities of interest.
8 Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
10 right now, we will have unique ID 066, and then up next,
11 after that will be 043.

12 0666, I'll be promoting you now. 066, you can now
13 enable your audio and video. And please remind the
14 mapper of what district plan you'd like to address. The
15 floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, this is Sara,
17 Toluca Lake homeowner, and I'd like to look at East San
18 Fernando Valley. Thank you. Thank you so much.

19 I want to first thank the commission for all the
20 work you've been doing. I really appreciate it. But as
21 a homeowner in Toluca Lake, I really believe it's
22 critical that both the Senate District labeled SCSFV and
23 the CENTRALSFV Assembly map be corrected. It's really
24 important that we unify North Hollywood and add Toluca
25 Lake to CENTRALSFV Assembly map.

1 You know, as a Toluca Lake homeowner, I really do
2 believe that North Hollywood and Toluca Lake share
3 economic and community assets that are traditionally
4 linked. Please, please do not break Toluca Lake from
5 North Hollywood. These are small population shifts that
6 don't require major changes. And I would really, really
7 deeply appreciate if you finish your good work by
8 unifying our working neighborhoods. Thank you so much.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. If I
10 could please ask for the assistance of our Spanish
11 interpreter?

12 THE INTERPRETER: Hi, Katy. This is Johanna, the
13 Spanish interpreter.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi, Johanna. I just
15 wanted to, you know, cross all T's and dot all I's. If
16 we could please ask for all people with appointments to
17 use the raise hand button at the bottom of your screen.
18 I don't know that it's something that's written in your
19 instructions, but that is the instruction that I -- we
20 have people that are not raising their hand that have
21 appointments.

22 THE INTERPRETER: No problem. I'll go ahead and say
23 that in Spanish.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

25 THE INTERPRETER: No, you're welcome.

1 (In Spanish, not translated)

2 Thank you, Katy.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much,
4 Johanna.

5 And right now we have a unique ID 043, and then up
6 next after that will be 046.

7 043, I'll be promoting you now. 043, you can now
8 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
9 your screen. If you would please remind the mapper of
10 what district plan you'd like to address, the floor is
11 yours.

12 DR. SABRINA SANDERS: Good morning. I would like
13 Assembly District Number 70, Long Beach area. Excellent.

14 Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Dr.
15 Sabrina Sanders, and I am calling today about the greater
16 Long Beach area. I'd really like to thank the commission
17 for your attention and your openness to feedback by the
18 community. It really reminds us of the opportunity for
19 democracy on behalf of all of our communities.

20 I'm a resident of the city of Long Beach and a long-
21 time higher education leader in the city, the region,
22 across the state of California. It's been my life's work
23 to improve educational access and equity for students
24 across the greater Long Beach region and the state. I
25 can tell you that the congressional representation is

1 important to making that a reality.

2 So much of our education policy is set by federal
3 government, and Long Beach is making that work and really
4 leading the way through the Long Beach College Promise in
5 our city. We ensure that kids from K through twelve
6 school district have free access to our local community
7 college, and if they graduate from our community college,
8 they are guaranteed admission for a local four-year
9 university at California State University, Long Beach.
10 This is huge and really taken the community many, many
11 years and collaboration across many layers and levels of
12 the government, the school district, community college,
13 and the university. But it's become so worth it and
14 become a national model for other cities and communities
15 to recreate to improve their own educational access and
16 development of the workforce.

17 I know you have many choices to make on these maps,
18 but please, I urge you to not break up our educational
19 systems. Our school district, our community college, our
20 university include Long Beach, Lakewood, Signal Hill, and
21 Avalon. Please continue to keep as much of Long Beach
22 united as possible. Thank you so much.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All
24 right, now we will have unique ID 046.

25 And once again, I'd like to invite you unique ID

1 043, unique ID 047, unique ID 055, 056, 061, and 072 to
2 please use raise hand button at the bottom of your
3 screen.

4 046, I'll be promoting you now. 046?

5 MS. ALEMSEGED: Hi, can you hear me all right?

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. The floor
7 is yours.

8 MS. ALEMSEGED: Thank you so much. Hello, my name
9 is Maraky Alemseged. I am with the Black Alliance for
10 Just Immigration and I wanted to look at the districts in
11 South LA, specifically Crenshaw and Inglewood. Thank you
12 so much.

13 Okay. So I wanted to commend you on so far being
14 able to keep Inglewood and Crenshaw as whole and
15 different districts. I think that's incredibly
16 important. Even further, though, I think it would be
17 important that we create four black opportunity
18 districts, right?

19 Right now, as the math is, we have three South LA
20 districts instead of four. And I think this is important
21 that we expand this and we move the Inglewood districts
22 and Crenshaw districts more west so that we can create a
23 fourth district east of the 110 LA that includes downtown
24 LA, Skid Row, paired with USC University Park, historic
25 south central Florence, and Florence-Graham.

1 I think we should move AD_110LA draft towards the
2 northwest, as far as Westwood, to include these areas of
3 interest. Yeah. And so I think that we need to include
4 these areas east of the 405 and include making Culver
5 City sort of whole again as well. I think that, you
6 know, there's a strong need to keep the community that --
7 to keep black LA communities together and whole.

8 And right now we're sort of not seeing that. We're
9 seeing that Inglewood isn't even paired with northern
10 South Bay cities like Hawthorne, Gardena, and Lawndale,
11 which it should be. Those communities are known together
12 in LA, and they should be paired together. And
13 similarly, Inglewood district is not including LAX. LAX
14 should very much so be included in the Inglewood
15 district. That economic opportunity should exist for
16 black communities as well.

17 And so I'm urging that you --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 MS. ALEMSEGED: Thank you. I'm urging that you take
20 heed of these, and that you do what you can to make sure
21 that there are four black South LA districts that are
22 being represented on these maps. Thank you very much.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
24 right now, we have a 055. I'll be promoting you now.
25 055, you can now enable your audio and video in the

1 lower-left corner of your screen. And if you'll please
2 remind the mapper of what district plan you'd like to
3 address, the floor is yours.

4 MS. DAVIS: Hi, good morning. Can you guys hear me
5 okay? Well, I hope you can hear me.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

7 MS. DAVIS: Okay, great. My name is China Davis,
8 and I'm here to talk about the congressional draft maps
9 in the Inland Empire, but more specifically, though, I
10 want to talk about the drafted lines in the San
11 Bernardino region.

12 So I'm an Inland Empire native. Not only was I born
13 here, but my entire generation of cousins and those after
14 me have also been born here. I intend to raise my family
15 in this area. Therefore, these lines will have a huge
16 impact on not just me, but my kids as well. And so with
17 this in mind, I'm completely committed to advocating for
18 the protection of my community.

19 The commission has proposed to pair Rancho Cucamonga
20 with Rialto and San Bernardino and other similar
21 communities. This is a gross mispairing and I'm asking
22 the commission to remove Rancho Cucamonga from this
23 congressional district and include some of Fontana
24 instead. The Rancho Cucamonga demographic has very
25 different needs, interests, and concerns than those in

1 Rialto and San Bernardino.

2 Though I appreciate the commission in keeping Rialto
3 whole and paired with San Bernardino in this
4 congressional district, the commission missed the mark by
5 including Rancho Cucamonga in this district. So by
6 adding the city in, it will politically dilute the voices
7 of those of the COIs, which will lead to the perpetual
8 disenfranchisement and blatant disregard for these
9 community members. Some of the common needs of Rialto,
10 San Bernardino, and Fontana are equitable school systems,
11 affordable housing, and general public safety, none of
12 which are needs or concerns in Rancho Cucamonga.

13 I'm respectfully asking the commission to seriously
14 consider this recommendation and make the appropriate
15 changes for these congressional lines. And I would just
16 like to thank you all for all your hard work, and I
17 really hope to see these changes be reflected in the
18 upcoming draft maps. Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
20 unique ID 047. I'll be promoting you now. 047, you can
21 now enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner
22 of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of
23 what district plan you'd like to address, the floor is
24 yours.

25 MS. BROWN: Hi. I'll be referring to Los Angeles

1 County as a whole at all levels.

2 MR. MANOFF: Thank you, go ahead.

3 MS. BROWN: Hi, Commissioners. My name is Natasha
4 Brown. I would like to give input on Los Angeles County
5 at the Assembly, Congressional, and Senate levels. As a
6 black resident born and raised in Los Angeles County, it
7 is my hope that the commission takes these
8 recommendations and adjust their draft maps to protect
9 and properly group black communities of interest in the
10 region.

11 At the Assembly level, the CRC draft map packs black
12 communities into three South LA districts instead of four
13 districts. In addition to this, important, historically
14 significant black communities of interest are not paired
15 together. For example, Watts and Compton are not paired
16 together, downtown LA and Skid Row are not in core South
17 LA districts, and Inglewood is not paired with similar
18 South Bay cities such as Hawthorne, Gardena, and
19 Lawndale. By moving the Crenshaw and Inglewood districts
20 you drew west, you can make room for two additional
21 strong black opportunity districts in the east.

22 The black -- or excuse me. The draft maps at the
23 Senate level face a similar issue in regards to COIs.
24 While it is good to see Compton paired with Watts and
25 Altadena as whole and paired with Pasadena, again, we see

1 that Inglewood is not paired with similar South Bay
2 areas, and North Hollywood, which is a growing and
3 emerging black community of interest, is split. The
4 black residents in these communities should be together,
5 being that they share cultural ties and similar
6 interests.

7 Finally, at the Congressional level, we see again
8 downtown LA and Skid Row is not in a south LA district,
9 and North Hollywood is again split. Here, it would be
10 best to place Skid Row and Culver City into the Crenshaw
11 District, which would balance the Black CVAP between the
12 Crenshaw and Inglewood districts. By doing this and
13 making North Hollywood whole, you will be projecting and
14 uplifting the political voice of the black residents in
15 these communities.

16 In closing, I advise that you reference the Black
17 Hub's --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 Ms. BROWN -- map proposal. This proposal
20 efficiently protects historic black communities while
21 supporting emerging black communities. I hope you take
22 these recommendations into consideration. Thank you for
23 your time.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 right now, well, we've got unique ID 065. I'll be

1 promoting you now. 065, you can now enable your audio
2 and video in the lower-left corner of your screen. And
3 if you'll please remind the mapper of what district plan
4 you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, can you hear me?

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Hello, Commissioners,
8 and thank you all so much for your tireless work in
9 redrawing these commissions. After volunteering in local
10 progressive politics and trying to beat Congressman Steve
11 Knight and Mike Garcia, I'm super ecstatic to join other
12 like-minded callers to see if this new blue district
13 being drawn can finally elect a strong progressive
14 candidate who will fight for the people of the 25th
15 District. Thank you all so much for your time and have a
16 nice day.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
18 at this time, I'll be going to unique ID 056. As you've
19 not chosen to raise your hand, I'm going to go with the
20 audio only option.

21 Oh, we do have a raised hand from 075. I guess we
22 will go there first. I will invite those that have
23 appointments, again, one more time, unique IDs 056, 061,
24 065, and 072, if you would please use the raise your hand
25 option at the bottom of your screen. And if that is

1 something that you cannot do, I will be giving you an
2 opportunity when I am done with the hands.

3 075, I'll be promoting you now. 075, you can now
4 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
5 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
6 district plan you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

7 075, it would appear you are still on mute.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: There we go.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There we are.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good morning,
11 Commissioners. My name is John (ph.), and I'm calling to
12 talk about the congressional map for the area where my
13 family and I live, which is Long Beach. I wanted to
14 share my appreciation for the maps that show the majority
15 of Long Beach in a single congressional district.

16 My home is on the east side of the city, not too far
17 from Orange County, and we love it here. I get to raise
18 my son, J.T., in an area where we feel safe letting him
19 run around, where it's close to a lot of his friends and
20 our schools too. We're big fans of baseball and fishing
21 and playgrounds, so being close to park spaces has been a
22 huge plus. On the weekends, we get together with a lot
23 of our families and friends and play, and it's always a
24 great time. People come from all over, including
25 Lakewood and Orange County.

1 I feel very fortunate to be raising my family in a
2 place that has such great diversity. And we're also part
3 of a big city close to downtown, the beaches, and even a
4 port. Long Beach is a very unique city that has so much
5 to offer, not just our own community, but everyone around
6 us, including the state. Thank you again for placing the
7 majority of my city in a single congressional district.
8 I think that will really help our community support each
9 other. We appreciate your work. I hope you had a
10 wonderful Thanksgiving.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 right now, we have unique ID 072. And up next, after
13 that, we will have 069.

14 072, I'll be promoting you now. 072, you can now
15 enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner of
16 your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what
17 district plan you'd like to address, the floor is yours.

18 Unique ID 072, you should be seeing an unmute prompt
19 in the center of your screen -- there you are.

20 MS. FOSTER-DOTSON: Oh, hi. My name is Vanessa
21 Foster-Dotson, and I'm here to represent the Altadena,
22 Pasadena, Burbank, Glendale area. And I've lived here
23 for quite some time. I've watched the community grow,
24 and I would like to keep that area intact. There's some
25 community of interest that definitely benefits from the

1 unique experience of keeping that area intact. And part
2 of what I'm concerned about is the Burbank Airport,
3 keeping that intact with Pasadena and Altadena, as the
4 Burbank Airport provides resources that definitely
5 benefit the black communities that are in the Altadena-
6 Pasadena area. I also would like to make reference to
7 the Black Hub map, that that map be placed in
8 consideration as a -- as part of your maps. So thank
9 you, and thank you for the work you're doing.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
11 right now, we have unique ID 069. And if you'll please
12 follow the prompts -- I'm sorry. I will be promoting you
13 now. 068, you can now enable your audio and video in the
14 lower-left corner of your screen. If you'll please
15 remind the mapper of what district plan and region you'd
16 like to address. The floor is yours.

17 MS. NIMMERS: Hi. I was talking about all levels,
18 but in the Bay Area, specifically, Vallejo and East
19 Contra Costa.

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

21 MS. NIMMERS: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My
22 name is Kristin Nimmers. I'm an organizing coordinator
23 with the Black Hub, working with our coalition partners
24 in the Bay Area and Central Valley. I called about the
25 Central Valley over the weekend, but today I wanted to

1 give feedback on the Bay Area, specifically, around
2 Vallejo and east Contra Costa.

3 During the COI phase, we engaged community members
4 as well as local community organizations in both these
5 regions, who listed that they shared similar community
6 issues, like significant poverty, and need for affordable
7 housing, funding for inner-city schools, and more. And
8 Vallejo should be paired with Antioch, Bay Point, and
9 Pittsburg, because it shares more interests with the Bay
10 Area and Contra Costa communities than some of the more
11 rural and often affluent northern California communities.
12 It's historically been paired with, like, in counties
13 like Napa and Yolo.

14 So to get to specific levels, on the Assembly level,
15 the Commission should shift the east Contra Costa
16 district to include Vallejo while also not splitting Bay
17 Point, Antioch, and Pittsburg. On the Senate level, the
18 Commission does ensure that Bay Point, Antioch, and
19 Pittsburg are whole, but pairs them with more affluent
20 communities in central Contra Costa that don't share
21 their interest, and that community members did not want
22 to be paired with.

23 The Napa-Byron District should be shifted to include
24 east Contra Costa communities so that these areas are
25 still paired. And then on the congressional level, the

1 Commission does a good job of considering community
2 interest by pairing Vallejo with the Bay and Contra Costa
3 communities, but the draft still splits communities of
4 interest by separating Pittsburg and Antioch. The
5 western boundary of this district should be extended to
6 include Antioch as well.

7 Thank you, all, for considering the feedback, and
8 taking the time to hear the community.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
10 right now, we will be going to unique ID 056. Ah, you've
11 raised your hand. I'll be promoting you now. 056, you
12 can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left
13 corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the
14 mapper of what district plan you'd like to address. The
15 floor is yours.

16 MS. LEBEAU: Hello. Good afternoon, commissioners
17 and everyone on this call. My name is Olani LeBeau (ph.)
18 and I'm a community member from the Inland Empire. I was
19 proudly born in Fontana, and raised in different cities
20 throughout the region. I am present today to give input
21 on the congressional district draft maps in the Inland
22 Empire. The communities of interest that I will be
23 detailing are Rialto and San Bernardino. It is clear
24 that draft maps -- it is clear that maps drafted by the
25 Commission do not reflect the input of the community, nor

1 the coalition members that have continued to advocate for
2 these COIs to be kept whole and together due to their
3 shared culture relativity. It is illustrative that the
4 CRC draft map has removed certain parts of Fontana that
5 were advocated for in previous submissions made by the
6 Black California Redistricting Hub and the community
7 members that go to work, attend school, and live in these
8 areas.

9 I noticed that while San Bernardino is kept as whole
10 as possible, it is being grouped with the City of Rancho
11 Cucamonga, which is a disrespectful and detrimental
12 mispairing. I'm requesting the Commission to acknowledge
13 its mismatch of pairings, and remove Rancho Cucamonga
14 from the Rialto and San Bernardino Congressional
15 District, while incorporating some of the portions of
16 Fontana as well, rather than cutting it out completely.
17 The maps submitted previously by the Black California
18 Redistricting Hub, in addition to advocacy, center the
19 importance in uplifting voices that are often neglected.
20 Rancho Cucamonga and their ideals are not parallel to
21 that of Rialto and North San Bernardino individually or
22 collectively.

23 While I appreciate the Commission keeping Rialto
24 whole and paired with San Bernardino in its congressional
25 district, it is revealed that full consideration wasn't

1 taken into account with the addition of Rancho Cucamonga
2 in the district. Adding the city will assist in the
3 minimization of the black voice and experience, and the
4 continued barriers put in place to deter political agency
5 of the black community.

6 Some common necessities in Rialto, San Bernardino,
7 and parts of Fontana are equitable housing, education,
8 public safety, and food accessibility. These issues are
9 not concerns of the Rancho Cucamonga regions. I am
10 emphasizing the request to the Commission to genuinely
11 consider this recommendation, listen to the advocacy of
12 the community members, and for this to be reflected.

13 Thank you for all your hard work, and I hope these
14 recommendations are taken into account and reflected in
15 the next submissions. Have a great day.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
17 right now, we will have unique ID 061. And 061, you have
18 not chosen to raise your hand, so I will be doing the
19 audio only option at this time in case there is a
20 connectivity issue. If you will please follow the
21 prompts to unmute on your screen. That is for unique ID
22 with the last three digits 061. Ah, there you are. If
23 you will please let the mapper know what district plan
24 you'd like to address. The floor is yours. 061, you may
25 want to double check your microphones. You are unmuted

1 in the meeting, but we are not hearing you. Check your
2 audio settings next to the microphone in the lower-left
3 corner. And you may need to change the microphone
4 selection.

5 I do apologize, 061. While you work on the
6 microphone issue, I'm going to go ahead and have to go on
7 to another caller. I will come back to you, though. At
8 this time we will be going to 063, as you have just
9 joined us. 063, I'll be promoting you now. 063, you can
10 now enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner
11 of your screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of
12 what district plan you'd like to address. The floor is
13 yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Good morning. The --
15 just want to say, the Commission has done a great job of
16 pairing most of the working-class neighborhoods in the
17 east San Fernando Valley, but I think it's critical that
18 both the Senate district labeled SC_SFV on page 34 of the
19 slides, and the Central San Fernando Valley Assembly map
20 on page 77 be corrected. I think it's important that we
21 unify North Hollywood and add Toluca Lake to the central
22 SFV Assembly map, and the Senate district I mentioned,
23 SC_SFV.

24 North Hollywood and Toluca Lake share not only
25 cultural and historic ties, but they also rely on another

1 for critical infrastructure, major transportation hubs,
2 and unifying the leadership in those areas for ongoing
3 projects, and that infrastructure work would be critical.
4 For example, Toluca Lake relies on the Red Line and other
5 state transportation projects to generate foot traffic in
6 the Toluca Lake business corridor, so you want to have
7 someone who's connecting the Red Line infrastructure with
8 those neighborhoods. So keeping those neighborhoods in
9 one Senate and Assembly seat allow for current projects
10 designed to be continuing without disruption.

11 These also require small population shifts that I
12 don't think require major changes in these boundaries, so
13 it would be great if you could finish the good work of
14 this Commission by unifying those neighborhoods. Thank
15 you very much.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. At
17 this time, Chair, with the exception of the one person
18 that is still working out the audio issue, we do not have
19 any other appointments here, so would you like me to
20 invite general public comment, and then invite the
21 interpretation as well?

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, let's please do that. Thank
23 you, Katy.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. One moment,
25 please.

1 In order to maximize transparency and public
2 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
3 taking general public comment by phone. To call in, dial
4 the telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It
5 is (877) 853-5247. When prompted to enter the meeting ID
6 number provided on the livestream feed, it is 854-8314-
7 4624. When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply
8 press the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you will
9 be placed in a queue.

10 To indicate you wish to comment, please press star-
11 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When it
12 is your turn to speak, you will hear a message that says,
13 the host would like you to talk, and to press star-6 to
14 speak. If you would like to give your name, please state
15 and spell it for the record. You are not required to
16 provided your name to give public comment. Please make
17 sure to mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent
18 any feedback or distortion during your call. Once you
19 are waiting in the queue, be alert for when it is your
20 turn to speak. And again, please turn down the
21 livestream volume. I'd like to ask that one of our
22 lovely interpreters, if they could please read the full
23 call-in instructions for general public comment?

24 THE INTERPRETER: Hi. This is the Spanish
25 interpreter, Margarita. I will go ahead and read the

1 full call-in instructions in Spanish.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Thank you.

3 THE INTERPRETER: You're welcome.

4 (In Spanish, not translated)

5 Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much,
7 Margarita. And right now, we will be going to caller
8 0236. And then up next after that will be caller 7733.
9 Caller 0236, if you will please follow the prompts to
10 unmute by pressing star-6. And one more time, caller
11 with the last four -- oh, there you are. The floor is
12 yours.

13 MR. SHENOVAN: Are you able to hear?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

15 MR. SHENOVAN: Are you able to hear?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, interpretation?

17 MR. SHENOVAN: No. I -- I'm fine without. Okay.

18 So can I start?

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

20 MR. SHENOVAN: Okay. I'm Ashok Shenovan (ph.). I'm
21 calling from Santa Clara County. Hello, Commissioners.
22 I have been a resident of Santa Clara County for fifteen
23 years, and I have been following the redistricting. I
24 like that California has an independent Commission. I
25 appreciate your hard work so far. So I find the

1 congressional map bizarre with Cupertino excluded. It
2 looks -- and it (indiscernible) the other cities that are
3 very different from us. Cupertino belongs in the West
4 Valley cities and the Santa Clara County Congressional
5 District, the core Silicon Valley, along with Campbell,
6 Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, and Saratoga.

7 Please fix the mistakes of the 2012 failed
8 redistricting, and keep Cupertino together with the West
9 Valley cities. Also, I see the City of San Jose being
10 split into so many congressional districts. I believe we
11 should keep communities of interest together. Please, do
12 your utmost to keep San Jose together. Thanks so much
13 for allowing me to speak. Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
15 right now, we will have caller 7733. And then up next
16 after that will be caller 6058. Caller 7733, if you will
17 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6.
18 The floor is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Good afternoon. I am a
20 Simi Valley resident, and I'm calling to urge the
21 Commission to please ensure that Simi Valley's included
22 in Ventura County. This is in regard to congressional
23 map for Ventura county. This is really the only fair,
24 equitable thing to do, and it makes sense.

25 I can tell you that, being a Simi Valleyian, I

1 consider myself a community of interest with the cities
2 in Ventura County, like Moorpark, and Somis, and Thousand
3 Oaks, and Fillmore. We have the 118 freeway that
4 combines us. We have the Thousand Oaks Mall. There is
5 the Moorpark Community College, which is one of the best
6 in the country. These are all in Ventura County. And we
7 have our agriculture and beach communities where we go to
8 from Simi Valley.

9 Simi Valley has nothing in common with Santa Clarita
10 and with Lancaster and Palmdale. It's separated by
11 mountains. There's that 5 freeway, which is horrible,
12 which is not the kind of traffic you see in Ventura
13 County. The people who are calling in to keep Simi
14 Valley with Santa Clarita can't identify a single
15 community of interest that actually isn't true for the
16 entire state. I can't imagine the people in Santa
17 Clarita are coming to Simi Valley or the rest of Ventura
18 County when they need to go outside of Santa Clarita
19 Valley to meet their needs. I can pretty much bet that
20 they go to LA County and not to Ventura County. And
21 that's probably why a lot of our representatives in --
22 for Simi Valley kind of neglect us, because they really
23 think of LA County when they're thinking about
24 representation, and not Simi County, which is part of
25 Ventura County.

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So I really urge you to
3 consider that we are within Ventura County. Please keep
4 us within Ventura County. It is absolutely a community
5 of interest with the -- Ventura County, and the current
6 maps are equitable and fair, because they keep Santa
7 Clarita Valley in LA County and Simi Valley with Ventura
8 County.

9 So thank you so much for your hard work on this, and
10 please, please keep the maps where Simi Valley is
11 included in Ventura County. And thank you for hearing me
12 out. I appreciate it. Have a great rest of --

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now, we have caller 6058. And then up next after
15 that will be caller 5699. Caller 6058, if you'll please
16 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The
17 floor is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Yes. This is regarding
21 the cities that are located on the border of LA County
22 and Orange County, specifically, northwest Orange County:
23 The cities of Cypress, Los Alamitos, Rossmoor, Seal
24 Beach, and Huntington Beach. Please, please don't break
25 county lines by merging Long Beach in Orange County.

1 Orange County cities, like Cypress, Rossmoor, Los
2 Alamitos, Seal Beach, and Huntington Beach, have
3 different needs than the Long Beach community.
4 Specifically, like, Rossmoor, Los Alamitos, and Seal
5 Beach -- they all belong to the same Los Alamitos Unified
6 School District. We have the -- the same police and fire
7 protection. Los Alamitos Joint Forces Base, Los Alamitos
8 race track, and more, so I'm begging you to please, don't
9 break the county line. Please keep these small cities on
10 the side of Orange County. We -- our needs are
11 completely different from Long Beach community. Thank
12 you very much.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All
14 right, now we have caller 5699. And then up next after
15 that will be caller 0994. Caller 5699, if you will
16 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6.

17 MR. MUNSON: Well, thank you very much. This is
18 John Munson from Nature for All. For us and many others,
19 the maps that did the best broadening of stewardship,
20 respecting diversity, and advancing the Foothills Cities
21 Community of Interest, were AVSC1102, SFV1102, GLEN1102,
22 and CDWSGV1102. So we're urging you to go back to the
23 visualizations of November 2nd, which we think are the
24 best way to frame the final maps for the Angeles and
25 Western San Bernardino National Forest and the cities in

1 them.

2 I wanted to remind you of the context in which
3 Nature for All asked you to recognize the Foothill Cities
4 Community of Interest from Sylmar to Rancho Cucamonga.
5 This included keeping the goal of keeping diverse voices
6 in the congressional districts that have sections of the
7 Angeles and Western San Bernardino National Forest in
8 them. Maintaining diversity is often relatively easy for
9 the Commission, since it typically involves changing
10 lines within the national forest where there are far more
11 critters than voters.

12 Our magnificent urban national forests need as many
13 stewards as they can get. Nature for All has always
14 envisioned, as we have mentioned, that as a practical
15 matter, the Foothill Cities Community of Interest would
16 need to be in more than one congressional district, as
17 they quite successfully are right now. This advances
18 both the interests of the Foothill Cities Community of
19 Interest, and empowering a diversity of voices that have
20 a say in how our public lands are protected and managed,
21 which is certainly in the spirit of the Voting Rights
22 Act. The power of the community of interest has survived
23 its division quite well over the last ten years with much
24 of the COI in the 27th --

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

1 MR. MUNSON: -- but also some of the 28th and 29th.
2 Maintaining this diversity of voices is one reason we
3 urge you to keep the AAPI community intact in the new
4 version of the 27th District. I listened to the November
5 4th discussions --

6 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

7 MR. MUNSON: -- and I'm not really entirely sure
8 that the majority of the Commission really wanted to do
9 this. Thanks.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
11 right now, we will have caller 6 -- I'm sorry -- caller
12 0994. And then up next after that will be caller 6000.
13 Caller 0994, if you will please follow the prompts to
14 unmute by pressing star-6. And one more time. Caller
15 with -- oh, there you are. The floor is yours.

16 MR. MILAN: Hi. My name is Michael Milan. I serve
17 as president of the Asian Pacific American Labor
18 Alliance. I am calling to speak to the proposed draft
19 maps for the congressional district and the State Senate
20 district in the Coachella Valley. I just want to
21 emphasize the importance of keeping our Coachella
22 Valley -- our Coachella Valley community intact, as
23 (indiscernible) those boundaries because we do share many
24 priorities across our community, particularly
25 economically, as well as environmentally, and it makes

1 the most sense for us to be able to uplift our
2 representative voice at the state level as well as at the
3 federal level if our power is not eroded. We do not want
4 to separate the -- the farm worker communities, the
5 essential worker communities, the communities of color in
6 our eastern Coachella Valley cities from our neighbors in
7 the western Coachella Valley. And with that, I yield my
8 time. Thank you very much.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
11 caller 6000. And up next after that will be caller 6625.
12 Caller 6000, if you will please follow the prompts to
13 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

14 MR. ROSENBERG: Commissioners, thank you. Can you
15 hear me?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

17 MR. ROSENBERG: Perfect. Hi. I am Matt Rosenberg
18 from Woodland Hills. I'm a longtime resident of the San
19 Fernando Valley. Thank you for keeping the Valley in
20 mind. I'm concerned about the fact that Santa Monica is
21 presently included with the Valley in your congressional
22 map. And I support VICA's proposal to keep Santa Monica
23 with the coast, while making the Valley districts even
24 more Valley-focused.

25 The priority has to be moving Santa Monica out of

1 the Valley district. Santa Monica is not part of the
2 Valley. Santa Monica is not Valley-adjacent. The 93,000
3 residents of Santa Monica Beach deserve to be in a
4 shoreline district. The only thing that Santa Monica
5 people and San Fernando Valley people agree on is that
6 they definitely should not be in the same district.

7 The VICA map achieves an important priority because
8 it respects Mulholland Drive as the Valley's boundary.
9 It also unifies Northridge in a single congressional
10 district. While Northridge may have separate
11 neighborhood councils, it is one vibrant community that
12 is home of the Cal State Northridge campus and student
13 housing. It deserves to be in a single congressional
14 district.

15 In addition, please, the VICA map returns North
16 Hollywood, Studio City, and Toluca Lake to a San Fernando
17 Valley district and puts it with Valley neighborhoods
18 like Sherman Oaks and Valley Village. This is important
19 because the southeast Valley communities suffer from
20 incredible airport noise and need a member of Congress
21 who focuses on stopping airport noise. The last thing
22 these communities want is one member of Congress trying
23 to get the planes to fly over Studio City, while another
24 member of Congress is trying to get the planes to fly
25 over Sherman Oaks.

1 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

2 MR. ROSENBERG: Okay. The VICA map also keeps east
3 San Fernando Valley congressional district with a Latino
4 Valley population of more than fifty-two percent, which
5 is higher than when it was drawn by the prior Commission.
6 Please take a look at the VICA map to make Valley
7 congressional districts --

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
9 right now, we will have caller 6625. And up next after
10 that will be caller 7348. Caller 6625, if you will
11 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6.
12 And one more time, caller 6625, if you will please follow
13 the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is
14 yours.

15 MR. TARALLO: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My
16 name is Cory Tarallo, and I'm a business owner in Alta
17 Loma. Our community is the rural part of northwest
18 Rancho Cucamonga, and we actually butt up to the National
19 Forest. Our community is known for our horse trails and
20 a riding club. I previously wrote the Commission about
21 how the last Commission drew our community into an
22 Assembly seat based in Pasadena, and we never see that
23 representative, and feel ignored for the residents of Los
24 Angeles County.

25 This Commission has now drawn our community into

1 three districts in Los Angeles County, which we do not
2 want. I also see similar comments on your website from
3 my neighbors in Upland not wanting to be with Los Angeles
4 County. Our community wants to be with other San
5 Bernardino County communities, particularly other rural
6 communities. The Senate map and VCVAL is the only map
7 that connects us to other rural areas in our county,
8 which is good, but still includes part of Los Angeles
9 County.

10 I am very concerned that the voices of our neighbors
11 are going to be drowned out by the Los Angeles County
12 communities you have connected us with, and I think that
13 is wrong. Please work to keep our community in Alta Loma
14 and north Upland connected to other rural San Bernardino
15 County communities. Thank you so much for your time.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
18 have caller 7348. If you will please follow the prompts
19 to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, my -- hi, I'm a
21 resident of Brea, and I'm calling about the Commission's
22 strange decision to combine Seal Beach with inland
23 regions like Brea for the congressional count. A coastal
24 community and an inland community have little to nothing
25 in common in terms of the types of problems that require

1 specialized representation at the federal level. This
2 seems highly arbitrary to me.

3 Instead, Orange County should have a single coastal
4 district and have representation that can truly focus on
5 coastal issues, and a single inland northern Orange
6 County district so that we can have a representative that
7 understands the unique problems that face our community,
8 such as wildfires. Diluting the voices of coastal
9 communities and north Orange County communities by
10 dividing them into two different districts does a major
11 disservice to both. I hope you will reconsider. Thank
12 you for your time and all your hard work.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
15 have -- one moment -- right now, we will have caller
16 6725. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute by
17 pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

18 MS. CORA: Hello. My name is Lucia Cora (ph.), and
19 I live in Yucaipa, and I wanted to call in to say I
20 support the draft congressional map for my city. This
21 map keep -- keeps us with La Mesa, who we share our
22 school district with. We also share one water district,
23 and have other common interests. It also connects us to
24 Big Bear and other mountain communities who are worried
25 about wildfires. And it keeps us with mostly rural areas

1 in our county, which is good. I really appreciate the
2 work you are doing for my community, and please continue
3 to keep Yucaipa with other rural areas and continue the
4 good work. Have a happy Thanksgiving. Thank you.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Happy Thanksgiving, and thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
7 have caller 8587. And then up next after that will be
8 caller 0824. Caller 8587, if you will please follow the
9 prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is
10 yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm calling about
12 Cupertino, which is currently looking to be placed in the
13 CD_GREATER D1107. I'm calling to urge all of you to
14 place the City of Santa Clara in 1107. Cupertino is a
15 (indiscernible) city, along with Los Angeles, Saratoga,
16 Campbell, Los Gatos. We (indiscernible) on transit
17 issues are all shared by that. We are currently being
18 coupled with cities which are on the East Bay, which have
19 very different issues; they get BART, they get light
20 rail, which we don't.

21 Cupertino is also the home for Apple, and we have a
22 very large office commuting population, and we really,
23 really need -- have different needs in terms of the
24 federal funding to get BART and other public
25 transportation to send it to our place. Those needs are

1 very different from the needs of the GREATER D1107, which
2 is very well served by trains.

3 We also have other issues connected to a quarry and
4 a cement plant because it's just right next to Cupertino,
5 and those issues are shared by many cities, like Los
6 Altos, Saratoga, and Mountain View. And we would
7 probably need some federal help in getting that plan to
8 become compliant with at least the European standards.
9 (Indiscernible) European company that they follow
10 standards which they would not be allowed to operate in
11 Europe, and these things are within a few hundred meters
12 of massive homes and schools and everything. So I would
13 really, really urge you to please lose Cupertino --

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- from Santa Clara 1107.
16 Thank you. Is my time up?

17 MR. MANOFF: You've got twenty-five seconds.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. (Indiscernible) Santa
19 Clara 1107, and that will also allow the Asian population
20 of the Valley to get representation beyond one district.
21 And I think -- I pride in California being an inclusive
22 place, and this looks like almost everybody getting
23 concentrated in one district, and it will be good to have
24 representation with --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will be
3 going to unique ID 060. And then up next after that will
4 be caller 0824. Unique ID 060, I'll be promoting you
5 now. 060, you can now enable your audio and video in the
6 lower-left corner of your screen. If you will please
7 remind the mapper of what district plan you'd like to
8 address. The floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Commissioners.
10 I'll be addressing the San Diego region today in my
11 comments. I do appreciate the Commission's time and
12 tireless efforts here. I know there's a lot to work
13 through and a lot of feedback, so we really do appreciate
14 the time and consideration that the Commission has spent
15 in hearing communities' needs and priorities through this
16 process.

17 As I mentioned, I'd like to talk about San Diego,
18 really on all levels, if I can manage to get it in in
19 two-and-a-half minutes. We definitely appreciate, at the
20 Assembly level, that Spring Valley, Lemon Grove, and La
21 Mesa, and southeast San Diego have been in one district,
22 and that we've seen City Heights paired with southeast
23 San Diego and not with the downtown areas. We would ask
24 that we do make El Cajon whole in Assembly by placing it
25 in AD_CENTRAL-SD, and pairing it with Serra Mesa,

1 Clairemont Mesa, Kearny Mesa, and Mira Mesa. La Mesa
2 should also remain whole in the AD_LMESA-SVAL draft.

3 Again, we'd also like for southeast San Diego to be
4 made whole in its current district. Again, we'd ask for
5 La Presa to be moved into AD_LMESA-SVAL district and to
6 move Barrio Logan into AD_CVSY with other Latinx
7 communities that we've heard from our community would
8 resonate and align much more there. Again, we ask that
9 our folk are not paired with Santee -- locally known as
10 Klantee.

11 On the Senate side, again, we appreciate Lemon
12 Grove, La Mesa, El Cajon, and City Heights being whole
13 and together, but again, we do see splits in southeast
14 and again, some of our COIs paired with downtown and some
15 of the more affluent coastal areas. Again, we'd ask that
16 the Commission make southeast San Diego whole, and brings
17 it into SD_COR-CAJON District. It can then replace
18 eastern communities like Crest and Jamul.

19 Last thing, on congressional, again, we appreciate
20 that southeast San Diego is paired with Lemon Grove;
21 however, again, there are splits in City Heights, and we
22 do see El Cajon, La Mesa --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Spring Valley, and parts
25 of City Heights are paired with Santee in the eastern San

1 Diego border district. Again, we ask that City Heights
2 be brought in whole to the CD_SOUTHBAYSD draft district,
3 and ensure that all of our COIs, El Cajon --

4 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- La Mesa, Spring Valley,
6 southeast San Diego, City Heights, Lemon Grove, are not
7 paired with Santee. Again, thank you for your
8 consideration and all of your time. I hope you all get
9 to have a fabulous break, well-deserved after all of
10 this. Thank you again.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thanks for everything, and thank you
12 for your comments.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
14 0824. And up next after that will be unique ID 017.
15 Caller 0824, if you will please follow the prompts to
16 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

17 MR. SURAN: Hi. My name is Monesh Suran (ph.) and
18 I'm a resident of Cupertino. First, I would like to
19 thank the Commission for leading such a complex task, and
20 we all really appreciate your service to the state. I
21 also will try to be short because a couple of callers
22 back, a resident of Cupertino went through a lot of
23 issues regarding Cupertino, and I'd like to bring up one
24 or two things that they did not mention.

25 Cupertino is very different from other state --

1 cities it's been grouped with. And it has a pretty large
2 Asian population. And it should belong with District 18,
3 which hasn't had any Asian representation so far. And
4 the way District 18 has been organized, it has the least
5 smallest Asian population compared to all of the Bay Area
6 districts. And there is no chance of it having Asian
7 representation at all if you continue with the district
8 map of Cupertino not being there on it. So I would urge
9 the Commission to find a way to include Cupertino into
10 District 18 with the cities that are closer by, and I
11 would also like to retread a lot of other issues, like
12 BART and other things that the previous caller mentioned.

13 Thank you all again for your service. And I'd like
14 to give up some of my time right now.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
17 have unique ID 017. And then up next after that will be
18 caller 8032. 017, I'll be promoting you now. 017, you
19 can now unmute your audio and video in the lower-left
20 corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the
21 mapper of what district plan and region you'd like to
22 address. The floor is yours.

23 MS. BROWN: Yes. I would like to address the Inland
24 Empire. Hello, Commissioners. My name is Rishana Brown
25 (ph.). I would like to give input on the Inland Empire

1 region at the Assembly, Congressional, and Senate levels.
2 As a resident of the IE, and alum of UC Riverside, I feel
3 it is imperative that the Commission adjust their draft
4 maps to protect and properly group the black communities
5 of interest.

6 At the Assembly level, it is good to see the draft
7 maps keep Rialto whole and pairs it with the parts of
8 Fontana. However, the City of San Bernardino is split
9 from Rialto in black communities in Fontana. San
10 Bernardino should not be grouped with dissimilar areas
11 like Loma Linda, Redlands, and Mentone.

12 The draft maps have similar issues at the Senate
13 level. While the City of San Bernardino is paired with
14 Rialto, they are not paired with similar black
15 communities of interest in north Fontana. These
16 communities share concerns around the needs for
17 opportunities for young people in regards to better
18 school and jobs.

19 Finally, at the congressional level, some COIs are
20 paired well, such as Moreno Valley whole with Perris, as
21 well as Hemet with east Hemet and San Jacinto. Yet Palm
22 Springs and Desert Hot Springs are not paired together,
23 and COIs Banning and Beaumont are not paired together.
24 These desert communities lack resources, funding, and
25 infrastructure that is not enough to support the rapid

1 growth of black communities. In order to remedy these
2 mispairings of COIs, I advise you -- I advise that you
3 reference the Black Hub's map proposal. This proposal
4 efficiently protects black communities of interest. It
5 gives the black residents of the Inland Empire the
6 ability to effectively organize their communities, make
7 their voices heard politically, and flourish. I hope you
8 take these recommendations into consideration. Thank you
9 for your time.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
13 have caller 8032. And then up next after that will be
14 caller 0565. Caller 8032, if you will please follow the
15 prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is
16 yours.

17 MR. SIMONOFF: Hello. Good afternoon. My name is
18 Marty Simonoff. I'm actually a councilmember with the
19 City of Brea, and I'm calling about the importance of
20 keeping north Orange County in one congressional
21 district.

22 For point of reference, I'm starting my twenty-sixth
23 year on the city council, and this has allowed me to
24 witness Brea's sharing the district with the surrounding
25 counties for many, many years. The most recent

1 congressional map has created a Seal-Brea District. I
2 sit on regional boards that cover Brea, La Habra,
3 Placentia, and Yorba Linda. These are all north Orange
4 County cities, so I understand our needs. Those needs
5 are not being met by the current map that, in reality,
6 makes absolutely no sense for north Orange County.

7 As someone who serves Brea and has lived in the
8 community for decades, Seal Beach could not be more
9 different than Brea. We have vastly different economies
10 and interests. I would encourage you to amend the map to
11 include Brea in -- with north Orange County cities that
12 face the same kind of problems that we have. For
13 example, wildfires. And if you just look at the recent
14 past few years, you will see what we share. It would be
15 most logical to create a northern Orange County district
16 and a separate Orange County coastal district.

17 And again, those are issues that I feel are
18 important for my particular area. We work -- try to work
19 on a regional basis as much as we can with the cities
20 surrounding us, and to be able to carry things to the
21 federal level on that regional basis, would be very, very
22 important to all of us in the area. So I want to thank
23 you for your time and for your hard work, and I hope you
24 take this into consideration. Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I'd

1 like to invite unique ID 058 to please use the raise hand
2 button at the bottom of your screen if you are ready to
3 give comment, as you do have an appointment during the
4 session. Oh, well they are -- they did just pop in, so
5 right now, we will go to caller 0565. If you will please
6 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The
7 floor is yours.

8 MS. JONES: Yeah. Hi. Can you hear me?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

10 MS. JONES: Okay. Hi. My name is Jennifer Jones,
11 and I am a resident of Simi Valley. I actually do live
12 in Simi Valley. There's been some callers in indicating
13 that people are claiming from -- to be from Simi Valley
14 and they don't live there. I actually do live here.
15 With that being said, I would like to keep Simi Valley
16 and Santa Clarita whole and keep them together. Simi
17 Valley and Santa Clarita both have a lot of demographics
18 in common. We have a high percentage of home ownership.
19 We have a large high school graduating class each year
20 along with Santa Clarita. We have similar economics. We
21 are part of the entertainment industry, along with Santa
22 Clarita, which is known as the Thirty-Mile Zone. And we
23 share the same first responders for wildfires, since both
24 cities are prone to wildfires.

25 And I would also like to mention, there has been

1 other individuals that have called in and said, let's
2 keep Simi Valley in Ventura County. If you look at the
3 map, there is still part of LA in all of these maps. So
4 Simi Valley is not going to be exclusive in Ventura
5 County. There are still other cities that are in LA
6 County that are part of these maps. So the misconception
7 is, we're going to lose resources because we're in
8 Ventura County versus LA County. That's not how it works
9 on a congressional level. And I encourage everybody to
10 kind of do a little bit of research before making
11 interesting comments such as that. Thank you for your
12 time.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
15 have caller 8702. And up next after that will be caller
16 0045. Caller 8702, if you will please follow the prompts
17 to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

18 MS. CHO: Hi. Can you hear me?

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

20 MS. CHO: Excellent. Hello, Commissioners. My name
21 is Candace Cho. I live in LA I also work in LA for the
22 Asian-Pacific Policy and Planning Council, or APCON, one
23 of the founding partners of Stop AAPI Hate. APCON is a
24 coalition of over forty community-based organizations,
25 serving and representing the million-and-a-half AAPIs who

1 make up fifteen percent of LA County. I call in today as
2 an Asian-American resident of LA in support of our
3 members ask.

4 In Metro L.A., please keep Koreatown whole in the
5 congressional and Senate map as it is in the Assembly
6 map. Please also keep Thai Town in the congressional map
7 as it is in the Assembly and Senate maps. For the
8 boundaries of these communities of interest, please see
9 the shape files submitted by the AAPI and AMENSA State
10 Redistricting Collaborative. In SGV, please keep west
11 SGV whole in the congressional map as it is in the
12 Assembly map, by moving Monterey Park, Alhambra, and
13 Rosemead into a district with the rest of west SGV. This
14 region is home to over half-a-million Asian-Americans.

15 In the South Bay, please include the community east
16 of Torrance in the Harbor Gateway with the rest of the
17 Asian-American community in Torrance and Gardena. And
18 please draw this middle-class Asian-American community
19 out of the wealthy coastal district at the congressional
20 and Senate levels. Please keep Inglewood, Lennox, and
21 Hawthorne together in the Senate map. These cities are
22 home to a concentration of Pacific Islanders. Finally, I
23 would like to thank the Commission for keeping at every
24 level of government, the following AAPI communities of
25 interest whole, as those communities --

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MS. CHO: -- define themselves. In Metro LA, that's
3 Chinatown, Little Tokyo, and Historic Filipino Town. In
4 west LA, the two Japanese-American communities. In
5 Carson and west Carson, the AAPI community. In Long
6 Beach, the Cambodian community --

7 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

8 MS. CHO: -- and in Torrance and Gardena, the Asian-
9 American community. I urge the Commission to preserve
10 these communities of interest as it completes its work.
11 Thank you for your time and attention.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and thank you for calling
13 in.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time, I would
15 like to invite those with unique IDs to please use the
16 raise hand button at the bottom of your screen. That is
17 for unique ID 058, and unique ID 023 that has recently
18 joined us. All right. Unique ID 058, you will be up
19 next after caller 0045. Caller 0045, if you'll please
20 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The
21 floor is yours.

22 MR. MENDOZA: Yes. My name is John Mendoza. I live
23 in the City of Pomona, Senate District 20, Congressional
24 District 35, also near the Rancho Cucamonga area. I
25 think you should keep Rancho Cucamonga in the draft maps

1 you have. We have a lot of affordable housing, and it
2 should be expanded and protected.

3 I just don't understand why you crafted out Chino
4 Hills from Chino again in this redistricting process,
5 because it dilutes the vote of the City of Chino. And
6 they're both interconnected to each other with the same
7 culture. Chino Hills extends down toward the south up to
8 the -- where the Prado Dam is along -- the 91 Freeway
9 stops right there, and then the other side of the freeway
10 is Corona; it's a pretty different area. I don't
11 understand how you could split Montclair -- I mean Upton
12 up and put it in the congressional district, and then
13 still keep Chino split. That doesn't make any sense.

14 Also, you have Eastvale that's going to be going
15 into the 35th Congressional District. That's a new city.
16 That's directly connected to some of the cities like
17 Norco and Corona. There's land there between them.
18 There's housing all the way up there where the Chino
19 Hills and the 91 Freeway went into Corona, which, I
20 looked on the map, they don't even connect. Chino Hills,
21 the City of Chino, Pomona --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MR. MENDOZA: -- Montclair, Ontario -- we all feed
24 off the same watershed, the Santa Ana Watershed, which
25 ends over there at Prado Dam. And we all share water

1 problems, water droughts, and matter of fact, recently
2 they closed down --

3 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

4 MR. MENDOZA: -- they closed down some of the water
5 to Chino Hills. Thank you. Have a good day.

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

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
8 have unique ID 058. And then up next after that will be
9 caller 5944. Unique ID 058, I'll be promoting you now.
10 058, 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 and region you'd
13 like to address. The floor is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Happy Thanksgiving, and thank
15 you for your work, Commissioners. I'm calling to speak
16 about the east San Fernando Valley. The Commission has
17 done a great job with pairing most of the neighborhoods
18 of the east San Fernando Valley together, but it's
19 critical that both the Senate district labeled SCSF, page
20 35, and the CENTRALSF Assembly map, page 77, be
21 corrected. Please unify North Hollywood and add Toluca
22 Lake to CENTRALSF Assembly map, and SCS -- San Fernando
23 Valley Senate district.

24 North Hollywood and Toluca Lake share not only
25 culture and historical ties, they also share and rely on

1 critical infrastructure, such as the Red Line and other
2 transportation hubs along the corridor. Keeping these
3 neighborhoods in one Senate and Assembly seat will allow
4 current projects to succeed, and it's designed to
5 economically develop the area to continue without
6 disruption. A lot of the small businesses in the east
7 San Fernando Valley rely on one another, as we've had a
8 lot of events, projects, working with both North
9 Hollywood and Toluca Lake, collectively. So we'd like to
10 ask for you to rethink the unification of our community,
11 because we think unification brings a lot of proper
12 representation. Thank you again for all of your hard
13 work and dedication. Please unify the southeast San
14 Fernando Valley, bringing Toluca Lake and North Hollywood
15 closer together.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for the call.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
18 have caller 5944. And then up next after that will be
19 caller 3210. Caller 5944, if you will please follow the
20 prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is
21 yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Good morning,
23 Commissioners. I guess I'll be looking at Lancaster --
24 Lancaster, Rosamond, Palmdale area. I just want to have
25 a general observation that I would hope you all would

1 keep in mind as you're editing draft maps, which is that
2 over the next ten years, we're very likely to go through
3 another round of base realignment and closures, and there
4 are bases in California that are likely going to be
5 targeted for realignment or closure, based on what we saw
6 in the last round, which, I believe, was in 2007.

7 And right now at Lancaster, we've got U.S. Air Force
8 Plant 42 separated from Edwards Air Force Base and
9 Armstrong Research Lab, which is located there, and I'd
10 just like to draw your attention to that. I think that
11 that research lab, Edwards Air Force Base, and Plant 42,
12 really all should be in the same congressional district.
13 Those, collectively, are the second biggest employer in
14 the Antelope Valley, and they really -- it really does
15 make sense for them to have one member of Congress. So
16 I'm not really advocating that those areas be in one
17 district or another, but I just think they should be
18 included together. And that includes Lancaster,
19 Palmdale, Rosamond, Mojave --

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- all those areas. It's
22 critically important. As Northrup-Grumman and other
23 contractors moved into Plant 42 about a decade ago, the
24 unemployment rate --

25 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- in Lancaster dropped by
2 about ten percent, and if these areas become the target
3 of base closure it would be pretty devastating to those
4 areas. So I just hope that as a whole that we look at
5 the California bases and do what we can.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
8 have caller 3210. If you will please follow the prompts
9 to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

10 MS. LEE: Thank you. My name is Faith Lee, and I
11 lived in the City of Alhambra and worked in the San
12 Gabriel Valley for almost a decade before I moved to
13 Sacramento two years ago. I still consider the San
14 Gabriel Valley my home, because I still have my core
15 family and friends in the San Gabriel Valley area. I
16 would like to request the Commission to keep core AAPI
17 community of interest in west San Gabriel Valley -- that
18 is the City of Monterey Park, Alhambra, Rosemead, San
19 Gabriel with the rest of the west San Gabriel Valley,
20 including El Monte, Baldwin Park, and Montebello.

21 When I used to live in Alhambra, I worked in the
22 City of Montebello and would frequent El Monte for their
23 restaurants and to visit my family in Monterey Park --
24 Baldwin Park, excuse me. These cities share very similar
25 cultural institutions, policy interests, and languages.

1 I would also add that my parents also used to use the
2 public transportation from Alhambra to venture towards
3 the El Monte, Baldwin Park, and Montebello area.

4 I ask that the Commission, at the Senate and
5 congressional levels, please keep the core AAPI COI with
6 the other west San Gabriel Valley cities together so the
7 communities can continue living and working together as
8 one district. Thank you very much.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much. Katy, let's
10 take one additional caller and then after that, we'll go
11 to our lunch break and come back after that. Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair. And
13 right now, we will have caller 3362. If you will please
14 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6.

15 MR. BARZAGA: Hi.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

17 MR. BARZAGA: Thank you. Yes. My name is Conrado
18 Barzaga. I'm the Chief Executive Officer at the Desert
19 Healthcare District here in the Coachella Valley. And I
20 would like to speak on behalf of our area, and call to
21 your attention that the Coachella Valley is one
22 contiguous geographic area with nine cities, eleven
23 unincorporated areas, and five tribal governments.

24 Recent maps would break our congressional district
25 in two, and I think it will be important to keep the

1 Coachella Valley one. Most recently, we came together as
2 one Coachella Valley by extending the Desert Healthcare
3 District to cover the entire area. We also have many
4 differences in social, economic, and civil interests from
5 the proposed annexation to San Diego or San Bernardino
6 Counties. Current maps separate farm workers, Latinx,
7 immigrants, monolingual Spanish-speaker migrants, and
8 essential workers in eastern Coachella Valley cities from
9 the black, LGBTQ+, AAPI equally essential and Latinx
10 neighborhoods in western Coachella Valley. So again, I
11 encourage you to look into this area and make sure that
12 the Coachella Valley is one congressional district.

13 Thank you.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much. And with that, we
15 will be on lunch break until 1:30, at which time, we will
16 start to take the public input once again until 2:30 when
17 the lines will be closed. But we'll continue to --
18 anyone in the queue we'll listen to, as long as they're
19 in the queue by 2:30. Thank you. We're in recess.

20 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 12:45 p.m.
21 to 1:30 p.m.)

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. We're back with the
23 California Citizens Redistricting Commission, accepting
24 public input on our draft maps. We are offering a
25 language lines for Spanish-language speakers to listen to

1 the meeting in their native language. Could I please
2 have the Spanish interpreter provide our Spanish-language
3 line where the public can listen in to today's meeting in
4 Spanish.

5 THE INTERPRETER: Hi, Chair. This is Johanna, the
6 interpreter.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Hi.

8 THE INTERPRETER: Hi.

9 (In Spanish, not translated)

10 Thank you, Chair.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Gracias, Johanna. Just a reminder to
12 the public that we will be closing the line at 2:30, at
13 which time we will continue to hear the callers until we
14 are done with the testimony. But you have to be in the
15 queue and not hang up in order to be heard. With that,
16 Katy, please, let's start with the callers.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.
18 And right now, we will begin with caller 8529. And up
19 next after that will be caller 5592. Caller 8529, if you
20 will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
21 star-6. The floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Can you hear me all
23 right?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: All right. Thank you.

1 Hi. My name is Sean (ph.) I'm a resident of the
2 SUNNYTINO draft Assembly district. I just want to call
3 to support a recently submitted map by another community
4 member, and just submit that, like, this submitted map
5 improves upon the draft Assembly district map, in my
6 opinion, by bringing together the whole west valley
7 region much more than the current draft Assembly district
8 map does.

9 I would really appreciate it if the Commission could
10 reevaluate and take a look at these -- that submitted
11 map, and also reevaluate the draft Assembly district map,
12 just to ensure that the communities of Saratoga,
13 Cupertino, and Campbell are aligned and within one
14 district due to a lot of our, like, shared history,
15 community services, large connected AAPI community, and
16 also, like, community college districts and educational
17 services as well. So yeah, thank you for the time today,
18 and that would be my comment.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
21 caller 5592. And up next after that will be caller 6420.
22 Caller 5592, if you'll please follow the prompts to
23 unmute by pressing star-6.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, Commissioners. So the
4 dozens of calls from Stanislaus County over the last week
5 needs to be called out for what they are: an attempt by
6 a sitting congressman to influence the redistricting
7 process. In this case, these political operatives are
8 advocating for reuniting Stanislaus County which, if you
9 did so, would have the domino effect of eliminating a
10 Voting Right Act district in the Central Valley.

11 The CRC was able to create three VRA districts, and
12 I strongly advocate that you should protect these three
13 VRA seats in the Valley at all costs. This is nothing
14 more than an effort by a white Democrat congressman to
15 keep Latinos down and prevent a Latino from winning in
16 Stanislaus County. This congressman wants a majority
17 white district to run in, despite the CRC's clear ability
18 to create a Latino seat. These folks want to make sure
19 our Latino community in the Valley remains second-class
20 citizens, and I find this completely racist and utterly
21 unacceptable. I urge the Commission to keep three VRA
22 seats in the Central Valley, even if it means splitting
23 counties and cities, which is unfortunate, but not as
24 important as meeting the requirements of the VRA. Thank
25 you for your time, Commissioners.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we've got
3 caller 6420. And up next after that is caller 5619.
4 Caller 6420, if you will please follow the prompts to
5 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

6 MS. WORHA: Good afternoon. I'm calling regarding
7 the congressional and State Senate draft map pertaining
8 to the Coachella Valley. My name is Pam Worha (ph.).
9 I'm a lifelong resident of the Coachella Valley, and I'm
10 speaking today under my capacity with Planned Parenthood
11 Action Fund of the Pacific Southwest. In the decades of
12 service provided to the Coachella Valley, Planned
13 Parenthood has continued to expand its services, because
14 though our two local health centers in Rancho Mirage and
15 the City of Coachella require expansion, it really is
16 because the population has grown and has become more
17 diverse across the Coachella Valley.

18 I want to inform you that there really are no true
19 geographic boundary lines in the Coachella Valley. Our
20 patients come from Desert Hot Springs and Palm Springs,
21 from Indio and Mecca, from all nine cities, all eleven
22 unincorporated communities, and all five tribal
23 government regions across the Valley. Continuing to
24 place the entire Coachella Valley as one community of
25 interest is crucial for access to healthcare, for

1 protected classes that we serve, such as the transgender
2 community, farmworker patients, Latino patients, LGBTQ+
3 patients. When we separate the young and low income
4 Latinos from black, LGBTQ+ and AAPI neighbors across the
5 Coachella Valley through these draft maps, you
6 unintentionally will cause --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 MS. WORHA: -- literal separate and unequal regions
9 within the Coachella Valley. Your draft maps have left
10 all of the previously mentioned protected classes
11 vulnerable if you divide the Coachella Valley into two
12 congressional districts and two State Senate --

13 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

14 MS. WORHA: -- districts. I'm calling today to ask
15 you to keep both congressional and Senate district lines
16 within one Coachella Valley. Thank you.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now is caller
19 5619. And up next after that is caller 8861. Caller
20 5619, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by
21 pressing star-6. There you go. The floor is yours.

22 MR. T. SINGH: Hi. Thank you. My name is Tardeep
23 Singh (ph.) and I'm an Alameda County resident. I
24 appreciate you guys giving us an opportunity to
25 contribute in this redistricting process. I'd like to

1 comment about Assembly district in Alameda County. We'd
2 appreciate it if Union City can be combined in Assembly
3 district Fremont, since our communities of interest, in
4 particularly the Punjabi community, are closely tied.
5 The Fremont Gurdwara congregation has a significant
6 portion of attendees from Union City, and we'd like to
7 keep our community together. That's all I have to say.
8 Thank you for your time.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
11 caller 8861. And up next after that will be caller 1256.
12 Caller 8861, if you'll please follow the prompts to
13 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

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

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

16 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Yeah. So I'm calling
17 regarding the congressional draft map for the west San
18 Gabriel Valley. Hi. My name is Hannah (ph.), a student
19 at Cal State LA, and also the student program coordinator
20 for the Asian-Pacific Islanders Student Resource Center.
21 In this position, I'm able to work with student and
22 student organization leaders, many of whom either reside
23 or frequent west San Gabriel Valley cities, where we're
24 able to bond over our shared experiences of growing up in
25 the area and create programing and events that reflect

1 that. That includes having a panel of local community
2 leaders running for office, and also a town hall
3 regarding Stop Asian Hate that was hosted in
4 collaboration with student interns.

5 To keep the west San Gabriel Valley together allows
6 for the students and organization leaders to have the
7 opportunities to advocate on issues that would impact
8 both their experiences as residents and as students in
9 the region. Personally, being born and raised in
10 Monterey Park, whenever I spent time in neighboring
11 cities, I enjoyed the comfort of continuing to feel at
12 home and not feel culturally out of place. Frequenting
13 Lunar New Year festivals, attending 626 Night Market, and
14 supporting small businesses are all reflections of
15 community relationships that have been built among the
16 cities of Monterey Park, Alhambra, Rosemead, San Gabriel,
17 San Moreno, Temple City, and Arcadia.

18 With all these cities having an AAPI majority, I
19 believe that they should be in the same congressional
20 district to maintain the political power of the
21 community. To split these cities would disrespect the
22 cultural and historical connection of the AAPI folks that
23 reside here, and I hope that you keep the communities
24 together, and ensure that the values and interests of
25 these cities are accurately --

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- represented in
3 Congress. Thank you for your time.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
6 caller 1256. And up next after that will be caller 8917.
7 Caller 1256, if you will please follow the prompts to
8 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

9 MS. BAINES: Hi. My name is Mary Baines (ph.), and
10 I'm a resident of Sutter County. And I just wanted to --
11 appreciate you guys for giving me the opportunity to
12 share during this historic redistricting process. I just
13 wanted to say that we really appreciate the Assembly,
14 Senate, and Congress draft maps in Sutter County. Thank
15 you so much.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
18 have caller 8917. And up next after that will be caller
19 3080. Caller 8917, if you'll please follow the prompts
20 to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

21 MS. RAPATA: Hello, Commissioners. My name is
22 Harsim Rapata (ph.), and I am a resident of Tracy and a
23 part of the Punjabi Sikh community. I really appreciate
24 you guys giving me this opportunity to share during this
25 historic redistricting process. I would like to comment

1 about the Assembly, Senate, and Congress in the San
2 Joaquin County.

3 We would greatly appreciate the Assembly maps to
4 keep Tracy and Manteca together. There are large Punjabi
5 trucking communities in these areas, and we would like to
6 see if Manteca could find a home with us in either Tracy
7 or in the south with the Assembly district Stanislaus
8 area. We think parts of north Stockton that are more
9 affluent may be better with the northern San Joaquin
10 County District that goes into Sacramento County.

11 As for the Senate district draft maps and the
12 congressional draft maps, we appreciate how they
13 currently are. Thank you.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we'll
16 have caller 3080. And up next after that will be caller
17 5638. Caller 3080, if you'll please follow the prompts
18 to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.
19 Caller 3080, you might want to double check your phone
20 and make sure it is not on mute.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, commissioners. My
22 name is (indiscernible). I am calling on behalf of
23 Sutter County. I appreciate you giving me an opportunity
24 to share during this historic redistricting process. I
25 would like to comment, we appreciate the Assembly, Senate

1 and Congress draft maps. Thank you for your time.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
4 5638. And up next after that will be caller 0078.
5 Caller 5638, if you will please follow the prompts to
6 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

7 MS. S. KAUR: Thank you. Hello, commissioners. My
8 name is Samneed Kaur (ph.). I am a resident of Oakland,
9 California. I appreciate you giving me the opportunity
10 to share this historic -- during this historic
11 redistricting process, and I would like to comment on the
12 Assembly for Alameda County. We would like to see if
13 Union City could be combined in the Assembly district of
14 Fremont, since our communities are of interest.
15 Especially the Punjabi community and as a Punjabi Sikh
16 woman myself, we are closely tied and attend Fremont
17 Gurdwara together, and we would like to keep us together.
18 Thank you for your time.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
21 caller 0078. And up next after that is caller 7533.
22 Caller 0078, if you will please follow the prompts to
23 unmute by pressing star-6.

24 MS. H. KAUR: Hi. Can you all hear me all right?

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

1 MS. H. KAUR: Good afternoon. My name is Harvir
2 Kaur (ph.), and I'm a resident of Bakersfield,
3 California. Redistricting will determine the
4 distribution of political power for the next decade,
5 therefore, the final decision and say will be very
6 important to me and my Punjabi Sikh community, along with
7 countless minorities all across regions in California. I
8 appreciate you guys giving me an opportunity to share my
9 thoughts during this historic redistricting process.

10 In the Assembly district, we would like to keep
11 southwest Bakersfield whole, as home to the region's
12 largest Punjabi Sikh community and historic black
13 communities. They both go to Ridgeview High School
14 together. We would like southwest Bakersfield to be kept
15 in Assembly district West Bakersfield by extending the
16 line that currently splits the community in two. We
17 would like the Assembly district West Bakersfield to
18 include areas west of Bannister or see the entire region
19 up to the 99 south of White into Assembly district
20 Tulare-Kern. We have little representation in this area
21 and we would like to see our Punjabi and black voices
22 together and stronger in an area where we have never seen
23 ourselves represented.

24 In the Senate district, we would like to be kept
25 with the City of Bakersfield. We would like the Senate

1 district boundary to be Buena Vista Road north and south,
2 instead of Gosford, to make sure we are kept together in
3 the Senate, instead of splitting the black -- instead of
4 splitting the black and Punjabi communities at Ridgeview
5 High. We would appreciate being part of the Senate
6 district Kings-Kern and not Senate district Fresno-Kern.
7 And that's all I have for you guys, so thank you so much.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
10 caller 7533. And up next after that will be caller 7185.
11 Caller 7533, if you will please follow the prompts to
12 unmute by pressing star-6. And one more time, caller
13 with the last four -- the floor is yours.

14 MS. ORTIZ: Can you hear me?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

16 MS. ORTIZ: This is -- all right. Thank you. My
17 name is Jane Ortiz. I heard people calling in saying
18 that the congressional maps for Stanislaus are not good,
19 but in splitting up Stanislaus, the Commission was able
20 to achieve two VRA districts in the San Joaquin Valley,
21 which was a huge accomplishment. It sounds like people
22 who are calling in don't want to maximize the number of
23 Latino seats in the Central Valley. I strongly support
24 the three VRA seats in the Central Valley and urge the
25 Commission to keep a minimum of three seats. Some hard

1 decisions must be made, including splitting up some
2 counties in order to meet the Voting Rights Act. If you
3 keep Stanislaus the way it is, it would marginalize
4 Latinos and prevent them from selecting a candidate of
5 their choice. Thank you for your consideration.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 7185 will be right
7 now. And up next after that will be caller 7630. Caller
8 7185, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by
9 pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

10 MS. GILL: Hi. My name is Simran Gill, and I'm a
11 resident of Sacramento County. I appreciate you giving
12 me an opportunity to share during this historic
13 redistricting process, and I'd like to comment about the
14 Congress in the Sacramento County region.

15 So we would like to see Elk Grove included in the
16 congressional district of Sacramento County and have it
17 loop along to include north and south Natomas because we
18 have overlapping communities of interest in the Punjabi
19 community. And in fact, the current draft includes west
20 Sacramento, home to the oldest Gurdwara in the region,
21 and we would like it to include Natomas, since most
22 congregants live there. And I would like to highlight
23 that Punjabi is one of the top five most spoken languages
24 in that region. Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
3 caller 7630. And then up next after that will be caller
4 2569. Caller 7630, if you'll please follow the prompts
5 to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours --
6 wait, where'd they go? Oh, they hung up. All right.
7 They hung up.

8 Caller 2569, if you will please follow the prompts
9 to unmute by pressing star-6. And one more time, caller
10 2569, if you'll please -- the floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is
12 Natdeep (ph.), and I live in Fresno County. And I am a
13 resident of Central Unified Community. I'd like to
14 comment on the Assembly and State comment (sic). In the
15 current Assembly district map, you are splitting our
16 Central Unified Community. That is also the largest
17 Punjabi community -- that is the home to the largest
18 Punjabi community. And being a resident of this
19 community, it's important to us that the south of
20 Shields -- the Punjabi community just south of Shields --
21 would be kept with the rest of the community in the
22 AD_MERCEDFRESNO. We kindly ask the Commission to
23 consider moving the line currently, as Shields on the 99
24 to be moved south to Clinton to keep -- so that, you
25 know, so that the Punjabi community be -- community of

1 interest could be kept together.

2 And regarding the Senate district -- in the Senate
3 district in northwest Fresno, we would like to keep our
4 Punjabi community of interest together as well there. In
5 the area along Herndon and 99, we would like to see the
6 small region from the 99 to the train tracks to be put in
7 the SD at S-B-E-NFRESNO, so SBENFRESNO, and not the
8 SD_FRESNO-KERN, you know, district or maps. So that's my
9 comment for today. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
11 right now, we will have caller 2211. And up next after
12 that will be caller 7125. Caller 2211, if you will
13 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6.
14 The floor is yours.

15 MS. GEMBAVA: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Mana
16 Gembava (ph.), and I am here speaking on behalf of Kern
17 County. I appreciate you giving me an opportunity to
18 share during this historic redistricting process. I'd
19 like to comment about the Assembly, Senate, and Congress
20 in the Kern County region. We appreciate the Kern
21 congressional draft maps in our area, but in the Assembly
22 district, we would like to keep southwest Bakersfield
23 whole as home -- whole as home to the region's largest
24 Punjabi-speaking community and historic black
25 communities. They both go to Ridgeview High together.

1 We would like to see southwest Bakersfield to either
2 be kept in Assembly district West Bakersfield by either
3 extending the line that currently splits the community in
4 two. We would like Assembly district West Bakersfield to
5 include areas west of Bannister or Seed (ph.) in the
6 entire region. Up to the 99 south of White into Assembly
7 district Tulare-Kern, we have little representation in
8 this area and we would like to see our Punjabi and black
9 voices together and stronger in an area where we have
10 never seen ourselves represented.

11 In the Senate district, we would like to be kept
12 with the City of Bakersfield. We would like the Senate
13 district boundary to be Buena Vista Road north and south,
14 instead of Gosford, to make sure we are kept together in
15 the Senate, instead of splitting our historic Punjabi and
16 black communities at Ridgeview High in half. We would
17 appreciate being part of Senate district Kings-Kern --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 MS. GEMBAVA: -- and not Senate district Fresno-
20 Kern. Thank you for letting me speak today.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we've got
22 caller 7125. And up next after that will be caller 3929.
23 7125, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by
24 pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

25 MS. CHAO: Hello. Hi. This is Liang Chao. I am

1 vice mayor of Cupertino in Santa Clara County. I'm
2 representing myself. I submitted a comment earlier, but
3 I'm having second thoughts. I looked at the demographic
4 statistics. The -- and my comment is regarding the
5 congressional district. If Cupertino right now is
6 grouped together with Milpitas and Fremont, that area is
7 significantly Asian. I think Cupertino has more synergy
8 also with Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Mountain View, Saratoga,
9 and Campbell -- that area. I think if grouping Cupertino
10 with those cities will add diversity to that
11 congressional district. The Asian voices would be
12 significant in both congressional districts, that would
13 help amplify Asian voices to be represented by both
14 congressmen, whoever are elected as so. Yeah. Thank
15 you.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we've got
18 caller 3929. And up next after that is caller 2567.
19 Caller 3929, if you'll please follow the prompts to
20 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

21 MS. GIERDALAY: Hello, commissioners. My name is
22 Nan Gierdalay (ph.). I reside in Turlock, California and
23 attend Pittman High School. I appreciate you giving me a
24 chance to share during this historic redistricting
25 process. I would like to comment about the Assembly,

1 Senate, and Congress. We would love to see if Ripon and
2 Manteca can be added to Assembly district Stanislaus.

3 We have family in those areas and there is a large
4 community of interest. For instance, our Punjabi
5 trucking community with family and lots of crossover. We
6 would appreciate it if the Commission can find a home for
7 Manteca that seems more natural, either with Stanislaus
8 or the Stockton area rather than west Lodi.

9 We appreciate the current Senate district draft maps
10 in our area. We would like to see Ceres kept whole in
11 our congressional district instead of being split in two.
12 As a smaller community, we would rather be represented by
13 one congressman rather than have two ignore us.

14 Our Punjabi community is currently being split into
15 the congressional district eastern California region
16 where we have no communities of interest with this rural
17 and mountainous area. We would like to be kept together
18 whole in part of the immediate district dividing us on
19 the west. We want to be in the congressional district
20 STAN-FRESNO_DRAFT. Thank you so much. This is very
21 important for us.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
24 caller 2567. And up next after that will be caller 5355.
25 Caller 2567, if you will please follow the prompts to

1 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I'd like to
3 reference the Fresno-Tulare and Kings-Tulare-Kern
4 congressional maps.

5 Good afternoon, Commissioners. Thank you for taking
6 the time to accept our public comments. During the
7 September recall election, some towns in Kings County did
8 not have vote centers or ballot drop boxes. Residents of
9 these towns relied on neighboring Kings communities to
10 vote in person. By splitting Kings County in half,
11 you're only ensuring that our communities of interest
12 will be overshadowed by these bigger cities, such as
13 Visalia, Fresno, and Bakersfield. Our communities of
14 interest are important to us, and I urge you to keep
15 Kings County whole. Thank you for your time.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
18 5355. And up next after that is caller 9011. Caller
19 5355, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by
20 pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

21 MS. KIPOOR: Thank you. Can everyone hear me?

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

23 MS. KIPOOR: Okay. Hello, everyone. My name is Nom
24 Kipoor (ph.). I'm a senior in Washington High School
25 that is located in Fremont, but I currently reside in

1 Union City. And today I would like to talk about Alameda
2 County. I would like to start out by saying we
3 appreciate the current Senate and Congress draft maps in
4 our county. Thank you for that.

5 In terms of Assembly district comments, I would like
6 to say that -- I would like to see if it's possible for
7 Union City to be combined in Assembly district Fremont
8 because our community of interest, especially in the
9 Punjabi community, are closely aligned. A great example
10 of this is Fremont Gurdwara. It's located in Fremont.
11 The majority of the community attending there is from
12 Union City. It is not just a religious location. We do
13 many actions there that affect the community as a whole.
14 We hold vaccination drives, (indiscernible) services,
15 food drives, and a lot of these things wouldn't be
16 possible if it wasn't for combined efforts from Fremont
17 and Union City.

18 And to end it all, I'd like to say personally, as
19 someone who is going to be the next generation for
20 voting, and partaking in these -- the results from this
21 redistricting process, I would like to say, most of our
22 students from our two communities are closely aligned,
23 and we consider each community interchangeable. And
24 since we are the ones who are going to be living through
25 the decisions made today, I would like to say, we'd all

1 like to keep these communities connected. Thank you so
2 much for your time today. That is -- that's all.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your engagement.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
5 caller 9011. And up next after that will be caller 6666.
6 Caller 9011, if you will please follow the prompts to
7 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. Thank you. So
9 I've heard that a bunch of people have been saying that
10 the congressional maps for Stanislaus are not very
11 adequate, but in splitting up Stanislaus, the Commission
12 was able to achieve three VRA districts in the San
13 Joaquin Valley, which was a major accomplishment. Now, I
14 have been getting a feeling that people who are calling
15 in don't want to maximize the number of Latino seats in
16 the Central Valley. But I do strongly support three VRCs
17 in the Central Valley and urge the Commission to keep a
18 minimum of three. Unfortunately, hard decisions have to
19 be made, and -- including splitting up counties in order
20 to meet the VRA. Thank you so much for having me on.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we'll have
23 caller 6666, and up next after that would be caller 4145.
24 Caller 6666, if you'll please follow the prompts to
25 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

1 MR. BOZAJIAN: Can you hear me?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

3 MR. BOZAJIAN: Okay, thank you. My name is James
4 Bozajian. I'm the mayor of the City of Calabasas, and we
5 are now located in the draft maps in congressional
6 district marked VENTURA, Senate district SHORELINE, and
7 Assembly district Malevolent -- or sorry, MALIEVENT.

8 We're disappointed with the way the districts are
9 drawn, as we've previously submitted documents, Calabasas
10 and the surrounding cities. We'd like -- we'd like to
11 have the inclusion of the cities of Agoura Hills,
12 Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, Westlake Village, and
13 the unincorporated area from Topanga to the Ventura
14 County line in one community of interest that should be
15 kept intact for all the political boundaries to ensure
16 that our residents are being properly represented at all
17 levels of government.

18 For the congressional district, the map includes
19 Westlake Village, Calabasas, and Agoura Hills, but leaves
20 out Hidden Hills and Malibu. For the Assembly district,
21 the map groups Calabasas, Westlake Village, Agoura Hills
22 and Malibu, but leaves out Hidden Hills. It's similar
23 for the Senate district, where the map leaves out Hidden
24 Hills but keeps the four other cities together. And
25 then, unfortunately, it's not compact. It goes all the

1 way down to the bottom of Los Angeles County to include
2 such areas as the Palos Verdes Peninsula and other
3 locations adjacent to the Orange County line with which
4 we have nothing in interest.

5 In addition, the City of Calabasas is currently in a
6 process of annexing an unincorporated area known as
7 Craftsman's Corner. It's north of the 101 freeway, as it
8 runs east-west through our city. It's --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MR. BOZAJIAN: -- got a very small population, and
11 we would like to -- because we're actually at LAFCO in
12 the process of annexing it, we'd very much like to have
13 that small portion included with wherever you place
14 Calabasas, because it would make no sense for it to be
15 annexed and then for ten years be an entirely separate
16 district.

17 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

18 MR. BOZAJIAN: We only have 25,000 people here in
19 Calabasas, and 100,000 in the region I'm asking you to
20 unite. Thank you very much for your time.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
23 4145, and up next after that is caller 4388. The floor
24 is yours.

25 MS. TAVOULARIS: Good afternoon. My name is Kathy

1 Tavoularis. I'm a city council member from the City of
2 Orange in Orange County. I want to thank the Commission
3 for all your hard work. I can just imagine what this is
4 like. And you can't please everybody. Thank you for
5 keeping parts of my city of Orange with our neighbors of
6 Anaheim Hills and Yorba Linda. These inland northeast
7 Orange County makes sense together. We share roads and
8 stores and businesses and schools.

9 What doesn't make sense to me is why we are separate
10 from Brea and North Fullerton. These cities faced with
11 similar challenges. We work very hard together, and my
12 colleagues in those cities share the same concerns as we
13 do. They're very similar areas that make sense in one
14 congressional district, so I hope the Commission will
15 reconsider this oversight. And thank you again.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we have
18 caller 4388, and up next after that we have caller 9751.
19 Caller 4388, if you'll please follow the prompts to
20 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

21 MR. TRAN: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name
22 is Benjamin Tran with Asian Americans Advancing Justice
23 Los Angeles and a born and raised resident of the San
24 Gabriel Valley, which is the area I'm here to comment on
25 for the congressional maps.

1 The proposed redistricting would split the western
2 San Gabriel Valley cities. I strongly encourage that the
3 Commission reconsider these maps and keep the cities of
4 San Gabriel, Arcadia, Alhambra, Monterey Park, Rosemead,
5 and South Pasadena together, as it is in the Assembly
6 maps. These cities are held in the cultural imagination
7 of its residents as one large community, a community with
8 a unique mixture of factors that created the lived
9 experiences for everyone who grew up here.

10 With a strong API and Latino majority population, it
11 was a common thing to drink bubble milk tea alongside an
12 order of tacos. It was common to be bilingual and have a
13 strong tie to our ancestral cultures, while also
14 understanding for each other the struggle of coming from
15 the immigrant background. Even after moving out of the
16 area for college, anytime I met another person from the
17 SGV, they would understand a similar construction of this
18 community. The core cities I mentioned before from the
19 communities and the culture that emerged in it. It is
20 important that this community has a united voice in our
21 democracy. Thank you so much.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
24 caller 9751, and up next after that would be caller 5700.
25 Caller 9751, if you'll please follow the prompts to

1 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Hello,
3 Commission. I would like to mention, like I did before,
4 and specify my exact location. I live off of the Sunset
5 Corridor in West Hollywood, California. We are an
6 independent city that is part of the county surrounded by
7 the City of Los Angeles. I have grown attached to this
8 area as the west side, but I was gentrified out. And I
9 understand the Commission has to basically gerrymander
10 areas in order to balance people's socioeconomic status.

11 I'm a renter. Most of West Hollywood is eighty
12 percent renters. We live on the west side because we've
13 been -- we've had an affinity for the west side, and
14 we've been attached with the West Hollywood and the
15 Beverly Hills Democratic Club, our relation with this
16 area and the Sunset Corridor to Brentwood, to Westwood,
17 and have been within the two, three mile radius, but yet,
18 500 feet from where I reside is the 33rd Congressional
19 District.

20 Why can't West Hollywood be part of the 33rd
21 Congressional District as well? But yet we're syphoned
22 all the way into Hollywood, representing areas of the
23 Senate map, which includes Highland Park and Eagle Rock,
24 which I don't understand. While our Assembly district is
25 attached to Beverly Hills, but yet our congressional

1 district is divided. You've divided West Hollywood. And
2 yet we were part of the 30th Congressional District. And
3 here I am having to be represented by someone who is part
4 of Highland Park, Eagle Rock and the Senate district --

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- as well as parts of East
7 Los Angeles. Now it's Glendale, Burbank and other parts
8 have locked me out of Flintridge and the West San Gabriel
9 Valley that West Hollywood has to be syphoned in. Why do
10 you have to split a 1.9-mile city?

11 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Why can't we be part of the
13 west side? So I really urge and implore the Committee,
14 please don't divide West Hollywood. Don't put us part of
15 Hollywood. We're independent. We're a county who
16 resides in the west side, and that's what we want to
17 remain. And it's not fair for a city to be divided --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback. Just a
19 reminder to the public that our phone lines will close at
20 2:30. Please, if you're interested in giving public
21 feedback today to the Commission, make sure to call in,
22 and please don't hang up. Stay in the queue to remain in
23 the queue. Thank you. Katy, we will continue on with
24 public comment.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we'll go

1 with caller 5700. And up next after that is caller 4589.
2 Caller 5700, if you'll please follow the prompts to a
3 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

4 MR. TRAN: Hello, Commissioner. My name is Jean-Huy
5 Tran, and my pronoun, he/him/his. I am the president of
6 a nonprofit called Viet Vote. We do a lot of voter
7 education and voter empowerment for the API community,
8 and specifically Vietnamese community here in San Diego.
9 I also have been very involved in the local redistricting
10 Commission at the city and county level here in San
11 Diego. I'm calling in to discuss these COR-CAJON Senate
12 district and other districts in San Diego County.

13 Last week, I called to urge you to please take a
14 look at how the API community has come together to
15 advocate for the API community of interest by keeping
16 UCSD, University City, Convoy, Linda Vista, Mira Mesa,
17 Rancho Penasquitos, and Carmel Valley in the same
18 districts. These are the goal of the District 6 of the
19 community collaboration map, which is a finalist in the
20 City Redistricting Commission process. Additionally,
21 this community interest in the final consideration by the
22 County Redistricting Commission and the maps, draft map
23 10, 14, and others that are going to be considered in the
24 next week hearing.

25 For the state and congressional map, the API

1 community can be placed with a coastal district, like the
2 county map 10 and 14 that will include the rest of the
3 UCSD community in La Jolla and Pacific Beach. But I also
4 want to uplift the work of PANA in District 4, that
5 included all of the county proposed maps, followed by
6 connecting the BIPOC refugee communities starting in El
7 Cajon and going west, including the LGBTQ community in
8 the new --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MR. TRAN: -- (indiscernible). So I will be
11 submitting a map that shows three things; first, how
12 the -- how an API community of interest is drawn in the
13 community, collaboration map can be drawn into the
14 congressional seat next to the BIPOC/refugee/LGBTQ
15 congressional district to the south that reflects in the
16 way of how the Commission is drawing.

17 Second, how the API community interest can be drawn
18 together in a large -- larger Senate to combine with the
19 same BIPOC community.

20 Third, and how the API community of interest can be
21 kept --

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we have
23 caller 4589, and up next after that will be caller 6159.
24 Caller 4589, if you'll please follow the prompts to
25 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

1 MS. GOMEZ: Thank you. I'm calling in regards to
2 SD_SY-INTEL-MESA (ph.) district in Southern California --
3 South Bay, California County.

4 Hello, Commissioners. This is Georgia Gomez (ph.)
5 calling again to please urge you to amend the draft maps
6 to include a part of city council District 8 and District
7 9 in the Latino majority Assembly district. You're
8 hearing from the community about a (indiscernible)
9 Sherman Heights, City Heights should be included in the
10 Latino majority Assembly district with the South Bay.
11 This is -- this is captured in the Madras (ph.) proposed
12 map, but I also want to describe the eight steps that the
13 Commission can take to reflect the community of interest
14 and make sure that the offsetting districts are
15 identically populated.

16 I will be submitting this map later on today, but I
17 will describe the right now to include some of the other
18 changes that I believe are under consideration from the
19 LMESA and SVSY (sic) district. Add 35,000 from SESDC to
20 LMESA-SVAL to unite La Prensa with the rest of Spring
21 Valley. You can add 13,000 from SV (audio interference)
22 LMESA to add Bonita.

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MS. GOMEZ: Add 13,000 to LMESA-SV to make Paradise
25 Hills whole, and so forth. I -- like I said, I will

1 add -- I will send in the map today, but the purpose of
2 this is to really stress that City Heights, the greater
3 Logan Heights area should be added to the South Bay
4 district --

5 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

6 MS. GOMEZ: -- and not to the East County district.
7 This is a community that's been fighting for
8 environmental justice, housing affordability, mobility,
9 transportation justice, and they should be continuing
10 to --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
13 6159, and up next after that will be caller 0403. Caller
14 6159, if you'll please follow the prompts two unmute by
15 pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

16 MS. SAVINI: Yes, hello. Thank you. First of all,
17 Commissioner, thank you for your hard work and also for
18 the opportunity for the public to respond. My name is
19 Tina Savini (ph.), and I live in Turlock, California.
20 And I'm calling just with two general comments. The
21 first general comment is that I would appreciate whatever
22 you can do, as a general aside, to clarify -- I have a
23 bit of trouble with the website. For those of us who
24 still use landlines and are a little bit less technically
25 savvy, it was a little bit difficult to find exactly the

1 changes in the various maps for my Senate, Assembly, and
2 congressional district. And so if I -- and I've looked
3 at the maps a couple of times, and I also did put a
4 written comment, but I've never received a response that
5 it was acknowledged. So I just wanted to make sure that
6 I -- that I did express my concern.

7 I know there's limited time, so that the general
8 comment I have about the current congressional district,
9 as I've seen it last, and maybe it has changed since I
10 last looked, which has been a week or two ago -- but I'm
11 very concerned about the cities of Turlock, where I live,
12 and the cities of Modesto, where I work, being cut
13 virtually in half. I have lived in this community forty
14 years of my life, so for quite some time, and it has
15 changed rapidly. And I see that that change is
16 continuing to happen with the, you know, many people
17 that -- living in this community that are commuting over
18 to the Bay Area --

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 MS. SAVINI: -- and we also have a long agricultural
21 tradition. And I'm just concerned about the way the
22 split is, first of all, it makes accessibility for people
23 to understand where it is that they vote were split up so
24 often in council districts, in Assembly districts and
25 congressional districts.

1 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

2 MS. SAVINI: And it it's very hard to look at those
3 lines. It's very hard to have the struggles and strains
4 of the community addressed as a --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much for your feedback,
6 and have a happy Thanksgiving.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right, now we have
8 caller 0403, and up next after that will be caller 3969.
9 Caller 0403, if you'll please follow the prompts to
10 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

11 MS. GOHR: Hi, Commissioners. My name is Hervine
12 Gohr (ph.), and I'm representing the Punjabi Sikh
13 community in the 209 or Stanislas County. Personally, I
14 have spent most of my life here, and I understand the
15 demographics and geography of the region. I'm advocating
16 for the Assembly district in Stanislaus to include Ripon
17 and Manteca. With both cities having an extremely large
18 Punjabi population, this is an extreme area of interest
19 as the Punjabi trucking community and their families have
20 tons of crossovers. We urge the Commission to consider
21 finding Manteca a more suitable home in Stanislaus -- or
22 Stockton versus Lodi.

23 In the congressional district, we would love -- all
24 right. Give me one second. We would love to see Ceres
25 kept whole in our congressional district instead of being

1 split up into two. We are smaller -- we are a smaller
2 community in Stanislaus County and would rather be
3 represented by one congressman rather than having two
4 ignore is.

5 Currently, our Punjabi community is being split into
6 county district eastern California region versus -- where
7 we have no communities of interest with this rural and
8 mountainous area. We would like to be kept together
9 whole, as part of a part of a -- part of the immediate
10 district dividing on the West. We want to be in
11 Congressional District STANISFRESNO_DRAFT. Thank you.
12 This is very important to us.

13 As far as the Senate district draft maps go, we
14 currently really appreciate them. Thank you,
15 Commissioners, for your time. I yield.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And now we have 3969, and
18 up next after that will be caller 7962. Caller 3969, if
19 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
20 star-6. The floor is yours.

21 MS. VAN ZANDT: Hi. Yes, my name is Carol Van Zandt
22 (ph.), and I live in the Coachella Valley, and over the
23 last months, I've submitted information, and I've
24 listened to many hours of your of your calls, and I have
25 great sympathy for what you must be going through with

1 these marathon sessions.

2 There's one issue that has been pretty consistent
3 from the Coachella Valley, and that is we do not want to
4 have our valley split down the middle. If you take a
5 look at the -- the map AD_MBCV_DRAFT, it's blatantly
6 obvious that there is an area that has been cut out as a
7 gerrymandering that was done twenty years ago, ten years
8 ago, and we don't want to keep it that way. Recognizing
9 in the past there have been incidents where people
10 gerrymandered to dilute the value of the votes of some
11 minorities.

12 But that's no longer the case, especially out here
13 in the Valley, because we have a large Latino Hispanic
14 population that is totally integrated to all of the
15 areas. And by cutting this right down the center of the
16 Valley just makes absolutely no sense, especially when
17 you take a look at the West End, where you've extended
18 our district to areas that we have absolutely nothing in
19 common with. We don't have any reason to be in the same
20 district with them. Would like to see you take the
21 southern line that's drawn from the city of La Quinta,
22 draw it across to join up with the AD_SECA_DRAFT --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MS. VAN ZANDT: -- map of the second district and
25 open up this whole area that has been sliced out and put

1 it back where it belongs into one district. We have
2 people living across the street with different people
3 taking care of them, and it just doesn't work.

4 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

5 MS. VAN ZANDT: So I appreciate your attention, and
6 thank you for your attention.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your call. And just a
8 reminder that our lines will close at 2:30, and if you're
9 interested in giving comment today, please call in prior
10 to that. And please do not hang up. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 right now, we have seven 7072, and up next after that
13 will be call 9855. Caller 7972, if you'll please follow
14 the prompts to unmute by pressing the star-6. The floor
15 is yours.

16 MR. N. SINGH: Hello, Commissioners, my name's
17 Navjot Singh. I'm a resident of Fresno. I appreciate
18 you guys giving me the opportunity to share during the
19 redistricting process. I would like to comment about the
20 Assembly and Congress for the Fresno region.

21 As for the Congress, I would like to see Selma,
22 Kingsburg and Fowler be with West Fresno, since this is
23 where we work and commute. We are much closer to them
24 and our community of interest resides with them more than
25 the Tulare region. And we would like to have our

1 communities part of the CD_STANISFRESNO draft map rather
2 than the CD_FRESNOTULARE draft map.

3 As for the Assembly district map, you are splitting
4 our Central Unified community that's also the home to the
5 largest Fresno community -- Punjabi community. Those of
6 us that are south of Shields would like to be kept with
7 the rest of the community and AD_MERCEDFRESNO. So we
8 kindly ask the Commission to consider moving the line at
9 Shields on 99 to -- south to Clinton to keep many of
10 these traditional CIOs together and to keep the Punjabi
11 community continuing throughout California and the Fresno
12 community. Thank you.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right, now we have
15 caller 9855. And up next after that will be caller 6466.
16 Caller 9855, if you'll please follow the prompts to
17 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Good afternoon. My
19 name Kuthi (ph.), and I'm a lifelong resident of the
20 proposed SUNNYTINO draft Assembly district, and I would
21 appreciate it if the Commission could reevaluate the
22 draft Assembly map such that Cupertino, Saratoga, and
23 Campbell remain within one Assembly district. A fellow
24 resident recently submitted a map today that improves
25 upon this draft map by bringing together the West Valley

1 region, Saratoga, Campbell, and Cupertino share economic
2 priorities and histories, community college districts,
3 geography, and a unique Asian American and Pacific
4 Islander voting blocks.

5 Please consider placing Cupertino, Saratoga, and
6 Campbell within one Assembly district to ensure
7 representation of these economic, demographic, and
8 geographic similarities. Thank you for your time.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we'll have
11 6466. And up next after will be caller 6365. Caller
12 6466, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by
13 pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

14 Caller 6466, you may want to double check your
15 phone, make sure it's not on mute.

16 MS. H. KAUR: Good afternoon. My name is Huner Kaur
17 (ph.), and I'm a resident of the Fresno County. I'm a
18 sophomore at Sanger West High School. And in the current
19 Assembly district map, you're splitting our Central
20 Unified community that is also home to the largest
21 Punjabi community in the region. Those of us just south
22 of Shields would like to be kept within the rest of our
23 community in Assembly District MERCEDFRESNO. We kindly
24 ask the Commission to consider moving the line currently
25 at Shields on the 99 to be moved south to Clinton to keep

1 so many of these traditional COIs, communities of
2 interests together.

3 In the Senate district in northwest Fresno, we
4 would like to have our Punjabi -- Punjabi COI kept
5 together. In the area at Herndon and the 99, we would
6 like to see the small region from the 99 to the train
7 tracks be put in Senate District CBNFRESNO (sic) and not
8 Senate District FRESNO-KERN. Thank you so much for my
9 comments.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
12 caller 6365. And up next after that will be caller 6926.
13 Caller 6365, if you'll please follow the prompts to
14 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

15 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name's Jodi,
16 and I am a citizen of Simi Valley, unlike a previous
17 caller who said that people from Simi are not from Simi.
18 I am a public school teacher that travels to Encino.
19 However, when I leave work, I come home, and everything
20 that I do has to do with Ventura County. My son was
21 attending Moorpark College.

22 I'm calling in support of CD_VENTURA_DRAFT to keep
23 Simi Valley with Ventura County. I think it's really
24 important that we have somebody that represents us with
25 all the things that we are doing together. We have the

1 same water district, our kids go to school here at
2 Moorpark College. We mostly do all our shopping in the
3 Ventura County. We go to the Thousand Oaks Mall. We
4 have the 118 that goes right into the 23 to Moorpark. I
5 think it's really important that we consider the fact
6 that we want representation for us right here. And it's
7 a pretty cohesive community in Ventura County.

8 I heard earlier that somebody mentioned something
9 about that -- well, something about veterans. Well, we
10 have veterans in Ventura County. We even have a base in
11 Ventura County. So I don't know where that enters into
12 play at all. But I really feel it's important that
13 Ventura County draft be the final draft with Simi Valley
14 in Ventura County. Thank you so much.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we've got
17 caller 6926. And up next after that is caller 8102.
18 6926, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by
19 pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

20 MR. ATWAL: Thank you very much. My name is Paz
21 Atwal (ph.). I'm a proud resident of California, and
22 more specifically, I live in Dublin, in Alameda County.
23 It's kind of funny, because I have nearly the same
24 comment to as Sharandeep Singh did much earlier. But
25 first, I just wanted to say a few things. One is that I

1 wanted to mention that I am part of the Punjabi and Sikh
2 community, and it's very strong in Alameda County, and
3 not just in population, in terms of voting, but also the
4 most important thing, tax revenue, so we're really big
5 contributors there.

6 I'm getting involved because the more I kind of peel
7 back the layers of gerrymandering -- and obviously, I'm
8 late to the game -- I've become increasingly horrified.
9 And this is bipartisan. I mean, both sides do it. And I
10 think both sides are forgetting, you know, the basic
11 principles of this country. And you know, our -- our
12 foundational documents, they don't say a word about
13 winning districts and whatnot, but we all know how much
14 they talk about representation. It's mentioned
15 everywhere.

16 So I urge the decision makers to keep this in mind
17 and to focus on representation. So with that said, I
18 first wanted to say that I'm okay with the Senate and
19 congressional maps. Regarding the Assembly maps, we as a
20 community insist that Union City be combined with
21 Fremont, since they are communities of interest,
22 especially in that Punjabi and Sikh community are very
23 closely tied. We all attend the Fremont -- a lot of --

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 MR. ATWAL: -- yeah, most of us attend the Fremont

1 Gurdwara together, even if we don't live nearby, since
2 Fremont was, you know, the only large Sikh temple in the
3 South Bay at the time. We do a lot of humanitarian
4 outreach, so we insist that our community remain
5 together --

6 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

7 MR. ATWAL: -- mobilizing issue for us. To
8 conclude, let's do the right thing here. We all know
9 what it is. Thanks a lot.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we've got
12 caller 8102, and up next after that will be caller 3475.
13 Caller 8102, if you'll please follow the prompts to
14 unmute by pressing star-6.

15 MS. TRAN: Hi. Can you hear me?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

17 MS. TRAN: Awesome. Hello, Commissioners. My name
18 is Koy Tran (ph.), pronoun she/her/hers, and I am with
19 Asian Solidarity Collective and Viet Vote San Diego. I
20 would like to discuss the COR-CAJON Senate district and
21 other districts in San Diego County.

22 My friend, Jean-Huy will be submitting maps later on
23 that illustrate the following three points. First, how
24 an API community of interest, as drawn in the community's
25 collaboration map, can be drawn into a congressional

1 seats next to a BIPOC/refugee/LGBTQ congressional
2 district to the south that reflects the way our county
3 Commission is currently drawing this part of the city.

4 Secondly, how an API community of interest can be
5 drawn together in a larger Senate district that is
6 combined with the same BIPOC, refugee, and LGBTQ
7 community of interest.

8 And thirdly, how an API community of interest can be
9 kept together in an Assembly district that also allows
10 for separate districts that empower the BIPOC and refugee
11 communities.

12 In particular, it's really vital to us that City
13 Heights is preserved at all levels of government, if at
14 all possible, since this is a really vital center for our
15 refugee community here, while also respecting the
16 (indiscernible) Voting Rights Act. We would also like
17 for the neighborhoods of Linda Vista, Claremont, Kearny
18 Mesa, and Mira Mesa to be kept together at all levels of
19 government. These are the neighborhoods that I've worked
20 in, lived in, and come to, specifically, to find my
21 childhood foods and maintain my sense of identity.

22 It's really important to us that our communities are
23 preserved due to the shared experiences as well as shared
24 concerns: the experiences of immigrating, speaking
25 another language, caring for our elders, struggling to

1 make ends meet for rent and to put groceries on the
2 table. We depend on each other and our shared community
3 spaces in order to have a sense of identity, and keeping
4 our districts intact goes a really long way --

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 MS. TRAN: -- to towards building up power and
7 obtaining resources. That's all I really have to say for
8 today. Thank you for your time.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we have
11 caller 3475. And up next after that is caller 2136.
12 Caller 3475, if you'll please follow the prompts to
13 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

14 MS. FANG: Hi. Good afternoon, Congressional --
15 Commissioners. My name's Mai Lee Fang, and I am a long-
16 term resident in the city of Garden Grove, Little Saigon
17 area, and I would like to have the Commissioner
18 reconsider the -- the map. We would love to keep, you
19 know, the Little Saigon area together with the coastal
20 community, Huntington Beach -- Huntington Beach, Fountain
21 Valley, or if possible, Seal Beach. We're very close --
22 you know, Garden Grove and Westminster is about five, ten
23 minutes' drive, you know, towards Fountain Valley and
24 Huntington Beach, compared to the suggest map to link
25 with the city of Fullerton, which is about twenty-five,

1 thirty minutes away.

2 I strongly suggest the Commissioner to -- you know,
3 to hear our voices that keep our community, you know,
4 with the coastal community together as we have in the
5 past. Thank you so much for your support, and you have a
6 great day.

7 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now we have
9 caller 2136, and up next after that will be caller 0190.
10 Caller 2136, if you'll please follow the prompts to
11 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

12 Caller 2136, if you'll please double check your
13 phone, make sure it's not on mute. Oh, no, you were
14 unmuted. Let's try that one more time. Star-6 to
15 unmute, please. The floor is yours. Caller 2136, you
16 are unmuted in the meeting. You might want to double
17 check your phone, make sure you're not on your mute
18 settings on your phone.

19 MR. HEHR: Oh, sorry about that.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There we go.

21 MR. HEHR: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name
22 is Sanraj Hehr (ph.), and I've live in Manteca most of my
23 life. I appreciate the opportunity for giving my input.
24 And I would like to comment about the Assembly, Senate
25 and Congress in San Joaquin County. We -- we appreciate

1 the Assembly maps to keep Tracy and Manteca together.
2 They're a large Punjabi trucking communities, and we
3 would like to see if Manteca could find a home with us in
4 Tracy or south with the AD_STANISLAUS area. We think
5 parts of North Stockton that are more affluent may be
6 better with the northern San Joaquin County district that
7 goes into Sacramento County. Thank you. And we also
8 appreciate the current Senate and Congress maps in our
9 area.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
12 caller 0190, and up next after that is caller 6094.
13 Caller 0190, if you'll please follow the prompts to
14 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

15 MS. CORLESS: Good afternoon, and thank you all so
16 much for your work. My name is Stacy Coreless. I am a
17 member of the Mono County Board of Supervisors, and I
18 would first like to speak to the draft Assembly map
19 labeled CALA-INYO, and really want to speak more
20 generally to our Sierra Nevada Mountains community of
21 interest. While this Assembly district map commendably
22 does keep the three Eastern California counties of
23 Alpine, Mono, and Inyo together, it lumps us in with
24 Foothill and Central Valley communities in Madera and
25 Fresno counties with which we have few shared interests,

1 and cuts us off from the Tahoe Basin and surrounding
2 mountain areas of eastern El Dorado, Placer, and Nevada
3 counties.

4 The visualization released on November 7th, which
5 was labeled AD_ECA, was much better for our region and
6 really kept that Sierra Nevada community together, the
7 eastern side of the Sierra Nevada Mountains up through
8 the Sierra Crest and adjacent mountain communities.

9 And similarly, the draft Congressional district
10 labeled ECA does -- while it does connect us with the
11 Tahoe Basin, it reaches too far into the Central Valley
12 and Stanislaus County communities to be acceptable.

13 And you've heard from many other speakers today who
14 are concerned that these communities with such disparate
15 interests are put together in one congressional district.

16 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

17 MS. CORLESS: Thank you again for your time and your
18 work.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we've got
21 caller 6094, and up next after that is caller 7759.
22 Caller 6094, if you'll please follow the prompts to
23 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

24 MS. HWANG: Hello, my name is Alice Hwang (ph.).
25 I'm calling in to comment on congressional district Santa

1 Clara draft. The purpose of redistricting is to
2 represent the population in geographic groupings that
3 reflect the realities of the communities living there.
4 And it is not a platform to try to gain election results
5 even before the elections take place, but this is exactly
6 what's happening in the Silicon Valley congressional
7 redistricting process.

8 On the congressional level, it's clear to me that
9 special interests are desperately trying to draw crazy
10 maps so they can dilute the growing Asian vote. So this
11 is unacceptable. Looking at the facts, Asians are the
12 largest ethnic group in Santa Clara County, somewhere
13 around forty percent, which is up substantially from
14 2010. But the proposed congressional redistricting is
15 trying to draw the maps to deny that reality and create
16 districts that preserve the racial and ethnic mix of a
17 decade ago.

18 Asian-heavy cities, like Cupertino, are carved out
19 of the proposed district and instead include Asian-light
20 cities across county lines in San Mateo. Palo Alto and
21 Mountain View are separated from similar tech-centric
22 cities like Sunnyvale, Cupertino, and Santa Clara.
23 Instead, rural communities, like Pescadero and La Honda
24 from Santa Cruz County are mixed in with the urban areas.
25 So Silicon Valley, which could be integrated community --

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MS. HWANG: -- is now fragmented into an
3 unrecognizable map. So I'd like to propose that like
4 cities Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Cupertino,
5 and Santa Clara could be put together into a district.
6 Thank you.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right, now we have
9 caller 7759, and up next after that is 0129. 7759, if
10 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
11 star-6. The floor is yours.

12 MS. A. KAUR: Hi. My name is Anjil Kaur (ph.),
13 pronouns she/her/hers, and I'm a resident of Sacramento,
14 California. As a member of the Punjabi community, I
15 would like to state that I appreciate how the current
16 Assembly and Senate district lines are drawn from the
17 Sacramento area.

18 However, I'm deeply concerned when it comes down to
19 the congressional lines. I urge the members of the
20 Commission to have Elk Grove included in the
21 congressional district map with Sacramento, and have it
22 included along with North and South Natomas.

23 In North and South Natomas and Elk Grove, we have
24 overlapping Punjabi communities who attend the same
25 places of worship, including the West Sacramento

1 Gurdwara. Moreover, in this region, Punjabi is the fifth
2 most spoken language overall. I would also like to take
3 a few seconds to echo the requests of Punjabi speakers
4 who are calling in from other areas across California.

5 For Assembly lines, I urge some changes when it
6 comes down to San Joaquin County, Stanislaus County, Kern
7 County, Fresno County. For Senate lines, on the other
8 hand, I urge changes in Kern County and Fresno County.
9 And lastly, for congressional lines, I urge changes in
10 Fresno and Stanislaus County.

11 As you may have noticed, Fresno County is -- has
12 been mentioned quite a few times. The Punjabi community
13 makes a very considerable amount of population when it
14 comes down to Fresno, and yet it is being split at all
15 levels of government. This is significantly
16 disenfranchising our Punjabi community in Fresno, and it
17 has been happening for years unchecked. This needs to be
18 addressed, and I hope you will consider my comment.
19 Thank you.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we've got
22 caller 0219, and the up next after that would be caller
23 2087. Caller 0129, the floor is yours.

24 MR. LEBARRE: Thank you, Commissioners. My name is
25 Mike LeBarre. I am the mayor of King City here in

1 Monterey County. I will be speaking to the
2 visualizations of CD_CUPERTINO, CD_MIDCOAST,
3 SD_SBENFRESNO, SD_MIDCOAST, AD_BENITO, and AD_MONTCOAST.
4 These are the visualizations that are proposed to replace
5 the current districts of CD-20, SD-12, and AD-30.

6 The one thing I want all you Commissioners to
7 understand is that Monterey County was one of four
8 counties that always required pre-clearance before there
9 was any changes to district boundaries or election
10 processes, all the way up till 2013. This is the first
11 state redistricting cycle where that was not required.
12 And as such, we have seen the visualizations completely
13 destroy all the efforts that the prior pre-clearances put
14 in place.

15 I ask the Commission to really look at this area,
16 understand that the Voting Rights Act was fully complied
17 with in the prior districts that were put in place, and
18 that that should be the starting point. Because the
19 proposed visualizations right now significantly dilute
20 the Hispanic population, the Hispanic vote and voice.
21 The way it is currently drawn in the congressional
22 district visualization --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MR. LEBARRE: -- connects our rural community,
25 splits our valley in half and connects us all the way up

1 to San Jose, two areas of completely dissimilar
2 interests. I urge you, please --

3 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

4 MR. LEBARRE: -- really examine what's going on
5 here. Thank you, Commissioners. I appreciate your time.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much for the feedback.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
8 caller 2087, and up next after that is caller 8860.
9 Caller 2087, if you'll please follow the prompts to
10 unmute by pressing star-6. Caller 20 -- the floor is
11 yours.

12 MS. VANG: Good afternoon, Commission. My name is
13 Cha Vang. I am a longtime resident of Sacramento. I'm
14 calling on behalf of my organization, AAPI Pacific
15 Empowerment Education Fund, and the AAPI and AMENSA State
16 Redistricting Collaborative. But today I'm calling to
17 provide feedback for the Sacramento area. We continue to
18 be concerned about the Sacramento draft maps. We
19 recommend the Commission and the demographers to spend
20 some more time in the Sacramento area so we can keep the
21 communities together.

22 But first, I wanted to thank you all for the work
23 you have done for the North Sacramento and Sacramento
24 congressional drafts. We appreciate all the time you
25 spent on that, and where the draft is more reflective of

1 the interests of the community. So we really like the
2 congressional maps.

3 In both the Assembly -- in both the Assembly and
4 Senate levels, our concern is that Vineyard is split away
5 from Elk Grove and placed in the San Joaquin-based
6 district. It should be kept with Elk Grove in a
7 Sacramento-based district in both the level -- maps, and
8 that the Vineyard area isn't -- has really little in
9 common with the San Joaquin in the southern part of
10 Sacramento County. It has -- this area, the Vineyard
11 area has a large Asian American communities of interest
12 and should be put into a Sacramento-based Assembly and
13 Senate map. They share they share school districts.
14 They share business --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 MS. VANG: -- family, college, and business
17 interests. The -- in order to kind of accomplish that,
18 we want to suggest that we keep -- we take out the -- for
19 the Assembly lines --

20 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

21 MS. VANG: -- take out the west side and put in
22 Vineyard. We're looking for your leadership to make sure
23 that we keep AAPI communities of interest together in
24 this draft. Thank you.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
2 8860, and p next after that will be caller 2351. Caller
3 8860, if you'll please follow the prompts to a unmute by
4 pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.
6 My name is Sandeep, and I'm from Fresno County. Firstly,
7 I just want to say thank you for giving me this
8 opportunity to share my voice during this important
9 redistricting process. I appreciate the time and energy
10 the Commissioners are spending on this task, so thank you
11 very much. I would like to provide a comment about
12 Assembly, Senate, and Congress in the Fresno region.

13 To address the Assembly district maps, growing up as
14 a Punjabi in the Central Unified Community of Fresno,
15 which is home to one of the largest Punjabi communities
16 in the region, I feel like the central community is being
17 split up under the Assembly district map. Those of us
18 that are just south of Shields want to be kept with the
19 rest of our community in Assembly District MERCEDFRESNO.
20 We want to request the Commission to consider moving a
21 line from Shields on the 99 to south to Clinton in order
22 to keep many of the traditional communities of interest
23 together.

24 Regarding the Senate district map, in the northwest
25 Fresno area along Herndon and the 99, we would like to

1 see the small region from the 99 to the train tracks to
2 be put in the Senate district labeled SBENFRESNO and not
3 Senate District FRESNO-KERN, that way Punjabi communities
4 of interest can be kept together.

5 Lastly, to address the congressional district map,
6 we would like to see Selma, Kingsburg, and Fowler to be
7 included with West Fresno areas, since this is where many
8 of us work and commute to and from. We are much closer
9 to this region as our community of interests rather than
10 the Tulare region. We would like our communities to be a
11 part of the congressional district STANFRESNO rather than
12 the congressional district FRESNOTULARE.

13 And that is all for my comments. Thank you all once
14 again, and I appreciate being given this opportunity to
15 share my public comment. Thank you.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And thank you for your
17 testimony. I just want to remind the public that you can
18 also provide feedback to the Commission through our Draft
19 Map Feedback Forum, which is on our website. The website
20 is WeDrawTheLinesCA.org. And you can also draw maps
21 through our free-to-use plug-in and open-source software
22 that is also linked on our website and available at
23 draw -- I believe it's -- I don't remember what the --
24 drawmycalifornia.org.

25 So drawmycalifornia.org is the website to draw a

1 map. And you can also, of course, provide feedback. We
2 will listen to anyone and everyone on the -- on the queue
3 today, but if you have an interest in providing feedback,
4 you can also do it through our online platform. Thank
5 you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we have
7 caller 2351, and up next after that is caller 2742.
8 Caller 2351, if you'll please follow the prompts to
9 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

10 MS. A. KAUR: Hello, can you all hear me?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

12 MS. A. KAUR: Great. Okay. Well, hello,
13 Commissioners. My name is Amit Kaur (ph.), and I'm
14 speaking on behalf of Alameda County. I appreciate you
15 giving me this opportunity to share during this historic
16 process. I would like to comment on the Assembly
17 district in Alameda County. We would like to see if
18 Union City could be combined in the Assembly district of
19 Fremont, since our communities of interest, especially
20 the Punjabi community, are closely tied. We all attend
21 Fremont Gurdwara and hold public space together, and we
22 would like to be kept together. Thank you for your time
23 and your consideration.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have

1 caller 2742, and up next after that is caller 9988.

2 Caller 2742, if you'll please follow the prompts to
3 unmute by pressing star-6.

4 Caller 2742? I do you apologize 2742, it appears
5 there's some type of connectivity issue for you. We will
6 retry if we can one more time. 2742?

7 All right. Right now, we'll be going to caller
8 9988, and up next after that will be caller 4174. Caller
9 9988, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. The
10 floor is yours. Caller 9988 --

11 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello everybody --

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There we go.

13 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello Commissioners.

14 My name is Pial (ph.), I'm currently a resident of Fresno
15 County, and I also grew up here, so I would like to
16 comment about the Assembly, Senate, and Congress
17 redistricting process in the Fresno County region.

18 In the current Assembly district -- Assembly
19 district map, the Central Unified community is being
20 split up, but it is also the largest -- it's also the
21 home to the largest Punjabi community in this region. So
22 those of us just south of Shields would like to be kept
23 within the rest of our community in AD_MERCEDFRESNO, and
24 we kindly ask the Commission to consider moving the line
25 currently at Shields on the 99 to be moved south to

1 Clinton to keep the Punjabi community and other
2 traditional COIs together.

3 Also in the Senate district in northwest Fresno, we
4 would like to have our Punjabi COI kept together. In the
5 area along Herndon and the 99, we would like to see the
6 small region from the 99 to the train tracks be put into
7 SD_SBENFRESNO and not SD_FRESNO-KERN.

8 And lastly, we would like to see Selma, Kingsburg,
9 and Fowler with the West Fresno area, since this is where
10 we work and commute. We are much closer to them as a
11 community of interest than in the Tulare region, and we
12 would like our communities to be a part of CD_STANFRESNO
13 draft map rather than the CD_FRESNOTULARE draft map.
14 Again, thank you so much for giving me the space to share
15 my input today. Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Now right now --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're -- right now, we
19 have caller 4174, and up next after that is caller 93330.
20 Caller 4174, if you'll please follow the prompts to
21 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

22 MR. SIWARA: Hello, Commissioners. Good afternoon.
23 My name is Ranjeet Siwara (ph.). I'm a resident of
24 Stanislaus County, and I appreciate your giving me an
25 opportunity to share during this historic redistricting

1 process. I would like to comment about Assembly, Senate,
2 and Congress in the Stanislaus region.

3 We would love to see if Ripon and Manteca can be
4 added to Assembly District Stanislaus. We have families
5 in those areas and there is a large community of
6 interest, which is Punjabi trucking community, with
7 family and lots of crossovers. We would appreciate it if
8 the Commission can find a home for Manteca that seems
9 more natural either with the Stanislaus or Stockton area
10 rather than with the Lodi.

11 We appreciate the current Senate district draft maps
12 in our area. We would like to see cities kept whole in
13 our congressional districts instead of being split into
14 two. We are a smaller community in Stanislaus County and
15 would rather be represented by one congressman instead
16 of having two ignore us.

17 Currently, our Punjabi community is being split into
18 the congressional district in the eastern California
19 region, where we have no communities of interest. It's
20 just a rural and mountainous area. We would like to be
21 kept together and part of the immediate district dividing
22 us on the west. We want to be in Congressional District
23 STANFRESNO_DRAFT. Thanks for your time.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we have

1 caller 93330, and up next after that will be caller 2170.
2 Caller 93330, if you'll please follow the prompts to
3 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

4 MR. YURRO: Good afternoon, Commissioners. This is
5 Paul Yurro (ph.) on behalf of the San Joaquin County
6 Board of Supervisors. A sincere thank you to you for
7 listening to the people of San Joaquin County. San
8 Joaquin County strongly supports the Commission's current
9 draft maps for Congress, Assembly, and the Senate.

10 With respect to the congressional district map, one
11 small request -- well, not a small request, but the Board
12 would like to see the community of Ripon added to that
13 map, as requested previously in some of your most recent
14 hearings by the city manager of Ripon.

15 With respect to the Senate district map, *ibid*,
16 basically the same comment; if Ripon could be folded into
17 the Senate map for San Joaquin County, that would be
18 wonderful.

19 With respect to the Assembly district maps, they
20 align very well with the communities of interest there,
21 and the Board asks that you please leave them as is. I
22 know the hour is late. I do want to just personally, and
23 on the Board's behalf, thank you to the Commissioners for
24 hearing all the voices in San Joaquin County and for your
25 devotion to this incredibly important project. Thank

1 you.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your testimony.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we've got
4 caller 2170, and up next after that will be caller 6590.
5 2170, please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
6 star-6. 2170, the floor is yours.

7 MS. SODHI-LAYNE: Good afternoon, and thank you,
8 Commissioners. My name is Raj Sodhi-Layne, and I am a
9 thirty-three-year resident of Fresno County. And today
10 I'd like to make some comments regarding the Congress and
11 the Senate. We would like to see Selma, Kingsburg, and
12 Fowler with the West Fresno areas, since this is where we
13 work and commute. We are much closer to them as our
14 community of interest than Tulare region. We would like
15 our communities to be part of the Congress district
16 Stanislaus-Fresno draft map rather than the Fresno-Tulare
17 draft map.

18 And then moving on to the Senate comments -- the
19 Senate district. In the Senate district in northwest
20 Fresno, we would like to have our Punjabi communities of
21 interest kept together. In the area along Herndon and
22 the 99, we would like to see the small region from the 99
23 to the train tracks to be put in Senate District SBEN-
24 FRESNO and not FRESNO-KERN. Thank you for your time. I
25 truly appreciate it.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
3 caller 6590. If you'll please follow the prompts to a
4 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

5 MR. DIGTOR: Hi. How's everybody doing? I hope you
6 guys are doing good. My name is Raj Digtor (ph.). I am
7 a member of Fresno County. I currently go to Central
8 West High School, and I'm in the 11th grade.

9 So in the current Assembly, we are -- you guys would
10 be splitting our Central Unified community -- community
11 that is also home to one of the largest Punjabi community
12 in the region. Those of us just south of this -- of the
13 Shield line would be kept the rest -- kept away from the
14 rest of the community, and their voices wouldn't be as
15 heard together. So we are kindly asking the Commission
16 to consider moving the line -- the current line at Shield
17 on the 99 to be moved south to Clinton to keep so many of
18 these traditional communities of interest together so
19 that their voices could also be heard alongside with
20 ours. Thank you.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And Chair, we are up
23 against a break.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Katy, for that reminder.
25 Appreciate it. And we do want to listen to everyone in

1 the queue. We're going to take a fifteen-minute break to
2 refresh ourselves, and then when we come back, we'll
3 continue on with our -- with the queue at that time, at
4 3:15. So we're on break until 3:15.

5 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 2:59 p.m. to
6 3:15 p.m.)

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
8 Citizens Redistricting Public Input Session focused on
9 our district maps. We are offering language lines for
10 Spanish language speakers to listen to the meeting in
11 their native language. Can I please have the Spanish
12 interpreter provide language line number where the public
13 can listen to today's testimony and meeting?

14 THE INTERPRETER: Hi, Chair.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Hi, Johanna.

16 THE INTERPRETER: I will go ahead and give the
17 announcement in Spanish for the call-in instructions.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Johanna, it would be the
19 listening line, not the call-in instructions. I'm sorry.

20 THE INTERPRETER: Oh, no, no worries.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

22 THE INTERPRETER: Just to listen to the
23 interpretation, correct?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, because the lines
25 are closed at this point.

1 THE INTERPRETER: That's great. Thank you so much.

2 (In Spanish, not translated).

3 Thank you.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much, Johanna.

5 And I just wanted to let members of the public, if
6 you're interested in giving public comments, and you're
7 in the queue, please don't hang up, because it's -- the
8 lines are closed, and you won't be able to join again.

9 Also, we do have -- you can give feedback to the
10 Commission through our online tools on our website at
11 WeDrawTheLinesCA.org. With that, let's go on to the
12 callers, so that we can -- we have about a hundred
13 callers, and so we'll take about forty-five, and then
14 we'll continue on with another forty-five after that.
15 Let's let's open up the calls.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.
17 And right now, we have caller 0667, and then up next
18 after that will be caller 6586. 0667, if you'll please
19 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The
20 floor is yours.

21 MS. BORNING: Hello, how are you guys doing? Thank
22 you for all the work that you put into this process. My
23 name is Ruth Borning (ph.). I live in Solano County, in
24 the Fairfield Suisun area. I want to express my concern
25 with the congressional district Yolo Lake and North

1 Contra. This is not a good move, as it is. I've got to
2 switch phones. My battery is kind of talking -- going
3 down. Yolo-Solano -- sorry. Yolo-Solano are connecting
4 communities with shared interests; transportation,
5 cultures, and more, just to name a few. Please listen to
6 the people of Solano County and -- and Yolo and the
7 elected leaders locally.

8 YOLOLAKE_DRAFT connects Yolo and north Solano with
9 Napa. These are much different communities. Solano-Yolo
10 economies are agricultural, manufacturing, just to name a
11 few. Napa Sonoma is a town of leisure, tourism. Driving
12 from the Napa to Davis, you would have to drive south of
13 Highway 12 or 37. Another thing your draft as it is
14 does, it splits Travis Air Force Base. A lot of our
15 airmen live in Fairfield and the Vacaville area, and the
16 base is very active --

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 MS. BORNING: -- with their local communities.
19 Sonoma-Napa connects together by Highway 12 and 37. That
20 aligns with Sonoma, Napa, Vallejo, and Benicia. Vallejo,
21 and Benicia are a good fit for that draft.

22 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

23 MS. BORNING: To increase the numbers for Yolo-
24 Solano, you can include Rio Vista and the Delta
25 communities. Our communities are already being torn

1 apart with the local redistricting. I ask you do not
2 keep Yolo-Solano draft --

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

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
5 6586, and then up next after that will be 198. 6586, if
6 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing --
7 oh, the floor is yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you guys hear me?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi there, Commissioners --
11 sorry. Hi there, Commissioners. I'm a resident of Brea,
12 and I want to thank you guys for your dedication and hard
13 work to this process. North Orange County has been a --
14 one congressional district for some time now, and I don't
15 think it makes really a lot of sense to be breaking it up
16 into several different parts. So like, considering the
17 cities of northern Fullerton, Brea, like myself, Yorba
18 Linda, Anaheim Hills, those are all kind of more one
19 cohesive unit. And as -- they've grown similarly over
20 the past several years, you know, with the different
21 traffic issues, and the structure issues, affordability
22 and whatnot.

23 So I know that there's, you know, populations we
24 need to be considering in this process, but this northern
25 Orange County is definitely one cohesive unit that is

1 easy to shape, and that's where we should be making
2 changes. So thank you very much for your time and your
3 consideration

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we've got
6 11 -- 1198, and up next after that will be 6174. Caller
7 1198, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by
8 pressing star-6. Caller 1198, if you'll -- the floor is
9 yours.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello? Hello? Sorry. This
11 is a first-time caller, and long-time listener. I really
12 appreciate you guys taking the time. I wanted to talk
13 about the congressional district labeled Cupertino, and
14 kind of echoing the same comments as the King City mayor,
15 I think the disparity between San Jose and the
16 agricultural communities of the south county is really
17 something that should be addressed. San Jose's biggest
18 employers are Google and Apple, while Gilroy's biggest
19 private employers are Christopher Ranch and King City's
20 is Gill's Onions.

21 So I think there's a way to make a better community
22 of agricultural interests in the upcoming maps by
23 removing San Jose, including places like Morgan Hill,
24 Gilroy, Hollister, and King City, and maybe Dos Pallos or
25 Los Santos. These are the kind of interest areas around

1 agriculture communities with a -- and I'll leave it at
2 that. And thank you guys so much for your time. Hope
3 you all have a great Thanksgiving.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and thank you for your
5 comments, and have a happy Thanksgiving.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
7 6174, and then up next after that will be 8313. 6174, if
8 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
9 star-6. Caller 6174. The floor is yours.

10 MS. VIDORD: Good afternoon. My name is Jean Vidord
11 (ph.), and I am a long-time resident of Cupertino in
12 Santa Clara County. I am calling to request that
13 Cupertino be kept in the same district as other West
14 Valley cities, including Cupertino, Saratoga, and
15 Campbell in the same district. These West Valley cities
16 share the same economy, community college districts,
17 geography, and commute patterns. As a resident of
18 Cupertino for over thirty years, I believe that keeping
19 these cities in one district is the most sensible, fair,
20 and forward-looking plan for all of the communities.
21 Thank you.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
24 caller 8313, and up next after that is 4070. 8313, if
25 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing

1 star-6. The floor is yours.

2 MR. I. SINGH: Hello, can you hear me?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

4 MR. I. SINGH: Hello, Commissioner. Good afternoon.

5 My name is Inderpal Singh, and I am a resident of
6 Bakersfield, California and currently a senior at
7 Ridgeview High School. Redistricting will determine the
8 distribution of political power for the next decade.
9 Therefore, the final decision and say will be very
10 important to me and my Punjabi Sikh community, along with
11 countless minorities all across regions in California. I
12 just wanted to say I really appreciate you guys giving me
13 the opportunity to share my thoughts during the historic
14 redistricting -- redistricting process, and I would like
15 to comment about the Assembly, Senate, Congress in the
16 current region.

17 So in the Assembly district, we would like to keep
18 southwest Bakersfield whole as home to the region's
19 largest Punjabi-speaking community and historic black
20 communities, as they both go to Ridgeview High School
21 together, and I've seen this from firsthand experience.

22 We would like southwest Bakersfield to be kept in
23 Assembly District West Bakersfield by extending the line
24 that currently splits the community in two. We would
25 like Assembly District West Bakersfield to include areas

1 west of Bannister or see the entire region up to 99 south
2 of White in Assembly District Tulare through Kern. We
3 have little representation of this area, and we would
4 like to see our Punjabi and black voices together and
5 stronger in an area where we have never seen ourselves
6 represented.

7 Senate District, we would like to be kept with the
8 City of Bakersfield. We would like the Senate district
9 boundary to be Buena Vista Road, north and south, instead
10 of Gosford, to make sure we are kept together in the
11 Senate instead of splitting our Punjabi and black
12 communities at Ridgeview High School in half. We would
13 appreciate being part of Senate District King through
14 Kern and not Senate District Fresno-Kern.

15 And then for the Congress, we appreciate the current
16 congressional draft maps in our area, as well. And once
17 again, thank you for your time.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
20 caller 4070. And up next after that is 2190. And for
21 those that have called in that have not chose to raise
22 their hand, if you would please press star-9, indicating
23 you wish to give comment. It allows our staff to keep
24 track of how many hands we have left. Right now we have
25 caller 4070. If you'll please follow the prompts to

1 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

2 MS. D. KAUR: Hello, Commissioners. My name is
3 Donakee Kaur (ph.). I am currently in Fresno County, but
4 I will be speaking for my family and friends in
5 Stanislaus County. We would like to see Ceres kept whole
6 in our congressional district instead of being split into
7 two. We are a smaller community in Stanislaus County,
8 and we would rather be represented by one congressman
9 rather than two ignore us.

10 Currently, our Punjabi community is being split into
11 CD_ECA, Eastern California region, where we have no
12 communities of interest with this rural and mountainous
13 area. We would like to be kept together whole and part
14 of the immediate district dividing us on the west. We
15 want to be in CD_STANFRESNO_DRAFT. Thank you so much.
16 This is very important to us.

17 And for Senate, we appreciate the current Senate
18 district draft maps within our area. Thank you so much.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
21 caller 2190. And up next after that, is caller 2836.
22 Caller 2190, if you'll please follow the prompts to
23 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

24 MS. F. KAUR: Hello, Commissioners. My name is
25 Femelprit Kaur (ph.). I am a resident of the Sacramento

1 County. I am a junior at Inderkum High School, and I
2 appreciate you giving me the opportunity to share during
3 this historic redistricting process. I would like to
4 comment about the Assembly, Senate, and Congress in the
5 Sacramento County. We appreciate the current Assembly
6 district map in our area. We appreciate the current
7 Senate district map in our area.

8 We would like to see Elk Grove included in the
9 congressional draft Sacramento and have it loop along
10 the -- have it loop along to include north and south
11 Natomas, since we have overlapping communities of
12 interest in the Punjabi community; and in the fact, the
13 current draft includes West Sacramento, home to the
14 oldest Gurdwara in the region, and we would like to
15 include Natomas since most Congress (sic) live there.

16 I would like to highlight that Panjabi is one of the
17 top five most spoken languages in the region. Thank you.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
20 caller 2836, and up next after that will be 5046. 2836,
21 if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
22 star-6. The floor is yours.

23 MS. A. KAUR: Hello, Commissioners. My name is a
24 Akinpri Kaur, and I'm a resident of Turlock. I
25 appreciate you giving me an opportunity to share during

1 this historic redistricting process. I would like to
2 comment about Assembly, Senate, and Congress in
3 Stanislaus County region.

4 We would love to see if Ripon and Manteca can be
5 added to Assembly District Stanislaus. We have family in
6 those areas, and there is a large community of interests
7 with Punjabi trucking community with family and lots of
8 crossover. We would appreciate if the Commission can
9 find a home for Manteca that seems more natural, either
10 with Stanislaus or the Stockton area rather than with
11 Lodi.

12 As for the Congress, we would like to see Ceres kept
13 whole in our congressional district instead of being
14 split in two. We are smaller community in Stanislaus
15 County and would rather be represented by one
16 congressman rather than have two ignore us.

17 Currently, our Punjabi community is being split in
18 two congressional districts, Eastern California region,
19 where we have no communities of interest with this rural
20 and mountainous area. We would like to be kept together
21 whole and part of the immediate district dividing us on
22 the west. We want to be in the congressional district
23 STANFRESNO_DRAFT. Thank you. And this is very important
24 to us. And we appreciate the current Senate district
25 maps and area. Thank you.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Right now we
3 have caller 5046, and up next after that, is caller 6272.
4 Caller 5046, if you'll please follow the prompts to
5 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

6 MR. LACHMAN: Oh, thank you. My name is Andrew
7 Lachman. I reside in Culver City. I had provided some
8 testimony early on, both with suspect (sic) to the
9 community of interest of Culver City as well as to parts
10 of the Jewish community throughout the west side of the
11 Valley. I note in the current maps that the Orthodox
12 Jewish community is now divided, with the South Robertson
13 Neighborhood Council being in the west Side district and
14 the other areas of the Orthodox Jewish community being in
15 what's called North of the 10 district.

16 These communities shop together, they go to common
17 schools, and is very tight-knit. It would make sense to
18 unite them, and in doing so, you could also even out the
19 numbers and bring up perhaps even Palms into that part of
20 that district, take the Mid-City Neighborhood Council
21 area, move that into the east of the 110 district, and
22 take Culver City, which you currently have divided in
23 half, and move that over into the westside district,
24 where they would be with the other Westside Council of
25 Government. They would also be united with the Ballona

1 Wetlands and unite the Silicon Beach communities of
2 Venice, Santa Monica, Marina Del Rey, and Culver City,
3 where so many of these tech companies, as well as the
4 Ballona Creek, they share that as well.

5 Several have submitted similar testimony with
6 respect to that. We want to make sure that we are
7 protecting a voting rights district, but you can do that
8 without Culver City being there, which is only a seven
9 percent African-American CVAP anyway, and put them into
10 the district in the westside --

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 MR. LACHMAN: -- where they -- where they belong.
13 And as with many other areas, you know, Culver City is
14 sort of at a crossroads. The Senate district, the
15 congressional district are fine and reflect that
16 crossroads. But at least one of the districts, the
17 Assembly district, should be tied to the westside, where
18 it also has a --

19 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

20 MR. LACHMAN: -- strong identity, and has gotten
21 stronger over the years. Thank you for your time.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Caller 6272
24 will be right now, and up next after that will be caller
25 2974. 6272, if you'll please follow the prompts to

1 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

2 MR. MILLER: Hi. The name is Rob Miller, President
3 of Del Norte County Farm Bureau. Our members up here in
4 Del Norte County are supporting maintaining the state
5 representation in the north coast district that the AD
6 North Coast draft and the North Coast for the Senate, so
7 that's good. We are also supporting our US congressional
8 district move to the CD_NorCal draft. This is the
9 eastern district. We believe that agriculture here in
10 the eastern district is better suited for our support.

11 We also believe that the Klamath River Watershed
12 should be -- the mouth should be included in the same
13 district. Right now, it's in two separate districts, the
14 Klamath Basin. Klamath Basin in the same district, and
15 we believe that this will allow then all of the Klamath
16 tribes to be in the same congressional district.

17 Thank you very much for taking our comments, and we
18 appreciate your work. Thank you.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now is caller 2974,
21 and up next after that would be caller 5600, 2974 if
22 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
23 star-6.

24 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, my name is --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

1 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- Paulina -- hi, my
2 name is Paulina, and I'm calling regarding to the drawing
3 of Little Saigon. We would like -- I would like to have
4 Westminster and Garden Grove to be the same district with
5 West -- with Huntington Beach and Seal Beach. Fullerton
6 is too far way for us, and we don't share the same
7 interests or businesses. So please consider our request
8 to have Little Saigon to be with Huntington Beach and
9 Seal Beach. Thank you.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have caller
12 5600, and up next after that is 4168. 5600, if you'll
13 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6.
14 The floor is yours.

15 MS. WILSON: Hi, my name is Betty Wilson (ph.). I'm
16 calling regarding Zone F, San Joaquin County, the
17 congressional, Senate, and Assembly district maps dated
18 11/10. We have heard several testimonies over the last
19 few days regarding previous dated draft maps and reasons
20 why the line drawers and the Commission need to review
21 and adjust the 11/10 final draft. I can only speak for
22 our very broad and diverse community coalition. Zone F
23 is very pleased with the outcome of many weeks and months
24 of letters, emails, calls, community meetings regarding
25 the maps dated 11/10.

1 Our feedback has come from all the community, and we
2 want to once again thank the Commission for your hard
3 work, diligence in doing what is best for our population.
4 We thank you in advance for your consideration of these
5 maps and our neighborhoods look forward to being able to
6 continue to work together for a better life and the
7 ability to provide for their families.

8 We look forward to equal and fair representation for
9 our communities of interest and super diverse
10 populations. Thank you so very much.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. We have
13 caller 4168, and up next after that will be 0682. Caller
14 4168, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by
15 pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

16 MS. M. KAUR: Hello, Commissioners. My name is
17 Manpinder Kaur (ph.), and I'm a resident of Fowler
18 California in Fresno County. I am -- I appreciate you
19 giving me an opportunity to share my thoughts during this
20 historical redistricting process. I would like to
21 comment about the Assembly, Senate, and Congress in
22 Fresno County.

23 Living in Fowler, California, I have seen the
24 Punjabi community and the (indiscernible) minority
25 communities. We reside in this small town, and we would

1 like to see Selma, Kingsburg, and Fowler with the West
2 Fresno -- be kept with the West Fresno area, since it's
3 where we work and commute. We are much closer to them as
4 our community of interests in -- than the Tulare region.
5 We would like our communities to be part of the
6 Congressional District STANFRESNO draft map rather than
7 Congressional District FRESNOTULARE draft map. And
8 the -- regarding the Assembly --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MS. M. KAUR: -- district map. Being a resident of
11 Fresno County communities, there is a larger population
12 of the Punjabi community in the Central Unified area --

13 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

14 MS. M. KAUR: -- than those of us just South
15 Shields, who like to be kept with the rest of our
16 community in AD_MERCED-FRESNO. We kindly ask the --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we have
19 caller 0682, and up next after that is 9008. 0682, if
20 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
21 star-6. The floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Greetings, Commissioners. As
23 a resident of the Antelope Valley, Palmdale and Lancaster
24 have no reason to be divided any further by congressional
25 districts. I want to show my support for the current

1 draft of the AD_SCV. The Antelope Valley and Santa
2 Clarita Valley are widely considered sister communities
3 and should be kept together. However, Simi Valley
4 differs far too much socioeconomically and
5 demographically speaking. Lancaster is forty-one percent
6 Latino and twenty-one percent African-American. It is
7 not fair to ask voters in Lancaster to be lumped with
8 Simi Valley, a wealthier and much less diverse community.

9 Communities in the Antelope Valley have had to deal
10 with redlining, poverty, and voter suppression. We have
11 different issues and concerns, and we reside in
12 completely different counties. Simi Valley is an outlier
13 in every sense and over fifteen miles from Santa Clarita.
14 Please think about the voices of the people in the
15 Antelope Valley when considering AD_SCV.

16 Furthermore, this process should be free of
17 political manipulation, including from sitting members of
18 Congress who wish to influence this process. The
19 attempts being made by these persons and special interest
20 groups to politicize this process are shameful and highly
21 inappropriate.

22 Please keep the current draft of the AD_SCV, which
23 does not include Simi Valley and finally unites the
24 Antelope Valley. This draft just makes so much sense.
25 It is perfectly cut along the North LA County lines and

1 unites the valley that has a shared school district.

2 Please do not change the draft map for AD_SVC --

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The way it is drawn is
5 perfect. Thank you so much, Commissioners, and I want to
6 thank the interpreter as well.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
9 9008, and up next after that is 6970. 9008, if you'll
10 please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

11 MR. KWAN: Great. Good afternoon, can you hear me?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

13 MR. KWAN: Terrific. Hello, Commissioners. My name
14 Marandin Kwan (ph.). I'm a resident of South Pasadena,
15 and I want to speak, like many of the other speakers
16 today, about the west San Gabriel Valley in Los Angeles
17 County. I want to speak about the maps that are looking
18 at the Assembly, Senate, and congressional levels. I
19 want to speak about the San Gabriel Valley, also known as
20 the 626. My request, like many of the others, is do not
21 shear away Monterey Park, Alhambra, and Rosemead from the
22 rest of the west SGV. Other parts, such as the City of
23 San Gabriel, South Pasadena, San Marino, Temple City, and
24 Arcadia.

25 The Asian American community, as has been noted, has

1 a very strong and distinct both cultural and linguistic
2 similarities. Our residents go throughout the same areas
3 and go to churches, shopping centers, and restaurants.
4 I've had the privilege of working in the SGV for more
5 than ten years in this region, only on public health
6 issues. I can clearly see a strong community of interest
7 among our young people, our seniors, any issues of health
8 and what have you. There are so many ways of identifying
9 a community of interest and for the SGV, Monterey Park,
10 Alhambra, and Rosemead are a part of the heart of who we
11 are.

12 Prior callers, again, have already done an
13 incredible job illustrating the ways that we are a
14 community of interest. So, again, I just ask that the
15 Commission keep and not dilute the Asian American
16 community of interest in the west San Gabriel Valley.
17 Thank you so much. And thank you for all that you've
18 done. This has been a long process, and I can't even
19 imagine. Thank you, and have a great Thanksgiving.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have have
22 caller 6970, and up next after that is caller 0403.
23 6970, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by
24 pressing star-6.

25 Caller 6970, if you'll please follow the prompts to

1 unmute by pressing star-6. Caller 6970, I do apologize
2 for the connectivity issue at this time, I -- we will do
3 our best to come back to you.

4 Right now, we have caller 0403, and up next after
5 that will be caller 1619. 0403, if you'll please follow
6 the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is
7 yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, I'm Sean (ph.). And
9 the last congressional district that the Commission
10 drafted just doesn't make any sense to me. Fullerton
11 being in the same district with Little Saigon community
12 doesn't make as much sense as Huntington Beach and Seal
13 Beach being in the same district with the Little Saigon
14 community. Huntington Beach is just a few miles from
15 Little Saigon, while Fullerton is at least a thirty-
16 minute drive. Being that Huntington Beach is much
17 closer, I urge you to draw a congressional district that
18 includes Westminster and Garden Grove with Seal Beach and
19 Huntington Beach. Thank you.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
22 1619, and up next after that will be 1977. 1619, if you
23 will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
24 star-6. The floor is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. I'd like to

1 reference the Fresno-Tulare congressional map. My name
2 is Joshua. Kings County is a rural county filled with
3 small farm working communities of interest. The county,
4 as a whole, is unique in the sense that it doesn't have a
5 major metropolitan area, such as Visalia or Fresno or
6 Bakersfield. By splitting Kings County in half, you're
7 only -- you're only ensuring that our communities of
8 interest will be overshadowed by these bigger cities. I
9 urge you to consider keeping Kings County whole to ensure
10 that they can advocate as one voice for the entire
11 county. Thank you.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
14 caller 1977. And up next after that, is caller 6004.
15 Caller 1977, if you'll please follow the prompts to
16 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

17 MR. P. SINGH: Hello, everyone. My name is Preedap
18 Singh (ph.), and I'm a resident of San Jose, California.
19 I will be speaking on behalf of Santa Clara County as
20 well as San Bernardino and Riverside. I would like to
21 say that we appreciate the current Assembly, Senate, and
22 congressional district draft maps that represent these
23 counties. I appreciate you hearing our input and thank
24 you for your time.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now is caller
2 6004, and up next after that is caller 2859. Caller
3 6004, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by
4 pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

5 MS. ENBIL: Good afternoon. My name is Suni Enbil
6 (ph.), and I reside in Sutter County. On behalf of my
7 community, we appreciate the current Assembly district,
8 Senate district, and congressional draft maps in our
9 area. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to
10 speak.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
13 2859, and up next after that will be caller 4967. 2859,
14 if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
15 star-6. The floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good afternoon. My name
17 is J.R., and I'm a resident of Cupertino, which is
18 presently in Assembly District 28. I'm calling in
19 support of an alternative draft map for my community. It
20 was submitted earlier today as AD_SUNNYTINO_DRAFT. By
21 contrast with the current draft map, this alternative
22 creates a more compact and sensible district that unites
23 the West Valley bedroom communities along the border of
24 San Jose, Cupertino, Santa Clara, Campbell, and Saratoga.
25 These geographies in this alternative map share

1 stronger communities of interest than the present draft,
2 especially along the State Route 85 and I-280 corridors.
3 They share various school districts that are held
4 together in this version of the map. They share a common
5 watershed and various other specific considerations that
6 smaller cities bordering one large city might share.

7 Unlike the current draft map that maroons Campbell
8 and Saratoga on the other side of Cupertino from the rest
9 of their draft district, this alternative map keeps these
10 cities together with their neighbors, neighbors with whom
11 they have much more in common than further flung Palo
12 Alto or Atherton, with whom they are currently grouped.
13 Thank you very much, and Godspeed on your mission.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we have
16 caller 4967, and up next after that is 4163. 4967, if
17 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
18 star-6. The floor is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: I'd like to reference
20 the Fresno-Tulare congressional map. Good afternoon,
21 Commissioners. My name's Alita (ph.). I am a longtime
22 resident of Hanford. Kings County towns should have the
23 same representative, because their demographics and local
24 economies are largely similar. Kings County is
25 especially connected by the Kings Area Rural Transit

1 System, which provides bus routes throughout the entire
2 county.

3 (In Spanish).

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: (In Spanish).

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now is caller 4163,
6 and up next after that is 8224. 4163, if you'll please
7 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The
8 floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello. Hi, my name is
10 Melissa (ph.). I'm a longtime resident in Santa Clarita
11 Valley. My request is for your Commission to reconsider
12 your draft and instead go with the original current
13 plan -- the current plan, which is to group Santa Clarita
14 Valley with that section -- a small section of Simi
15 Valley instead of Sylmar.

16 Here's why: There are numerous reasons, but let me
17 focus on policing and crime. Now, every community in
18 California probably thinks they have too much crime, and
19 I don't disagree with them. However, because Santa
20 Clarita Valley is unincorporated LA County, we only have
21 the sheriff's department -- that we pay in taxes, like
22 every other community, and yet the sheriff's department
23 budget is being slashed for LA County unincorporated
24 severely.

25 Sylmar probably has crime issues just like every

1 other, but Sylmar's crime is far different, unfortunately
2 for them, than Santa Clarita Valley's crime. First off,
3 there's, based on the crime statistics I'm looking at,
4 Sylmar's crime is different, and it's focused on a more
5 homicides and violent crime compared to Santa Clarita
6 Valley. However, unfortunately, Santa Clarita Valley
7 also has more than our fair share of crime. For example,
8 it was in summer of 2021 --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- that the sheriff
11 said we had the largest drug bust -- illegal drug bust in
12 Antelope Valley, which is part of our California district
13 25, and Palmdale. That's great that they caught this,
14 but I don't believe --

15 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

16 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- that this solved
17 the problem, and it's the -- it's the resources of
18 unincorporated Santa Clarita Valley. We deserve to have
19 a police force, a sheriff's department that supports our
20 needs. So for that, and I ask that --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
23 caller 8224, and up next after that would be caller 0639.
24 Caller 8224, if you'll please follow the prompts to
25 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, do you hear me?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Okay. I just want to
4 say thank you for your all hard work, everything you have
5 done, and keep up the good work you guys are doing
6 regarding Little Saigon district in Orange County, AD_GGW
7 and CD Seal-Brea draft for the Assembly and Congressional
8 districts. This district need some more change to match
9 its outcome for our Little Saigon community of interest
10 district.

11 As for the Senate district, the draft map is good.
12 Thank you for the well done on this district for our
13 community. I have heard a few people's thoughts the past
14 few days, and they are right on regarding Stanton. It's
15 up (indiscernible). This city and area does not share a
16 community of interest with Little Saigon. For AD_GGW and
17 CD Seal-Brea, (indiscernible) Street in Huntington Beach,
18 remove Stanton, it's (indiscernible). This would be
19 ideal as part of our Little Saigon education or language,
20 culture, and health care community of interest. Thank
21 you so much for your time and for listening to us.
22 Please keep our Little Saigon together so that we can
23 have our voice here in the Assembly, Senate, and
24 congressional district. Once again, thank you.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
2 caller 0639. And up next after that is caller 1043.
3 0639, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by
4 pressing -- the floor is yours.

5 MR. C. SINGH: Hello, Commissioners. My name is
6 Cherenkal Singh (ph.), and I'm a lifelong resident of
7 Sacramento County as well as current student at UC Davis.
8 I'm speaking on behalf of the Punjabi community of the
9 Sacramento metropolitan area. I'd like to comment about
10 the congressional maps in the region and would like to
11 see Elk Grove included in the congressional map, and have
12 it loop -- loop along to include north and south Natomas,
13 since we have overlapping communities of interest in the
14 Punjabi community. Thank you very much for your time and
15 consideration.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 1043, and up next
18 after that will be 7090. Caller 1043, if you will please
19 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. Caller
20 with the last four 1043, if you'll please follow the
21 prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is
22 yours.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, I just want to talk
24 about the Little Saigon community of interest in Orange
25 County. I call in and also submit a -- my comment

1 throughout the process of the last few weeks. First of
2 all, I just wanted to say thank you very much for hearing
3 our concern through this process. Just in a minor change
4 for the Assembly map, and it would be appropriate for our
5 Little Saigon community. Please remove the City of
6 Stanton, (indiscernible) of Garden Grove. This area
7 belong to Anaheim and Santa Ana. We have no community of
8 interest with them. There are a lot of Vietnamese
9 American in Huntington Beach that border Fountain Valley
10 and Westminster, of Garfield. Huntington Beach includes
11 Huntington Harbor and south of Garfield go to the coastal
12 district.

13 If we keep our school district cross over Little
14 Saigon to get (indiscernible) currently Fountain Valley
15 High School in Westminster, high school in Huntington
16 Beach Union High School District. We have Boy and Girl
17 club in Huntington Valley, (indiscernible), and in
18 Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley. Again, please keep
19 our Little Saigon as a whole community. This is a city
20 which includes Westminster, Fountain Valley, west of Van
21 Bruen, north of Huntington Beach, Los Alamos, Grossmor
22 (ph.), and Seal Beach. Again, thank you for getting so
23 close and make sure that Little Saigon has two
24 presentation --

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- given to our view. God
2 bless. Thank you.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
5 caller 7090. And up next after that will be 3500. 7090,
6 please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

7 MR. BRUEN: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name
8 is Eric Bruen. I'm the mayor for the City of Ridgecrest.
9 This is my fourth time to speak with you, and thank you,
10 once again, for the opportunity to speak in the line-
11 drawing process. I would like to discuss the map
12 boundaries of California Fresno-Kern. I'd like to begin
13 by thanking the Commission for ensuring that two critical
14 goals, which we have asked of you before, has been
15 considered in the design.

16 First, ensuring that our military synergies remain
17 connected between China Lake Naval Station and Edwards
18 Air Force Base. This is critical for the future of
19 America and for our communities, and we appreciate your
20 recognition of this. Second, ensuring the inclusion of
21 Ridgecrest in Kern County. We are proud to be a part of
22 the rich agricultural, tourism, military, and energy
23 economies of this county and thank the Commissioners for
24 preserving this.

25 Now you face the challenging process of sorting out

1 the best map lines to address urban areas like
2 Bakersfield, Visalia, Fresno, and Clovis. We believe
3 that the best solution is one which keeps Kern County as
4 whole as possible. Thus, we encourage the Commission to
5 reconsider the boundary lines as it relates to western
6 Bakersfield. Specifically, the boundaries should include
7 all areas west of Highway 99 and south of 7th Standard
8 Road into the California Fresno current proposed
9 district.

10 The population offset should be drawn from the areas
11 of Visalia, Fresno, and Clovis, which are being included
12 in this district. These communities of interest share a
13 more aligned purpose with Tulare, Kings, and Fresno
14 County as compared with Kern County.

15 Thank you for listening to Ridgecrest, and we
16 encourage Commissioners to carefully listen to commenters
17 in this final phase. Please ensure that the changes
18 being proposed to the maps truly represent the community
19 of interests on which they are commenting.

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 MR. BRUEN: The fracturing of the map to satisfy
22 special interest groups and racial objectives will not
23 help to improve representation; rather, it may further
24 expand the fractures in our society, which our society is
25 already experiencing. Thank you, once again, and I wish

1 you the best of luck in this challenging task.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
4 3500, and up next after that will be caller 1433. Hold
5 on one second. We're -- we lost caller 3500. All right,
6 well, it's going to be caller 1433, and up next after
7 that will be caller 2568. Caller 1433, if you'll please
8 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

9 MS. STEWART: Hello, Commissioners. My name is
10 Trisha Stewart (ph.). I am a resident of Jamul,
11 California, which is a rural part of San Diego County.
12 Our state Senate map will be splitting Jamul into two
13 communities, which makes no sense, in my opinion. Jamul
14 should not be with the city of San Diego. It belongs
15 with sister communities like Lakeside, Alpine, Crest,
16 Rancho San Diego, and Ramona.

17 On any day, Jamul has more in common with smaller
18 east county cities that -- like Santee and El Cajon than
19 with Coronado or the City of San Diego. Coronado, by the
20 way, is thirty minutes away from Jamul, which makes no
21 sense. In numerous other proposed maps from the State
22 Commission, Jamul is kept together with other East San
23 Diego communities. Why can't the Commission consider
24 doing that with the Senate maps?

25 Jamul has shared cultural, economic, and social

1 characteristics. Jamul has different needs for services
2 than other areas in the county, as we are a high fire
3 zone, and having a representative who doesn't understand
4 these needs is not equitable. Thank you for listening to
5 my comment.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have caller
8 2568, and up next after that, we have 4432. 2568, if
9 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is
10 yours.

11 MR. H. SINGH: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My
12 name is Harniv Singh (ph.), and I'm a lifelong resident
13 of Fresno, California and also a Central Unified School
14 District alumni. Today I'd like to comment on the
15 Assembly district map for Fresno County. In the current
16 map, our Central Unified community that is home to the
17 largest Punjabi community in the region is being split.

18 As a Punjabi Sikh community organizer, I've seen
19 firsthand the huge number of Punjabi Sikhs who reside
20 under Shield Avenue but above Clinton Avenue. The
21 Punjab Sikh community has a large elder, immigrant, and
22 low-income population that resides in the Victoria Park
23 and Ross Gardens apartments, along with others. Some of
24 this can be attributed to the close proximity to our
25 local Jaswat Singh Khalra Park, which is named after a

1 Punjab Sikh human rights advocate. It can also be
2 attributed to the population magnets, such as the local
3 ethnic Punjabi grocery store, which is located right
4 above Clinton but below Shields Avenue.

5 Additionally, the entire Punjabi Sikh community in
6 this area under Shields and above Clinton pretty much
7 attends the same Gurdwara as the Punjabi Sikh community
8 that live above Shields Avenue. It would be an injustice
9 to the Punjabi Sikh community to split off such an
10 important region and population that has so much
11 significance to our community. I kindly request that the
12 Commission consider moving the line that is currently at
13 Shields on the 99 to be moved south to Clinton to keep so
14 many of these traditional communities of interest
15 together.

16 For the Fresno Congressional district maps, we would
17 like to see Selma, Kingsburg, and Fowler with the West
18 Fresno areas, since this is where our community works and
19 commutes. Our Punjabi Sikh community is much closer to
20 the West Fresno areas as a community of interest than the
21 Tulare region.

22 For that reason and many, many more, would like to
23 see --

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 MR. H. SINGH: -- our communities be a part of the

1 Congressional District STANFRESNO draft map rather than
2 Congressional District FRESNOTULARE draft map. Thank you
3 for listening to our community, and have a happy
4 Thanksgiving.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we have
7 caller 4432, and up next after that will be 9644. 4432,
8 if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute.

9 MS. CABALERRIA: Oh. Hi. Good afternoon --

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

11 MS. CABALERRIA: -- my name is Yvonne Cabaleria
12 (ph.). I'm Crescent City resident in Del Norte County
13 calling again. I submitted a written comment earlier
14 that includes some information on the median income
15 population for counties in Districts 1 and 2 and also a
16 map of my recommendation for redistricting. And the
17 reason for this is that our -- Del Norte communities up
18 here are small, and our issues align more with those
19 neighbors to the east rather than the south.

20 Yes, we're on the coast, but we're only a tiny
21 portion of that coast. And the population's difference,
22 when compared to the other counties in District 2, is
23 really significant. Sonoma County has twenty times our
24 population; Marin County, forty-two times our population;
25 and even our neighbor just down south in Humboldt, five

1 times the population. These massive differences cause
2 inequity and how we are representative (sic), and they
3 have negatively impacted our communities.

4 Our communities here in Del Norte, we have more in
5 common socioeconomically, agriculturally, culturally with
6 Siskiyou Counties, Modoc, and others in District 1. We
7 also have similar numbers regarding population, income,
8 needs, and problems. One example of these negative
9 impacts is a bill that was passed, AB5, known as the Gig
10 Bill. That's affecting our rural community. It affects
11 our self-employed individuals that enjoy the freedom to
12 work the jobs they choose with flexible hours and
13 competitive pay in a community that doesn't have exactly
14 a large amount of employment opportunities, and this also
15 forces them into a set salary and repetitive work
16 schedule and can suppress job growth and even hinder them
17 from becoming a business owner themselves.

18 These are important things, because we want our
19 community members to thrive and be successful.

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 MS. CABALERIA: For those business owners, it
22 increases their payroll. They have to add extra
23 expenses, resulting in cutting hours, lesser pay, or even
24 terminating some employees. These bills are not good,
25 and it's just shows the negative consequences we have due

1 to those population differences.

2 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

3 MS. CABALERIA: Here in Crescent City, our
4 population is 8,000. 8,000 residents that we have, that
5 we have to have our voices heard over the massive
6 populations in the other districts -- counties in our
7 districts. So we would like to spend the upcoming ten
8 years included with District 1 --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate your feedback. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
11 caller 9644, and up next after that will be 4488. 9644,
12 if you will please follow the prompts to unmute. The
13 floor is yours.

14 MR. POMMERING: Good afternoon, Commissioners.
15 Thank you for taking my call. My name is Bill Pommering,
16 and I am an elected director at Padre Dam Municipal Water
17 District in Santee. I've lived in Santee for forty years
18 and have served on the Padre Dam board for over thirteen
19 years. I'm calling regarding the state Senate maps for
20 San Diego County. I am calling to advocate changes in
21 the SECA Senate District map. I've been advised that the
22 SECA Senate District map is designated as a Voting Rights
23 district map and that it apparently must link parts of
24 San Diego County to Imperial County.

25 What I do not understand is why it does not include

1 the more heavily Latino areas that are south of San Diego
2 city, south of the 94, as opposed to including some of
3 the rural parts of the county like Alpine, Borrego
4 Springs, Ramona, that clearly are a better fit with
5 cities like Poway, El Cajon, Escondido, and Santee. It
6 should be noted that rural San Diego County does not
7 share the same concerns and interests as the area south
8 of the 52 in the City of San Diego.

9 Here in the east county, we tend to look east and to
10 the north for items like medical care, food, jobs and
11 more. We do not generally have those items in common
12 with the City of San Diego south of the 52, like Pacific
13 Beach, Mission Beach, Sierra Mesa, and Mira Mesa.

14 Assembly map AD_SESDC brings together the inland San
15 Diego and San Diego County in a way that just works
16 better for all concerned. It does not combine rural San
17 Diego and Imperial County. Rather, it keeps rural
18 communities like Alpine --

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 MR. POMMERING: -- Crest, Jamul, Borrego Springs,
21 Julian, and Ramona and linked with inland cities like
22 Santee, Poway, and Escondido, not to mention a part of --

23 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

24 MR. POMMERING: -- El Cajon. It just fits better
25 with inland areas. I encourage you to use this Assembly

1 map as a framework for evaluating your Senate map. Thank
2 you for taking my call, and it is my hope --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
5 caller 4488, and up next after that is 7722. 4488, if
6 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is
7 yours.

8 MR. ROBAK: Very good. Hi there. My name is Steve
9 Robak, first-time caller, long time listener. I'm
10 currently on the Lakeside Community Planning Group, and
11 the -- I'm the current board president of the Lakeside
12 Water District. We're in Lakeside, which is a rural
13 portion of San Diego County, just east, and I'm calling
14 regarding the state Senate map for San Diego County. The
15 current map, the SECA, which is the one I'm referring
16 to -- and Bill Pommering, who just spoke is -- we're
17 speaking on the same item.

18 The map is -- needs some tweaking. It needs some
19 work. It's got -- it's got basically a lot of heavily
20 rural areas linked up with heavily urban areas. And I
21 know I was listening to some of the speakers earlier that
22 had communities of interest; BIPOC, PANA, API, and they
23 had this similar -- their similar concern was the same
24 one I have, is they're in a predominantly urban area, and
25 they're being linked as -- with the people in the rural

1 east county.

2 And east county, the area that I'm in, we have
3 Alpine, Ramona, Borrego Springs, Poway, El Cajon,
4 Escondido, Santee, Jamul, Crest, and what's happening is
5 they're breaking us in half. And me, particularly, where
6 I live, I live on a two-lane highway, and I'm going to be
7 on the east portion of the city, mixing us in with, like,
8 the beach cities, and my neighbor directly across the
9 street is going to be in an eastern zone in a completely
10 different --

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 MR. ROBAK: -- congressional -- or Senate district.
13 And my water district will be -- my particular area, our
14 water district will be sliced right down the middle. I
15 would ask that you would refer to the state -- the recent
16 Assembly map, the AD_SESDC map --

17 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

18 MR. ROBAK: -- they've worked most of the kinks out
19 on that one. It would work really good for us on the
20 Senate map. It would reflect. And I'd like -- I
21 appreciate the time --

22 MR. MANOFF: Five seconds.

23 MR. ROBAK: -- you guys are spending on this, and
24 I -- what was that time?

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we have
2 caller 7722, and up next after that, we have caller 1212.
3 Caller 7722, please follow the prompts to unmute. The
4 floor is yours.

5 MR. HILLIKER: Thank you very much. Good afternoon.
6 My name is Frank Hilliker, and I'm calling about the same
7 Senate district that the other two gentlemen just called
8 about. I am elected to Lakeside Water District. I
9 represent Lakeside at the San Diego County Water
10 Authority.

11 We're in the -- in this Senate district, it's the
12 eastern part of San Diego County, and we'd like to be
13 linked with cities like Escondido, Santee, keep Lakeside
14 with it, El Cajon, Alpine, Ramona, Jamul, Crest. And
15 we'd like these communities to be linked together,
16 because we share common resources, common school
17 districts, common water districts, et cetera.

18 Furthermore, Lakeside is a very small rural
19 community, and currently the map has Lakeside split in
20 half. So Lakeside's too small of a community to be
21 represented by two state Senators. That means our water
22 district would have to go to meet with two state Senators
23 when we have issues, our school districts would have to
24 go meet with a couple of state Senators when we have
25 issues, et cetera, et cetera.

1 Thank you for your time and happy Thanksgiving.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and happy Thanksgiving to
3 you as well.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we have
5 caller 1212, and up next after that will be caller 6888.
6 Caller 1212, if you'll please follow the prompts to
7 unmute. The floor is yours.

8 MR. BARTZ: Thank you, and happy Thanksgiving to the
9 Commissioners. My name is Don Bartz. I'm the general
10 manager for Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services
11 District in Southern -- or in San Bernardino County. We
12 provide water, solid waste, street lighting, and park
13 services to over 24,000 residents in the rural tri-
14 community area. Our board president has sent you two
15 letters on behalf of our community, but I wanted to
16 follow up with a call.

17 First, we want to thank you for keeping us connected
18 with the Victor Valley and other San Bernardino high
19 desert communities. We rely on these areas for critical
20 services, including health care and public safety. We
21 also have interties with Victorville and the county in
22 case of water emergencies. I also wanted to thank you
23 for not connecting us with the Antelope Valley in the
24 congressional and Assembly draft maps.

25 As our letter stated, even though we are on the

1 county border, our areas could not be further apart. We
2 have no transit corridors, our water agency has no
3 interties with them for emergencies, and we share no
4 public safety services or essential services. Our only
5 request is that Wrightwood join our district. We
6 consider ourselves a tri-community. People from
7 Wrightwood often shopped at grocery stores and our park
8 and recreational programs. We all share one school
9 district. Thank you very much, and have a great
10 Thanksgiving.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we've got
13 6888. And up next after that will be 3585. Caller 6888,
14 if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. And one
15 more time caller with the last four 6888, the floor is
16 yours.

17 DR. BARKA: My name is Dr. Noori Barka. I am the
18 president of Chaldean Community Council, and I have been
19 very much involved with our community in San Diego East
20 County for over twenty-five years. Your recent Senate,
21 Assembly maps have divided our Chaldean and Middle
22 Eastern communities living in the east county of San
23 Diego and break us apart, break our community of
24 interests apart.

25 Our community can be better represented if we are

1 together with our neighboring cities, like Lakeside,
2 Santee, Ramona, which we share and overlap -- there is
3 overlap of many of our members, and we are much closer
4 than the community of interest versus the San Diego
5 downtown and also the Coronado, which are very far away
6 from us, and they don't share any common between us and
7 them.

8 We ask you to put -- keep us together as one
9 community by using the current map that we have for the
10 east county. Thank you.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right now, we have
13 caller 3585. And up next after that is 7592. Caller
14 3585, if you'll please follow the prompts -- the floor is
15 yours.

16 MR. SIGMUND: Good afternoon. I want to thank the
17 Commissioners for the time to speak. I have to
18 forgive -- please forgive me, because I'm fighting a
19 little bit of a cold. My name is Mark Sigmund (ph.). I
20 am a veteran, I'm a business owner, and I reside in
21 Fallbrook, California. My role, as an insurance agent,
22 is much like a legislator. We keep our communities safe.
23 We protect them during a fire, times of loss, fire, right
24 before they go into retirement, and my phone, just like
25 yours, rings when I -- when my clients need the most. I

1 cannot emphasize how important it is, in an
2 unincorporated area, for us to have a single unified
3 voice for us to do that.

4 On all of the meetings that I have attended, the
5 counties of Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow, Valley Center,
6 Pala, Escondido, and San Marcos, have all been requested
7 to be together. Yet when I look at the congressional,
8 the Senate, and the Assembly maps, they're all dividing
9 these counties separately in three different occasions.
10 We share -- much like a lot of the other callers --
11 common school districts, fire, water, police.

12 I implore you to really look at what our current
13 drawing is. And the farther south that you take us, the
14 more disenfranchised that you make everybody. So if
15 you're looking to try to include us to people, we have
16 more common with people in the east of San Diego than if
17 we go in the south. Thank you for giving me this time to
18 really represent my county. I wish you all a very happy
19 Thanksgiving. Please, please, please take into
20 consideration the voice of our community. Thank you.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
23 7592, and up next after that will be 8817.

24 7592, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute
25 by pressing star-6. One more time, caller 7592, if

1 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. I do
2 apologize, caller 7592, there appears to be some type of
3 connectivity issue for you at the moment. Please do not
4 hang up. We will do our best to get back to you shortly.

5 Now we have caller 8817, and up next after that is
6 1668.

7 8817, if you will please follow the prompts to
8 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Can you hear me?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon. I'm calling
12 to discuss keeping Seal Beach in coastal congressional
13 districts. I've heard a lot of coordinated campaigns
14 about putting Long Beach in with Seal Beach, and I can't
15 imagine those callers live in this area. Seal Beach
16 belongs in a congressional district with Orange County
17 cities like Huntington Beach and Newport Beach, and even
18 with Little Saigon cities.

19 Crossing county lines does not make sense here. And
20 although it appears this campaign has the volume, they
21 need to be noticed. I hope the Commission can recognize
22 the actual residents of Seal Beach, know it makes more
23 sense to keep us -- Orange County cities. Thank you.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller

1 1668, and up next after that will be caller 3000.

2 1668, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute.
3 The floor is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I'm calling about the
5 Seal-Brea congressional district map. Seal Beach ending
6 up in a congressional district that includes Brea, a city
7 an hour away, and not Huntington Beach, a direct neighbor
8 with almost identical economy, makes so little sense. I
9 saw when the Commission put Seal Beach in the district a
10 couple weeks ago, and it was completely arbitrary to even
11 our population totals and because the Commission had to
12 move on to other areas. I do not believe that this is
13 how we should be determining such critical decisions.
14 Seal Beach needs to be in a coastal district with its
15 southern coastal neighbors. Anything else makes little
16 sense. Thank you.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
19 3000, and up next after that will be 2112.

20 Caller 3000, please follow the prompts to unmute.
21 The floor is yours.

22 MS. NASBY: Hello. My name is Eve Nasby, and I'm a
23 member of the Jamul-Dulzura Community Planning Group.
24 I'm commenting as a private citizen. Thank you for your
25 time and efforts. This is an incredible undertaking, and

1 we appreciate your interests in our concerns. I'm
2 commenting on the state senate maps for San Diego County.

3 Rural San Diego communities like Jamul, Alpine,
4 Crest, Bostonia, Lakeside, Julian belong in the same
5 district. And that district should include Escondido,
6 Poway, Santee, and El Cajon. We in East County rural San
7 Diego have different concerns than the parts of San Diego
8 City that are south of 52. Many of our unique
9 communities enjoy dark skies, well water, septic systems,
10 our awesome sheriffs, high fire zones, and large land
11 parcels. And many of our communities are only
12 represented by a supervisor versus mayors and councils.

13 Your recent assembly map AD_SESDC collects inland
14 San Diego County and San Diego County communities in a
15 way that works. Rather than combine rural San Diego with
16 Imperial County, it combines rural communities like
17 Alpine, Crest, Jamul, Julian, and Ramona, and links us
18 with major inland cities like Santee, Poway, and
19 Escondido, as well as the part of El Cajon that makes
20 sense. This just seems to fit better within inland feet.
21 Thanks for your time, and Happy Thanksgiving, you guys.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and Happy Thanksgiving to
23 you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
25 2112, and up next after that is 6735.

1 2112, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute.

2 The floor is yours.

3 MR. BAKSHI: Can you hear me?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

5 MR. BAKSHI: This is Naren Bakshi. I live in
6 Fremont for a long time. I want to thank you, first, for
7 having brought together South Fremont, Cupertino, San
8 Jose, Santa Clara, (indiscernible) in this draft
9 congressional district map. This visualization map
10 within GREATERED_DRAFT is good. However, it would be a
11 lot better if it was recently CD_GREATERED_1102 with an
12 addition: a little more of Central Fremont was included
13 and there was less of San Jose.

14 In addition to these cities, bring together both
15 Central and South Fremont in the congressional map as
16 also similar to the AAPI and AMEMSA Redistricting
17 Collaborative proposed mapping for this area. Keeping
18 together shared concerns and interests related to
19 language, education, and economic opportunity is very
20 important. Many also work in tech-related jobs and
21 commute daily between these cities.

22 This arrangement more completely keeps together
23 numerous Asian American and Muslim communities of
24 interest. Keeping Fremont neighborhoods, more of Fremont
25 Central with South Fremont, as shown in visualization

1 with CD_GREATERED_1102, would be as perfect as possible.
2 As a Trustee Board Member of India Community Center, the
3 largest center in the country, and chair of the Health
4 and Wellness Initiative for South Nations, I truly think
5 it's really important. But I also want to thank you for
6 all kinds of good work you have been doing for a long
7 time. And I really want to request you to please keep
8 this in mind. Thank you.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
11 6735, and up next after that is 2931.

12 Caller 6735, if you'll please follow the prompts to
13 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm calling with respect to
15 the congressional districts that are in Southern
16 California and Los Angeles of West San Gabriel Valley and
17 East San Gabriel Valley. I would urge the Commission to
18 keep the communities that have common shared interests in
19 West San Gabriel Valley together of Monterey Park,
20 Alhambra, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Temple City,
21 and Arcadia. And in East San Gabriel Valley, the towns
22 of Hacienda Heights, Walnut, Rowland Heights, and Diamond
23 Bar.

24 The Asian American and Pacific Islander communities
25 have made such modest gains in civic engagement over the

1 last ten years. So to divide these communities and split
2 them into different districts unfairly dilutes and
3 contradicts the spirit of the protections of the Voting
4 Rights Act. Knowing these cities and these communities,
5 living, working in these communities, spending time
6 within the religious communities and the shopping
7 communities and restaurant communities in these districts
8 will show how interconnected they are and how important
9 they are to the very core and the very spirit of the
10 Asian American community in Southern California.

11 We hope that the Commission reconsiders the drawing
12 that has cut it up. We also note that this method of
13 collecting information in this public comment also shows
14 limited awareness of how best to engage with these
15 communities. Please engage in discussion with our
16 nonprofit organizations that are in these communities.
17 This type of public engagement can end up being quite
18 long and tedious; for example, a two-hour wait for a
19 call. Thank you again for hearing this.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now is caller 2931,
22 and up next after that is 5912.

23 2931, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute.
24 The floor is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Can you hear me?

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm calling regarding Little
3 Saigon community of interest. First, I want to express
4 my appreciation to the Commissioner and staff for hearing
5 our voice from Little Saigon community. Thank you for
6 everything you are doing to make it right for every
7 community of interest.

8 For AD_GGW_DRAFT map, I am asking if you could
9 please consider adding Island Park or Huntington Beach to
10 include Huntington Harbor where our next generation
11 Vietnamese Americans have moved to. The area along this
12 40 percent Asian American and probably 70 percent
13 Vietnamese American.

14 The rest of Huntington Beach area could be with the
15 coastal district which make more sense to include in with
16 Orange County beach not up Garfield Street in Huntington
17 Beach have a lot migration of Vietnamese Americans in the
18 last five years and will continue the next decade.

19 You can take out Central and East of Garden Grove at
20 Euclid Street. This can be another district and it
21 doesn't have any shared interest with our Little Saigon
22 community. Please consider all the comments that you
23 have heard from our Little Saigon community and make the
24 change for the next map. Our community really
25 appreciates your time and listening to our concerns.

1 Happy early Thanksgiving to you all. Thank you.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your call.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
4 5912, and up next after that is 2079.

5 5912, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute.
6 The floor is yours.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm calling today to
8 express my approval of the SD60X_DRAFT map. I
9 particularly am approving of this map simply because of
10 it basically encompasses the entirety of the Puente Hills
11 Wildlife Corridor. Essentially, all of these communities
12 would now have a single representative to deal with
13 everything dealing with the environmental corridor.
14 That's a really big thing because it's one of the biggest
15 green and open spaces we have in the area, and I really
16 just care about environment protections. Thank you.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
19 2709, and up next after that will be caller 5963.

20 Caller 2709, the floor is yours. One moment. Where
21 did they go? Caller 2709, where'd you go? There you
22 are. If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by
23 pressing star-6, the floor is yours. Double-check and
24 make sure your phone is not on mute.

25 MR. MIMS: Hello. Can you hear me?

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

2 MR. MIMS: Sorry about that. My phone was on mute.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That's okay.

4 MR. MIMS: My name is Willie Mims, and I am a member
5 of the East County NAACP. I'm calling about the
6 CD_NORTHCONTR_DRAFT map. My comment is that the current
7 map is somewhat problematic. The map combines East
8 Contra Costa County with part of Solano County; two
9 different counties that do not share communities of
10 interest, such as transportation, fire, police, housing,
11 schools, colleges.

12 This map places two neighboring cities, Pittsburg
13 and Antioch, into two separate congressional districts.
14 East County NAACP is against this split. The map keeps
15 Antioch in Contra Costa County and sends Pittsburg and
16 every city west of it into Solano County all the way to
17 Suisun. The map itself is quite deceptive. Where is the
18 Sacramento River? The Sacramento River divides Crockett,
19 Rodeo, Benicia. So I don't see it -- it's almost as
20 though the land -- there's no separation on the land map.

21 On top of that, we prefer to keep Antioch and
22 Pittsburg as one single part of this county. They are no
23 more than two miles away from each other. So when you
24 take us all the way into Fairfield, we don't have any
25 shared interest with either Vallejo, Fairfield -- I'm

1 sorry, what'd you say?

2 MR. MANOFF: You have twenty-five seconds remaining.

3 MR. MIMS: Okay. So I would ask you to redraw this
4 map and cut out Rodeo and Crockett and leave East and
5 West Contra Costa County as one district. Thank you.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
8 5963, and up next after that is caller 2815.

9 Caller 5963, if you'll please follow the prompts to
10 unmute. The floor is yours.

11 MS. DRAMMISSI: Hello. My name is Nina Drammissi.
12 I'm past Chair of the Lakeside Chamber of Commerce in
13 Lakeside, California, in San Diego County. I appreciate
14 the hard work the Commission has put in on drawing the
15 lines for our state. I'd like to share that I believe
16 that the current draft maps for state Senate do not, at
17 the moment, represent my community. The current draft
18 maps separate many of the East County San Diego sister
19 communities.

20 I have lived in this community of Lakeside,
21 California, in East San Diego County, for thirty-one
22 years. I live here because I appreciate the rural
23 environment and the focus on agriculture. When looking
24 at these senate maps, they split up communities with
25 common interests and infrastructure.

1 Keep this county's sister communities together.
2 These rural San Diego communities like Jamul, Alpine,
3 Crest, Bostonia, Lakeside, Descanso, Ramona, and Julian
4 belong in the same district. And that district should
5 include the cities of Escondido, Poway, Santee, and El
6 Cajon. We share safety, economic, health, water, social
7 and cultural interests enhanced by our rich Kumeyaay and
8 Latinx heritage.

9 Additionally, the unincorporated rural communities
10 within this area work in unison with community planning
11 groups, law enforcement, and fire to ensure our safety.
12 K-8 schools in these areas, even to Grossmont Union High
13 School District, and we have supported our district
14 through school bonds and encouraged workforce development
15 through industry and educational institutions.

16 We have shared economic and cultural interests. We
17 need to be kept together. I urge you: we are
18 unincorporated communities and we have so much more in
19 common with small cities like El Cajon, Santee, and
20 Poway, than we do with the City of San Diego or with
21 desert communities such as Brawley or Needles. We should
22 not be placed in districts with North Park, Chula Vista,
23 Pacific Beach, or University City.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller

1 2815, and up next after that will be call-in user 3.

2 Caller 2815, if you'll please follow the prompts to
3 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

4 MR. MALHOTRA: Hi. This is Amit Malhotra (ph.).
5 I'm calling from Cupertino, which is part of Santa Clara
6 County. The demographics of Cupertino is that of the
7 tech community and much closer to the Santa Clara County
8 which includes Saratoga, Palo Alto, Mountain View, and
9 those areas.

10 But presently given how things are, Cupertino is
11 part of Fremont, and because we are lumped together with
12 them, also the demographics are quite different.
13 Cupertino represents the heart of the Silicon Valley with
14 a significant Asian American population, and we share a
15 lot with Palo Alto, Mountain View, and in fact,
16 Sunnyvale, Saratoga, Los Gatos, and all those areas.

17 So I would very much urge you to put Cupertino and
18 Sunnyvale as part of that same map so we can have unified
19 representation who is a lot more tech-savvy and expresses
20 interests of the Asian American community better. So
21 that is my request to you. And thank you for all the
22 work you have put in. Have a happy Thanksgiving.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have call-
25 in user 3, and then up next after that is caller 7736.

1 Call-in user 3, if you'll please follow the prompts
2 to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

3 MS. EPSTEIN: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Thank
4 you for all of your efforts in this challenging
5 redistricting process. My name is Angela Epstein, and I
6 am calling regarding the redistricting Los Alamitos,
7 Rossmoor, and Cypress into Long Beach. This is the OC
8 Coast and Seal-Brea map.

9 I have lived in Rossmoor for twenty years. My
10 husband is a retired twenty-year veteran. We are in an
11 unincorporated area that shares many services with Los
12 Alamitos, Cypress, and Seal Beach. We are a community of
13 mostly single-family homes. We also share the Joint
14 Forces Training Base and Seal Beach Weapons Station. We
15 should remain together with Seal Beach and Huntington
16 Beach.

17 We also share one high school, and Seal Beach
18 students attend Los Alamitos High School. We are a small
19 community. In addition, we have an elementary school in
20 Seal Beach that is a part of the Los Alamitos Unified
21 School District. Rossmoor, Los Alamitos, and Cypress
22 need to stay and remain a part of Seal Beach and
23 Huntington Beach. We do not call upon Long Beach to
24 assist us with any first responders and we do not have
25 any connection with Long Beach. We need to remain within

1 the grounds of Orange County and not LA County, and our
2 representation should represent our community interests
3 in its entirety. We want representation that reflects
4 our community and we share a community of interest.

5 In addition, since we are within Orange County, we
6 do not want to be divided or have our votes being diluted
7 by putting us into LA County. Instead, please look to
8 take from cities in LA County, such as Lakewood or
9 Paramount, where they have similar communities of
10 interest. Thank you for allowing my comments and
11 comments from the public, and have a great Thanksgiving.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and have a great
13 Thanksgiving yourself.

14 MR. MANOFF: Please stand by. We have a technical
15 issue here at headquarters. We're going to go to a
16 break. Please stand by.

17 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:40 p.m. to
18 5:01 p.m.)

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
20 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We are continuing to
21 get feedback on our draft maps from the public. We
22 currently have twenty-four people in the line. If you
23 are interested in giving a comment, please raise your
24 hand. Sorry about the technical issues we experienced.

25 With that, Katy, let's continue on with public

1 comments.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

3 Right now, we will be going to caller 7736, and then
4 up next after that will be caller 6625.

5 Caller 7736, if you'll please follow the prompts to
6 unmute by pressing star-6. One more time, caller with
7 the last four digits 7736, if you'll please follow the
8 prompts to unmute. I do apologize, 7736, there appears
9 to be some connectivity issue for you at the moment but I
10 do have you marked to retry. We will come back around.

11 Right now, we have 6625. If you'll please follow
12 the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is
13 yours.

14 MS. RUBIO: Hello, Commissioners. My name is
15 Jacqueline Rubio. I am a resident of Fresno County. I
16 appreciate you giving me an opportunity to share during
17 this historic redistricting event. I would like to
18 comment about Assembly, Senate, and congressional
19 district maps in my region. In the current assembly
20 district maps, the Central Unified community, which is
21 home to the largest Punjabi community in the region, is
22 being split.

23 Those of use just south of Shields would like to be
24 kept with the rest of our community in Assembly district
25 Merced-Fresno. I kindly ask the Commission to consider

1 moving the current line at Shields on 99 to be moved just
2 south to Clinton to keep so many of these traditional
3 communities of interest together.

4 In the senate district of Northwest Fresno, we would
5 like to have our Punjabi COI kept together in the area
6 along Herndon and the 99. We would like to see the small
7 region from the 99 to the train tracks be put in senate
8 district SBENFRESNO and not Senate District Fresno
9 current map.

10 For the congressional map, we would like to see
11 Selma, Kingsburg, and Fowler with the West Fresno area
12 since this is where we work and commute frequently.
13 These communities are very close and intertwined. We are
14 much closer to them as a community of interest than the
15 Tulare region. We would like our communities to be part
16 of the congressional district STAN-FRESNO_DRAFT map
17 rather than this congressional district
18 FRESNOTULARE_DRAFT map. Thank you, and have a happy
19 Thanksgiving.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 Right now, we will have caller 1750, and up next
22 after that is caller 8445. And I'd like to remind those
23 who have called in that have not spoken this evening, if
24 you do wish to given comment, please press star-9. This
25 will raise your hand, indicating you have comments.

1 Right now, we'll go to caller 1750. If you'll
2 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6.
3 The floor is yours.

4 MS. T. KAUR: Hi, Commissioners. Thank you so much
5 for allowing me to speak. My name is Taj Kaur (ph.) and
6 I live in Elk Grove. I'm a senior at Pleasant Grove High
7 School, and alongside my immediate family, my
8 grandparents and cousins also live in the Elk Grove and
9 Sacramento region. I'm born and raised here, and I would
10 like to make a comment on the congressional district.

11 We would like to see Elk Grove included in the
12 congressional district of Sacramento and have it loop
13 along and include the North and South Natomas since we
14 have overlapping communities of interest in the Punjabi
15 Sikh community. In fact, the current draft includes West
16 Sacramento, home to the oldest Gurdwara in the region,
17 and would like it to include Natomas since most
18 congregates live there.

19 This directly affects my family, friends, and
20 community. We need to keep the community together in
21 order to have the ability to create resources for the
22 Punjabi Sikh community. I would like to add that Punjabi
23 is one of the top five most spoken languages in the
24 region, so there is an urgency to keep the communities
25 together. Thank you.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
3 1171, and up next after that is caller 1541.

4 Caller 1171, if you'll please follow the prompts to
5 unmute by pressing star-6. Caller 1171, please follow
6 the prompts to unmute at this time. I do apologize,
7 caller 1171. There appears to be a connectivity issue
8 for you at the moment. We've got a couple of retries. I
9 will be coming back around.

10 Right now, we are going to caller 1541. If you'll
11 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6.
12 The floor is yours.

13 MR. J. SINGH: Hi, Commissioners. My name is Juju
14 Singh (ph.). I'm a Fresno County resident and
15 specifically reside in Southeast Fresno. As a Punjabi
16 Sikh and a community health worker, it is very important
17 to me that the Punjabi community gets a fair shot at
18 getting their voices heard. I would like to comment
19 about assembly, senate, and congress maps for the Fresno
20 region.

21 In the current Assembly district map, you are
22 splitting the Central Unified community that is also home
23 to the largest Punjabi community in the region. Those of
24 use that reside south of Shields would like to be kept
25 with the rest of our community in Assembly District

1 MERCEDFRESNO. We kindly ask the Commissioners to
2 consider moving a line currently at Shields on the 99
3 through south to Clinton to keep so many of these
4 traditional communities of interest together.

5 For the senate district in Northwest Fresno, we
6 would like to have our Punjabi communities of interest
7 kept together in the area along Herndon to 99. We would
8 like to see the small region from the 99 to the train
9 tracks to be kept in Senate District SBENFRESNO and not
10 Senate District FRESNO-KERN.

11 In regards to the congressional draft map, we would
12 like to see Selma, Kingsburg, and Fowler with the West
13 Fresno areas, since this is where we commute and work.
14 We are also closer to these communities of interest than
15 the Tulare region. We would also like our communities to
16 be part of the congressional district STAN-FRESNO rather
17 than the congressional district FRESNOTULARE_DRAFT map.
18 Thank you for your time.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
21 6534, and up next after that will be caller 5800.

22 Caller 6534, if you'll please follow the prompts to
23 unmute by pressing star-6. One more time, caller with
24 the last four -- oh, the floor is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello?

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello.

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Okay, great. Hi. My
3 name is Rahmat (ph.) and I'm a Punjabi Sikh who was born
4 and raised in Selma, California. I would like to comment
5 on the Fresno County mapping, specifically the
6 congressional map. I would love to see Selma, Kingsburg,
7 and Fowler with the West Fresno areas, since this is
8 where we work and commute. We are must closer to them as
9 our community of interest as the Punjabi Sikh community
10 than the Tulare region.

11 We would like our communities to be part of the
12 congressional district STAN-FRESNO_DRAFT map rather than
13 the congressional district FRESNOTULARE_DRAFT map. Thank
14 you so much, and have a great day.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have
17 caller 5800, and then up next after that will be caller
18 8445.

19 5800, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute.
20 The floor is yours. Caller 5800, you might want to
21 double-check and make sure your telephone is not on mute.

22 MS. FONG: Sorry my telephone was on mute. My
23 apologies if you hear the noise in the background.
24 Hello, Commissioners. My name is Simarin Fong (ph.) and
25 I really appreciate you guys giving me an opportunity to

1 share during this historic redistricting process. And
2 I'd like to make a comment on the Assembly, Senate,
3 Congress and on the Riverside region. I'd just like to
4 say that I appreciate the current draft maps in the area.
5 Thank you very much. Have a great day.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have
8 caller 8445, and then up next after that will be 6407.

9 Caller 8445, if you'll please follow the prompts to
10 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

11 MR. BROWN: Good evening. Thank you for taking the
12 time, guys, just before Thanksgiving. I know this is
13 hard work. I have two very quick comments that I need to
14 make.

15 First, I am Dan Brown, Chair of the Yolo County
16 Republican Party, 20,000 strong. And we are very
17 disappointed in your last map, including Napa into the
18 congressional district and taking out West Sacramento and
19 giving it to Sacramento. That is very disappointing.
20 Your very first map was excellent, taking the southern
21 part of Yolo County and going straight up to the Oregon
22 border. It worked extremely well for us because we are
23 very agricultural, and it was a perfect map.

24 This new map you've got -- I'm sorry -- is
25 absolutely wrong. The population does not like it. My

1 second comment is on the Assembly map for Irvine. The
2 area of Northern Irvine above Highway 5 freeway is really
3 different than the areas of Irvine closer to the airport
4 and UCI's main campus. Totally different demographics.
5 In Northern Irvine, residents have a lot of issues that
6 come with living next to the open space like the
7 Cleveland National Forest. Wildfire danger is a big
8 concern in that area, especially with the devastating
9 wildfires that came through about a year ago.

10 That's why I'd like to see a map that has those
11 foothill communities tied together so we can adequately
12 meet the dangers of wildfires and the insurance claims
13 headaches that come with it. Thank you, guys, for your
14 time and all your hard work. We greatly appreciate it.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and have a happy
16 Thanksgiving.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have
18 caller 6407, and then up next after that will be 4004.

19 6407, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute
20 by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

21 MR. T. SINGH: Hello, Commissioners. My name is
22 Tribhavan Singh. I'm a resident of Sutter County, and I
23 currently work as a health care worker. I appreciate you
24 giving me an opportunity to share during this historic
25 redistricting process. I would like to actually comment

1 about the Assembly maps in the San Joaquin County for my
2 family and friends.

3 We would appreciate the Assembly maps to keep Tracy
4 and Manteca together. Like my region, Sutter County, San
5 Joaquin County has a large Punjabi trucking community and
6 we would like to see if Manteca could find a home with us
7 in Tracy or the south with the assembly district in the
8 Stanislaus area. We think parts of North Stockton that
9 are more affluent may be better with the Northern San
10 Joaquin County district that goes into Sacramento County.
11 Thank you for your time, and have a happy Thanksgiving.
12 Bye.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and have a happy
14 Thanksgiving as well.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
16 4004, and up next after that will be caller 0859. And
17 following that, I will be going back to our several
18 retries we have going on.

19 Right now, we have 4004, if you'll please follow the
20 prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

21 MR. MANSOUR: Hello. Can you hear me?

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

23 MR. MANSOUR: Hi. Thank you, Commissioners. Thank
24 you for listening. My name is Jeff Mansour. I'm calling
25 about the State Senate district map in East County San

1 Diego. I've been living in El Cajon for thirty years.
2 I've been operating a business in El Cajon for the past
3 twenty years.

4 I served 1,500 business throughout San Diego in the
5 East County. I am the president of St. Mary's Foundation
6 of San Diego and a member of the Knights of Columbus and
7 I am assembling my community (audio interference). This
8 community consists of 70,000 people (audio interference)
9 Rancho San Diego, Spring Valley, Santee, Lakeside, and
10 Poway. We want our community members to stay together.

11 It is essential for us -- it is essential for us
12 that our community members stay together. We want our
13 voices to be heard and not have us broken apart. Please
14 keep our community together in the state senate map in
15 San Diego.

16 What they're offering right now is, you know, put us
17 in with downtown and Coronado, and that just doesn't make
18 sense for us. They are more of urban areas versus us in
19 the East County which are rural areas. So please keep us
20 together so that our community will work better. Thank
21 you so much. God bless you guys, and Happy Thanksgiving.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and happy Thanksgiving as
23 well.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we're going to
25 caller 0859, and then we'll go to caller 9650.

1 Caller 0859, if you'll please follow the prompts to
2 unmute by pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

3 MS. J. KAUR: Good evening, Commissioners. My name
4 is Jasmine Kaur (ph.) and I use she/her/hers pronouns.
5 I'm a resident of Sacramento County, and I appreciate you
6 giving me an opportunity to share during this
7 redistricting process.

8 I would like to comment about Congress in the
9 Sacramento region. We would like to see Elk Grove
10 included in the congressional district Sacramento and
11 have it loop along to include North and South Natomas
12 since we have overlapping communities of interest in the
13 Punjabi community. And in fact, the current draft
14 includes West Sacramento, home to the oldest Gurdwara in
15 the region, and would like it to include Natomas since
16 most congregates live there. I would like to highlight
17 that Punjabi is one of the top five most spoken languages
18 in the region. Thank you for your time.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will be
21 going to caller 9650. If you'll please follow the
22 prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

23 MR. BARNETT: Good evening. I'm George Barnett, an
24 elected member of the Alpine Community Planning Group,
25 which is a community council for Alpine in East San Diego

1 County. To my personal view, your assembly map AD_SESDC
2 collects most inland East San Diego County communities in
3 a way that really works, that retains a century of
4 commercial, educational, and cultural traditions and too
5 acknowledges our shared water, sewer, firefighting,
6 health care, and school district agencies.

7 Rather than combine rural San Diego County with
8 distant Imperial County, this map combines multiple rural
9 communities and their existing links with major inland
10 cities like Santee, Poway, and Escondido, as well as most
11 of El Cajon. These desirable district traits should
12 apply to the Senate district maps for District 38. Thank
13 you for pursuing this complex redistricting task, and
14 thank you for your very preserving and pleasant staff.
15 Thank you.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and thank you for your
17 comments. And have a happy Thanksgiving.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time, we have
19 gone through all of our hands, and I will be going back
20 to our retries. For those who have not spoken this
21 evening, if you do decide you would like to raise your
22 hand, please press star-9.

23 I do see that hand, caller 8947. I'm going to go
24 ahead and give a couple of our retries a try, and I'll be
25 back around to you.

1 Caller 1171, you were unable to unmute earlier. I'd
2 like to give you another shot. If you could please
3 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-6, as I'm
4 sure you have done. One last time, caller 1171, if you
5 are able to unmute, please press star-6. The floor is
6 yours. Now, double-check and make sure your phone is not
7 on mute. You are unmuted in the meeting.

8 Caller 1171, you are unmuted in the meeting. Just
9 double-check that phone. Make sure it's not mute. I'm
10 going to try one more -- oh, there you are. I do
11 apologize, 1171, for your technical difficulties. You
12 are unmuted in the meeting again if you are able to
13 unmute your phone.

14 Well, I do apologize, 1171. Please reach out to the
15 Commission in the many other ways listed on the website.

16 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, you're there.

18 Please, the floor is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: I'm sorry. Thank you
20 for your patience and waiting for me.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely.

22 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: My name's Judy (ph.).
23 I'm just calling in about the Orange County map for
24 Assembly. For some reason, the Commission placed Costa
25 Mesa in an inland district with cities that share nothing

1 in common. Costa Mesa belongs with its beach community
2 neighbors, Huntington Beach to the west and southwest,
3 and Newport Beach to the south.

4 Newport-Mesa Unified School District is one of the
5 best in Orange County, and it's a shame to see it in two
6 different Assembly districts. Although these are two
7 different cities, they share many commonalities and
8 demographics, which is why the school district was
9 created to serve both cities. Connecting Costa Mesa with
10 points north and limiting the city's ability to elect
11 effective representatives that don't come from our area
12 and understand our needs being from near the coast.

13 At the same time, Lake Forest is not a coastal city
14 and it doesn't make sense to be in a coastal district.
15 The Commission needs to look at this before the next maps
16 are drawn so that every city in Orange County can have a
17 fair and equitable presence with similar communities.
18 Thanks for your time and your patience waiting for me to
19 come on the line, and you all have a good Thanksgiving.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Have a good Thanksgiving as well, and
21 glad we were able to hear your comments.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we did get a
23 couple more hands, so we'll go to the hands and then
24 we'll go back to our retries.

25 Caller 8947, please follow the prompts to unmute by

1 pressing star-6. The floor is yours.

2 MR. STOODY: Hi. I'm Bob Stoody. I'm a longtime
3 resident of Ramona in East San Diego County, and I'm a
4 twenty-year board member and third Board President of the
5 Ramona Unified School District. I'm also on various San
6 Diego County community planning group committees for
7 Ramona. Additionally, I own a thirty-three-year-old
8 corporation that's conversely located in Logan Heights,
9 and that's connected to the Barrio Logan of Southeast San
10 Diego. As such, I've served as a president on the San
11 Diego City Enterprise Zone Advisory Committee.

12 On November 18th, the Ramona Unified School District
13 Board of Trustees unanimously approved a resolution to
14 declare that it is in the best overall interest of the
15 Ramona Unified students, families, and entire community
16 to remain as much as possible with the other rural
17 communities of interest that are currently combined as
18 part of East San Diego County. This resolution was
19 mailed to you last Friday, emailed through the portal.

20 The Senate district map SECA needs some adjustments,
21 as there are other ways to link parts of the Voting
22 Rights district. I understand that there is a need to
23 link parts of South San Diego to Imperial County, and I
24 don't know why this map doesn't pick up the heavily
25 Latino neighborhood south of Highway 94, where my company

1 is located in the City of San Diego, and shed some of the
2 rural parts of San Diego like Alpine, Ramona, Borrego
3 Springs to fit better with cities like Poway, Escondido,
4 Santee, and El Cajon.

5 Also, your recent Assembly map AD_SESDC connects
6 well in communities that work such as Alpine and
7 Bostonia. Keeping communities together in the interest
8 will empower our rural San Diego communities by allowing
9 them to elect representatives who will be the best
10 representation.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much for calling in, and
12 have a happy Thanksgiving.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time, we'll be
14 going to caller 2742, which is a retry, and then up next
15 after that will be caller 3865.

16 Caller 2742, if you'll please follow the prompts to
17 unmute. With any luck, it will work this time. The
18 floor is yours.

19 MS. S. KAUR: Hello. My name is Savreen Kaur (ph.).
20 I'm a resident of Elk Grove, and I wanted to comment on
21 the congressional district. I'd like to see Elk Grove
22 included in the Sacramento congressional district along
23 with North and South Natomas since we have overlapping
24 communities of interest in the Punjabi community,
25 especially since the current draft includes West

1 Sacramento which has the oldest Gurdwara in the region.
2 And I would like it to include Natomas since most
3 congregants live there. I'd also like to highlight that
4 Punjabi is one of the top five most spoken languages in
5 the region. Thank you for your time.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller
8 3865, and then up next after that will be the retry of
9 caller 7592.

10 Caller 3865, if you'll please follow the prompts to
11 unmute. The floor is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, my name is
13 Joseline (ph.) and I would like to speak on behalf of the
14 Assembly district of Fremont in the Alameda County. I
15 would like to see if Union City could be combined in the
16 Assembly district of Fremont since our communities of
17 interest, especially in the Punjabi community, are
18 closely tied. We all attend Fremont Gurdwara together
19 and we would like to be kept together. And we appreciate
20 the current Senate and congressional district draft maps
21 in our area. Thank you, and Happy Thanksgiving.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and Happy Thanksgiving as
23 well.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will go
25 ahead and retry caller 7592, and then up next after that

1 will be the retry of caller 7736.

2 Caller 5250 and caller 5716, you are the only
3 callers who have chosen not to speak this evening or
4 raise your hand. I will be giving you an opportunity to
5 speak but if you would like to give me a heads up and
6 press star-9, that'd be great.

7 Caller 7592, if you will please follow -- if it will
8 let you -- the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. Thank you for
10 coming back to me. The proposed Milpitas-Berryessa
11 congressional district seems to be worse than the current
12 Berryessa-Milpitas congressional district CD17. I do
13 understand that the district is overpopulated and would
14 need to have a reduction in its population.

15 Certain Asian majority areas have been removed while
16 other areas without an Asian majority or plurality have
17 been added. If I'm not mistaken, the overall Asian
18 percentage of this district -- I think it's known as
19 GREATERED and I think Sunny Berry (ph.) or Berry Sunny
20 (ph.), I think, but I may have that wrong.

21 And if I'm not mistaken, the overall Asian
22 percentage of this district is a few percentage points
23 lower than with CD17. The proportion of this proposed
24 district was in 101, 28, and 880, for example, downtown
25 San Jose, the Rose Garden neighborhood, and Burbank

1 census-designated place should not be part of this
2 district. Placing these areas into an Asian majority
3 congressional district is not a good idea.

4 Portions of West San Jose, especially west of
5 Saratoga Avenue or more of Fremont, would be a better fit
6 for this district. I hope to submit a congressional
7 redistricting plan which would transfer area among the
8 three proposed Santa Clara County congressional
9 districts, and I hope the Commission members will see
10 this plan.

11 I just want to say that in regards to Sutter County
12 district being in some of the San Gabriel communities, I
13 think have been put into a Hispanic majority district and
14 I hope that -- I know people have already commented in
15 regards to that. So hopefully, that situation can be
16 remedied.

17 And in regards to state assembly, I have looked at
18 having a Union City-Fremont assembly district, and that
19 district could stretch all the way to Barrios. And I may
20 submit -- in fact, I think I've already submitted --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your feedback.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will be
23 retrying caller 7736, and then up next after that will be
24 caller 5716. Thank you for that hand.

25 Caller 7736, if you will please follow the prompts

1 to unmute, as long as it will let you. One last time
2 caller -- oh, the floor is yours.

3 MS. NGUYEN: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name
4 is Gaye Nguyen (ph.) and I live in the Monterey Park City
5 in the San Gabriel Valley. I'm a retired professor of
6 multicultural education and I'm speaking to encourage the
7 keeping together of all the cities in the West San
8 Gabriel Valley.

9 I've been a resident of Monterey Park for over forty
10 years and I've raised my children here, and now, my
11 grandchildren are living here. I'm very familiar with
12 Monterey Park and other cities in the West San Gabriel
13 Valley. I know the city's demographic, from the
14 diversity of its residents, the languages they speak,
15 their education and income levels, their cultural
16 practices, and their lifestyles.

17 Together the cities of Monterey Park, Alhambra,
18 Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Temple City, and
19 Arcadia have significant AAPI populations and must remain
20 in the same congressional district. Our AAPI communities
21 have a strong cultural identity as well as strong working
22 ethics.

23 AAPI families like my family were able to settle in
24 these cities and were able to find a sense of belongings
25 and sought opportunities for their American dream. The

1 most recent visualization map splits apart our West San
2 Gabriel Valley cluster of cities. This would be a major
3 setback for us.

4 Separating our cities would be dividing the large
5 AAPI community with significant participation in the
6 political process especially in having their cities
7 represented by somebody who may not understand their
8 wants and needs. I urge that you keep our cities
9 together. Thank you very much. Happy Thanksgiving.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and Happy Thanksgiving.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have
12 caller 5716. If you'll please follow the prompts to
13 unmute, the floor is yours.

14 MR. MINTO: Good evening. I'm John Minto, the mayor
15 of the city of Santee. Thank you for taking my
16 testimony. The City of Santee provides services to all
17 citizens as one community. Additionally, the city
18 partners and collaborates with services throughout East
19 San Diego County.

20 The Santee community is integrally networked with
21 our regionwide communities of interest. These include
22 sharing interest of high school districts, community
23 college districts, water districts, advanced purification
24 projects, and that goes along with our Padre Dam -- and
25 Mr. Pommering represented them earlier -- our chambers of

1 commerce and economic development organizations, youth
2 sports, and even our CIF district, tribal nations such as
3 Barona, Viejas, Sycuan, and Jamul.

4 Santee shares East County San Diego interests for
5 regional shopping, roads and transportation concerns,
6 Wildland Urban Interface areas, Goodan Ranch, San Diego
7 River area, Mission Trails Regional Park, and even our
8 Airport Development Corporation, social services,
9 nonprofit groups, and historical backgrounds, and public
10 safety services such as our fire departments, CSA 69, and
11 that stands for the County Service Agreement.

12 I've got to tell you, after twenty-nine years as a
13 San Diego police officer, I've had the opportunity to
14 work in diverse communities. It is important to keep
15 these East County communities together. We are known for
16 our leadership training and our visionary social
17 services. We thank you for your consideration, and have
18 wonderful, happy holidays.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and have a happy holiday
20 as well.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we do have one
22 last caller that has not spoken. I'd like to give you an
23 opportunity to share with us. Caller 5250, if you wish
24 to give comment this evening, please press star-6. One
25 last time, caller 5250, if you wish to give comment,

1 please star-6. Well, I guess that was my answer.

2 We have completed our queue, Chair.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Katy.

4 And thank you, Commissioners.

5 And thank you to the hundreds of Californians who
6 have provided their testimony over the last couple of
7 days. You can continue to provide feedback via our
8 website at WeDrawTheLinesCA.org.

9 We will be meeting next week, starting on the 29th
10 during our business meeting, and we'll have a public
11 comments period as well. And after that, we will begin
12 working on visualizations starting on the 30th. Our
13 schedule can be found on our website.

14 We want to wish you a very, very merry Thanksgiving,
15 or happy Thanksgiving and merry holidays, and look
16 forward to your continued involvement in this process.
17 It's a very important process, and we thank you for
18 engaging with us during the holidays. Thank you so much.
19 And with that, we will adjourn this meeting.

20 (Whereupon, the Public Input Meeting meeting
21 adjourned at 5:36 p.m.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

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2 I do hereby certify that the testimony in the
3 foregoing hearing was taken at the time and place therein
4 stated; that the testimony of said witnesses were
5 reported by me, a disinterested person, and was under my
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8 And I further certify that I am not of counsel
9 or attorney for either or any of the parties to said
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11 cause named in said caption.

12 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
13 this 12th day of December, 2021.

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