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11:00 a.m.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. Today is our public input/line drawing meeting, where we'll be focusing on Los Angeles County, Orange County, and San Diego. With that, we'll -- Ravi, can you please take role.

MS. SINGH: Yes, Chair. Thank you.

Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

MS. SINGH: Commissioner Vasquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

MS. SINGH: Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

MS. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

MS. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MS. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen.

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Here.

MS. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

MS. SINGH: Commission Fornaciari.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

1 MS. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy.

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

3 MS. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

5 MS. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani. Commissioner
6 Sinay.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

8 MS. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor.

9 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

10 MS. SINGH: And Commissioner Toledo.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Present.

12 MS. SINGH: You have a quorum, Chair.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

14 So today, we'll be focusing on the Assembly,
15 specifically our regional focus is that of South and East
16 Los Angeles working Southward to Orange County and then
17 San Diego. Our focus will be and we'll start off with
18 the VRA district in Los Angeles County. Those -- those
19 districts will serve as an anchor. Each one of them
20 certainly will have an anchor of their own, but the
21 district themselves will serve as an anchor from which we
22 will -- we will work through the rest of that area.

23 We've allocated three hours for Los Angeles. We may
24 need a little bit more maybe, but we will be able to come

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1 back if we need to. We've allocated two hours for Orange
2 County and San Diego. We plan to take public comment at
3 5:30. We do have a lunch break between 2:15 and 3 p.m.

4 And -- and so we'll start with the VRA districts in
5 Los Angeles. So I'm going to ask Commissioner Fornaciari
6 to -- to -- who's been helping with -- with putting
7 together the framework for today, he and Commissioner
8 Sadhwani who will be joining shortly to -- to give us an
9 overview of the VRA districts with, of course, our VRA
10 council. And so may the line drawers please put up
11 the -- the map for -- for Los Angeles County.

12 Okay. So we have Los Angeles County in front of us.
13 Jaime, can you go over the VRA districts for us once
14 more?

15 MS. CLARK: Certainly. One moment, please.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're actually -- since we have Mr.
17 Becker on the line, maybe Mr. Becker can -- can give an
18 overview of this area for us from a VRA perspective.

19 MR. BECKER: Sure. What -- what we found is
20 applying the three Gingles preconditions, the first one
21 being that a minority is large enough and geographically
22 compact enough to form a majority in a district, and the
23 second and third being that the minority votes cohesively
24 to prefer particular candidates of choice and that the

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1 rest of the voters vote cohesively to oppose those same
2 candidates.

3 We found these yellow areas are areas of Voting
4 Rights Act concern, and they mainly are in the Eastern
5 part of Los Angeles County working towards the San
6 Bernardino and Riverside County lines and the Northern
7 part of Orange County and -- and the Santa Ana area,
8 which you see down there. Yeah, there you are.

9 And these are all Latino areas, with the exception
10 of the -- I want to make sure I get the name of it
11 right -- the West San Gabriel Valley, WESTSGV district,
12 which is an area where Asians meet the first Gingles
13 precondition. This is the only area where Asian voters
14 appear to meet all three Gingles preconditions, but they
15 do so very clearly here in this West San Gabriel Valley
16 area of Los Angeles County.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much. Commissioner
18 Sadhwani, do you want to give an overview? I know you've
19 been working very -- and -- and Commissioner Yee as well
20 have been working through the -- the VRA committee to --
21 to think through this area. Is there any -- any framing
22 that you would like to give the Commission at this point?

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, there is. I'm sure
24 that there is. Apologies. I'm running in from my other

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1 job.

2 Commissioner Toledo, have -- have -- you went
3 through generally the -- I had the run of show for today.
4 Would it be helpful if I also went through some of the
5 priorities that were identified yesterday, which -- in
6 which VRA was, of course, the number 1 concern?

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: (Audio interference). Sorry about
8 that. My mic was not off. That's exactly right. So if
9 you would go through the priorities. We just did the run
10 of show. We didn't go through the specifics.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. And was that -- was
12 that docu -- was that PowerPoint posted?

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: It has been. Yes, it's posted.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It has been. Very good.
15 Neal, do you by chance have that up? I apologize for my
16 not being entirely prepared here.

17 So there is a document then that should be posted
18 and in it, it -- it kind of gives -- through a run of
19 show for today as proposed, in any case. Of course, our
20 focus here is the Assembly starting in Los Angeles. I
21 really want Commissioners to focus here on what are the
22 priorities -- priority changes that you would like to
23 see.

24 Yesterday, we spent a couple of minutes going
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1 through, and every Commissioner had an opportunity to
2 share some of their top priorities. I was taking notes.
3 Chief Counsel Pane was taking notes. And what we
4 captured here is -- is in this document.

5 Almost all Commissioners said that VRA districts
6 were their -- were their -- were a top priority. So I
7 definitely want to focus us there today and really begin
8 to work out some of the kinks. In particular, there
9 were -- there was a lot of concern about the Gateway
10 cities, that we get those areas right, in addition to the
11 NELA district, which is not technically a VRA district,
12 but we've certainly received a lot of communities of
13 interest feedback on that area.

14 I have argued in the past that I think starting in
15 NELA makes a whole lot of sense. It's the central part
16 of -- really of Los Angeles County in many ways. And I
17 think the changes that we might want to incorporate in
18 NELA are going to have an enormous impact potentially on
19 some of the VRA districts there. So I would -- I would
20 push us to think about starting in the NELA area and --
21 and try and make the kinds of changes you want to see
22 there.

23 Lawndale and South L.A. was certainly identified as
24 an area. Also, again, non-VRA area. Not necessarily, in

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1 any case, a VRA area, but an area of -- of key interest
2 that Commissioners raised. And certainly a lot of
3 interest for the border between Los Angeles and Orange
4 County.

5 You can see here in the document, I had bolded VRA
6 districts NELA, Lawndale, South L.A., border between
7 L.A./OC. That's not to suggest that other areas that
8 were mentioned weren't of importance or anything like
9 that, but, for example, the West San Gabriel Valley was
10 identified specifically on the Congressional maps, and
11 today our focus is Assembly.

12 Simi Valley, Moorpark, San Fernando Valley is more
13 of that Northern portion of Los Angeles, and so I would
14 argue that we should not start there, but instead
15 start -- start in that Southern region because we're
16 going to be working our way further South.

17 Just to highlight, there were also -- there were
18 also pieces raised around Van Nuys and Sherman Oaks and
19 the POSO area, Malibu and the splits in West Hollywood.
20 My -- my sense is we should start with the NELA and the
21 VRA districts. NELA is kind of up against all of those
22 VRA districts, and so I think what we -- what we have in
23 that region will set off some ripple effects throughout
24 the rest of the map.

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1 Before we leave today, there's also a -- excuse
2 me -- a slide for the Southern California priorities as
3 well. So please take a look at that as we continue to
4 move further South. Before we leave today, I think
5 what's really important is that we identify the key
6 changes that we have all agreed upon, some of that which
7 we are going to do live here today, but also document a
8 list of priorities.

9 The way that we anticipated this -- this process to
10 work was that Jaime and Sivan are key mappers for Los
11 Angeles and the rest of Southern California will go back
12 tomorrow and will be working off-line behind the scenes
13 on whatever our priority list is that we don't get done
14 today.

15 So to the extent that as Commissioners, if we can
16 clearly articulate and identify what kinds of changes we
17 want to see and have general agreement from all
18 Commissioners that this is a priority that we want Jaime
19 and Sivan to work on, that's a key piece, unlike the
20 visualization process that we were doing earlier on where
21 Commissioners would all give their own personal
22 priorities and then it would lead to maps with all sorts
23 of changes that we didn't necessarily agree -- agree with
24 here.

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1 Here, I think to be efficient with our time, I would
2 ask that we -- that we really think about -- about what
3 it is that we can all agree upon and send Jaime off with
4 that list. And Commissioner Fornaciari and I will try
5 our best to the bullet point those as we did yesterday,
6 and we can review them at the end of the day before we go
7 to public comment.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Excellent.

9 Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Anything you would add, Commissioner
12 Yee?

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Nothing except perhaps some more
14 attention to the San Fernando Valley. I know that didn't
15 come up yesterday in people's punch lists, but it has
16 come up in the past. So that's all.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

18 So Commissioner Sadhwani, just thinking about these
19 priorities, are the ones that are -- and I'm -- I'm
20 asking because I'm not clear right now. Are the ones
21 that are bolded the -- the ones that rose to the top? We
22 have the VRA districts NELA, Lawndale, South L.A., border
23 between Los Angeles and Orange County. Is that -- is
24 that why they're bolded?

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1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, that's correct. And as
2 you can see, I identified the Commissioners who mentioned
3 them in their -- in their two minutes of priorities. A
4 lot of Commissioners also said, I agree with everything
5 that's been said, so it might -- it might be even higher
6 than this. I did my best to capture it, and my apologies
7 if I didn't get everyone's completely to the tee, but I
8 was -- I was doing the best with -- with the two minutes
9 that -- that people had to share.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. And I take it the -- the
11 recommendation from the Committee is to -- to start with
12 the VRA districts. Is that correct?

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's correct. That's
14 correct.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So we just did a overview of
16 the VRA districts. Thanks to -- to you and Mr. Becker.
17 So with that, we'll go into closed session to review
18 our -- our VRA strategy, and then come back -- under the
19 litigation exception, and then come back to -- to the
20 public and -- and provide an update on that.

21 So with that, we will recess to closed session.

22 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 11:13 a.m.
23 until 12:55 p.m.)

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
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1 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We are in -- we're
2 coming back from closed session under the pending
3 litigation exception. No actions were taken. We are
4 going to be going on to the Los Angeles region. If we
5 can get the map up. Excellent. We have it.

6 And so we will be starting with the NELA area which
7 abuts a VRA district, or districts, I should say, and
8 does have VRA considerations. With that, we will begin
9 the process of going through the -- the visualization
10 feedback.

11 Is there any Commissioner that has feedback on this
12 area at this point, in terms of the NELA district?

13 Commissioner Sadhwani.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thanks, Chair. Yeah.
15 I'm -- I'm glad we're starting here because I think this
16 NELA district, it is right up against all of these VRA
17 districts, and so I think as we continue to think about
18 our VRA considerations in other areas of -- of Los
19 Angeles County, I think this is a really great place to
20 start.

21 Certainly throughout the -- the -- this whole year,
22 right, from summer, and certainly in response to the
23 draft maps, we've heard a lot of communities of interest
24 testimony in this region. And so in -- in this area,

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1 I -- I would be curious to hear what others are thinking,
2 but certainly I wanted to uplift some of the testimony
3 that we've received from Eagle Rock and Glassell Park
4 wanting to be a part of this district. And I -- I'd love
5 to be able to explore options for bringing those into the
6 NELA district.

7 I think that if we were to pursue that, it -- it
8 certainly would put us way overpopulation. This
9 district's already somewhat overpopulated, so I think we
10 need to start to explore what would come out. I know in
11 the past, and I think this was my own -- my own
12 preference, was keeping Boyle Heights and East L.A.
13 together.

14 But I think that there's -- that -- that we had also
15 heard testimony from -- just in the last couple of weeks
16 about the possibility of -- of wanting to decouple
17 those -- those two -- two regions. And I think that
18 would be an -- an option to explore, but I'd be curious
19 to hear others' thoughts if we were to move in that
20 direction.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Any other feedback on this area?
22 Okay. I think I'm hearing that consensus in the room.
23 Commissioner Sadhwani, could you please create a
24 direction on this?

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1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Direction on this area for us to --

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure, sure. If there's no
4 other conversation, yes. You know, I -- I -- I think for
5 me, what I would like to see is -- is what would happen
6 if we started to move Eagle Rock and Glassell Park into
7 the NELA district, and then what -- you know, perhaps
8 Jaime, I know you've -- you've had hundreds of hours
9 working on this map. I'd be curious to get some of your
10 thoughts on -- on areas that we might want to explore to
11 remove.

12 Certainly I want to be cautious and conscious of the
13 communities of interest testimony we've received in other
14 areas. I think in this -- in this region, you know,
15 we're certainly right up against to the East some of
16 the -- the COIs that we've heard from the LGBTQ+
17 communities as we move further South.

18 There's been a number of -- of -- of COI inputs
19 surrounding school districts and other historic
20 communities that are -- are connected through economic --
21 their economic and socioeconomics and other access to
22 services that have been mentioned. So I -- I'd love to
23 just kind of explore how to -- how to -- what -- what the
24 impact of -- of making that change would be.

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1 I'll also just raise, you know, just to the -- to
2 the West -- excuse me, East of this district, we're
3 obviously up against our one VRA district where we have
4 an obligation for the Asian-American community. I
5 would -- I -- I'd be curious to hear others' thoughts on
6 that district. To me, that's looking pretty good, pretty
7 solid. So I would want to make sure that we keep that
8 intact.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So your direction at this
10 point is to add Eagle Rock to the -- to the NELA. Is
11 that correct?

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And -- and Glassell Park.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: And Glassell Park.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And those are both -- both
15 neighborhoods of the City of Los Angeles, and it would
16 make sense to have them included in the NELA district and
17 then possibly removing Boyle Heights, maybe even portions
18 of South -- South -- like, that Southern region of
19 downtown L.A. And -- and I think we'll have to think
20 through how to -- how to take those out, and I -- I'd be
21 curious to hear Jaime's thoughts on some possibilities
22 there.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Jaime, do you have any feedback on
24 that, or any thoughts on -- on the impacts?

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1 MS. CLARK: Yes. Thank you.

2 So this Southern area of the NELA district is where
3 there's higher population density. So if we were talking
4 about removing Boyle Heights and, you know, some Southern
5 parts of downtown Los Angeles, absolutely there would be
6 room in terms of population for Eagle Rock and Glassell
7 Park.

8 I do believe you would have to incorporate some
9 other areas as well. And just sort of looking at, of
10 course, city boundaries and just the location of other
11 areas. You know, potentially moving Silver Lake in or
12 other areas sort of on this Northwestern boundary of the
13 NELA district as -- as Commissioner Sadhwani mentioned,
14 sort of to the South and East up against areas that are
15 currently the Commission is looking at VRA considerations
16 in those areas.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: The inclusion of Silver Lake
18 would make total sense to me but would be really curious
19 to hear what other Commissioners think.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's hear from Commissioner Kennedy,
21 Sinay, and then we'll come back.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I think it
23 was fairly early in the process where I was looking at
24 East Los Angeles as potentially a -- a Northern anchor

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1 for what I was calling a 710 corridor district. And I do
2 see some -- some linkages between East L.A. and the area
3 to the South.

4 Now, we've got -- we've got both the 5 corridor
5 district and the Gateway cities district sitting in -- in
6 what I had initially envisioned as a 710 corridor. So
7 I -- I'm -- I guess the -- the most logical at this point
8 would be to see if it helps us at all to put East Los
9 Angeles in the 5 corridor district and be able to rotate
10 any population from there to elsewhere.

11 As far as downtown, we have heard community of
12 interest testimony suggesting that we look at taking all
13 of downtown or -- or at least part of downtown and
14 joining that to, I guess, it was the 110 corridor
15 district. So you know, that I would be supportive of as
16 long as we're not breaking up too many other communities
17 of interest.

18 I'm -- I'm -- I would have to say, and I've -- I've
19 spoken before, that I think Silver Lake probably should
20 be grouped with Hollywood and West Hollywood. I'm
21 opening to hearing -- open to hearing others' thoughts,
22 but that's my initial take on that. Thank you.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

24 Commissioner Sinay.

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1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks. You know, we did
2 receive a -- a significant amount of input recently
3 around kind of NELA and -- and -- and some ideas, and it
4 was -- what I appreciated from the input was the
5 diversity of players who -- who kind of -- who engaged
6 showing that there was some consensus among the
7 neighbors.

8 And the idea was, as you were saying, kind of East
9 L.A. being an anchor and going North, you know, El
10 Sereno, Highland Park, Mount Washington, Cypress Park,
11 Elysian Valley, which I think -- I believe is all in that
12 district already, and then adding, as you said, Eagle
13 Rock and -- and Glassell Park, but also Taylor Yard.

14 According, you know to the -- to -- to the COIs,
15 they were kind of looking at the Southern border of
16 Glendale. That -- from the 2 to 5 to the 110 to the 134,
17 but I'm not sure what I meant by 2. Is there a 2 out
18 there? Yeah. I'm, like, somewhere along on my notes, I
19 messed up, I think.

20 MS. CLARK: The 2 freeway runs --

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. so there is a 2
22 freeway. Whew. Okay. So anyway, that was kind of the
23 notes I took from -- from all the COIs in that area.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

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1 Any other comments on this area? So for this
2 district, the NELA district, Commissioner Turner.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, no. I was going to ask
4 can we start seeing what those numbers look like if we
5 can start? Because I heard we're interested in starting
6 East Los Angeles and going up. We heard Eagle Rock and
7 Glassell Park, which I'm interested in, but we also heard
8 perhaps maybe Glassell Park with Hollywood. So if we
9 start looking at some of the numbers and see how it
10 begins to change, we can kind of know, you know, what we
11 can do.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: And are we --

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Silver Lake --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- able to get data on --

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'm sorry. Silver Lake --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- on this --

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- would probably work.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Jaime?

19 MS. CLARK: Yeah. Just -- just a moment while I
20 explore those changes, please.

21 So the area that's selected right now is just the
22 neighborhood council areas for Eagle Rock and Glassell
23 Park. It is about 56,000 people. And then, again, sort
24 of depending on what areas you are looking to move out of

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1 NELA, then this is not enough population to have -- to
2 have, like, a equal -- equal-ish change in terms of
3 deviation.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: How much -- how many people are in
5 the Boys -- in the Boyles area?

6 MS. CLARK: One moment. I can pull that up, but I
7 need to remove this selection and -- and grab that for
8 you. So one moment, please.

9 So the area that's selected, which does have a
10 little bit of population up here, so not quite the Boyle
11 Heights exact neighborhood council boundary, but I can
12 adjust it as needed, of course. But the highlighted area
13 is just shy of 84,000. So it's -- it's 83,915.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Turner, do you have your
15 hand up? Okay.

16 Commissioner Yee.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Just rolling back a bit, I wanted
18 to affirm Commissioner Sadhwani's -- I just wanted to --
19 Commissioner Sadhwani's question about the WESTSGV VRA
20 district, and affirming, yes, I think that looks good.
21 Probably want to keep that pretty much the way it is. If
22 we do make these changes to NELA, I would be interested
23 in possibly being able to combine Little Tokyo,
24 Chinatown, Koreatown, Thaitown. Thank you.

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1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

2 Does the data pic -- Commission Sadhwani.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I was just going
4 to -- a question for Jaime. I mean, I think in response
5 to Commissioner Yee, can you envision a way of doing --
6 making -- removing Boyle Heights? It looks like we would
7 still need more population if we were going to get Eagle
8 Rock into the NELA district.

9 If we started taking from downtown Los Angeles, are
10 there ways that we could do that that could potentially
11 also respect as many of those AAPI COIs as possible? I
12 know you've looked at the AAPI COIs in the past. I --
13 I -- I think I put you on the spot at one point asking
14 for this same file, so I -- I know you're familiar with
15 those.

16 MS. CLARK: I will turn on those COI layers in this
17 area so we can all take a look together. So let me look
18 at my long list of layers here.

19 Okay. So right now, in blue, turning on Thaitown.
20 In green, Chinatown. This purple one is Historic
21 Filipinotown. In red, I'm going to -- I'm going to clear
22 the selection so it's easier to see. In red, this is
23 Little Tokyo. And, of course, here in pink is Koreatown.

24 Thinking about these changes, I think that trying to

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1 unify Little Tokyo and Chinatown together with Koreatown
2 and Historic Filipinotown potentially triggers, like, a
3 really big redraw of not just sort of these -- these
4 districts that we're looking at, but potentially --
5 potentially a much larger redraw that I think could
6 potentially impact the South Bay areas, South L.A.,
7 potentially Long Beach, just if we're -- mostly -- and --
8 and of course, there would potentially be some wiggle
9 room here in the Gateway areas.

10 I think that with a change that is being discussed
11 just for the NELA district in terms of moving areas from
12 the Glendale-based district into L.A., it would certainly
13 be possible to keep -- to still keep Filipinotown and
14 Koreatown together, to keep Little Tokyo and Chinatown
15 together. I don't know that it would be possible to
16 unify all of them just because the population here in the
17 NELA district really is down here South of -- excuse
18 me -- South of the 10, and then also sort of right here.
19 This is really, like, the most densely populated area
20 in -- in this district.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum. Thank you, Jaime.
22 Commissioner Sadhwani?

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I was just going to
24 ask Commissioner -- so it seems, though -- as though,

1 even in our draft maps, we have divided some of those --
2 those COIs but kept some together, right? They're --
3 they're not all -- all -- not all -- what was there was
4 four of them are not all in one district. But perhaps if
5 we can do this in a way that continues to maintain
6 keeping together, I think, Commissioner Yee, did you say
7 Chinatown and -- and Little Tokyo together?

8 You know, I -- I think maybe keeping them with Boyle
9 Heights, if we -- if we end up removing those areas,
10 could -- could be a reasonable -- a reasonable
11 compromise. And -- and I was going to ask, you know, I
12 don't recall in the last -- since the draft maps have
13 come out, we've gotten a lot of COI testimony from AAPI
14 communities.

15 In other parts of this -- the map, I don't
16 specifically remember a whole lot in these downtown ones,
17 although it looks like Commissioner Sinay has other --
18 has -- has -- has -- might have -- have some pieces on
19 that.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. What we have heard, and
22 it was from the same group of people who had submitted
23 kind of this -- this desire to have Boyle Heights and
24 East L.A. kind of be anchors for different districts, not

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1 be in the same district, was that -- and this was -- you
2 know, I think it was specifically Koreatown, and -- and
3 they also had called in saying we don't necessarily need
4 to be kept all -- all of us together, but don't split us,
5 meaning don't split Koreatown, don't split Little Tokyo,
6 because that's what's happened in the past.

7 So they want their community to stay whole and if
8 possible, you know, bring them all together, but not at
9 the expense of -- of this request -- you know, this
10 community request of looking at how can we kind of change
11 the NELA district. I hope that makes sense.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I think so. So then
13 it seems like that would probably make sense if Eagle
14 Rock, Glassell Park came into NELA, Boyle Heights, and
15 that downtown L.A., including Chinatown, Little Tokyo,
16 potentially gets removed.

17 And then, Jaime, I know that's going to set off a
18 whole lot of other -- other ripples.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: So Commissioner Sadhwani and Ms.
20 Clark, we're still missing about 50,000 people if I -- if
21 we -- where would you -- where would you advise
22 identifying those -- those communities to add into this
23 district?

24 MS. CLARK: I don't know if that was for me or not,

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2 CHAIR TOLEDO: For -- for both Commissioner Sadhwani
3 and -- and yourself. Any suggestions on what -- what
4 areas to -- to add into this district? We've heard a
5 little bit about downtown and also some of the challenges
6 around that. Any other suggestions you might have?

7 MS. CLARK: Actually, a question that I have is if
8 we're talking about keeping Chinatown and Little Tokyo
9 together and then removing them, that again is a lot of
10 the population of this district.

11 I'm wondering the Commission's thoughts on still
12 keeping those together, but sort of keeping them with the
13 NELA-based district and, you know, and up -- up to you,
14 of course, and just kind of thinking through the
15 population changes that would be required to make
16 something like that happen.

17 If you were to remove Boyle Heights and then part of
18 downtown L.A., not including -- not including Little
19 Tokyo, then -- then I think Eagle Rock, Glassell Park,
20 and then some areas here. Silver Lake potentially would
21 fit. There also was a question about Taylor Park and
22 maybe exploring moving areas of Glendale in, and I think
23 that that -- that would be, you know, up -- up to the
24 Commission's discretion.

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1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

2 Commissioner Sinay, then Commissioner Sadhwani,
3 and -- and hopefully we'll reach a level of direction so
4 that -- that we can come back with visualizations
5 tomorrow.

6 Commissioner Sinay?

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, I was just going to re-
8 bring up what I -- what I -- I looked up Silver Lake, and
9 most of the COI testimony we've received for Silver Lake
10 is similar to -- is what Commissioner Kennedy said, you
11 know, to -- to keep it with East Hollywood. The -- so my
12 thought was to look at exploring the part that's South of
13 Glendale, kind of that funky triangle to add more.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.
15 Commissioner Sadhwani?

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I -- I would
17 definitely be open to exploring that and/or Silver Lake,
18 right? Like, Silver Lake and Echo Park have a whole lot
19 in common. Eagle Rock and -- and Glendale South -- South
20 of the 134 have a lot in common. So -- so I think either
21 way would -- both could -- could make sense in such a
22 district.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's -- let's --

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And I get the question is,
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1 Chair, do you want to have Jaime start making these
2 changes now and then we'll see where it takes us on -- in
3 the rest of the map?

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let -- let's just do it now if --

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- if it -- if it can be done and
7 then -- and see if we can solidify this a little bit more
8 because this, I think, will impact the other maps.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, exactly. And I -- I
10 think that that's going to set up a whole bunch of
11 changes then that we're going to have to deal with in --
12 in other areas. So we could potentially work our way
13 through some of that now, and then if there's -- if it
14 comes to things like deviation being a little bit off, I
15 mean, I think those are the kinds of things Jaime could
16 work on tomorrow. Unless, of course, we make a huge mess
17 of things, but hopefully we're not going to do that. I
18 see these as -- as minor refinements.

19 MS. CLARK: I wonder if it would help the Commission
20 to sort of -- like, if I zoom out the map and talk about
21 maybe -- like, because right -- right now, thinking about
22 these changes based on all of your criteria, I would
23 envision this impacting these five districts, the NELA,
24 Glendale, West Side, potentially 110 L.A. and the North

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1 of 10 district.

2 So if I could maybe walk through what some of
3 those -- what some of those changes would be, and then
4 the Commission could decide if that's something that I
5 should do or, like, that you want to look at and see
6 happen live right now, or if that's something that could
7 be done, you know, overnight, basically for -- so if that
8 sounds okay, then I will talk about what some of that
9 could be. So --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, please.

11 MS. CLARK: -- for the -- thank you so much. So for
12 the NELA district, right now we're discussing removing
13 Boyle Heights and Southern areas of downtown Los Angeles.
14 To make up for that population, moving areas from the
15 Glendale area -- or excuse me -- the Glendale-based
16 district, so that would be moving in Eagle Rock and
17 Glassell Park and then either sort of Southern parts of
18 Glendale or Silver Lake. Then this GLENNLA -- Glendale,
19 North L.A. district -- would be underpopulated.

20 Thinking about other considerations that the
21 Commission has -- or other -- other sort of priorities or
22 wishes that the -- the Commission has expressed in the
23 past, for example, keeping Mulholland as a boundary
24 between San Fernando Valley and the rest of L.A.

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1 Then a suggestion or a -- an option that I think
2 would maintain that boundary would be pulling population
3 from the West Side District into Glendale/L.A. So kind
4 of zooming in to that would be maybe West Hollywood and
5 Beverly Hills. There's also an LGBTQ COI in this area
6 the Commission has expressed interest in maintaining.
7 Just putting that out there. Yeah. Then the West Side
8 district would be underpopulated.

9 Here, there would be a decision point, and I would
10 love to hear from the Commission on this whether then to
11 sort of move population into the West Side district from
12 this N10 district. That would be Mid-city, Pico, Mid-
13 city West. Previously -- in previous visualizations,
14 when Pico has been with West Side areas, the Commission
15 has expressed dissatisfaction with that.

16 So the other option could be to add Culver City and
17 Palms just by virtue of location into the West Side
18 District. Culver City has been an area that the
19 Commission in the past has said -- or has -- has -- it
20 seems like has potentially considered, like, okay to go
21 with the West Side, that other cities in the West Side
22 district -- there's also COI testimony that kind of links
23 Culver City with -- with Venice and Del Ray.

24 And then that sort of leaves wiggle room for the
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1 Boyle Heights/downtown area that we remove from the --
2 from the NELA area. That could go probably just again by
3 virtue of contiguity with this 110 L.A. district, and
4 then population could be balanced sort of between these
5 three districts, the NELA, North 10, and 110 L.A.

6 And I believe that that would -- I -- so I think
7 that it could be complicated to get them all, like,
8 perfectly balanced live. And so that's something, of
9 course, I could do off-line. But right now, just sort of
10 thinking about -- thinking about this area, what the
11 Commission has -- like, the interest of the Commission as
12 you've expressed it in the past and as you're currently
13 expressing it, I think that that -- that is -- that's
14 sort of what this trade would -- or the population trade-
15 offs would look like.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's very helpful, Jaime. Thank
17 you.

18 Commissioner Sinay.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Looking at the Boyle Heights as
20 an anchor, and you had said putting it with the 110?
21 Is -- because originally that -- I mean, what the --
22 the -- the COI testimony was -- that we've received was
23 kind of taking Boyle Heights kind of going to Pico-Union
24 and then going to South L.A. And I don't know if

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1 that's -- that's breaking up too many -- too many -- you
2 know, if that works that way or it's better to go the --
3 in the other direction. So I just wanted to check --
4 check that since that was kind of what the community had
5 asked.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Jaime, do you have any feedback on
7 that?

8 MS. CLARK: I think that an iteration like that
9 could be possible. I can't off the top of my head say
10 exactly what the population trade-off would be. So just
11 sort of thinking that through, it would be -- is Boyle
12 Heights and then downtown L.A. area to connect with the
13 N10 district, then I think that some of this area, the,
14 like, Mid-City West, maybe Greater Wilshire, would need
15 to also maybe be moved out because, again, these -- the
16 areas that I'm waving my hand right now -- it's like
17 Boyle Heights, downtown L.A., Pico-Union, Mid-city, Pico.
18 These are some of the most densely populated areas in Los
19 Angeles County.

20 So it would mean -- yeah. I can't -- I can't say
21 right now what the -- what the population trade would be
22 then to balance between the N10 and the 110 L.A. given
23 the other changes that I just sort of discussed.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sadhwani.

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1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I was just going to
2 ask -- I believe we've also had COI testimony, though,
3 that would -- that -- that has linked downtown L.A. and
4 in particular the Skid Row area of downtown L.A. with
5 South Central. So I -- I think it can make a lot of
6 sense if -- if that region goes towards that 110 -- what
7 is currently that 110 district as well. So I think I
8 (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: So -- so I do think -- I hear Jaime's
10 concerns about if we start making changes here, we're
11 going to have deviation problems throughout the map,
12 but -- but that's actually part of the process, right?
13 We're going to have -- we're going to -- the refinements
14 are going to have impacts across the map and we'll have
15 to think through that. So maybe if we figure out --
16 maybe if we started line-drawing here and then see what
17 those implications are and -- and -- and work through
18 those as we -- as we go.

19 So Commissioner Sadhwani, I think you had the
20 direction to add or to -- you know, to add --

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yep.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- certain sections. Can you
23 please --

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. I agree --

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1 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- give that --

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So I think --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- direction?

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I -- I think that if we can
5 start making these changes because also on the priority
6 list that folks had identified were, you know, the VRA
7 districts further -- further South from here, the Gateway
8 cities.

9 And I'd want to get a sense of what some of these
10 changes are going to look like, even if they're -- even
11 if they're a little bit choppy right now. And then,
12 Jaime, if you -- if you feel like if it's feasible or
13 reasonable to -- to do kind of a rough -- a rough
14 refinement of these areas today live, and then we can --
15 you could always go ahead and do the cleanup tomorrow.

16 But just so that we have a sense of what we're
17 working with once it comes to re -- renegotiating or
18 rethinking some of the -- if we're going to work on VRA
19 districts, if we're going to work on Gateway communities,
20 if we're going to working in -- in the L.A./OC border,
21 which Commissioners all identified as priorities, I think
22 it would make sense to spend some time now and do these
23 changes so that we can better understand what we have to
24 work with in other parts of L.A. County.

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1 So I think the first change is, yes, if -- if
2 there's agreement from everyone of making this change of
3 Eagle Rock and Glassell Park. I might say for now to --
4 to do Silver Lake only because it's actually a part of
5 the City of Los Angeles, and then it gets to -- we get to
6 keep the City of Glendale whole. And if people are
7 comfortable with it, perhaps Jaime could explore breaking
8 up Glendale as an option off-line. Would that --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So --

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Would that be reasonable?

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: So in terms of adding these --
12 because that's -- that's -- that's a direction, adding
13 these two communities. Is everyone in agreement with
14 adding these Eagle Rock and Grissel Park (sic)?

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Glassell.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Glassell. Thank you.

17 I'm seeing no opposition at this point to exploring
18 this option, and that's what we're agreeing to. We're
19 agreeing to explore the option. All right. Let's --
20 let's add that to -- to -- to this district.

21 And then further direction, Commissioner Sadhwani?

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I would say for now, and
23 I -- and I hear the -- the back and forth on Silver Lake
24 versus Glendale. I would say for now is an exploration.

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1 Let's add Silver Lake. And if we're comfortable having
2 Jaime explore Glendale off-line. I think it also meets
3 that criteria of not splitting cities where possible
4 because Glendale is a separate city from the City of Los
5 Angeles whereas Silver Lake is a neighborhood within the
6 City of Los Angeles.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Taylor while -- while
8 we're line-drawing.

9 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. I -- I agree with
10 Commissioner Sadhwani. And I think I would -- based on
11 COI testimony and -- and transportation hubs, especially
12 since we have that 134/2 corridor that Glendale South of
13 the 2 is a similar community as -- community of interest
14 as Glassell Park.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I -- I agree with that
17 completely, Commissioner Taylor. I mean, do you feel
18 comfortable with just for today keeping Silver Lake but
19 then potentially having Jaime explore the -- the South
20 Glendale area off-line? Would that be --

21 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: . Ye -- yes, I do.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. Perfect.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So we'll capture that. And
24 then any communities to remove, Commissioner Sadhwani?

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1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And -- and then I think the
2 removal -- and Jaime, you tell me how the mapping system
3 works. If it's better to now deal with the GLENNLA at
4 this point or if it's better to deal with the -- like,
5 removing Boyle Heights and that downtown Los Angeles part
6 that we --

7 MS. CLARK: I think that -- you know, for example,
8 if I was doing this off-line at home, I would probably
9 deal with the, like, Glendale one and then --

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it.

11 MS. CLARK: -- kind of go from there, personally.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. So -- so -- so let's
13 do that, and we'll know that we're -- the goal is to get
14 to Boyle Heights and -- and downtown L.A. remove --
15 removed from the NELA district.

16 MS. CLARK: Right. And -- and with the knowledge
17 that if there are any glaring deviation issues, and
18 that's something I can work on off-line --

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Perfect.

20 MS. CLARK: -- to kind of clean up any --

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

22 MS. CLARK: -- anything.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And I think here you had
24 suggested that this would be an opportunity to bring West

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1 Hollywood in with Hollywood and Beverly Hills. Is that
2 correct? And -- and I think the nice part about that is
3 that -- is that it is, you know, in conjunction with --
4 oh sorry, my lights just went off here -- in conjunction
5 with communities of interest testimony that we've
6 received.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Just want to hear from other
8 Commissioners as we work through this. Let's see, we
9 have -- Commissioner Taylor, do you have your hand
10 raised?

11 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I do not. I'll lower it.
12 Thank you.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you.

14 Commissioner Fernandez. And also I'm curious to
15 hear from Commissioner Vazquez, too, and Akutagawa and
16 others.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, I did -- Commissioner
18 Sadhwani just brought up one of -- one of my higher
19 priorities was West Hollywood to unite that with
20 Hollywood. So if that's possible, that would be great.
21 Thank you.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

23 Commissioner Akutagawa.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry. I want to go
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1 into -- I guess I want to just ask a different question.
2 I know that the conversation has been about removing
3 Boyle Heights, but I don't recall hearing anyone say
4 anything about possibly removing East L.A. instead, and
5 perhaps looking at pairing East L.A. with the -- with
6 either the Gateway cities or -- or -- or the 5 corridor
7 cities. Is that -- is that -- is that something that
8 would be -- could be an option?

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: At this point, we're visualizing, so
10 it -- it certainly could be an option if we're -- if --
11 if -- if visualization allows. Commissioner La Mons.

12 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I just wanted to
13 support starting with Glendale and -- and potentially
14 being able to add the West Hollywood back in -- well, not
15 back in, but in with the communities to the West. So I
16 like this direction that we're going in. Maybe if we
17 could try it and not go off in another direction before
18 we try it, that would be great.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

20 That's -- that's great. And that's helpful. So
21 let's go back to that area and -- and incorporate those
22 communities if we have consensus.

23 MS. CLARK: So this change which would be moving
24 West Hollywood and Beverly Hills into the Glendale-based

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1 district, the Glendale-based district would still be
2 underpopulated. It would be almost negative seven
3 percent deviation. If the Commission wishes, I can make
4 this change and, you know, look -- look at it later or,
5 you know, work it out now, whatever is your preference.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's -- let's hear from
7 Commissioner Sinay.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I do think that -- that change
9 is good. I just wanted to remind us that we started with
10 using East L.A. as the anchor for this district and the
11 changes based on significant community of interest input
12 that we receive from throughout San Diego, and also, you
13 know, that Glendale should be part -- you know, with the
14 Wilshire District.

15 And so this is a lot of different COIs, but I don't
16 want to -- I want to just address what Commissioner
17 Akutagawa said is that we purposely have chosen this --
18 this going North for East -- East L.A. because that's
19 what the community had asked us to explore. Well, they
20 didn't ask us to explore. They asked us to do it, but
21 we're exploring. And then Boyle Heights going East. And
22 that was part of a full request.

23 If we do this, Jaime, is it possible -- you had
24 mentioned the Mulholland Drive line, the infamous line,

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1 would that help us be able to improve that or we still
2 need to think through other parts for that?

3 MS. CLARK: For Assembly, the border currently is on
4 Mulholland, so -- and it would not -- it would not
5 impact -- this change would not impact that.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. You know, I read COI
9 testimony, one, that said Beverly Hills with this GLENNLA
10 district is not a good -- I mean, completely polar
11 opposite types of COIs.

12 I did also read COI testimony that it -- while it
13 would break up the San Fernando Valley a little bit,
14 that -- the greater Toluca Lake in Studio City -- City
15 neighborhoods could be and would be also another option
16 potentially that would unite an LGBT COI and as well as
17 including West Hollywood in -- in this district would be
18 a way to unite some LGBT COIs based on some of the COI
19 testimony that I read.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

21 All right. So in this area, we're incorporating --
22 so at this point, we have highlighted Beverly Hills.

23 MS. CLARK: Yes. And West Hollywood.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: And West Hollywood. Just looking for
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1 consensus from this group.

2 Commissioner Turner?

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I'd like, Chair, if we
4 can give Jaime this direction, we can then see what else
5 is around it and we can always come back to it. But for
6 now, I think it's a good -- I like the direction we're
7 going in.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So is there con -- is there
9 anyone opposed to moving in this direction?

10 Commissioner Akutagawa.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I -- I would just not like
12 to see Beverly Hills in this. I -- I -- I do -- I -- I
13 think just not -- besides the COI testimony, I mean, they
14 are very -- I mean, Beverly Hills is a very, very
15 affluent community and -- and different economically from
16 the larger GLENNLA district that we're looking at.

17 MS. CLARK: If I may.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: We can't hear you, Jaime. Maybe
19 you're --

20 MS. CLARK: So keeping Beverly Hills with the West
21 Side area, that would mean that the GLENNLA-based
22 district would be underpopulated by negative 13.58
23 percent. I think that that potentially would -- I think
24 that the trade-off there is that it would be, instead of

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1 Beverly Hills, probably having some of this, like, Mid-
2 City, which, you know, with -- with Beverly Hills, it was
3 still almost seven percent. So probably the Mid-City,
4 Greater Wilshire, and Koreatown areas going with the
5 Glendale-based district instead.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Turner.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I was just going back to COI
8 testimony again, flipping through, because there's also
9 COI -- you know, I guess the challenge we have is the ,
10 of course, conflicting COI testimony sometimes or kind of
11 frequently. But there's also COI testimony that's not
12 wanting West Hollywood with Hollywood. So because to me,
13 starting with West Hollywood then moving into Beverly
14 Hills, but if we don't go that direction. I don't know.
15 Let me keep reading.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
17 Commissioner Akutagawa.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

19 What about Burbank? I -- I know that Burbank is in
20 the East San Fernando Valley. Would that dismant -- that
21 has -- okay. I -- I -- I would be interested in just,
22 Jaime, what your thoughts would be on that.

23 MS. CLARK: So moving Burbank in would -- I think
24 that -- I think that, ultimately, a -- an impact of

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1 moving Burbank in would definitely be crossing
2 Mulholland. If you really didn't want to cross
3 Mulholland, then it would -- unless it was, like, a
4 redraw of the whole state and kind of moving things,
5 like, up through Northern California everywhere, then it
6 would probably impact also where the split would be in
7 Eastern Ventura.

8 I am not sure, but it would potentially split the
9 Piru/Oxnard COI here just for population purposes.
10 Again, really not a hundred percent sure about that. And
11 then would need to pull area into the Malibu district.
12 This would then either mean, like, Santa Monica, Beverly
13 Hills, et cetera. Then the West Side area would still
14 be -- would then I think be underpopulated, and you would
15 have to maybe move into this, like, Hollywood area
16 that -- it seems like the purpose for this would be to
17 keep West Hollywood and -- and, like, Hollywood,
18 Hollywood Hills area separate, and I think that moving
19 Burbank might do that anyway.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime.

21 Commissioner Kennedy.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

23 Jaime, if could you just also click -- and I guess
24 you might have to commit the West Hollywood for now and

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1 back it out later, but I'd like to see what happens if
2 we -- if we had -- if we added both West Hollywood and
3 Silver Lake to the GLENNLA district. Thank you.

4 Okay. So we've gotten much closer to five percent.
5 Thank you.

6 MS. CLARK: And also the -- the NELA district would
7 still be overpopulated, so you would -- yeah -- would
8 still need to sort of trade out population there.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we've just been adding, not
10 subtracting yet. Any direction for subtraction?

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Can I jump in?

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, Commissioner Sadhwani. Sorry.
13 I didn't see your hand. My screen looks a little
14 different.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No worries. Yeah. I mean,
16 I think the direction there was that we were going to do
17 downtown L.A. and Boyle Heights out, but that -- but
18 Jaime's suggestion, like, working in one direction and --
19 and working back around that -- that kind of
20 counterclockwise was -- was better from a mapping
21 perspective. So I think -- I think -- I think that
22 direction is still there.

23 I -- I had originally raised my hand, though, around
24 the question of Glendale again. And again, as I said,

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1 the Silver Lake/Glendale piece, I could see it going
2 different ways. The Glendale to Beverly Hills and in
3 there potentially including Mid-City West and Wilshire,
4 I -- I -- I don't think we've actually gotten that much
5 COI testimony from Glendale. And please, someone let me
6 know if that's not correct. I -- I -- I am not
7 advocating because I've lived in that area.

8 I'll just talk about it a little bit and others
9 hopefully can chime in, too. There's a lar -- large and
10 sizable Armenian population in Glendale. I -- I -- I
11 don't know what their preferences are. We haven't
12 received tons of -- of testimony, from the best of my
13 knowledge. But Little Armenia is in the -- the Hollywood
14 area, actually. So there is an area of Los Angeles
15 that's identified as Little Armenia despite the fact that
16 so many Armenians live in Glendale.

17 It's very close to Thaitown as well. Also in
18 Glendale, there's a large population -- a sizable
19 population of Filipino-Americans. And I believe that we
20 had had testimony -- I can't remember exactly where
21 Filipinotown was, if it's still in this district. So
22 I -- I can see -- no, so it's not in there.

23 So, I mean, I can see connectivity between Glendale
24 and some of these areas potentially. And -- and I think

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1 to me, if we started -- if we started here and then later
2 start thinking about making changes up above through the
3 La Crescenta area -- we've talked about this before,
4 North of the 134 freeway, you see a big change in -- in,
5 like, the population density between the -- the Southern
6 parts of Glendale and Northern parts of Glendale.

7 Going up into La Crescenta and Sunland, it becomes
8 almost more rural in nature as you get closer to the
9 mountains. So I could see if we're going to start making
10 cuts in Glendale that -- that -- that there might be
11 places where it makes sense to do so. But again, I'm --
12 I don't recall receiving that much COI testimony about
13 Glendale itself. So I think that remains an open
14 question for me.

15 But I wouldn't be opposed to, you know, continuing
16 in this path of these changes and seeing where it takes
17 us because I -- I think that it can allow us to bring
18 together some of the areas where we have received a lot
19 of COI testimony. For example, the West Hollywood, the
20 Hollywood, further South. We've had a bunch of -- of
21 testimony about school districts, transportation
22 corridors in South L.A., for example, that -- that it
23 might open up for us to bring together.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So in terms of -- I'm trying

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1 to just rough out this district at this point because, as
2 you say, it'll impact all of these other areas. So if we
3 can figure out where -- where to take out some population
4 and give direction in that -- in that regard so that we
5 can start looking at other districts around the area.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Correct. So that's it for
7 me. I mean, I think keeping Silver Lake for now just as
8 a -- just as a general direction moving forward, pulling
9 in -- you know, keeping Silver Lake with NELA for now.
10 And we can put that on our priority list for Jaime to
11 work on off-line perhaps.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And then making the change,
14 I think it was Beverly Hills, Mid-City West, maybe
15 Wilshire all going into that GLENNLA district for now.
16 And again, maybe some changes, whether it's the 134 or
17 further up, making maybe one single cut to -- to the City
18 of Glendale if need be, and then seeing what changes
19 that -- that sets off further South in the map in some of
20 those districts closer to South L.A., working back to
21 pulling in downtown L.A. into the -- what was it, the 110
22 district?

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum. So it looks like NELA is
24 overpopulated by sixteen percent.

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1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: So it would be taking out at this
3 point some area of downtown and Boy -- Boyles -- Boyles
4 Heights. All right.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Boyles Heights. Exactly.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Do you have direction on what
7 specifically you'd like to take out so the Commission
8 can -- can explore that?

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think specifically
10 downtown L.A. and Boyle Heights.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Jaime, can you please highlight those
12 areas? And I believe we have Chinatown and Japantown in
13 this -- in this area as well, and we want to keep those
14 whole.

15 MS. CLARK: I'll turn on the Little Tokyo COI. So
16 and then Chinatown is further North in Historic Cultural
17 North Neighborhood Council.

18 So Commissioner Sadhwani, if I could please clarify
19 your direction, would it be to keep all of downtown L.A.,
20 Southern parts maybe to include -- you know, pre --
21 previously in this discussion, the Commission expressed
22 interest in keeping Little Tokyo and Chinatown together.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

24 MS. CLARK: Okay. Okay.

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1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's right.

2 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Keeping them together. And
4 there has been COI testimony actually about that Southern
5 region of downtown Los Angeles where Skid Row is and
6 keeping it with areas further South and East -- West,
7 excuse me.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay while -- while
9 we're doing this.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just want to make sure
11 that --- right now there's a little triangle that's going
12 into Little Tokyo that -- that doesn't -- we don't split
13 Little Tokyo.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

15 Commissioner Turner.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Just for the good of
17 the conversation, wanting to say that we actually have
18 over 200 comments in regards to Glendale. We've moved
19 from beyond that, so I can come back to it later and talk
20 about that area, but we do have communities of interest
21 testimony there.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Excellent. Thank you.

23 And we'll take more from Glendale if they want, and
24 everywhere else in California.

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1 Commissioner Sadhwani, is your hand still up?

2 MS. CLARK: So the area that's highlighted on the
3 map -- and I can definitely sort of clean this up and
4 maybe shoot -- I'm looking for sort of major streets here
5 in downtown Los Angeles. Like, I -- I could try and
6 adjust the line to follow Olympic, for example, or
7 another larger street. But this highlighted area would
8 change the percent deviation in NELA to 2.7 percent
9 deviation.

10 And I'll zoom out so we can see exactly what that
11 would mean. But so with this, that would be 2.7 percent,
12 which would include Eagle Rock, Glassell Park, the
13 Elysian Valley areas, and Silver Lake and would not
14 include Boyle Heights and Southern areas of downtown Los
15 Angeles.

16 I believe, if the Commission wishes, there may be
17 room to move sort of some of the Westlake neighborhood
18 councils out, or, of course, with the present deviation,
19 it would work to keep them.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Jaime, can you zoom
22 in on that little weird cone-shaped thing that's -- where
23 it says Los -- downtown Los Angeles, the (indiscernible)
24 under Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council. I just

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1 want to see the streets. Okay. Okay.

2 MS. CLARK: I -- I wasn't sure what area you're
3 talking about, but this is --

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. It's --

5 MS. CLARK: -- East --

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, yeah. That's exactly
7 where I'm looking at. Okay. That's not necessarily Skid
8 Row. That's more the Arts District up to 7th Street at
9 the very least. And -- and if that were to be removed,
10 what would it do to the deviation? So in other words,
11 can you make the cut off 7th Street?

12 So then -- so can you -- can you --

13 MS. CLARK: Right there?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- take in -- yeah. Right
15 there. A little bit more there. And -- and actually you
16 could probably even go up to, like, 6th or 5th Street.
17 So -- so anything West of Alameda, like, below --
18 depending on who you ask it -- 5th Street going -- I
19 guess on my screen going South, if you needed to -- if
20 you needed to close the deviation some more.

21 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much for that direction.
22 Currently, so this is the river here and then this is 7th
23 and the 110.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Um-hum.

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1 MS. CLARK: And the Southern boundary here is the 10
2 freeway. I'm just going to --

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Um-hum.

4 MS. CLARK: -- zoom out. And then all of Boyle
5 Heights. Right here is the boundary between Boyle
6 Heights and the City of East Los Angeles. Removing these
7 areas from the NELA district would make the percent
8 deviation of new 1.87 percent.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Jaime, if you were to -- to
10 take that up to 6th Street, what would it do to the
11 deviation?

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: And Commissioner Sinay while we're
13 waiting for that.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted to see if she can
15 make the -- the box a little bigger, the -- that shows
16 all the different -- what's changing. Yeah, that box.
17 Thanks.

18 MS. CLARK: I will do that once I select this area.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. When you're able.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So I -- I also realize that
21 in looking at this, this -- it does get into some of the
22 downtown financial district. Sorry about that. I guess
23 I shouldn't have said that wholesale. I think if you --
24 if you look at Los Angeles Street going West. I'll stop.

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1 Yeah. Okay. So -- so Los Angeles Street West,
2 you're getting into some of the -- the financial
3 districts. Also Staples Center, is that -- that kind of
4 corner. Yeah, right there. That's Staples Center, and
5 that whole area that goes from probably, yeah, Los
6 Angeles all the way to the 110 is -- is part of -- more
7 of a financial and then also now the entertainment area
8 because of Staples Center. And it's pretty gentrified.
9 Actually, very gentrified --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

11 MS. CLARK: So would you like me --

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- as you saw.

13 MS. CLARK: -- to remove that area from the
14 election?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think that's a question
16 for others. I think it -- to me, I think it belongs
17 better with downtown L.A.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Any other thoughts on that from the
19 Commission?

20 Commissioner Sadhwani, Commissioner Vazquez after
21 that.

22 If you're trying to talk, Commissioner Sadhwani, I
23 think you're on mute.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh. Sorry about that. I --

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1 I mean, I could go both ways on that. I -- I think that
2 area is undergoing so much development and it's putting a
3 lot of pressure on historic communities that are in that
4 region.

5 You know, certainly as you go further down the 110,
6 you're going to -- you're going to cross into USC. I
7 don't know which district exactly USC is falling into at
8 this point in time, but the relationship between all of
9 the development that's going on in this downtown L.A.,
10 South L.A. area is a concern for -- I believe, for -- for
11 a lot of the historic communities that -- that have --
12 that reside in these areas.

13 And certainly there's been a lot of COI testimony
14 about the economic development and -- and the
15 socioeconomic status of -- of communities throughout this
16 region. So I could see -- I could see making the case
17 for it to stay in downtown L.A. But I could also
18 certainly see the case for making it connect further
19 South.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's hear from Commissioner
21 Vazquez. Our deviation will be very good. It's a 0.42,
22 if I'm seeing this correctly, for NELA.

23 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I could also go both
24 ways. I think maybe my suggestion would be to keep it as

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1 is for now, knowing that we may be able to sort of back
2 off or move that particular, like, slice of downtown L.A.
3 someplace else if it makes more sense down the line.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Any other feedback from other
5 Commissioners? If not, we're going to lock it in.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Can -- can we just pull back
7 some so I can see where we are --

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes. Let's pull back --

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- Jaime?

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Jaime.

11 MS. CLARK: Sorry. I (audio interference). I can
12 revert it. So based on the change that I just made, the
13 NELA district now includes Eagle Rock, Glassell Park,
14 Elysian Valley, Silver Lake, and does not include Boyle
15 Heights and downtown L.A. South of 6th Street. And the
16 percent deviation of this district is now .42 percent.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's a very solid district in terms
18 of deviation. Any other feedback on this? Commissioner
19 Sadhwani?

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I mean, I definitely like
21 the direction that we're going with the NELA district.
22 You know, I -- I -- I certainly hear Commissioners'
23 concerns about the Silver Lake piece and -- and
24 potentially Glendale. And I would keep that on our --

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1 our list of take-homes for Jaime for tomorrow just to
2 explore -- to explore some of what -- what may or may not
3 be options for -- for those areas. But I -- I like the
4 look of this. Obviously, it's setting off a bunch of
5 ripple effects in other areas that we now need to clean
6 up, but I'd be curious to hear what others are thinking.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum. Thank you.

8 Commissioner Akutagawa. Commissioner Yee after
9 that.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Jaime, can you zoom
11 in again on that Southwest corner, the Westlake South
12 area of the map and -- and that Staples Center area
13 again? I just want to take a look at that again. Okay.
14 Okay. I -- I was just -- my other thought was -- and --
15 and I was just -- anyways, it's okay.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

17 Commissioner Yee.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: I just wanted to push ahead and
19 think about, okay, so when -- where are we going to get
20 population for GLENNLA? And it looks like it basically
21 has to come up from 110 L.A. somehow through N10, right?

22 So I'm wondering, Jaime, if you just can -- if you
23 have any -- any imaginations that -- suggestions you can
24 offer right now, maybe you can start thinking about

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1 those.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: And I think Commissioner Turner was
3 looking at COI data for that area as well. So I don't
4 know if she has any -- any input on -- on the COI data.
5 Glendale area? Oh. Commissioner Sinay has some -- some
6 COI information as well.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, earlier you had mentioned
8 Culver City and that -- and there's been -- you know,
9 Culver City is an interesting COI when you read through
10 all the different ones. But moving Culver City to --
11 yeah, moving it up to I guess it would be -- would it be
12 to the N10 that you had mentioned earlier or to the
13 GLENN? Sorry.

14 MS. CLARK: So --

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I couldn't remember exactly
16 what you said.

17 MS. CLARK: -- if we -- if you wish to explore
18 moving into N10, then there would be, like, point
19 contiguity. It's -- it -- it's contiguous with the West
20 Side --

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

22 MS. CLARK: -- district.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. Then we would need to --

24 MS. CLARK: So we would need to move it --

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1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm sorry.

2 MS. CLARK: -- down here. Yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. Oh. And it's at
4 negative. Okay. Perfect. Yeah. So that was --

5 MS. CLARK: Should we explore --

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- kind of -- the --

7 MS. CLARK: -- that now?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. Depends on what my
9 colleagues say. Sorry.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you -- can you remind me what
11 the -- what your direction, your proposed direction is?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Taking Culver City and moving
13 it to the West to the West Side.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you highlight Culver City for us?

15 MS. CLARK: And Palms --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner --

17 MS. CLARK: -- neighborhood --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Akutagawa, do you have any comment
19 on that?

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I -- I mean, I'm -- I'm
21 reading the testimony. It's -- it's -- it's kind of one
22 of those, you know, transition kind of -- it could go
23 either way.

24 MS. CLARK: So right now, what's highlighted on the
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1 map is Culver City. This change would make Culver City
2 whole, and the ADWESTSIDE District right now is split at
3 the 405. And then also including Palms neighborhood,
4 again just to keep your districts contiguous, this would
5 make the ADWESTSIDE District 9.69 percent deviation, and
6 the 110 L.A. still be over population. It would be 13.92
7 percent deviation.

8 Just kind of zooming the map out a little bit. So
9 the ADWESTSIDE district would need to lose population,
10 and also there is opportunity, I think, for there to be,
11 you know, oth -- other changes if you wanted to also kind
12 of use the N10 district, which right now has a really
13 high popu -- or relatively higher population, or
14 deviation. It's 3.99 percent. So there, I think, could
15 be an opportunity to lessen that and then to sort of
16 move -- move population around sort of throughout these
17 districts.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Any concern with adding --

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Culver City? Commissioner Turner?

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Because I think Culver
22 City -- there's a lot of testimony that speaks about
23 Culver City being in (audio interference) with West
24 Adams --

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1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- and Ladera Heights. And
3 I'm wondering, and so that's -- period. And in addition
4 to that, I'm wondering more about West Mid-City moving
5 into the area, or maybe up there, yeah. And the
6 Wilshire -- I'm looking -- I'm looking more to the North
7 to move over as opposed to some of these areas. We've
8 lots of COI testimony about keeping Culver City, Mid-
9 City, West Adams, you know, down that -- Crenshaw Quarter
10 and then going on down into those areas, so I'm just
11 looking for other opportunities to not move Culver City
12 out of the COI.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's look at other areas at this
14 point. And your suggestion, Commissioner Turner, would
15 be to --

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Mid-City West.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you -- can we get Mid-City West
18 highlighted?

19 MS. CLARK: Yes. And -- and where would you like to
20 move it to? To the Glendale-based district?

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: GLENNL -- yes.

22 MS. CLARK: So this change would make the GLENNLA
23 district's percent deviation negative 1.31 percent. It
24 would make the N10 percent deviation negative two -- or

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1 excuse me -- negative 8.27 percent deviation.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Negative eight. Is everyone com --
3 comfortable locking this in? Any concerns about locking
4 this in? Commissioner Sinay, then Sadhwani, and then
5 Akutagawa. No concerns? Okay. Commissioner Sadhwani?

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. No, I don't have any
7 concerns about that. I -- I think, Jaime, when you had
8 kind of walked us through some possibilities in this
9 area, I think you had suggested, you know, to move into
10 GLENNLA the possibility of Beverly Hills, Mid-City West,
11 Wilshire in order to populate GLENNLA which then opens up
12 opportunities further Southward to keep some of those
13 COIs together. Is that -- was that correct?

14 MS. CLARK: I apologize. I -- I missed the last --
15 or the first part of the last sentence that you said.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: The first part of the
17 last --

18 MS. CLARK: So to do what South? Oh, to move the
19 boundary of N10 Southward?

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: But well, yeah. If we moved
21 Mid-City West, Wilshire, and Beverly Hills into GLENNLA
22 because right now it's under population. I thought -- I
23 thought that you had suggested that that might be a way
24 of kind of moving population so that we can ultimately

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1 get back and reorient this district further down the 110
2 L.A. that's overpopulated.

3 MS. CLARK: Yeah, yeah. And right now, again, it's
4 overpopulated by almost twenty-seven percent.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Um-hum.

6 MS. CLARK: So --

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So can you walk us through,
8 like, if we were to go in that direction, what -- can you
9 just -- what -- I know you did this once before, but
10 could you -- could you just walk us through that one more
11 time? So if we did Mid-City West, Wilshire, Beverly
12 Hills into GLENNLA.

13 MS. CLARK: Mid-City West, Wilshire, Beverly Hills
14 into L.A. Then moving Beverly Hills out of the West Side
15 district would leave the West Side district
16 underpopulated.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right.

18 MS. CLARK: So then we would need to pick up
19 population from somewhere. That could be Palms and
20 Culver City.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Um-hum.

22 MS. CLARK: Could be -- and -- and, you know, sort
23 of looking really just at these districts here that the
24 Commission's been working on so far. Another option

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1 would be to start at, like, Pico, Mid-City, et cetera.
2 And previously in visualizations, the Commission has
3 expressed not wanting Pico and these areas to be with the
4 West Side.

5 So that kind of would leave Culver City and Palms as
6 part of it. And then -- and then to balance district
7 here in N10, one option could be to try and grab some of
8 this Westlake area and include that with the N10. It
9 could be to include Westlake with N10. I think there is
10 some flexibility here because it's so densely populated
11 that it wouldn't necessarily be a geographically really
12 large change.

13 If you did not want to include Culver City --

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Well, and it could be -- you
15 know, and this is just something for -- for my colleagues
16 to consider, right? We've talked about this notion
17 before of sharing the pain where a -- a community of
18 interest may not be kept together in one set of maps such
19 as this Assembly.

20 Perhaps it can be kept together in a Congressional
21 or Senate map if -- if we -- you know, because I think
22 there has also been testimony about Culver City being
23 kept with the West Side as well. So it could be the case
24 that that perhaps it split from Ladera Heights here but

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1 another -- in another map, it's not.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's hear from
3 Commissioner Sinay and Akutagawa.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sir, I'm going to go back to
5 Boyle Heights because in looking at the -- the COI
6 testimony, it's very clear that Boyle Heights wants to go
7 East towards Pico -- Pico Rivera. And so I'm just --
8 what? West, sorry. One person said East, and ever since
9 then, it's got us all messed up. West. Thank you. To
10 Pico Rivera. And I'm just concerned that going South
11 is -- is -- we're not listening to what the -- that most
12 likely, the community would want it to stay with East
13 L.A. if we -- you know, I mean, is there a way for Boyle
14 Heights to -- to go in that direction versus South or --
15 or is this another share the pain?

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa and then
17 Commissioner Taylor. And then we'll see if we can answer
18 that question.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Jaime, could you --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: And lunchtime is almost -- it's
21 almost lunchtime, too, so let's try to -- Commissioner
22 Akutagawa, go ahead.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Just Jaime, could
24 you zoom in on Mid-City West? I just want to see what is

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1 included in that area. Can you zoom in more?

2 MS. CLARK: So Mid-City West includes, like, the
3 Grove. This is La Brea.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

5 MS. CLARK: And then roughly bounded --

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

7 MS. CLARK: -- by Olympic in the South and then, you
8 know --

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

10 MS. CLARK: -- up against Beverly Hills and West
11 Hollywood --

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Yeah. So it
13 includes, like, the Beverly Center as well as Cedar Sinai
14 Hospital as well, too, I think, if it's -- yeah. La
15 Cienega, or maybe not. Okay.

16 MS. CLARK: Yeah. Cedar Sinai is right here, so it
17 is --

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

19 MS. CLARK: -- in -- it is in Mid-City West.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Yeah. Because I --
21 I -- yeah. That -- this little area here is --of course
22 I'm waving my cursor and you can see it. Okay. I -- I
23 just wanted to get a sense of where we are.

24 Just another question in terms of this GLENNLA. We
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1 haven't really explored it, but what about going, you
2 know, to the -- to the North part of GLENNLA and looking
3 at, you know, like, some of the mountain communities. I
4 read some COI testimony that also spoke to some
5 affinities and alliances between La Canada Flintridge
6 and -- I don't know what's that other city -- that other
7 little space. It's an unincorporated area next to --

8 MS. CLARK: La Crescenta.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, La Crescenta. I -- I
10 did see some COI testimony about Glendale and also
11 Burbank, but I -- I -- I understand that we can't move
12 Burbank. But I'm just thinking if we were to go to the
13 North and include La Crescenta and La Canada, then we
14 could -- would that -- I know the ripple effects would
15 probably then go East, but would that also then give us
16 more options, or are we blocked in?

17 I know there's several VRA districts in that -- you
18 know, in that Eastern San Bernardino, L.A. -- Eastern
19 L.A. and -- and San Bernardino/Riverside border. But
20 just the thought in terms of, you know, your perspective
21 on that if we go North for GLENNLA.

22 MS. CLARK: That question, I think that if we pulled
23 population from that area -- so the very Eastern 210
24 area -- or excuse me -- Western 210 corridor area, that

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1 would I believe -- there's a couple options, of course.
2 But maybe split Victor Valley. Or kind of would need --
3 because of these areas where there are VRA considerations
4 would need to pull from this Victor Valley-based
5 district. So that, you know, if not Victor Valley itself
6 would need to pull area maybe from Big Bear area.

7 If that was underpopulated, then I guess it depends
8 on the route that you wanted to take in terms of
9 balancing but could either cause really big ripple
10 effects or really big population swaps that, you know,
11 potentially would have San Bernardino and Inyo together,
12 for example. Pulling part of Inyo County or all of Inyo
13 County South potentially would require splitting Antelope
14 Valley and then would impact -- would impact the rest of
15 San Fernando Valley as well.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime. Commissioner
17 Taylor.

18 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes, thank you. And sort of
19 not to leave Commissioner Sadhwani hanging, so when --
20 when -- I think of the share -- share the pain, I think
21 that we -- we're drawing district lines consistently
22 throughout the state so we're doing what's best for the
23 entire state, so it's going to -- it might hurt equally
24 throughout.

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1 I -- I would hate for us to -- to fall into maybe
2 the -- the -- the trap of having to repay a given area or
3 community because we drew another district in a certain
4 way. So I think that we draw them all individually in
5 that -- it -- it -- to draw the best maps possible for
6 that given -- for that given area. Thank you.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate that feedback,
8 Commissioner Taylor.

9 So we will be going to lunch now. It's 12 -- 2:20.
10 I -- I'd appreciate it if all the Commissioners -- I know
11 you're already doing that -- would take a look at the
12 maps as -- during your lunch when you have some time
13 after -- after you eat and give consideration of what
14 other changes you'd like to see in the maps.

15 We are hoping to get through Los Angeles and -- by
16 the -- or at least the sections of the Los Angeles that
17 we have outlined in our run of show by the end of the
18 day. So let's -- and getting into San Diego and Orange
19 County. So -- so let's take a lunch and -- and maybe you
20 guys can think through -- look through your testimony and
21 your notes and come back with some direction for the line
22 drawers. Thank you. So we are in recess for lunch
23 until -- it's a forty-five minute lunch.

24 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 2:21 p.m.

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1 until 3:05 p.m.)

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
3 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We're visualizing
4 in -- in Los Angeles region. I just want to remind
5 Commissioners that we are trying to get to decision
6 points here. At this point, we have NELA visualized and
7 I am hearing that Jaime is working on -- on trying to --
8 to implement some of our vision across the districts.

9 At this point, I'm going to take final direction on
10 this area, and then we will move on to the VRA districts
11 because the VRA districts is where we want to spend some
12 of our time just to make sure that we are -- that the
13 districts reflects our -- our thinking and -- and vision
14 for this area and -- and the COIs that are represented.
15 And if that's the case, then we will -- we will take
16 direction on those areas.

17 So any further direction on -- or discussion on the
18 districts that we're at this point? And Jaime, it would
19 be helpful to -- if you could just give us a little bit
20 of -- any further direction that you might need before --
21 so you can work on these during overnight.

22 MS. CLARK: Yes. Thank you so much for that
23 question. I'm going to move the pending changes box away
24 just to kind of look at it a little bit better. I think

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1 that -- as the Commission's goal is to balance all of
2 these districts, I think -- and -- and because the
3 Commission in this meeting and in previous meetings has
4 touched on all of these areas, I think that I would be
5 comfortable trying some options -- trying some options
6 out for you, keeping in mind some of the discussion that
7 has been had today surrounding these areas, and kind of
8 working with the general framework that is here right now
9 if -- if the Commission is comfortable with that, of
10 course.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes. And is there any other feedback
12 regarding the discussion -- any -- any decision points
13 that we might need to make that would be impacting these
14 areas at this point before we move on to VRA?
15 Commissioner Akutagawa.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just -- just food for
17 thought. There is a -- a Jewish community in that Mid-
18 City West Neighborhood Council area, and I -- I think
19 being --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I don't know if it --

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Just to -- sorry to interrupt.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yea.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: But just to try to stay high level
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1 and on the decision points that -- that we had been --
2 we'll come back to -- to minor refinements, but any --
3 any of the larger issues that we have been looking at in
4 terms of decision points? Commissioner Fernandez, do you
5 have any?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I -- I don't know if this
7 falls into it. Because it looks like you're possibly
8 going to go into the ADWESTSIDE, and I just remember
9 quite a bit of -- of input that we received regarding
10 coastal communities staying together. So it looks like
11 some of this might be broken up. So I'm not sure what
12 our direction is going to be for that, but I just wanted
13 to make sure that I highlighted that because it looks
14 like we -- we may be going into that.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thanks.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we may need to break up some of
18 these communities in order to implement the vision that
19 we've had. And we -- we don't want to do that if we
20 don't have to, but we may need to.

21 All right. With that, let's move on to VRA
22 District. Commissioner Akutagawa.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I was just going
24 to -- that's fine. I was just going to ask if we need to

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1 try to solve the GLENNLA district right now. So thank
2 you.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: So -- so we -- Jaime is going to take
4 everything we -- all of the information that we've --
5 she's gleaned from this conversation and from past
6 history and try to reconcile it all and trying to come up
7 with some options for us for tomorrow that will hopefully
8 help us work these issues through and get us to
9 refinements, or rather for Thursday. So soon. We're
10 going to get them soon and -- and work through them.

11 But for now, let's move on to the VRA districts as
12 we are trying to work through the VRA districts and into
13 Orange County and hopefully end up in -- in San Diego.
14 So you know -- actually, Jaime, can you focus us on the
15 VRA district, the map?

16 And I think this is just a question for -- for the
17 whole Commission. So you can see all of our VRA
18 districts at -- at -- at this point. Any -- any -- is --
19 is the Commission comfortable with these districts or are
20 there certain refinements that we want to make to these
21 areas?

22 Commissioner Sinay.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Are we sticking to North of
24 L.A. or -- or are we looking at the border as well with

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1 Orange County?

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: So right now we're looking at the VRA
3 districts, and so -- the highlighted VRA districts and
4 staying within the VRA districts, of course, unless we
5 need to shift them around.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: But -- but it's the VRA districts.
8 They might morph a little, but still it's the yellow VRA
9 districts.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. I -- I think I'm
11 comfortable with them. I still feel that the 85 corridor
12 is high. And -- and I'm curious at some point to look at
13 kind of the 85 corridor going kind of end up Fullerton
14 into the Santa Ana -- you know, just kind of thinking
15 through that piece a little bit, and Le Havre, if there's
16 some way to -- to work that all in other.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Are you suggesting connecting Orange
18 County, the Orange area, with --

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I didn't want to say the
20 word Orange County since we're staying in L.A. But yes,
21 I would like to see if we could, you know, use -- you
22 know, if -- if there is a way to create -- yeah. to work
23 through to Orange County, looking at Le Habra, Brea,
24 Fullerton, you know, or --

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1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Placentia.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Placentia. I mean we'd need to
3 look at what needs to be looked at, you know, how it
4 needs to work, but that would affect, I think, that 85
5 corridor and the Santa Ana or whatever the SAA1 is.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Jaime, do you have any suggestions on
7 this area right here, the La Habra, La Brea, Placentia,
8 Fullerton area on where that -- that might -- where those
9 communities -- and -- and of course, looking at the
10 community of interest testimony as well.

11 MS. CLARK: Yes. Thank you so much, Commissioner
12 Sinay for that feedback and Chair Toledo for your
13 question. I think that there would be room to play
14 around with this. It's definitely something that Sivan
15 and I would be happy to do.

16 Specific situations -- or excuse me -- specific
17 suggestions, because this area there is so much overlap,
18 I -- I would want to work through that with Sivan
19 probably who definitely knows a lot more about all the
20 community of interest testimony, et cetera, in Orange
21 County than I do.

22 But just from a more zoomed out perspective, just
23 looking at the -- looking at the make-up of these
24 districts as they're currently drawn, I think that there

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1 is definitely wiggle room probably to, you know,
2 potentially move La Habra, for example, into the 8060
3 corridor.

4 I think that there's probably wiggle room across the
5 Orange County/L.A. border in these areas and potentially
6 between the 60 corridor district and the 5 corridor
7 district if the Commission is comfortable with sort of,
8 like, blending some of these areas here in the -- the
9 Whittiers essentially, or maybe having Pico Rivera.

10 So basically off the top of my head, I -- I think
11 that there are options and specific suggestions. I think
12 that, again, because there's just so much overlap with
13 Sivan, then I would want to be able to work through those
14 with her, and would love to hear any specific suggestions
15 from the Commission.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: So if there are any specific
17 suggestions, it's time to hear them now. Commissioner
18 Akutagawa and Commissioner Sadhwani, if you can -- if you
19 can focus on this area right now. If not, we'll come
20 back to you. Commissioner Akutagawa.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. My -- I -- I
22 guess -- I -- I hear what Commissioner Sinay is asking,
23 but I also want to just note that COI testimony does
24 speak to specifically the -- the cities of Downey and

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1 Norwalk, and I believe Santa Fe Springs is in that mix
2 there, too, La Mirada. Those cities particularly
3 being -- I believe I saw one COI testimony seeing --
4 saying that Downey is the Latino Beverly Hills.

5 And -- and so generally speaking, and also seeing
6 some affinities also that mentioned Pico Rivera and
7 Montebello as well, too. Are -- are -- are we talking
8 about -- I -- I guess I just want to understand what
9 Commissioner Sinay is asking. Are we talking about
10 breaking this up and creating perhaps another district
11 between the 5 corridor, 85 corr, and 8060 corr? I -- I
12 think I -- I'm just trying to understand what we're doing
13 here now. Thank you.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: So at this point, we're -- we're
15 exploring the possibility of adding these communities
16 that are connecting Orange County with -- with -- with
17 districts, and if there's a potential to add a
18 different -- another district, then we would explore that
19 possibility, but it's -- it's -- if there's a poss --
20 potential. There may or may not be, and that's something
21 that Jaime can work through.

22 Commissioner Sadhwani.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sorry about that. Yeah.
24 Sorry. I apologize for being on a couple minutes later

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1 here. You know, we received quite a bit of COI testimony
2 for that Senate Ana district. We're looking at that --
3 the area along that border. So I think my -- my sense is
4 that I would be very open to seeing Jaime and Sivan
5 exploring -- you know, totally okay to come into Buena
6 Park, La Habra, maybe even parts of Brea.

7 And for the Sant Ana one, you know, we've gotten
8 quite a bit of testimony about it -- currently, it's
9 slightly underpopulated, so raising it up into South
10 Fullerton. I believe that, you know, as a VRA district,
11 if we took a look at -- at where populations lie, I think
12 would make a lot of sense. I'm -- I'm sure we can go
13 back to some of the testimony that we've received. There
14 were specific streets and such that were given. I don't
15 have them in front of me, but happy to -- happy to look
16 that up for -- for Jaime as some take-home work. Thank
17 you.

18 MS. CLARK: I --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Jaime, do you have any --

20 MS. CLARK: I do have -- yeah, thank you. I do have
21 a clarifying question since we're sort of talking about
22 everything in these areas, which is what are our thoughts
23 on Artesia, Cerritos, La Palma, sort of this whole area
24 right here? Previously, I'd received direction to keep

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1 Artesia and Cerritos separate from other cities in Los
2 Angeles and wondering -- or yeah, I guess kind of want to
3 take a temperature of -- of that right now.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sadhwani, is your hand
5 up?

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Well, I never put it down,
7 but I'm happy to give my response to that. You know, I
8 think -- I think the piece about Artesia and Cerritos is
9 that it's a mixed area, and we've definitely gotten a lot
10 of testimony from the South Asian and AMEMSA communities.
11 Artesia/Cerritos is home to Little India. That being
12 said, there's also a sizable Latino community.

13 It's right in the heart of VRA districts, and so
14 while I would like to do our best to -- to, you know,
15 uphold communities of interest, I think if it -- if it's
16 necessary for them to populate our VRA districts, I --
17 that is our number 2 priority. And I -- for me, I --
18 I -- I don't want to set any hard and fast rules about
19 our Artesia and Cerritos if -- if -- if they need to be
20 used from a -- from a VRA standpoint to meet our
21 obligations to communities in that area.

22 That being said, I -- I certainly want to uplift
23 that we've heard that loud and clear that there are key
24 communities of interest there. But, you know, certainly

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1 there's a business district there that -- and services
2 that are serving the South Asian and -- and AMEMSA
3 communities. But VRA is our number 2 priority.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: So quick question for -- for the
5 Commission is, if it's necessary to break up communities
6 in order to -- to fulfill the VRA compliance requirements
7 or to fulfill the -- to create the districts that we need
8 to do in this area, is everyone comfortable with that?

9 And of course, we're going to be getting
10 visualizations. We'll -- we'll get them back and then be
11 able to -- to make any refinements. But at this point,
12 do we -- are we okay with giving Jaime the discretion
13 to -- to -- to potentially break up cities and cities at
14 this point. Counties, yes. We're actually -- that's the
15 direction, but -- but cities and little communities here.
16 So just think about that as -- as we go through.

17 Commissioner Akutagawa.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Okay. I -- I --
19 I'll be honest. I mean, I'm a little bit torn because I
20 think -- you know, I hear what Commissioner Sadhwani is
21 saying. I think, you know, she's right. I mean, we have
22 to take into account what the VRA districts need to -- to
23 have to ensure, you know -- you know, that -- that we
24 meet -- or that, you know, we meet what -- what the VRA

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1 requires.

2 With that said, I think what's complicated there is
3 that, to me, there are ripple effects, particularly
4 Cerritos, Artesia, La Palma, and Buena Park because
5 there's the South Asian AMEMSA communities but there's
6 also a -- a sizable Korean community that are within the
7 La Palma/Buena Park/Fullerton areas, and -- and yet, you
8 know, that connection also to La Palma and Buena Park is
9 also there, too. So I guess that's where I'm a little
10 torn in terms of being able to honor that, but I -- but I
11 also agree with what Commissioner Sadhwani is saying.

12 I also am -- am -- am curious again. I don't know.
13 I -- I mean, I -- I'm definitely, you know, okay with, I
14 think, crossing the county lines. I think -- at the same
15 time, too, I -- I -- I -- you know, generally speaking,
16 these Assembly districts are not super bad other than
17 the -- the Latino CVAP on 85 corr -- corridor one being,
18 you know, particularly high. But I think we also found
19 that those are very dense areas as well, too, from a
20 Latino population perspective.

21 So my -- I -- I don't know. I -- I -- I'm -- I -- I
22 think perhaps just giving Jaime the -- the broadest
23 discretion right now might be the best thing. And -- and
24 I'm wondering if -- if people are also willing to

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1 restructuring the Carson -- you know, the ADSOUTHLA and
2 ADLBC as well, too, as part of this.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

4 And then also as part of this discretion --
5 discretion to -- to potentially build an additional --
6 well, actually there is -- there -- there'd likely -- I
7 mean, I don't think there probably is enough population
8 here for an additional pop -- VRA district. I -- I -- I
9 think that was in our discussion, but -- but explore
10 opportunities for that as well.

11 Commissioner Sinay.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I did want to see if Mr. Becker
13 was around to discuss this area and to see if we have
14 further VRA analysis in this area.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: And since we're talking about Orange
16 County, it'd be good to get an update on that as well.

17 MR. BECKER: Yeah.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, he's available.

19 MR. BECKER: I'm here. So I've checked in with Dr.
20 Gall. The -- the way the elections were structured under
21 the previous dis -- districting plan means these --
22 it's -- it's impossible, given the elections we've
23 analyzed to date, to isolate those areas for racially
24 polarized voting.

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1 It does appear that these areas do not have
2 consistent concentrations of Hispanics -- don't have
3 significant concentrations, others much less so. For
4 instance, if memory serves, La Habra has -- has
5 significant concentrations of Latinos. So I -- I -- I
6 believe that these areas very likely still fall under
7 Voting Rights Act considerations.

8 But we're -- we're -- we're discussing how to get
9 more refined analysis on this given the -- that -- that
10 the previous district just does not allow us much
11 opportunity to isolate some of these smaller areas from
12 within particular districts. There are other areas where
13 two districts overlap, but where they overlap is on a
14 particular area, so we can isolate those areas a little
15 easier here. Here, that's -- here, that's not the case,
16 so it's a little more -- it's a little more troubling.
17 It's a little more difficult to -- to -- to analyze with
18 absolute precision.

19 So I think for now, I think it's likely that this
20 Northern Orange County area is -- is an area of -- of
21 Voting Rights Act concerns.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

23 Commissioner Fernando.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDO: Yes. And if we've talked
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1 about this, I apologize, but the ADSTHLA, Mr. Becker,
2 could you give me some information on that in terms of
3 VRA considerations? Because obviously it's right next to
4 the Gateway and also to the 85 corridor.

5 MR. BECKER: So we did not find consistently the
6 three Gingles preconditions in that -- in that area of
7 kind of South L.A. So we do not believe the Voting
8 Rights Act requires that a particular district be drawn
9 at particular levels.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

11 Can we move the map back up to the VRA districts so
12 that we can see more of them? So at this point, we're
13 working through the VRA districts, and -- and -- and
14 perhaps we may need to take one at a time. Commissioner
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16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I guess based on what
17 Mr. Becker just said about, you know, he -- there's --
18 they're working on further analysis in North Orange
19 County, I'm wondering if we want to not have Jaime spend
20 her time looking at a VRA district there at this point
21 un -- until we we've got that further analysis. I -- I
22 don't know. I'm just throwing it out there.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Mr. Becker, do you have any feedback
24 on that?

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1 MR. BECKER: So I -- I -- I think the advice right
2 now is that the Voting Rights Act applies to those areas.
3 I -- I don't know that we're going to find evidence that
4 would reduce the impact of that, because given the
5 existing elections that have been analyzed, those
6 areas -- again, we're talking about Northern Orange
7 County, La Habra, Brea, Fullerton and even into that --
8 in L.A. County, Cerritos likely require Voting Rights Act
9 considerations, so I think it would be -- it would
10 probably be wise to do that. If you don't like where you
11 are on that, we can try to look at additional evidence,
12 but I think it's highly likely that that's an area where
13 Voting Rights Act considerations are going to be
14 significant.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: So with that in mind, we should
16 probably include these in our VRA areas, and if we need
17 to do further refinement later -- if we get evidence, we
18 can always do that.

19 Commissioner Sadhwani?

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I was just going to
21 ask a question of Jaime, here. I know Jaime, we've gone
22 through numerous visualizations of this region, so I'd
23 really like to be able to lean on your experience there.
24 I'm just trying to think of how do we then cover places

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1 like La Habra and Buena Park? My sense and Fullerton --
2 and I'll look forward to that additional analysis, but my
3 sense is Fullerton is -- the covered areas are probably
4 the South Fullerton area, if I had to wager a guess on
5 that.

6 If we're going to try to have coverage over Buena
7 Park and La Habra, my sense then is that some of the
8 population needs to shift downwards or the districts need
9 to shift further down across the Orange County border.

10 I'm just wondering if Jaime, you have thoughts about
11 how or where to do that? I'm curious about, for example,
12 maybe, like, some place like Glendora in the East San
13 Gabriel Valley district, if we started removing from
14 places like that and shifting populations somewhat
15 further downward, if that would ultimately lead us to a
16 place of potentially covering some of these areas?

17 Or alternatively, if we had visualizations from
18 prior weeks that you want to remind of us of, that would
19 be helpful, too.

20 MS. CLARK: Thank you for that question. In terms
21 of the -- in terms of the West San Gabriel Valley and
22 East San Gabriel Valley districts, those two haven't
23 changed all that much over the course of the
24 visualizations. In terms of just population, I think it

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1 would be possible to include, for example, La Habra into
2 the AD60 corridor, and keeping in mind trying to keep
3 communities of interest together in these districts. For
4 example, the Commission has heard a lot about Walnut,
5 Diamond Bar, and Rowland Heights, for example. Keeping
6 those together in the AD60 corridor.

7 I think that there could be some potential lead
8 changes to the East San Gabriel Valley Southern border
9 with the AD60 corridor district. Two, and I would say
10 also that maybe removing some of these areas, for
11 example, into the East San Gabriel Valley district, could
12 potentially bring down the Latino CVAP of AD60 corridor,
13 so I think that would look at something like potentially
14 splitting Montebello and Pico Rivera, moving --
15 potentially splitting the Downey, Santa Fe Springs,
16 Norwalk COI, and again that would just be for population
17 purposes and for Latino CVAP purposes.

18 I think that it would not be difficult to move Buena
19 Park, Artesia, Cerritos areas into L.A. County based
20 districts and still maintain that CVAP. I do think that
21 it could end up coming out in the wash, so to speak, in
22 Long Beach, by splitting Long Beach is just a guess, and
23 I think that without, like, delving a little bit deeper,
24 just because Walnut, Diamond Bar, Roland Heights were

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1 sort of out of the mix in these for a while that I don't
2 have -- I don't have, like, a definitive answer for you
3 in terms of exactly what they would end up looking like,
4 but just based on working with the maps so much, that
5 is -- like, if I were mapping this, that is where I would
6 start.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. May I just
9 follow up on that?

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So I would say, given that,
12 I think that's really helpful, so thank you and puts
13 things into perspective. I would say VRA is our second
14 criteria, so making sure that we cover those areas that
15 need coverage is extraordinarily important. That being
16 said, hearing all of the potential changes that you just
17 mentioned, for me, two things really stand out, which
18 would be priorities for (audio interference). I'm
19 curious to hear where others fall, but maintaining
20 those -- that COI between Hacienda Heights, Diamond Bar,
21 Walnut, et cetera, which we've heard a whole lot about,
22 maintaining that within a VRA district, even if that
23 means that some of the changes that you mentioned on the
24 Southern boundary of East San Gabriel Valley, if that

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1 might mean taking Whittier into play, but instead using
2 La Habra there, right?

3 I think that those could be potential things, but
4 keeping that COI together, and then as it relates to Long
5 Beach, I think what we've heard is if we have to cut Long
6 Beach, do so in a way that is consistent with some of the
7 testimony that we've received, and so we have heard from
8 the Long Beach folks about potential areas of where to
9 cut, so I would want to try our best if possible, if we
10 have to cut into Long Beach, to do so in a way that
11 respects some of that communities of interest testimony.
12 We've heard from them over and over again about keeping
13 them together.

14 I'm open to the cuts, but doing so in a way that's
15 still respectful of those COIs, so those would be two
16 priorities for me as we continue to make those changes in
17 order to meet VRA obligations.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

19 Mr. Becker, I'm just curious. In terms of -- your
20 thoughts in terms of VRA compliance and VRA districts,
21 and the La Habra area, but also even up to Chino Hills,
22 so any thoughts around this point --

23 MR. BECKER: Yeah, I --

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and our constraints, because we're
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1 constrained by total population and contiguity and such.

2 MR. BECKER: So although Chino Hills and Yorba Linda
3 were in districts where that included the kind of
4 racially polarized voting and all of the Gingles pre-
5 conditions that would encompass Voting Rights Act
6 protections, it does appear that the Latino populations
7 in those two areas is relatively small, certainly
8 compared to concentrations we might see in some of the
9 areas to the West of that.

10 So I'd want to take a look at how the -- I can't
11 really say for sure that a district would either be
12 problematic or fine with the Voting Rights Act. I think
13 if we overlaid the Latino CVAP in those areas, we'll see
14 that the blocks -- block level Latino CVAP is relatively
15 low in Chino Hills and Yorba Linda, whereas in a place
16 like La Habra and perhaps some other areas there, I think
17 areas of Fullerton, perhaps even in Buena Park and -- and
18 Cerritos will see slightly higher concentrations that
19 would implicate the Voting Rights Act.

20 Where if there is an area that was within a Voting
21 Rights Act district or should be within a Voting Rights
22 Act district before and is hard to analyze separately,
23 but where there just aren't concentrations of minorities
24 that would be protected, it -- it would likely be -- it

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1 would be highly likely to be justifiable to leave those
2 areas out of a Voting Rights Act district.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. All right. So at this
4 point, we're exploring COIs that could potentially --
5 that we potentially want to -- to keep together while we
6 make these refinements.

7 Commissioner Akutagawa?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: To Mr. Becker's point, I --
9 would it be appropriate to request to see the -- I guess
10 the -- the Latino population in these areas? I think --
11 I think there's a map layer that would show --

12 MR. BECKER: Yeah, I think it's the -- I don't know,
13 Jaime, if you are -- I don't know who's controlling the
14 screen, but if we can get the Latino CVAP blocks? Yeah,
15 thank you. Yeah, so as we discussed, the orange areas,
16 the darker the orange, the more intense the concentration
17 and percentage of Latinos in this, and as you can see, as
18 we get into the Western part of Placentia into La Habra,
19 Brea, Southern part of Fullerton for sure, Buena Park, we
20 start seeing those concentrations.

21 Yorba Linda and Chino Hills, not very much. A
22 little bit on the Eastern edge of Chino Hills, which may
23 be given those concentrations could be included in a --
24 maybe the PCO district.

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1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So any -- at this point,
2 we have the COIs that Commissioner Sadhwani mentioned in
3 terms of trying to keep those together if possible while
4 also prioritizing the VRA. Any other areas in these maps
5 or is the silence that I'm seeing indicative of the fact
6 that we are very comfortable with these -- at least the
7 area that is covered under VRA compliance?

8 Seeing no hands raised, I'm taking that we are very
9 comfortable with this area and the addition of La Habra
10 and some of the Fullerton area, Brea, and Placentia area.

11 Commissioner Akutagawa?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was going to ask about
13 whether it made more sense to add Fullerton to the Santa
14 Ana district, that -- that Southern part of Fullerton,
15 but I think it would boost the Latino CVAP up a little
16 too high, so I -- I won't ask that. I also wanted to
17 perhaps -- I think if I heard Commissioner Sadhwani
18 correctly, I think there's going to be some shifts from
19 AD60 corridor to AD5 corridor to the gateway, and I'm
20 just thinking that, for example, whether it's breaking up
21 Long Beach and/or perhaps -- I recall from COI testimony
22 that Lakewood and Hawaiian Gardens also could be a
23 comfortable fit with Long Beach, but that would mean
24 breaking up Long Beach to accommodate some of the

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1 additional population, but then that would also allow
2 some other shifts.

3 I'm thinking, like, for example, up in the Maywood,
4 the Bell, Bell Gardens area, maybe that could be also
5 shifted to the AD gateway or perhaps the inclusion of
6 Cerritos in Artesia and some combination of this district
7 may also bring down some of the Latino CVAP in a way that
8 may also help even out some of the numbers there as well,
9 too.

10 And then I also was thinking about what she was
11 saying about perhaps pushing up some of that AD60
12 corridor into the East San Gabriel Valley district as
13 well, too, perhaps moving some of -- like, Glendora, I
14 think she mentioned moving that out. That I'm just
15 thinking back to the earlier conversation about GLENNLA
16 and perhaps instead of going South, we go North.

17 With the addition of Glendora to that district, that
18 may also help even out some of the numbers without
19 completely dismantling everything, but Jaime, I think the
20 Commission has just given direction to take our inputs
21 and just try to figure out what those options could be.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
23 Commissioner Kennedy?

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

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1 I'm seeing that Fullerton does have a -- a potential
2 district line going through it already. My sense from
3 what we've heard from communities of interest in
4 Fullerton, it -- it -- it is a pretty complex place and I
5 think we should not try to -- to treat Fullerton as
6 monolithic. If we need to split it further to -- to
7 really reflect and respect the communities of interest
8 there, I think we need to look at that. Let's not feel
9 obliged to have Fullerton as a single entity as we move
10 through this. Thank you.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

12 Karin -- or not Karin.

13 Jaime, are you able to highlight the Fullerton area
14 and the divide that Commissioner Kennedy is speaking of?

15 COMMISSIONER CLARK: This is Fullerton and without I
16 guess a more specific direction in terms of what area.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you put the Latino CVAP up?

18 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, absolutely.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Because that might help us find that
20 divide.

21 And then Commissioner Kennedy, do you have any --

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Follow up?

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- follow up with that?

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes, thank you. So what my
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1 sense is that we've heard that Chapman is a reasonable
2 dividing line North/South, but there's also the Korean
3 community in Northwestern, so it could be that the Korean
4 community in Northwestern Fullerton goes with Buena Park,
5 the Southern part below Chapman goes with the flatlands
6 part of -- of Anaheim, and that the Northeastern part
7 goes with Brea, Placentia, and Yorba Linda in -- in
8 another district. That's what's going through my mind at
9 this point or a potentially useful way of looking at
10 where lines might go in Fullerton right now. Thank you.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

12 Commissioner Fernandez?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. No, I was just
14 looking at some of the input that we received, and it
15 really does get conflicting after a while because you've
16 got some that want Buena Park, Anaheim, Brea, Placentia,
17 Cypress, and then you have some that include Fullerton,
18 so I think whichever way we go, it's going to be
19 difficult try to accommodate all of the communities of
20 interest.

21 So I think Commissioner Kennedy's correct, so
22 probably we'll need to maybe break some of these up.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So Jaime, what might be helpful is if
24 you highlight the areas that have VRA considerations at

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1 this point and that we include them somewhere, and then
2 you can work through it, just so that we have consensus
3 on the VRA areas.

4 So at this point, what I'm hearing is -- and you can
5 help me with this. What I'm hearing is Placentia, Brea,
6 La Habra, Southern part of Fullerton, although contiguity
7 may be an issue unless we explore other opportunities.

8 Buena Park, La Palma, Cypress, Artesia, and
9 Cerritos. So if you could highlight those so that we can
10 get them into somewhere? I know it's going to throw off
11 the deviations, but -- but just so that they're
12 highlighted at this point.

13 MS. CLARK: Sure, one second.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: In -- in the meantime, we'll take
15 feedback from Commissioner Akutagawa.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I -- I think Brea,
17 if you put the Latino CVAP again, I think it looked like
18 Brea kind of, like -- I know it makes it kind of weird,
19 but Brea, a little bit like Fullerton, has a section that
20 is not as heavily -- it doesn't have as -- as big as a
21 Latino CVAP there, and maybe -- may require potentially
22 breaking up Brea also and perhaps putting that
23 Northern -- kind of Northern/Eastern portion to the North
24 with the Roland Heights, Diamond Bar, La Habra Heights

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1 areas, because they may have -- I know that there's some
2 commonalities and I think there's been some COI testimony
3 about that also being an area of interest in terms of a
4 COI with some of those areas within Diamond Bar and
5 Roland Heights and Hacienda Heights and Walnut, so.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: So what I heard from VRA counsel is
7 that we should incorporate all of these areas into our
8 VRA region, and -- from what we offered, and then if
9 there's additional evidence that area shouldn't be
10 included, then we can refine those later.

11 And so at this point, Jaime, if you could highlight
12 these areas and then we will figure out -- at this point,
13 we need to figure out where to put them, right, and we
14 need your help in identifying the best homes for these.

15 Commissioner Sinay and then Fornaciari?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was just going to say, we've
17 gone through different iterations of the work that we're
18 doing, and we cannot go back to visualizing. We really
19 need to move forward. There are areas that we have
20 prioritized that still need work, but in other areas,
21 we've spent a lot of time. Yes, we -- at this point, we
22 have 21-, almost 22,000 engagements, and the truth is, we
23 could probably find a community of interest to back
24 anything we want to do, because I still am a firm

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1 believer that there's probably over forty million
2 different perspectives on what we're doing.

3 So it's time we follow the criteria, the one, two,
4 three, four, five, six, and pull away -- use our -- I
5 hate to put it this way, but use our heads more than our
6 hearts. We got to use our hearts and listen and
7 empathize and all that to create the structures we did
8 and the visualizations we did, but now we need to use our
9 heads and follow the criteria and just be okay with it,
10 and we're not going to be happy with every decision, but
11 we need to find a way to work together and move forward,
12 because we have just spent a heck of a lot of time and
13 moved very -- we didn't -- yeah, we -- what we said we
14 were going to do today is not what we've done.

15 We've gone back to, what about this, what about
16 that. That was visualization. The what-if's are done,
17 so I just ask that we all check ourselves, including
18 myself, and really think through, where does this fall in
19 the six criteria, and are we moving forward? Thank you.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's a good reminder, Commissioner
21 Sinay, and certainly, the VRA is a number 2 criteria, and
22 we are filling out the VRA aspect of this map, so if --
23 Clark, if you could -- are these the areas that are -- I
24 believe there's still a little bit of Cypress and

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1 Placentia?

2 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I highlighted the areas that were
3 under discussion. This generally is about Chapman. I
4 believe -- and Mr. Becker, please correct me if I'm
5 wrong, that you had kind of mentioned maybe just the
6 Western part of Placentia. I didn't hear Cypress, but of
7 course happy to look at that, too, and just so the
8 Commission and the public is aware, these cities, the
9 area that's highlighted right now, the total population
10 is about 355,000, and in all of this area, it's about 32
11 percent Latino CVAP.

12 So these areas would need to be added to different
13 districts. There's just not the population or it
14 wouldn't meet a VRA requirement, and I guess a question
15 that I have is that is the Commission wanting to adjust
16 some of these potential VRA areas live or is this
17 something that we should go look at home overnight
18 tonight and then come back to you with options on
19 Thursday?

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: So what we need to do today is figure
21 out exactly what the VRA -- or as much as we can with the
22 information we have available, what the VRA area is, so
23 the questions for Mr. Becker is are there other areas
24 that are not highlighted that should have VRA protection

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1 at this point, based on the analysis that we do have?

2 MR. BECKER: A couple of points. I think that
3 likely the area from Placentia and Brea, La Habra,
4 Fullerton, Buena Park, Cerritos, Artesia -- is that La
5 Palma? Yeah. Based on the analysis that we have of
6 racially polarized voting, that that has fallen in those
7 areas. I think you can make an argument that Yorba Linda
8 and Chino Hills, probably less so.

9 What I also want to be clear about is I'm not
10 suggesting that there is an additional VRA district here.
11 I don't know if the population can sustain that. I think
12 that there's a possibility that these are areas that
13 would be included in VRA districts, in VRA
14 considerations, but ultimately, this is -- the
15 highlighted areas, for instance, are not -- it's a lot of
16 people, but it's not all the way up to an assembly
17 district, and it's only about -- Jaime, I think you said
18 only about a third Latino CVAP if I'm -- if I'm
19 remembering, correctly.

20 So what I'm thinking here is, likely, if the rest of
21 the structure is largely going to remain where it is, and
22 I'm not suggesting changing it, and there's probably not
23 an additional one here. The concentrations in to the
24 Northwest of this area are just naturally high in the AD5

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1 corridor and AD gateway, so there might be ways to add
2 this -- certainly, looking at AD60 corridor is an area
3 that I would look at pretty closely, and to the Santa Ana
4 district.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Mr. Becker.

6 Any additional clarification, Jaime, on the VRA
7 areas? Are you comfortable with the guidance that we
8 have at this point to -- to --

9 MS. CLARK: Yes, yes I am. I don't --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: And are you comfortable taking all
11 this information and bringing it back to the Commission
12 in a day or two?

13 MS. CLARK: Yeah, absolutely, and we will work with
14 your VRA team on these iterations. Thank you.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So any last final
16 refinements that we might have, small refinements that we
17 might have to give guidance to -- to Jaime as she does
18 her work? Remembering that the VRA is the second
19 requirement and not all COIs might be -- there is a
20 possibility that some COIs may have to be split.

21 Hearing none, it sounds like this --

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I do, I do. Sorry.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, Commissioner Sadhwani --

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, and I do, too.

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1 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and Akutagawa? Okay, sorry. Your
2 hand didn't appear on my screen, and Turner, too.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Are you going in order?

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: So yeah, let's go Akutagawa,
5 Sadhwani, and Turner.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: All right. That section
7 that's below Buena Park and that triangle between Buena
8 Park and Anaheim, I know that there is a little Arabia
9 COI. Is that part of Anaheim or is that part of Cypress?
10 I'm a little unclear.

11 MS. CLARK: That is part of the City of Anaheim.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay, because that section
13 there was -- when you had the Latino CVAP up was also
14 significantly Latino. That is in a different district
15 than the Santa Ana district, and I guess I'm just -- I --
16 I would like to see that also included in what
17 Commissioner Toledo has asked us to look at. It seems
18 like that would make sense to also keep in that same
19 grouping of cities.

20 And at that point, does it just make sense to also
21 include the entirety of Fullerton instead of splitting it
22 and then the entirety of potentially Placentia in -- in
23 that grouping as well, too, because what you had
24 highlighted before, I know that the previous highlights

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1 did not include enough population, but would that bring
2 up the population to a point where it could create an
3 entire district?

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
5 Commissioner Sadhwani?

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I just -- I guess
7 I'll reup and echo, yes, Jaime, please work with the VRA
8 Counsel and with Dr. Gall (ph.) on this. I'm not
9 entirely sure what we're trying to achieve, here. My
10 understanding of the VRA is ensuring that -- that
11 protected communities have the ability to elect the
12 candidates of their choice. It seems to me that there's
13 a weak or questionable piece coming from Counsel about
14 this area.

15 It -- it -- it seems like it's really around La
16 Habra, I would sense, if it's -- I'm just trying to
17 clarify what needs to happen, right? So is it that La
18 Habra needs to be within a VRA district? Is it that -- I
19 mean, it seems fairly vague what it is that we're sending
20 Jaime off to do, and so I suppose, yes, please do work
21 with Counsel.

22 I will reup my priority areas of keeping those COIs
23 together of Hacienda Heights, Roland Heights, Diamond
24 Bar, Walnut, as well as maintaining as much of Long Beach

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1 as possible in order to do so, but it's not clear to me
2 what it is that we're being advised to do, exactly, but
3 certainly, it seems like La Habra makes sense.
4 Certainly, it seems like South Fullerton can go with the
5 Santa Ana district. Beyond that, I'm not sure what else
6 we need to do.

7 Before we move on from Los Angeles, while I have
8 this turn, I just wanted to also lift up Lawndale. This
9 is not a VRA district. I don't know if that's going to
10 get impacted by the other changes that we were looking at
11 from NELA and that big whole workaround that we were
12 working on earlier today that Jaime's going to work on
13 tomorrow, but we definitely heard a lot of testimony over
14 the last couple of weeks about keeping Inglewood,
15 Hawthorne, Lennox, and Lawndale, I believe it was, and
16 someone can correct if I was wrong about that, together.

17 There were school districts, I believe, that --
18 that -- that are connected in that area, so I just wanted
19 to lift that up as -- as a piece. It had also been
20 raised in some of the priority pieces that we had
21 discussed yesterday, so I just wanted to raise that
22 before we moved further South.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: I appreciate that. Thank you, and
24 Mr. Becker, can you clarify the direction? My

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1 understanding of Mr. Becker's statements are that those
2 areas need to be under a VRA -- under VRA area, so in a
3 VRA district. Not necessarily in a VRA district but in a
4 protected district.

5 Can you clarify if that's correct, Mr. Becker?

6 MR. BECKER: Yeah. Areas of Latino concentrations
7 appear to be under VRA protections there, as I've
8 indicated before.

9 I think, if that doesn't -- I think I've given some
10 specific suggestions as to which areas could be included
11 in which districts and the likely fact that there's not
12 another district here.

13 But if the Commissioners want to call a closed
14 session, you're welcomed to do that, and I can try to
15 answer with more specificity.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think you're very specific on that.
17 Commissioner Turner?

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I appreciate
19 Commissioner Sadhwani going back to it. I needed to be
20 reminded as well.

21 And with the changes, currently, the way we have the
22 maps drawn, Cypress is not included with Los Alamitos
23 and --

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

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1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- Seal Beach, but we also
2 have a significant amount of COI testimony wanting those
3 areas to be together.

4 So as Jaime is going off considering other things, I
5 just wanted to lift that up again.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And that would that
7 Cypress be connected to --

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Los Alamitos and Seal Beach.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.
10 Commissioner Yee?

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Going back to Commissioner
12 Sadhwani's mentions of Lawndale. If Jaime could perhaps
13 prepare a look at exchanging Lawndale for the Northern
14 part of Gardena.

15 I tried to look at COI testimony. I didn't see
16 anything that would oppose such a change. I don't know
17 if anyone else remembers anything, but -- so making
18 Gardena whole, exchanging that for Lawndale, that's about
19 an even population swap.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: It would work for population
21 purposes --

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: I know Gardena wants to be with
23 Torrance. Is it -- Southern Gardena want to be Torrance
24 and so forth and it would stay that way, but it would

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1 simply add the Northern part of Gardena.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. That's helpful.

3 Commissioner Turner?

4 Commissioner Akutagawa?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I think I want to
6 go -- back and, again, just on the VRA district, I'm now
7 just a little unclear. We're asking Jaime to go off and
8 do all these things, and now we're adding in the non VRA
9 districts.

10 But specifically, I haven't heard, like, absolute
11 clarity. Are we asking Jaime to -- so one, I heard that
12 counsel had -- Mr. Becker had said that we need to
13 incorporate in some of the areas along the LA, Orange
14 County boarder because they should be within a VRA
15 district. Okay. So that's clear.

16 85 corridor, it was brought up, is -- do we need
17 to -- are we asking for a restructure of that district?
18 Are we also asking for a restructure of the Gateway
19 district?

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: So at this point, what we're asking
21 for is for Jaime to take the information around the VRA
22 districts -- the VRA district input that we received,
23 that's going to have some impacts across the region, and
24 she's going to work through those and bring it back to

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1 us, recognizing that any minor change has impact
2 everywhere in the maps surrounding them.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I understand that, but
4 what's the goal that we're trying to achieve here? I
5 think that that's what's unclear.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: So the goal -- the first goal is to
7 achieve VRA compliance so that all areas that require VRA
8 protection are protected, and, while at the same time,
9 while maintaining the COIs that have been mentioned in
10 tact as much as possible, recognizing that we may not
11 always be able to do so in order to achieve VRA
12 compliance.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Yee?

15 Commissioner Kennedy?

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

17 So for example, if we are asking Jaime to
18 incorporate La Habra into an existing VRA district
19 because we don't have sufficient population to create
20 another VRA district, then we would potentially or
21 hypothetically be looking at incorporating La Habra into
22 the AD60 Corridor district.

23 And then because we have underpopulated districts in
24 both West and East San Gabriel Valley to the North of it,

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1 looking at where we might take some of the surplus
2 population that we now have as a result of incorporating
3 La Habra and shifting that population into the West and
4 East San Gabriel Valley districts. Is that a reasonable
5 interpretation of where we're going?

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's very reasonable --

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and that's very accurate. That
9 any -- these changes will have some impact across the VRA
10 areas and the surrounding areas.

11 And as Commissioner Sinay has mentioned, we've
12 visualized many of these things. We have various
13 iterations. We've had discussion on all of these
14 regions. And Jaime is going to attempt and do her best
15 to try to honor as many of the COIs as she possibly can
16 as she does this. And so we're going to trust Jaime and
17 their staff, and each other, to work through these. And
18 of course, we'll get them back and we'll look at them and
19 refine them as needed with smaller refinements.

20 Commissioner Sadhwani?

21 Commissioner Fornaciari?

22 We're at the VRA districts. It seems like we've
23 given direction to the line drawers in terms of bringing
24 us back.

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1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Perfect. So then I think
2 it's a question for the Commission. Do we want to
3 continue looking at VRA districts? We're looking at the
4 one right now in orange. Do we want to continue and just
5 skip over to Sand Diego and do any clean up on those VRA
6 districts that's in San Diego first, or do you want to
7 work through Orange County working further down, which is
8 perhaps what I would suggest.

9 What I seem to recall was that the VRA district in
10 San Diego, that Chula Vista one, was looking fairly good.
11 But you all can be the judge of that if we want to lock
12 that in first before we start making changes throughout
13 the rest of the Orange County and Downey areas.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Since we've been look --

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Chair?

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I had my hand up.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, sorry. Commissioner Akutagawa?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Before we move on -- yeah.

20 So I just want come back to what Commissioner Kennedy
21 said about West San Gabriel Valley and East San Gabriel
22 Valley. My understanding is that we were pretty
23 comfortable with the West San Gabriel Valley, so, I
24 guess, I just want to make sure that we heard, like

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1 Commissioner Sadhwani said, about Hacienda Heights,
2 Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar and Walnut.

3 I want to make sure, and I just want to lift up or
4 reiterate, you know, the COI testimony that we've heard
5 quite a bit now from Monterey Park, San Gabriel, Alhambra
6 in particular, as well as, if possible, San Merino,
7 Arcadia, and Temple City, you know, keeping them
8 together.

9 And so as any other ripple effect changes are being
10 made, I just want to just make sure that we try to keep
11 that as in tact as possible, in terms of the being a VRA
12 district as well, too.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Yes.

14 Commissioner Fornaciari and then Ms. Clark.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I guess I have a
16 question for Ms. Clark. You know, considering the
17 changes we're asking you to look at in North Orange
18 County, is it worth, at this point, trying to go through
19 the rest of the districts in South Orange County, at this
20 point in time. Or, I mean, how far do you see the
21 impacts rippling down? Or do you even have any idea at
22 this point what that might look like?

23 MS. CLARK: Thank you for that question,
24 Commissioner Fornaciari. I think that -- and again, this

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1 is kind of Sivan's area, but I think that, from a zoomed
2 out view, I think it would be possible to more or less
3 kind of maintain some of the changes mostly to the Orange
4 County-based districts. Just in thinking about where
5 your other areas are that have VRA considerations and
6 some of the wishes that you have that you've expressed in
7 terms of the structure of some of the districts. I do
8 think that they could, kind of, mostly be, almost like a
9 clock or something, in terms of those changes.

10 And I know that Sivan might be able to guide you
11 through this a little bit more before you move to
12 Southern California. So that Sivan can be working off of
13 these exact same maps that I am, I would need to just
14 quickly pause to export our files, and she could load
15 that up. So if I may, then perhaps the Commission could
16 discuss what you would like to do next while I kind of
17 pause here to send these files to Sivan.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So we do need to take a
19 break to be able to get Sivan if we're going to move on
20 to Orange County and San Diego.

21 But in the meantime, let's just take Commissioner
22 Sinay's question or a comments and then give Sivan an
23 opportunity to be able to get her screen up and prepare
24 for the next round of visualizations.

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1 Commissioner Sinay?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I'm feeling the need to
3 continue to look at the VRA districts to the East before
4 we go any part of Orange County or San Diego because all
5 of that informs, kind of, the work that needs to be done.
6 And I know that our agenda didn't have it set up that
7 way, but I'm just feeling a little anxious that if we
8 don't start here we may need to -- the work we do in
9 other places may be for naught.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Which areas are you speaking of in
11 specific?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Imperial and San Bernardino
13 VRAs.

14 There's a lot of VRA districts here that really
15 define what we can and can't do. And so I would like to
16 see us, you know, kind of like we did with LA and Orange
17 County, say, okay, we -- this VRA district is looking
18 good. The structure is good. There might be some
19 cleaning up to do. But that allows us to then know what
20 we have to work with to fix what some of the communities
21 have asked.

22 I think a big one is -- well, they're all kind of
23 big, but, you know, just that whole conversation around
24 Coachella Valley.

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1 But anyway, I just think that we need to stay
2 focused on VRAs.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

4 Any thoughts from the Commission? Sivan will be
5 covering both of those areas, so she covers both of those
6 areas, so she's able to do either. But I do know that
7 the schedule is put out, and I know some Commissioners
8 have been working through that schedule for preparation.
9 So I just want make sure that we are all comfortable with
10 the direction -- the schedule as given, or shifting at
11 this point.

12 So I'm curious if anyone is opposed to moving onto
13 Imperial (sic) Empire -- Inland Empire. Sorry. Long
14 day. Sorry. Inland Empire. Or the plan has been to go
15 to Orange County then to San Diego, so I'm just trying to
16 get a sense of where we should direct Sivan to and the
17 mappers to.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It seems reasonable to me to
19 do the VRA districts. I think that had been a top
20 priority to everyone, so it would seem reasonable to me
21 to make that shift.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Is everyone comfortable with that;
23 that'd we continue on with the -- just the VRA areas in
24 the Inland Empire?

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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So we'll transition to Sivan.
3 We're going to take a five minute break. We're going to
4 transition to Sivan. And then after the break, I'm going
5 to ask Commissioner Turner to -- I have to take a call,
6 and so Commissioner Turner will take over as chair as I
7 am not able to get through to our vice chair at this
8 point. And so she'll take over as chair while I'm out.
9 Thank you.

10 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:11 p.m.
11 until 4:41 p.m.)

12 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Well, welcome back. Thank
13 you for hanging in there with us. I'm Commissioner
14 Turner, and I am your stand-in chair for this next
15 portion.

16 And we have moved now to the Southern California
17 Inland Empire, and we will be looking at the VRA
18 districts there. And what we will do, we'll start with
19 just kind of a general overview of the VRA districts in
20 this area.

21 So Jaime or Sivan, either of you, if you'll take us
22 through these, or Mr. Becker. Who's going to lead us
23 through?

24 MR. DRECHSLER: I think if we want to start with
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1 Sivan, Chair -- if we want to just start with Sivan, she
2 can talk about these a little bit, and then we can have
3 Mr. Becker weigh in as needed.

4 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

5 Okay. Sivan, we're ready for you.

6 MS. TRATT: All right. So just looking in the kind
7 of Inland Empire regions, starting with PCO, currently at
8 a negative 3.71 deviation, and Latino CVAP of 57.91.

9 Do you want me to give more description than that,
10 or just kind of moving through them?

11 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: I think we can move through
12 with that because you've given --

13 MS. TRATT: Okay.

14 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: -- the kind of outlined
15 borders of what was in those areas before, so --

16 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Exactly.

17 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: -- if that feels okay for
18 that other Commissioners. Okay.

19 MS. TRATT: Perfect.

20 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Yep. That sounds good.

21 MS. TRATT: All right. And then RCFR, which
22 includes Rialto and Fontana, is at a deviation of 1.69
23 with a Latino CVAP of 55.85.

24 And then moving just South is JRC. And this
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1 district is at a deviation of 2.09 and a Latino CVAP of
2 51.58.

3 Just to the Northeast is SBCHR. And this district
4 is at a deviation of negative 4.54, so that's definitely
5 on the higher end of our allowable deviation range.
6 Could definitely look at moving some population into this
7 district from surrounding districts. Currently, at a
8 Latino CVAP with 51.45.

9 And then the final VRA consideration district in
10 this area is MPH. This is slightly overpopulated at .52
11 percent, and is under, currently under what would be
12 protested by the Voting Rights Act at 49.81 percent, so I
13 would urge the Commission to definitely make it a
14 priority to get that number above fifty percent and lose
15 some population potentially as well to balance that out.

16 Just moving to the South is district SECA, Southeast
17 California. This district is quite large. It goes all
18 the way North into San Bernardino County from Imperial
19 County. And it's currently at a deviation of 1.11 and a
20 Latino CVAP of 3.93.

21 Then our final VRA consideration district would be
22 CVSY. And this is in the South Bay area of San Diego.
23 And this is currently at a perfectly balanced 0 percent
24 deviation with a 55.82 percent Latino CVAP.

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1 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Sivan.

2 Mr. Becker, did you have anything for us in this
3 area before we go into it?

4 (No audible response)

5 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Perhaps not.

6 I'd like to then, Commissioners, if it bodes well
7 for you, I'd like to take a look at the area, MPH, if we
8 can start there because, as Sivan pointed out, it's a bit
9 lower for a VRA district than we would want to have.

10 And so would then take kind of comments from our
11 Commissioners. I see Commissioner Fernandez, Kennedy,
12 and Yee.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sivan, if you could -- if
14 we could just get the Latino CVAP overlay?

15 MS. TRATT: Yeah. I was going to ask, actually --

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

17 MS. TRATT: -- Jaime, if you could stop sharing your
18 screen, I can start a new share. We were just
19 overlapping here a little bit.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. That'll help us
21 as we move forward.

22 MS. TRATT: Sorry. Let me just get that turned on.
23 And it is not saving my settings, so just one second
24 while I get that configured. So sorry about that.

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1 MR. DRECHSLER: And I do see Mr. Becker. I don't
2 know if you had any comments on the VRA districts that we
3 just went over. If you had any comments that you wanted
4 to weigh in before we --

5 MR. BECKER: Well, I came in -- we were on a
6 separate call --

7 MR. DRECHSLER: Oh, okay.

8 MR. BECKER: -- when I came in. If you can zoom in
9 on MPH, please.

10 MS. TRATT: Absolutely. One moment.

11 MR. BECKER: All right. Can you add with Latino
12 CVAP, please?

13 MS. TRATT: This is with Latino CVAP on. And this
14 is the range of percentage.

15 MR. BECKER: I'm sorry. I mean, on the label.

16 MR. DRECHSLER: On the --

17 MR. BECKER: On the label.

18 MS. TRATT: Oh, I'm so sorry. Yes. Yes. Let me
19 turn that on. So sorry about that.

20 MR. BECKER: It's okay. Thanks.

21 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: And when you finish that,
22 Sivan, at some point, if you could darken the boundaries
23 a bit.

24 MS. TRATT: Okay. I'm actually going to turn on
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1 just the layer for the -- yes. So --

2 MR. BECKER: That's works great. Perfect.

3 So I'll just note, obviously this is at the high end
4 of population -- the high end of the legal limit. It's
5 overpopulated against the ideal. And the Latino CVAP is
6 below fifty percent just a touch, which is probably
7 slightly low for this area of Voting Rights Act concern.
8 And I know there were some suggested changes that have
9 been discussed that might resolve this, I think,
10 hopefully, pretty easily, so I won't say anything more
11 about that because I think some of the Commissioners had
12 some direction and some ideas they wanted to explore
13 there.

14 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Mr. Becker.

15 We had Commissioner Fernandez. Were you first, or
16 did you --

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: (Indiscernible,
18 simultaneous speech) --

19 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Oh, you want to wait.
20 Okay.

21 Commissioner Yee?

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. So I'd like to make a
23 suggestion that we start by moving Winchester into
24 Southwest Riverside and perhaps the unincorporated

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1 portion to the West of that as well.

2 MS. TRATT: Chair, I'm just going to wait for your
3 direction --

4 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

5 MS. TRATT: -- in case there are multiple inputs
6 from Commissioner.

7 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. We'll start with
8 Commissioner Yee's suggestion. That was Winchester.

9 And Commissioner Yee, your voice cut out a bit for
10 me. Was it is -- what was the other one?

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Just the unincorporated portion
12 West of it as well.

13 MS. TRATT: And that was moving that into the SECA?

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: No, it's not supposed to --

15 MS. TRATT: This -- sorry.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- SWRIVERSIDE.

17 MS. TRATT: Oh, SWRIVERSIDE. Okay. Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm interested in Hemet as well,
19 but that has 90,000 people, so --

20 MS. TRATT: All right. So the selected area -- let
21 me just bring up the pending changes so you all can see
22 that. So --

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Can we make that bigger, please?

24 MS. TRATT: Yeah. One second. Okay. So that would
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1 make the deviation of Southwest Riverside negative 3.43
2 percent, and MPH would be 3.63 percent.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: And the change in the CVAP --

4 MS. TRATT: And Jaime, I'm not -- sorry. I'm having
5 technical question for Jaime just about adding in the
6 fields of the CVAP. It doesn't look like they carried
7 over with the new plan.

8 MS. CLARK: Yeah. No problem, Sivan. I'll message
9 you.

10 MS. TRATT: Okay. Thank you.

11 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So that'll be coming
12 up in just a minute.

13 Commissioner Fernandez, while we wait for that to
14 come up -- Sivan, just a question for you. So in
15 selecting the unincorporated areas, it seems like there's
16 an area that dips down that was not grabbed. Is that
17 because that's a different part of -- what is that in the
18 middle there, that little V? Green Acre -- oh, I see.

19 MS. TRATT: Yes. So I just --

20 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Okay. I see.

21 MS. TRATT: -- excluded the cities of Green Acres
22 and Homeland. And then I also made sure that Hemet was
23 excluded. So this is just the city of Winchester and the
24 unincorporated area just bordering it.

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1 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Before we accept that, let
2 me take Commissioner Kennedy.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

4 Sivan, it looks to me like part of Menifee is -- or
5 that Menifee is split, and so I would ask if we could
6 have all of Menifee in the SWRIVERSIDE district. Thank
7 you.

8 MS. TRATT: Absolutely, Commissioner Kennedy. I'm
9 just looking at adding in the summary fields for Latino
10 CVAP so we can get that displayed. So sorry. Just give
11 me one moment to do that. We are trying to do this a
12 different way than we did at the live line drawing, so
13 thank you for everyone's patience.

14 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: You are doing just fine.
15 We are patiently waiting.

16 (Pause)

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) --

18 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. What do you know
19 about Green Acres?

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: This Thursday, the governor will
21 be two blocks away lighting the holiday tree, with
22 choirs, 5:30.

23 (Pause)

24 MS. TRATT: All right. Thank you so much for
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1 everyone's patience. Let me make this bigger again. And
2 then we will be able to look at the Latino CVAP. And
3 then I will look at the Menifee area.

4 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

5 MS. TRATT: Yes. Absolutely. Oops.

6 So it looks like the percent Latino CVAP in MPH
7 would become 49.82, and Southwest RIV would be 30.26 if
8 the added areas were moved.

9 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So then --

10 MR. BECKER: So if I'm not mistaken, that's exactly
11 the same Latino CVAP as before.

12 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: 49.8.

13 MR. BECKER: Yeah.

14 MS. TRATT: Yeah. It actually went -- yes. Yes.
15 That is, I believe, the same.

16 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Well, Commissioners,
17 let's keep doing some work here.

18 Commissioner Sadhwani?

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I think we had
20 received some COI testimony about possibly removing South
21 Hemet in addition to Winchester. I'm not sure what
22 exactly the border of South Hemet would be. I don't know
23 if it's that little -- obviously, it would have to be
24 contiguous, so perhaps splitting the city right at about

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1 where the East Hemet line is, and taking that part out --

2 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: So let's accept the change
3 that we have. Can we do it incrementally, Commissioner
4 Sadhwani?

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure. Absolutely.

6 MS. TRATT: All right. Accepting this change. And
7 let me just turn on those labels again now that I have
8 those fields. All right.

9 So looking at Hemet now, would you like me -- let me
10 turn on the streets layer to see if we can get a better
11 sense of maybe a major road to split.

12 (Pause)

13 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Kennedy --

14 MS. TRATT: One of those days that --

15 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: -- while she's finding the
16 road, do want to go, or do you want to wait until she
17 finds it?

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I wanted to get us back and
19 make sure that consolidate Meniffee before we skip ahead.

20 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

22 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Got you.

23 MS. TRATT: Chair, should I go back and look at
24 Meniffee first?

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1 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. Why don't we do
2 that. Thank you. I forgot about Menifee, so yes,
3 please.

4 MS. TRATT: Okay. So looking at Menifee, I believe,
5 Commissioner Kennedy, correct me if you're wrong, this is
6 the area that we were looking at that splits lately?

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Correct.

8 MS. TRATT: Would you like me to attempt to move
9 this portion of Menifee back into Southwest Riverside?

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I would. Yes, please.

11 MS. TRATT: Okay. Should I go ahead and commit this
12 change?

13 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Yes, please.

14 MS. TRATT: All right. So Menifee is now back
15 intact. And our deviations are still good with that
16 little bit of change?

17 MS. TRATT: Yes, deviations still within a
18 permissible range. Although, for MPH, we are currently
19 looking at still under 50 at 49.61 percent.

20 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So we dropped a bit.
21 Okay. So we're moving Commissioner Sadhwani back into
22 Hemet looking for boundary lines.

23 MS. TRATT: All right. This is the best street
24 layer that I have available. Technology is not working

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1 in my favor today, so thank you, everyone, again, for
2 your patience.

3 So it looks like the 74 runs to divide North-South
4 as a possible line. You could also just move from the
5 South up and kind of play the lock group adding game to
6 balance population.

7 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh. So
8 Commissioners -- thank you Sivan.

9 Commissioners, I don't have my communitive interest
10 up so I can watch hands. Do any of you have an idea as
11 far as North-South, the freeway divider? What are we
12 hearing in Hemet for the dividing point for checking --

13 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I thought I heard it was East
14 Hemet that they wanted out of the COI?

15 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Oh. As soon as someone
16 finds it, give direction, and we'll check it.

17 Now, Sivan, please hold for us as we're checking our
18 technology -- our tools on this side.

19 But Commissioner Andersen, that will come up too as
20 we're checking.

21 So at this point, we are trying to ensure that we --
22 we're trying to still balance out population and increase
23 in a VRA district our CVAP numbers.

24 Commissioner Sadhwani?

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1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I apologize. I had
2 to step away and just heard that last piece. Did we
3 attempt to look at South Hemet?

4 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. We're looking there
5 now. We were looking for a dividing point, and Sivan
6 pointed a couple of options for us, but we were trying to
7 just check and refer to some COI testimony to see what
8 testimony we've received about where to split it.

9 Commissioner Sinay just found some things, unless
10 you found it already, Commissioner Sadhwani?

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I do have it in my notes. I
12 believe it was from the Inland Empire United Group. But
13 I will look for it.

14 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Oh, she has it. That's the
15 same COI testimony.

16 Go ahead, Commissioner Sinay.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Unfortunately, they did not
18 define South Hemet.

19 MS. TRATT: In that case, Chair, do you want me to
20 just look at what the impact would be for removing East
21 Hemet?

22 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Do we have -- did we find
23 COI testimony for that --

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: They did say, South Hemet, but
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1 they just didn't define what they meant by South Hemet.

2 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

3 Commissioner Sadhwani?

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. If I may, for me, I
5 would say, Sivan, this could be a homework piece. Maybe
6 you could look at this off-line tomorrow and look at if
7 removing it can improve this district and bring it back
8 to us.

9 And maybe tonight we'll even get testimony when we
10 go to public comment. That way we can move on and look
11 at other areas because I think this would be a fairly
12 small change.

13 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful.

14 Commissioner Yee?

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: I was going to suggest trying
16 South of the 74 if that could be done quickly, but also,
17 willing to just wait overnight if that seems better.

18 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Sivan, can we quickly look
19 at South of 74?

20 MS. TRATT: Absolutely, Chair. One moment. I'm
21 assuming that you would like to add this also into the
22 Southwest RIV district, or into SECA?

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Southwest RIV.

24 MS. TRATT: Okay. Perfect. One moment, please,

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1 while I make those changes.

2 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: While she's making the
3 changes, Commissioners, if you have the ability to look
4 at some of the other VRA areas that we've talked about:
5 RCFR, JRC, SBCHR, SECA, et cetera. We're going to kind
6 of review those in a minute and see if there are changes
7 that need to be made.

8 (Pause)

9 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay?

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I did find where East Hemet was
11 discussed. I think it's from the Black Census Hub.

12 "To make this map stronger, CVRA district, you must
13 include the communities of Hemet, San Jacinto, East
14 Hemet, Via Vista, and Homeland to VADMBCV."

15 I don't know how old this was because we don't ever
16 have those districts anymore. So it was probably old.
17 Sorry about that.

18 MS. TRATT: All right. Chair, when you're ready. I
19 added the area of Hemet that is South of the 74, and I'm
20 just going to delete this portion of East Hemet. Those
21 changes would make SWRIV 6.69 over deviation and MPH 6.5
22 under deviation. And it would raise the Latino CVAP of
23 MPH to 51.27.

24 And Mr. Becker, I don't know if you wanted to
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1 comment on that before -- or if I commit this change.

2 MR. BECKER: Numbers pretty much speak for
3 themselves. Obviously, it's a deviation problem here
4 that needs to be resolved. So less population needs to
5 be removed from what's the MPH district?

6 The 51.27 is -- this will be a very lawyer-like
7 thing to say. It is better. That's about -- and we
8 might be getting around to as close to as good as could
9 be done here. This is something I'd probably want to
10 take a closer look at with a little more time.

11 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Then as was
12 suggested earlier, Commissioners, are we good to -- and
13 let me adjust my screen so I can see this on Zoom. Are
14 we good to let Sivan continue to work in this area, or do
15 we have other changes? Are we good to move?

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

17 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Before we do, Commissioner
18 Kennedy?

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sivan, could you zoom in a
20 little bit to that Northwestern corner of East Hemet?
21 I'm specifically looking to see -- yeah. If you can --
22 there you go. Okay.

23 So we've got that very small portion of Hemet that
24 is below the 74 -- correct. That one. So just for

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1 administrative ease, I would suggest that that also be
2 included in the area to be moved.

3 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Yes, I agree.

4 MR. BECKER: Although, I'll just point out, because
5 of the underpopulation problem in the current MPH
6 district, it's likely this line is going to -- this whole
7 line is going to move South if this is the way you want
8 to go because there needs to be some additional --

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, we may find the
10 population from the other side of district. It'll be
11 good to see the map zoomed out soon so that we can see if
12 there are other places to bring in population from.

13 Thank you.

14 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

15 Commissioner Andersen?

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. The removing East
17 Hemet came from live testimony when we were in San Diego.
18 It was said by several people who spoke about that.

19 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Okay. And if we --
20 Commissioners, are we -- because here's my thought, and
21 this is what I'll be asking about, if we lock in what we
22 currently have, and then I'd look to see about removing
23 East Hemet and see what that looks like, particularly
24 since we are over in this area. Are we good for that?

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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) --

2 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: You want to make it more --

3 I thought we were over --

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We're over.

5 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: We're over.

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I would put that would SECA.

7 But just have a look to see what it does to the CVAP,

8 please.

9 MR. BECKER: Yeah. Just to be clear, with that
10 portion of South Hemet, MPH is underpopulated.

11 MS. TRATT: That is correct. It would be
12 underpopulated by 6.74 percent. So if you wanted to
13 balance within the two districts that you were changing,
14 you could draw population maybe from the bordering cities
15 over here -- if you didn't want it to ripple into the
16 other districts, I mean.

17 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: I'm looking at -- yes.

18 Okay.

19 Commissioner Vazquez?

20 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Sivan, if you could
21 pull up the Latino CVAP heat map again because I think
22 there may be some population to get within -- this is
23 going to make, I'm sure, people in March Air Force Base
24 grumpy, but I thought I saw a significant population of

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1 Latino. And since this is a voting rights area district,
2 I think -- hopefully, we won't have to split March Air
3 Force base, but --

4 MS. TRATT: Sorry, Commissioner Vazquez. I had it
5 and somehow just trying to get it back. So sorry about
6 that.

7 Jaime, if you have technical advice about what's
8 going on, I would appreciate that as well.

9 Oh, there we go. I had two -- let's see. There we
10 go. Okay. I'm sorry about that. I had two census block
11 layers for some reason. There we go.

12 Where did you want me to zoom in on?

13 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: If you could look in the
14 Northern -- oh, I was mistaken. I'm wondering if maybe
15 Meadow Brook and Canyon Lake make sense that -- at least
16 those portions. I'm not sure what additional
17 populations. Those may be small. Those may not be
18 enough -- populated enough to get -- it seems like we
19 might have to grab from, like, several areas if we're
20 trying to stay within districts.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sorry. What was the goal?
22 I'm just --

23 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Trying to balance population.
24 I was also attempting to increase the Latino CVAP if
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1 possible. So I was attempting to grab additional
2 population, ideally from areas with some higher
3 concentrations of Latino residents.

4 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner
5 Vazquez.

6 And as I get ready to take the other hands, keep in
7 mind, Commissioners, we also have, as an option, is to
8 give direction and have Sivan leave and come back with
9 the numbers balanced and see what she can do to increase
10 as well. She just needs direction to know what area to
11 play in tonight.

12 Commissioner Vazquez, did you have more?

13 Okay.

14 Commissioner Kennedy?

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I was just
16 going suggest that Sivan could try, instead of the 74,
17 could try Stetson Avenue as a Northern boundary of the
18 area to be moved. Again, that doesn't have to be live,
19 but that's another option. Thank you.

20 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Perfect.

21 You got that, Sivan -- Stetson?

22 MS. TRATT: I did.

23 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: All right.

24 Commissioner Akutagawa?

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1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was going to -- I'd like
2 to see just the very top part. How far up this district
3 goes? If you could just zoom in on it and then I have
4 another comment after that. I just wanted to see. Okay.

5 I did see -- and this is the beauty of conflicting
6 testimony. I saw COI testimony in which -- or a draft
7 map that was submitted as part of COI testimony that took
8 that Northern border all the way up to the border where
9 Loma Linda and Grand Terrace and all that. I'm not
10 sure -- I have to go back and look at the map again.

11 But separately, I also just want to note that in
12 seeing some other COI testimony that is asking to keep
13 Moreno Valley, Mead Valley, Good Hope, Perris, Romoland,
14 Nuevo, Lakeview, Homeland, Green Acres, Winchester, and
15 San Jacinto, and remove Hemet and -- or East Hemet, I
16 guess, depending on what the numbers are from the area.

17 So it looks like a lot of what was requested is
18 already there, but, I guess, it's still not enough. Just
19 wanted to point that out, in terms of the COI testimony.

20 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

21 Commissioner Sinay?

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (Indiscernible) --

23 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: No?

24 Commissioner Fernandez?

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1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would recommend for this
2 that we just give instruction to Sivan, and then we'll
3 see what it looks like on Thursday.

4 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: That has been suggested. I
5 like that.

6 Commissioners, are we good?

7 Outstanding. Okay. Thank you --

8 MS. TRATT: Well, Chair, I still have these pending
9 changes to add the Southern portion of Hemet to the
10 Southwest Riverside district. Would you like me to
11 commit that, just so it'll give a better sense of what
12 population balance in the area would be, or just consider
13 it as I'm looking tonight and tomorrow in making those
14 changes and potentially moving where that North-South
15 divide is as well?

16 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: At this point, if you'd
17 consider it so that you'll have greater flexibility
18 having heard all of the testimony.

19 MS. TRATT: Okay. Perfect. I'm going to go ahead
20 and release these changes then.

21 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

22 We're at 5:16 now. We will got to public comment at
23 5:30, so we do have a little bit more time to continue in
24 this conversation. Not for this area, Commissioners, I'm

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1 looking for your direction in the other VRA districts in
2 our Southern California, Inland Empire.

3 Commissioner Akutagawa, your hands up?

4 Commissioner Kennedy?

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

6 On the SECA district, as well as the Congressional
7 and Senate Districts, I want to refer us to the area in
8 Southeastern San Bernardino County and ask if the mappers
9 could give us a consistent Western boundary for that
10 portion of that district that we kind of have similar at
11 all three levels. But that Western boundary in that
12 Southeastern corner of San Bernardino County is in three
13 different places, and I think that, given the low
14 population density, that's going to be unnecessary and
15 administratively difficult for folks.

16 So if they could, as they're looking at, between now
17 and Thursday, could just compare those -- the Western
18 boundaries of that segment in Southeastern San Bernardino
19 County and come up with something consistent at all there
20 levels. Thank you.

21 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Absolutely. Thank you so much.
22 We will definitely make sure that those match between
23 plans. We did not forget.

24 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Perfect.

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1 Commissioner Sadhwani?

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yep. This could be a
3 homework piece as well. I believe it's the RCFR
4 district. Rialto, Fontana, and -- oh, we have them
5 together. And they are together. I feel like there was
6 some changes that there had been some COIs that had been
7 lifted up, and maybe I'm getting them wrong here, but
8 maybe we had already made the slight changes when we were
9 doing it. My apologies. I will double-check my notes
10 and come back to you on that. I feel like it was
11 swapping in Upland, maybe into the PCO district to keep
12 Rancho Cucamonga maybe whole in there. I could be wrong,
13 but I will come back to that and lift up that testimony.

14 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Sounds good. We were just
15 in SECA. There was also COI testimony about keeping
16 Coachella Valley whole. Did we already do that?

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) --

18 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: That's a big one. We can
19 look at the big map. I think now we can't see. Okay.
20 Are we there? It's really small for me. Oh, because I
21 made my --there we go.

22 MS. TRATT: Chair, I can zoom in further if you'd
23 like.

24 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: So can you show me -- so

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1 keeping Coachella Valley -- it's the whole thing. It is
2 a VRA district. Okay. I'm not prepared to -- it's a VRA
3 district. I don't have the COI testimony in from of me
4 other than the desire for it to be whole, so I'm going to
5 call on a couple hands and see if I can do some overlap
6 and see if that's a direction I even want to attempt.

7 Commissioner Fernandez?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I just wanted to go
9 back to the district that Commissioner Sadhwani -- in my
10 notes it said -- what do I have? Rialto and Fontana.
11 And then I had Highland, but I don't see Highland.

12 Is that the one you were thinking of, Commissioner
13 Sadhwani?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It could be. My apologies.
15 I wasn't planning on working on this today. I thought we
16 were going to do that later, so I didn't have everything
17 prepped.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Unfortunately --
19 okay. So that doesn't -- that doesn't make sense.

20 MS. TRATT: So Highland is -- yeah --

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. That doesn't make
22 sense then.

23 MS. TRATT: -- is bringing a different district.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. So I don't know why
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1 that would be in there.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. Thank you. I think
3 there was some testimony about possibly splitting Fontana
4 and keeping Rialto with San Bernardino, but I -- yeah.
5 Maybe this is something we can come back to on Thursday.
6 I just wasn't prepped for the Inland Empire for today.

7 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner
8 Fernandez, was that it?

9 Commissioner Kennedy?

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. If we can
11 bring the map back to focusing on the Coachella Valley.

12 Couple of things. First of all, you know, my
13 problem with it is, division along the 10 is very
14 artificial. You've got parts of Palm Springs that fall
15 North of the 10. You've got parts of Cathedral City on
16 both sides of the 10. You end up splitting the Agua
17 Caliente tribal lands, which span the 10.

18 To me, if we're going to have to split the valley
19 for population purposes, the more natural division would
20 be as we come up along the Southwestern side of Indio,
21 and then go North to take in Indio Hills.

22 Indio's the largest city in the valley by population
23 anyway. So if instead of -- when that line coming up the
24 Southwestern side of Indio hits the 10, instead of

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1 following the 10 up to North Palm Springs and Desert Hot
2 Springs, if the line where to go North along the Western
3 boundary of Indio Hills, you have basically there -- I
4 can't accept that.

5 You know, Indio is -- and particularly Coachella,
6 those two are more oriented towards Imperial County and
7 towards the more agricultural areas. You know, we've
8 heard testimony that the Coachella Valley economy is
9 tourism and agriculture. In my mind, and I lived in the
10 valley for fifteen years, there's kind of a dividing line
11 between the tourism part of the valley and the
12 agricultural part of the valley. And the agricultural
13 part of the valley is kind of Coachella, Thermal, Mecca,
14 Oasis. That area. And so I would ideally like to have
15 the whole valley whole --

16 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- but if we're going to have
18 to divide it for population. You know, Indio is the
19 largest city in the valley, and I'm wondering if we could
20 bring that line, as I say, up, the Western boundary of
21 Indio and following the Western boundary of Indio Hills.

22 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. Can you give that as
23 direction? I'd like to see that too.

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay.

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1 Sivan?

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. So if -- I guess, we
3 will have to include Desert Palms, but just where the 10
4 hits Desert Palms, go up to Western boundary of desert
5 palms, which then takes in the far Northwestern corner of
6 Indio, and then Indio Hills up to the boundary of MBCV.

7 MS. TRATT: And where would you -- just for
8 clarification, where would you like to move the -- would
9 you like to move these Northern cities South into the
10 MBCV --

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes. Yes.

12 MS. TRATT: -- district? Okay. Would you like me
13 to visualize those changes now so you can see how it
14 would impact it?

15 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. Let's see it. Yes,
16 please.

17 MS. TRATT: Okay. Give me one moment, please.
18 Thank you.

19 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: And this may be the last
20 visualization or change that we see for today so that we
21 can go to public comment. We'll see how it plays out.

22 (Pause)

23 MS. TRATT: All right. Commissioner Kennedy, moving
24 those requested areas into the MBCV district would make

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1 that deviation 8.01 percent over. And SECA would become
2 negative 11 deviation. It would also raise the Latino
3 CVAP to 60.6 percent.

4 Would you like me to go ahead and commit this so we
5 can look at other swaps, or leave it for now?

6 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Commissioners?

7 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: If we added Hemet in there, it
8 might make up for it -- into SECA.

9 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani?

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I was just going to
11 say, the change I think for South Hemet, Winchester that
12 we were looking at before, we were putting it with that
13 Southwest Riverside, but I think it could also go into
14 the SECA district as well. That's another option.

15 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful.

16 Commissioner Kennedy, did you have more? I'm sorry.
17 Okay.

18 Commissioner Akutagawa?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I saw several COI
20 testimony that spoke to Hemet and East Hemet being a COI
21 with Valle Vista, so that kind of move may also work.

22 I also saw reference to San Jacinto too, but I don't
23 know if moving that would be too much.

24 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: So let's commit what we
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1 currently have, Sivan.

2 MS. TRATT: All right. Those changes have
3 committed.

4 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Okay. And where are we at?

5 And so what we'd like to see and give direction, can
6 we give just some general direction to Sivan for this
7 evening because we have two minutes, and we will go into
8 public comment.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) --

10 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

11 Commissioner Akutagawa and then Commissioner Sinay.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I also saw some -- just on
13 the MPH district, if Hemet and East Hemet were to be
14 taken out, I did see at least one COI testimony
15 mentioning High Grove could be one that could be included
16 in that MPH district. It's up in that upper corner of
17 the area. Yeah. Just to give an option.

18 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

19 Commissioner Sinay?

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So -- sorry. I didn't realize
21 my mic had been on. So the direction that we're
22 really -- for tonight is, we're trying to figure out how
23 to -- you know, how to increase the VRA -- you know,
24 strengthen the VRA for MPH and, you know, keep the VRA in

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1 Coachella Valley -- in the East Coachella Valley and
2 Imperial Valley, and so -- and, you know, get the numbers
3 close on, you know, the deviations down to the right
4 place. So that gives -- hopefully that gives enough
5 direction.

6 You know, we don't want to play around with any of
7 the other VRA districts unless it increases -- you know,
8 strengthens any of the VRA districts. So that's
9 basically what the direction is for tonight, unless I'm
10 mistaken.

11 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner
12 Sinay.

13 Commissioner Sadhwani?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. I completely agree
15 with that, Commissioner Sinay.

16 And I just wanted to lift up, I think, I'm liking
17 the direction that this change is going in, and I
18 think -- if I'm understanding what's happening here, and
19 please, Sivan, correct me if I'm wrong, what has happened
20 is that Latino CVAP now in SECA is actually quite high,
21 which is good, not a bad problem necessarily. It may not
22 necessarily need to be that high. And we're way
23 underpopulated.

24 The South Hemet and Winchester change that we had
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1 made previously, we were putting those into the Southwest
2 Riverside district. But if instead they went to SECA, I
3 think it might -- I'd like to see that as some of that
4 homework, if that would be a reasonable change.

5 And I just want to open up, I think -- I know
6 Commissioner Yee was going to take a peek at what the
7 population of that unincorporated area was. I don't know
8 if he has that and maybe wants to weigh in. Perhaps that
9 could stay in MPH to help maintain the population total
10 so our population deviations aren't going way off.

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: I think it's 10 to 20,000, but
12 I'm not sure of the boundary, so somewhere in that range.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's a great idea.

15 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

16 And with that, Sivan, are you comfortable for this
17 evening?

18 MS. TRATT: Yes. I would ask what the Commission
19 feels in terms of prioritizing or dividing East Hemet
20 from Hemet or dividing -- like, what should my
21 prioritization be, or should I just come up with multiple
22 scenarios and then just explain what each thing did?

23 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. I would like
24 multiple. I think we have testimony that supports them

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1 together and pulling East Hemet out as Commissioner
2 Andersen mentioned earlier. So the visualizations, the
3 options would be great.

4 MS. TRATT: Okay. Great. I'll come back with some
5 different outcomes for you.

6 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Commissioners, I'm
7 ready to go to the public comment. Are you all good?

8 Okay. Then with that, Kristian.

9 MR. MANOFF: Yes, Chair. I'm going to do some
10 screen configuration here. Just a moment.

11 All right. We do have a plethora of callers. We
12 will begin by reading the public input instructions for
13 making public comment by phone.

14 In order to maximize transparency and public
15 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
16 taking public comment by phone.

17 To call in, dial the telephone number provided on
18 the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted,
19 enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream
20 feed. It is 88465429407, for this meeting. When
21 prompted to enter a participant ID, simply press pound.

22 Once you've dialed in, you'll be placed in a queue.
23 To indicate that you wish to comment, please, press star
24 nine. Again, please, press star nine. This will raise

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1 your hand for the moderator. When it's your turn to
2 speak, you'll hear a message that says, "The host would
3 like you to talk. Press star six to speak."

4 If you'd like to give your name, please, state and
5 spell it for the record. You are not required to provide
6 your name to give public comment.

7 Please, make sure to mute your computer or
8 livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion
9 during your call. Once you're waiting in a queue, be
10 alert for when it is your turn to speak. And again,
11 please turn down the livestream volume.

12 And again, if you can hear the sound of my voice,
13 and you've dialed in to give public comment, you are in
14 the right place. To let me know that you want to give
15 public comment, please, press star nine on your telephone
16 keypad. This will raise your hand and get you in line to
17 give public comment.

18 I see those hands going up. I appreciate that.
19 Again, that is star nine. And when it is your turn to
20 speak, I will ask you to press star six. You'll also
21 hear a prompt on just your phone reminding you to press
22 star six.

23 All right. So let us begin. We're going to start
24 with caller 0317. And after that will be caller 8011.

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1 Caller 03 -- oh, one more thing. We're going to be
2 enforcing a two-minute time limit with a warning of
3 thirty seconds and fifteen seconds remaining.

4 Again, caller 0317, followed by caller 8011.

5 Caller 0317, please follow the prompts to unmute.
6 The floor is yours.

7 MS. SCOTT: Good evening. Good Evening. My name is
8 Kristine Scott. And that's spelled K-R-I-S-T-I-N-E,
9 Scott, S-C-O-T-T.

10 My comments tonight are to strongly urge the
11 California Citizens Redistricting Commission to
12 reconsider its proposed Congressional State Assembly and
13 State Senate district maps and keep the city of Rancho
14 Cucamonga whole.

15 Rancho Cucamonga has a strong sense of identity and
16 has historically been all or mostly in one Senate,
17 Assembly, or Congressional District.

18 The proposed district maps unnecessarily split our
19 community and our neighborhoods. The Northwest portion
20 of Rancho Cucamonga, which is roughly one third of our
21 community, would be excluded from effective
22 representation with the rest of Rancho Cucamonga by being
23 lumped into separate Congressional and State Assembly
24 districts, primarily located in an entirely separate

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1 county, Los Angeles County.

2 Specific to the Congressional District map, the
3 boundaries have a primary focus in LA County, leaving
4 little to no ability for our residents to influence
5 policy. In regard to the State Assembly district map, it
6 includes foothill and nonfoothill communities, inevitably
7 resulting in drastically different opinions on critical
8 issues like fire management and transportation, making
9 effective representation very difficult.

10 For the State Senate, Rancho Cucamonga is split in
11 half over two districts with the Northern portion being
12 part of the distant high desert region of San Bernardino
13 County.

14 Some of these communities are more than 70 miles
15 from Rancho Cucamonga and includes rural communities,
16 which is a stark contrast from Rancho Cucamonga more
17 urban, suburban communities.

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 MS. SCOTT: There are virtually no commonalities
20 between our residents and those of LA County and the
21 remote mountains and deserts of San Bernardino County.
22 The special needs of our unique diversity need effective
23 representation and only get (indiscernible) --

24 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

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1 MS. SCOTT: -- we respectfully request the
2 Commission keep Rancho Cucamonga whole and revise the
3 both Congressional State Assembly and Senate district
4 maps. Thank you.

5 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

6 MR. MANOFF: And as a reminder, we are interpreting
7 your public comments, so please speak at a steady pace
8 and take your time with county and city names and any
9 numbers that you might have in your public comment.
10 Thank you so much.

11 Next up, we'll have caller 8011 and then caller
12 3196.

13 Caller 8011, please follow the prompts to unmute.
14 Go ahead.

15 MR. THAKUR: Yes. Thank you very much.

16 Chairperson, Commissioners, staff, thank you very
17 much, first of all, for your service. I do personally
18 believe that this is a great service that you're
19 providing for the people of California.

20 My name is Aaruni, A-A-R-U-N, as in Nancy, I. Last
21 name, T, as in Tom; H, as in Henry; A, as in apple;
22 K-U-R, as in Robert.

23 I'm a lifelong resident of Fullerton, California,
24 except for the time that I briefly left for college and

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1 grad school. And I was raised in this wonderful
2 community, and I'm raising my children here.

3 I have heard that the Commission is proposing some
4 changes to North Orange County, including dividing up the
5 city of Fullerton into possibly multiple Assembly
6 Districts. I would ask -- urge you to please reconsider
7 this option. Fullerton is not a big city, but we do
8 share a very common identity, and I believe that
9 splitting it up among multiple Assembly Districts would
10 not be beneficial to the people of Fullerton.

11 There is apparently another plan to draw Fullerton
12 into a new Senate District. I have been following along.
13 I want to also thank you for making the provisional maps
14 that --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 MR. THAKUR: -- that you been providing available.
17 And thank you for sharing that information.

18 But if you would consider drawing Fullerton into
19 other Orange County -- along with other Orange County
20 cities, such as Santa Ana for the State Senate, I believe
21 that that would represent --

22 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

23 MR. THAKUR: -- communities of interest.

24 And I would just close by asking you once again not
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1 to split up Fullerton in the ways that you've proposed
2 earlier today.

3 Thank you so much for your service. Good night.

4 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

5 Up next, we've got caller 3196. And after that will
6 be caller 9708.

7 Caller 3196, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

8 MR. CHRISTIAN: Hi, Commissioners. My name is
9 Christian (ph.), and I'm going to be reading a letter
10 into the record from the Keep Long Beach Together
11 Coalition.

12 We write you to share our deep thanks and enthusiasm
13 for your draft maps and for having entered a new phase in
14 the redistricting process. Long Beach greatly
15 appreciates that for the first draft maps for California
16 State Assembly, Senate, and Congressional Districts all
17 who our city mostly united. Our community is engaged
18 extensively with you in this process that began in June
19 2021, and we look forward to engaging with you through
20 the adoption of final maps on December 27th.

21 We've been active since your very first meeting
22 because we know how important this process is for our
23 future. We have received hundreds of emails, calls, and
24 comments, from individuals at organizations that

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1 represent thousands across our community. We represent a
2 coalition of organizations like the local NAACP chapter,
3 our Cambodian community, Latino social justice groups,
4 LGBTQ plus organizations, and nonprofits and business
5 organizations.

6 We want to work with the Commission to ensure Long
7 Beach stays as in tact as possible for the Congressional
8 maps, and we want to remind the Commission of some of the
9 advocacy that you've heard over the last few months.

10 This includes the Long Beach Unified School
11 District, and they have been consistent in requesting
12 that you keep Long Beach, Lakewood, Signal Hill, and
13 Avalon together; the Long Beach Community College
14 district, which has two campuses, an East and in central
15 Long Beach; the Port of Long Beach, the cities' top job
16 and economic driver. They have made the request to stay
17 united with the rest of the city --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 MR. CHRISTIAN: -- the cities large and historic
20 LGBTQ plus community, and they've asked to not split
21 their voices and diminish their power.

22 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

23 MR. CHRISTIAN: The Cambodian community, which is
24 the largest in the country, is asking not to divide
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1 Cambodia Town from the rest of the city, specifically,
2 Cal State Long Beach, which hosts a number of the
3 programs in the communities.

4 We thank you so much for your support in all of
5 these advocacy --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

7 Up next, we've got caller 9708. And after that will
8 be caller 6115.

9 Caller 9708, please follow the prompts. The floor
10 is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I'm calling today
12 about the Orange County Congressional Districts. I think
13 they should be a top priority for us to revisit. I hope
14 the Commission will focus on creating a true coastal
15 district that goes from Seal Beach down to San Clemente.

16 Right now the maps are very random and arbitrary. I
17 think the Commission needs to spend more time
18 understanding the communities of interest in the areas
19 and adhering to their wishes. Thank you.

20 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

21 And up next, we've got caller 6115. And after that
22 will be caller 7175.

23 Caller 6115, follow the prompts. Go ahead.

24 MR. CHAN: Hello. My name is Nathan Chan (ph.).

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1 I'm calling you today from San Mateo County. I would
2 like to echo the previous commenters gratefulness for the
3 work that you all are doing.

4 I recently served on the county district lines
5 Commission, and I know it's very challenging work.

6 San Mateo County is a very diverse county. It is a
7 majority minority county. But the distribution of
8 minorities in San Mateo County is concentrated in the
9 North part of the county and the South part of the
10 county, with most of the central part of being
11 predominately white majority.

12 The way that the current district maps are proposed,
13 unfortunately, carved out some of this diversity from
14 Assembly District 22, which I know some of it is
15 unavoidable but possibly some of it could be rectified in
16 some measure.

17 For example, Redwood City, which has a large
18 Hispanic population, is currently split under the draft
19 map. If Redwood City could be kept whole, a significant
20 number of Latino voters would be part of Assembly
21 District 22 that wouldn't be part of Assembly District 22
22 under the current draft map.

23 So please consider that when you --

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

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1 MR. CHAN: -- think about San Mateo County and
2 Assembly District 22. That will enable representation
3 for that Assembly District to represent the totality of
4 San Mateo County effectively. Thank you very much.

5 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

6 And up next we've got caller 7175. And after that
7 will be caller 8245.

8 Caller 7175, the time has come to follow the
9 prompts, please. Go ahead.

10 MR. LOUIS: Hello. I just want to thank the
11 Commissioners for allowing me to speak.

12 My name is Louis (ph.), and I live in Angels Camp
13 area in Calaveras County.

14 I've heard numerous callers asking for the Sierras
15 to be kept separate from central valley, specifically
16 Stanislaus County in the current ECA Congressional draft,
17 and I strongly disagree with these callers.

18 As a resident of the Sierras, my community has a
19 strong relationship with the central valley and
20 Stanislaus County. We do our grocery shopping there. We
21 have medical appointments there. Central services we
22 rely on are based in Stanislaus County. Many of our
23 residents jobs are based in the valley. Residents in the
24 central valley also vacation in our Sierras.

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1 So there is a clear connection between the Sierras
2 and Stanislaus County, the central valley has a whole.
3 So I strongly support the current Congressional draft
4 map. I ask the Sierras to stay with Stanislaus.

5 Thank you. And that's all I have to say. Hope
6 everyone has a great day.

7 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

8 Up next we've got caller 8245. And after that will
9 be caller 0073.

10 Caller 8245, please, follow the prompts. The floor
11 is yours.

12 MS. OVERSTREET: Hello, there. I want to echo
13 again, Thank you so much for all of the work that you're
14 doing really creating a space for the community to call
15 in and let you know what their needs are, and I hope
16 you'll be responsive.

17 My name is Blair Overstreet (ph.), And I live in the
18 San Diego community Of City Heights, and I've lived there
19 for several years. And City Heights, and National City,
20 and Paradise Hill belong in the majority Latinx district,
21 along with Barrio Logan And the greater Logan Heights.

22 These communities really do share values and are up
23 against, you know, similar issues and have similar
24 thoughts on how to solve those, including environmental

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1 justice, housing insecurities, lots of gentrification and
2 displacement, immigration, and economic justice.

3 So please keep my community of City Heights in the
4 Latinx majority district. And thank you again for all
5 the work that you do.

6 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

7 Up next, we've got caller 0073. And after that will
8 be caller 0234.

9 Caller 0073, please follow prompts. Go ahead.

10 MR. AI: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Mike Ai
11 (ph.). I am here on behalf of the Equality California,
12 the nation's largest LGBTQ plus civil rights organization
13 with hundreds of thousands of members state wide.

14 I'm calling about the MBCV Assembly District map.
15 I'd like to thank the Commission, particularly
16 Commissioner Kennedy for uniting the LGBTQ plus community
17 in the Coachella Valley and the MBCV district.

18 The Coachella Valley is home to a historic and
19 vibrant LGBTQ plus community, which includes many of our
20 LGBTQ plus elders in California, and now, the first
21 generation of people living with HIV to live into their
22 senior years.

23 Thank you again for keeping the LGBTQ plus community
24 united MBCV.

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1 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

2 Up next, we've got caller 0234. And after that will
3 be caller 7258.

4 Caller 0234, please follow those prompts. Go ahead.

5 (In Spanish, not translated)

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 (In Spanish, not translated)

8 MR. MANOFF: Gracias.

9 Up next, we've got caller 7258. And after that will
10 be caller 4554.

11 Caller 7258, please follow the prompts. That's
12 caller with the last four digits, 7258. You may unmute
13 your phone by pressing star six, please. One more time.
14 Caller with the last four, 7258, please press star six to
15 unmute. I'm so sorry, caller 7258, we will come back to
16 you.

17 Up next, we've got caller 4554. And after that will
18 be caller 8298.

19 Caller 4554, please follow the prompts to unmute by
20 pressing star six. Go ahead.

21 MR. PULLEN-MILES: Good evening, Honorable
22 Commissioners. My name is Robert Pullen-Miles. I'm the
23 mayor of the City of Lawndale.

24 I want to take this opportunity thank you for
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1 hearing and listening to the voices of the parents in the
2 communities in the cities of Lawndale, Inglewood, and
3 Hawthorne, and Lennox.

4 In our community, we know that education is a big
5 equalizer. By keeping the cities Inglewood, Lawndale,
6 Hawthorne, and Lennox in the same Assembly District, you
7 are in fact ensuring that our children are together.

8 As previous parents and callers have stated, these
9 school districts (indiscernible) -- and our goal is
10 simply to lift children out of poverty. We work so well
11 together. Even one on Lawndale's school is physically
12 located in the city of Hawthorne, and our high schools
13 service several communities that overlap.

14 Our families and our kids deserve to be in the same
15 Assembly District, and I know with your leadership that
16 that will be (indiscernible).

17 Once again, we are grateful that you are putting our
18 children first by keeping the cities of Inglewood,
19 Lawndale, Hawthorne, and Lennox together.

20 And I thank you for your patience. And I thank you
21 for your service on this Commission. Thank you.

22 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

23 Up next, we've got caller 8298. And after that will
24 be caller 7175.

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1 Caller 8298, if you could, please follow the
2 prompts. Go ahead.

3 MR. GONZALEZ: Hello. My name is Juan Gonzalez
4 (ph.), and I live in North Ridge in San Fernando Valley
5 of LA. Thank you for taking my call and letting me share
6 my thoughts.

7 As other callers have shared, the Latino community
8 in San Fernando Valley is important to my neighborhood
9 and nearby communities. The Commission has shown that
10 you understand that, and thank you for drawing a Latino
11 Voting Rights Act Assembly district here in the San
12 Fernando Valley in your initial maps.

13 However, as several people have shared already, it
14 is possible to draw two VRA Assembly Districts in the
15 valley. And if you draw two Assembly Districts, you can
16 nest those inside of one of the VRA Senate District.

17 Please, don't limit my communities ability to elect
18 a representative of our choice, and draw two majority
19 Latino Assembly Districts in the San Fernando Valley.

20 Thank you, again, for your hard work, and I hope you
21 will protect the voting rights of my community. Thank
22 you so much.

23 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

24 Up next, we've got caller 7175. And after that will
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1 be caller 3241.

2 Caller 7175, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

3 MR. PAYNE: Thank you.

4 Good evening, Commissioners. This is Jeremy Payne
5 (ph.) calling on behalf of Equality California.

6 Want to thank you for your work to unite the LGBTQ
7 plus community by putting Hollywood and West Hollywood in
8 the heart of LA's LGBTQ plus community together in the
9 same district today.

10 However, I just want to remind Commissioner that
11 there has been overwhelming COI testimony that the LGBTQ
12 plus community in West Hollywood and Hollywood West of
13 the 101 freeway should not be paired with Glendale.

14 Hollywood and West Hollywood share homelessness and
15 housing interests with central LA areas like Greater
16 Wilshire and Korea Town, interests that Glendale does not
17 share.

18 Given the changes made today, we would encourage the
19 Commission to move Mid-city West and Greater Wilshire
20 into the Glenn and LA district, and then move
21 (indiscernible) out of Flintridge and the city of
22 Glendale North of the 134 freeway out of that district as
23 suggested by a number of Commissioners.

24 Doing so would better unite the LGBTQ plus community
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1 and other communities of interest in Hollywood, West
2 Hollywood, and central LA, by keeping us separate from
3 the city of Glendale, as supported by significant COI
4 testimony.

5 So thank you so much, and we look forward to seeing
6 the updated maps.

7 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

8 And just a quick reminder, our lines will close at 6
9 o'clock.

10 Up next, we've got caller 3241. And after that will
11 be caller 7976.

12 Caller 3241, if you could, please follow prompts.
13 Go ahead.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, there. Recently, I've
15 been listening to the redistricting Commission in your
16 meetings, and I've noticed that on the Orange County
17 coastal district that there's been a lot of back and
18 forth where some support, but a lot citizens have been
19 calling in, and they just want Orange County's beach
20 cities to stay together versus being split up with other
21 counties or being put with inland cities, and I think
22 that you should listen to them because you are a Citizens
23 Commission in that you're supposed to listen to the
24 citizens.

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1 And keeping Orange County beach cities together
2 makes the most sense because, I mean, in reality, if you
3 really look at it, none of these communities outside of
4 Orange County have anything in common with each. And so
5 like L.A. has different priorities. I mean, someone from
6 Keep Long Beach Together just called in. People in San
7 Diego have nothing -- there's literally fifteen miles of
8 nothing in between the nearest town for Orange County.
9 And so it doesn't make any sense, and so I just think
10 keeping Orange County together, like all the other
11 citizens have been saying, just makes the most sense.
12 But thank you. And hopefully, we get that done. Have a
13 nice night.

14 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
15 7976. And after that will be caller 5647.

16 Caller 7976, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

17 MS. CAMPBELL: Hi. My name is Winky Campbell (ph.),
18 and I've lived in the East Bay Alameda County for many
19 years. Yesterday, I heard a caller from Albany, who
20 talked about your Commission being ready to be okay with
21 undoing a change and going back to an earlier draft, and
22 I urge you to do that. Another caller talked about
23 taking the time to intentionally reflect on the lines
24 you've drawn. They were both right. Older options of

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1 your maps may actually be better. By pausing to look
2 back after you draw is the only really way to really know
3 what you did. The two suggestions from yesterday's
4 callers are particularly important as you move from draft
5 maps to final maps. You might spend an hour drawing
6 something this week and determine that you fixed a
7 problem you were trying to solve.

8 However, when looking at the big picture, you may
9 realize that your Commission created several worse
10 problems, and thus, the only prudent course of action is
11 to change it. Newer is not always better. But you can
12 only figure that out if you allow yourself time to do so,
13 which is why you need that reflective time, not to
14 reflect on the draft maps -- you had two weeks to do
15 that -- now you need time to reflect on this week's work,
16 time after you've finished the plan, to stop before you
17 jump into a new set of maps. If you look at the
18 districts you've drawn, review them systematically and
19 deliberately. Are they what you actually what you want
20 to be in your final maps? You probably didn't know that
21 moving Albany was a bad idea until you moved Albany, and
22 I suggest that you go back to an earlier iteration. And
23 you can't know what this week's Albany is going to be,
24 but you can know that your schedule needs to allow time

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1 to at least --

2 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

3 MS. CAMPBELL: -- talk about the changes you've
4 made. Thank you very much for your time and for allowing
5 us to participate. Good-bye.

6 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

7 Up next, we've got caller 5647. And after that will
8 be caller 8224.

9 Caller 5647, if you could please follow the prompts
10 to unmute. Go ahead.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, and thank you
12 for this opportunity. I want to say thank you to the
13 Commissioners, the staff, and the consultants that are
14 helping redistrict our entire state at so many different
15 levels. I've had the honor of serving on two
16 redistricting Commissions -- one for the county and one
17 for my City of Redwood City, so I totally understand the
18 complexity. I'm here to urge you to please keep Redwood
19 City whole in the proposed Assembly San Mateo District --
20 currently Assembly District 22 The draft map that you
21 guys are working on draws lines through communities of
22 interest, including historically underrepresented groups,
23 like immigrant and Latinx communities. Removing that
24 area of Redwood City dilutes the power of the Latinx

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1 community in the proposed district by splitting thousands
2 of Latinx people from the current lines of Assembly
3 District 22. As a Latinx person myself, I ask, please,
4 do not split Redwood City, and keep it whole within the
5 rest of San Mateo County. As a former member of two
6 redistricting Commissions, I understand the complexity
7 and difficulty in finding population balance, respecting
8 communities of interest, and keeping cities and counties
9 whole. In the spirit of the Voting Rights Act and the
10 Fair Maps Act, I am identifying the historic
11 neighborhoods of Palm, Woodside, Roosevelt, Eagle Hill,
12 and Farm Hills, as communities of interest and ask that
13 you keep them whole within Redwood City, and Redwood City
14 whole within San Mateo County. I urge the 2020
15 California Citizens Redistricting Commission to keep
16 Redwood City within the proposed AD_SANMATEO map. That
17 clearly expresses the will of the residents of Redwood
18 City and furthers the goal of equity for us all.

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So thank you very much.

21 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. And up next, we've got
22 caller 8224. And after that will be caller 2931.

23 Caller 8224, if you could please follow the prompts
24 by pressing star six. Caller with the last four 822 --

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1 go ahead.

2 MS. NGUYEN: Okay. Hi. Dear Commissioners. My
3 name is Stephanie Nguyen. I'm calling in regard to the
4 Little Saigon community of Orange County. I have made
5 several comments about the process, so I just want to
6 thank you all for listening to our comments.

7 (Indiscernible) on the Senate map. Please, don't
8 make any change for the Senate district, with just a few
9 minor change to the Congressional and Assembly maps to
10 have a true representation of Little Saigon. That is to
11 add inland part of Huntington Beach to the map. There
12 are a lot of Vietnamese-Americans in Huntington Beach
13 that border on Fountain Valley and Westminster. Not sure
14 if you are aware, on November 22nd, the Orange County
15 Board of Supervisor approved their redistrict map. They
16 acknowledged that Little Saigon belongs in the City of
17 Westminster, Fountain Valley, Los Alamitos, Rossmoor,
18 Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, Midway City, and portions
19 of (indiscernible) district. This clearly shows that the
20 county acknowledged that Huntington Beach does, in fact,
21 belong with Little Saigon where they are sharing social
22 service, government programs, healthcare service, and
23 education. Please reconsider. Thank you for listening.
24 Thank you so much for your hard work.

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1 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
2 2931. And after that, will be caller 0682.

3 Caller 2931, please follow the prompts by pressing
4 star six.

5 MS. TAI: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Laura
6 Tai (ph.). I am calling again regarding about Little
7 Saigon community of interest. And thank you for
8 everything you are doing to make it right for every
9 community of interest, especially your attention to
10 Little Saigon. I didn't know if you hear that the Orange
11 County Board of Supervisors approved their redistrict
12 maps last week. They included Huntington Beach in with
13 Little Saigon. This is what our community have been
14 asking for. As you know, the county -- the community
15 interested healthcare and social service. And ADGGW
16 draft map. Please add the inland part of Huntington
17 Beach to include in Huntington Harbor where we're next
18 generation Vietnamese-Americans have been moved to. So
19 up North (indiscernible) Street in Huntington Beach, the
20 whole City of Huntington Beach, like (indiscernible).
21 You need to take out Santa Ana East of Garden Grove and
22 Euclid Street. This can be another district since it
23 doesn't have any interest with our Little Saigon
24 community. That is what the county did as well.

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1 Congressional map at Huntington Beach and remove Artesia
2 and Saratoga. Thank you for your time. Have a good
3 night. Bye-bye.

4 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

5 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
6 0682. And next after that will be caller 7208. Caller
7 0682, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
9 I wanted to call in as a resident of Palmdale in support
10 of our current Assembly draft and Congressional draft
11 maps. For far too long, residents of Palmdale have been
12 expected to be lumped with communities far too different
13 from our own at every level. I support your current
14 draft of AD_ANTELOPE and AD_SCV. I appreciate you not
15 bowing to public political pressure and remaining
16 independent. Palmdale wishes to be united with the rest
17 of the Antelope Valley in our Assembly district and with
18 our brothers and sisters in Santa Clarita in a
19 Congressional district without Simi Valley. All of your
20 drafts for our area have been very fair and correct a
21 wrong that was done ten years ago. Thank you for your
22 hard work, and happy holidays.

23 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
24 7208. And after that will be caller 1013.

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1 Caller 7208, please follow the prompts. Caller with
2 the last four digits 7208, please press star six to
3 unmute your phone. Go ahead.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Good evening. This
5 is Edna Luncy (ph.) longtime resident of Fullerton. I am
6 very, very surprised about the discussion they had this
7 afternoon, you know, talking about the North Orange
8 County, how it's going to be split the City of Fullerton.
9 I don't know how this was treated. They were talking
10 about La Habra and suddenly they decide to divide the
11 City of Fullerton? Fullerton is a city of -- we are only
12 150,000 people that we live here, which it's been split
13 already once. And this afternoon, one Commissioner
14 suggested splitting the city three ways. Another
15 Commissioner insisted on splitting off South Fullerton,
16 which is heavily Latinx community, to put it with Santa
17 Ana. No one has suggested putting South Fullerton in the
18 Senate and Assembly district with Santa Ana. And nobody
19 is addressing the Asian-American Advancing Justice or the
20 Black Redistricting Hub. Nor the Orange County Civic
21 Engagement Table is simply not required to comply with
22 the Voting Rights Act. It's simply a community of
23 interest, not recent whatsoever. It is splitting a city
24 in a way that nobody had suggested that you should do.

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1 If this never has to happen -- if you need to split North
2 Fullerton, which is heavily Korean, that is one thing --

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- but keep the rest of
5 Fullerton with Anaheim. Make that the anchor for our
6 district. Please separate districts anchoring Santa Ana.
7 You can consider combining them in larger Senate
8 districts --

9 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- but splitting up Fullerton
11 in the ways that you discussed today in the Assembly map
12 is simply inexcusable. People don't have to accede to
13 comply to this. Please, listen to us, I ask deeply to
14 the Commission --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. And we are up against a
16 break, but before we go to break, I would like to one
17 more time invite those who have called in to please press
18 star nine to raise our hand. That'll let us know that
19 you have called in to give public comment. Again, please
20 press star nine to raise your hand. We will be coming
21 back after break to take your input. Chair, I defer to
22 you.

23 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: We are ready for break.
24 Let's do it.

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1 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 6:10 p.m.
2 until 6:25 p.m.)

3 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And thank you,
4 all for waiting through the break. We are in public
5 comment time, and so we see the hands. We thank you for
6 that. A reminder that public comment is two minutes, and
7 we are now in the hands of Kristian.

8 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much, Chair. And again,
9 we would like to invite those that have called in to give
10 public comment to please press star nine. This will
11 raise your hand for the comment moderator and get you
12 into the queue. I'm also going to invite Commissioner
13 Fernandez to invite the queue to raise their hand in
14 Espanol.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Gracias, Kristian.

16 (In Spanish, not translated)

17 MR. MANOFF: Gracias. All right. First up, we've
18 got caller 1013. And after that will be caller 3406.

19 Caller 1013, if you could please follow the prompts
20 to unmute. Go ahead.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. Thank
22 you very much for all the work that you're doing. I
23 wanted to thank you for hearing and listening to the
24 voices of parents and community leaders and students in

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1 our effort to keep the Cities of Lawndale, Inglewood, and
2 Hawthorne together.

3 Our community has worked really hard over the last
4 couple of years to make sure that our children continue
5 to have a good education, and by keeping those cities
6 together, you're keeping the school district together and
7 allowing them to continue to have a good education. So I
8 wanted to give you guys a call to thank you. Our
9 families and kids deserve to be in the same Assembly
10 district, and that's something that I know you guys are
11 working towards that. And I wanted to give a special
12 shout-out to Commissioners Sadhwani and Commissioner Yee
13 for making sure that our cities are kept together. And
14 Commissioner Yee gave a really good example where we can
15 take out the City of Gardena completely and incorporate
16 the City of Lawndale. That way we'll keep the Cities of
17 Lawndale, Hawthorne, and Inglewood together. Again, we
18 are very grateful that you are prioritizing our kids and
19 keeping those cities together. So we really appreciate
20 it. Thank you.

21 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
22 3406. And after that will be caller 4149.

23 Caller 3406, please follow the prompts to unmute.

24 MS. CORALES: Hello. My name is Julie Corales. I
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1 am a resident of the Barrio Logan community in San Diego.
2 I'm a lifelong resident of San Diego. I have lived in
3 Barrio Logan and in City Heights, and I'm calling to ask
4 the Commission to place the Community of City Heights in
5 the Latino majority district -- the Latinx majority
6 district -- to group it together with Barrio Logan and
7 the South Bay. These communities are intertwined. They
8 are the heart of our Latinx community. We shop together.
9 We celebrate together. We go to the same events. And we
10 need to be -- we need to be joined. We realize that City
11 Heights has an important refugee community, but it is
12 predominantly Hispanic, and we need to be together.
13 Placing us with folks out -- East county affluent folks,
14 predominantly white folks -- would disenfranchise this
15 very special community. City Heights is urban. It is
16 not suburban like the other communities that it is
17 grouped with in the map. And it has very unique needs.
18 These communities -- City Heights, Barrio Logan, Logan
19 Heights, and the South Bay fight for similar issues:
20 Economic justice, racial justice, immigration issues, and
21 we need to have joint representation as we fight for our
22 freedoms, really. So I urge the Commission to please
23 keep these communities together.

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

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1 MS. CORALES: Do not siphon away City Heights and
2 place it with communities that it does not have much in
3 common with. Thank you.

4 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
5 4149. And after that will be caller 0205.

6 Caller 4149, please follow those prompts. The floor
7 is yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Commissioners,
9 again, for spending so much time on such an important
10 issue. I know it's a lot of feedback to take in. I am
11 calling in regards to the Assembly districts in South
12 L.A. I'm really concerned that one of the four seats
13 that have traditionally been in South L.A. has been
14 eliminated, drastically reducing and minimizing the
15 political voice of South L.A., which is one of
16 California's most vulnerable communities. And definitely
17 one of California's largest black communities. And in
18 doing so, in eliminating one of these districts, you've
19 essentially passed black voters into two districts in
20 South L.A. My suggestion would be to shift AD_110LA
21 Northwest as far as Westward to include areas East of the
22 405, including Culver City whole. That would allow for,
23 again, a district based in Crenshaw, and then it would
24 also allow for an additional district to the East that

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1 should include downtown Skid Row and other parts of South
2 L.A. in that area. Again, I think it's really important
3 to include Skid Row, which is mostly black -- right? And
4 faces a lot of similar issues on housing,
5 criminalization, et cetera.

6 At this point, I think it would be helpful to move
7 AD_105COR, again, West, to include LAX. I think as
8 callers have mentioned, having Inglewood-based district
9 that includes Lennox, Hawthorne, is really important.
10 I'd like to --

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- note that other
13 submissions that we've seen, it is possible to group
14 parts of Gardena into that district, which I think is
15 important. There's really strong black communities
16 across Crenshaw, and I think that --

17 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- (indiscernible,
19 simultaneous speech) have shown some strong splits there.
20 So again, we should have another fourth district to the
21 East of that that includes Western Compton. Again, we'd
22 really love to see four black -- a strong South L.A.
23 district that balances black population, and don't pack
24 and don't eliminate political voices in South L.A. Thank

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1 you very --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

3 Up next, we've got caller 0205. And after that will
4 be caller 5778.

5 Caller 0205, please follow the prompts. That's
6 caller with the last four digits 0205. Please follow the
7 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. One more time
8 for caller with the last four digits 0205. You may
9 unmute your phone. Go ahead. The floor is yours.

10 MS. CRAFT: Hi. Good evening. Sorry for the delay
11 there. A little technical issue on my part. thank you
12 for the opportunity to share my comments this evening.
13 My name is Tiffany Craft, spelled T-I-F-F-A-N-Y
14 C-R-A-F-T, and I am a longtime resident of the City of
15 Irvine. I wanted to briefly talk about the Assembly maps
16 for Irvine where you have the city combined with Costa
17 Mesa and Tustin. To me, it would make more sense if
18 Tustin, North Tustin, Northern Irvine, and Lake Forest
19 were together in the same Assembly district rather than
20 with Costa Mesa where we have little in common. The
21 areas along the foothills and the 241 corridor have
22 common interests, school districts in some cases, and
23 public policy priorities. Please consider changing the
24 map to include the foothill communities in one Assembly

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1 district so that the needs of our community can be
2 addressed fairly.

3 Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward
4 to seeing Lake Forest with Northern Irvine and North
5 Tustin/Tustin in the next iteration of your maps. Thank
6 you for your commitment and your service to the
7 community. Have a wonderful evening.

8 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. And again, we'd like to
9 remind those who have called in tonight to give public
10 comment to please press star nine. This will raise your
11 hand. This is for caller 1461, caller 2567, caller 2638,
12 caller 4047, caller 4201, caller 4328, caller 5273,
13 caller 8742, caller 9006, caller 9786. And to caller
14 7258, who we were unable to connect with earlier, I see
15 you're still connected. But if any of you would like to
16 give comment, please press star nine. We will be trying
17 your lines, but by pressing star nine you might get ahead
18 in line. You might not have to wait as long. Again,
19 that's star nine to raise your hand.

20 Up next, we've got caller 5778. And after that will
21 be caller 0223.

22 Caller 5778, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

23 MS. MARTIN-MILIUS: Chair, Vice Chair, and
24 Commissioners, thank you so much for the opportunity to

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1 speak. I'm Tara Martin-Milius, that's M-I-L-I-U-S. I'm
2 in Santa Clara County, a former Vice Mayor and
3 councilmember of the City of Sunnyvale. Former
4 neighborhood leader and continue to be active in the
5 community. I am speaking as an individual. I'm in favor
6 of redistricting to keep Sunnyvale whole, and strongly
7 support the CD-BERRY SUNY draft Congressional district
8 map. Our Sunnyvale City Council has also unanimously
9 voted to request support of Sunnyvale in one
10 Congressional district, one State Assembly district, and
11 one Senate district, with like composition of cities such
12 as Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Cupertino, Fremont, and
13 Milpitas, which all have similar interests and needs,
14 including regional concerns of economic interest, living
15 standards, transportation facilities, work opportunities.
16 My ask is that Congressional, State Senate, and State
17 Assembly redistricting consider the whole of Sunnyvale to
18 be a community of interest, lessening the issues across
19 district confusions and conflicts and affects. Sunnyvale
20 is part of the high-tech economy and should remain with
21 the other high-tech neighboring cities, such as Fremont,
22 Santa Clara, Cupertino, and Fremont and Milpitas. We're
23 all linked by income, housing, immigration status, all
24 regional issues which are more easily addressed by

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1 remining in the same district. We -- the cities in this
2 district, all have a high number of Asian-Americans, East
3 Asian and Asian-Indian descent, which allows for
4 connectedness --

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 MS. MARTIN-MILIUS: -- similar language services,
7 and language access, interest in immigration issues, and
8 cultural-specific social services. I hope you can keep
9 Sunnyvale whole and all of us together in one district.
10 Thank you, all, for your dedication to this redistricting
11 process.

12 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
13 0223. And after that will be caller 2567.

14 Caller 0223, if you could please follow the prompts
15 by pressing star six. Go ahead.

16 MS. BROWN: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is
17 Natasha Brown. Thank you so much for taking the time to
18 listen to all the public comments. I know it is not an
19 easy task. I would like to take the time to specifically
20 talk about downtown Los Angeles and Skid Row. On both
21 the Assembly and Congressional levels, we see that
22 downtown Los Angeles and Skid Row are not in core South
23 L.A. districts. Skid Row is a community at risk of
24 losing political power resulting from gentrification

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1 that's aimed at attracting higher-earning, wealthy
2 residents. Due to this, it's a community that needs to
3 be protected by being grouped with similar communities
4 who share the same concerns. These areas are home to
5 black communities of interest that mirror each other's
6 concerns around gentrification, affordable housing, and
7 over-policing.

8 I would like to make some recommendations for
9 adjustments that would make this possible. At the
10 Congressional level, I would recommend placing downtown
11 Los Angeles and Skid Row in the CD 10 CORE draft
12 district. And at the Assembly level, I would like to
13 recommend creating a fourth black opportunity district
14 East of 110 L.A. that would include downtown Los Angeles
15 and Skid Row, pairing it with South L.A. neighborhoods.
16 I hope you take these recommendations into consideration
17 as it pertains to downtown Los Angeles and Skid Row.
18 These adjustments would allow the black residents --

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 MS. BROWN: -- to effectively organize their
21 communities, make their voices heard politically, and
22 flourish. Thank you for your time, and have a good
23 evening.

24 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
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1 2567. And after that will be caller 9786.

2 Caller 2567, please follow those prompts. The floor
3 is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
5 Thank you for all your continued work on the maps. I'd
6 like to reference the Fresno-Tulare Congressional
7 district map. Hanford is a hub for smaller Kings County
8 communities. Residents from Corcoran, Kettleman City and
9 other rural towns often travel to Hanford for shopping
10 and entertainment. College of the Sequoias and West
11 Hills Community College campuses in Kings County attract
12 Kings County high school graduates and community members
13 continuing their education. They are communities of
14 interest. Kings County has a dominant Latino presence
15 throughout and the county should be kept together to
16 ensure the Latino community has fair representation in
17 Congress. I urge you to keep Kings County whole. Thank
18 you for your time.

19 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
20 9786. And after that will be caller 4328.

21 Caller 9786, please follow those prompts. Go ahead.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. I live in the
23 Angel's Camp area in Calaveras County. I've heard
24 numerous callers asking for the Sierras to be kept

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1 separate from the Central Valley, specifically,
2 Stanislaus County and the current ECA Congressional
3 draft. I strongly disagree with these callers. As a
4 resident of the Sierras, my community has a strong
5 relationship with the Central Valley and Stanislaus
6 County. We do our grocery shopping there. We have
7 medical appointments there. Essential services we rely
8 on are based in Stanislaus. Many of our resident's jobs
9 are also based in the Valley. Residents in the Central
10 Valley also travel and vacation in our Sierras. There is
11 a clear connection between the Sierras and Stanislaus
12 County and Central Valley as whole. I strongly support
13 the current Congressional draft map and ask for the
14 Sierras to stay with Stanislaus County.

15 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
16 4328. And after that will be caller 8742. Caller 4328,
17 if you could please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

18 MR. ICHINOSE: Yeah. My name is Daniel Ichinose,
19 and I'm research director at the Orange County Civic
20 Engagement Table. I also worked to support the People's
21 Redistricting Alliance. We appreciate all your hard
22 work, recognizing the diverse interests the Commission
23 and line drawers are working to balance. We're happy
24 that the Commission is prioritizing VRA compliancy. It's

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1 important that you get it right.

2 I have to admit to being confused by your discussion
3 of Orange County this afternoon, which discussed breaking
4 up a key COI in our county to comply with federal law.
5 Last month, you received numerous public map submissions.
6 These were submitted by talented folks with deep ties to
7 communities and decades of redistricting experience of
8 statewide maps from Asian-Americans Advancing Justice,
9 the Black Census and Redistricting Hub and MALDEF, and
10 Southern California regional maps from the People's Bloc
11 in Los Angeles. The People's Redistricting Alliance in
12 Orange County, and IE United in the Inland Empire.
13 Community members and organizations, demographers, and
14 attorneys spent months working on these maps. It all
15 began by assessing Gingles 1. How many districts can be
16 drawn in which targeted racial groups make up fifty
17 percent or more of a district's citizen voting age
18 population? In areas where these majority/minority
19 districts can be drawn, does racially polarize voting
20 exist? The statewide maps you received from Advancing
21 Justice, the Black Hub in MALDEF, as well as the line
22 regional maps from the People's Bloc --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MR. ICHINOSE: -- in L.A. and the People's
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1 Redistricting Alliance in OC all demonstrate how VRA
2 compliance can be achieved in Los Angeles and Orange
3 Counties while maintaining the integrity of communities
4 of interest on both sides of the county line. So please,
5 please consider these maps --

6 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

7 MR. ICHINOSE: -- which will save you considerable
8 time so late in this process, and prevent communities
9 from being broken up unnecessarily. Thank you.

10 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. And again, we'd like to
11 invite those that have called in who have not yet spoken
12 to please press star nine to raise your hand.

13 And I'd like to, again, invite Commissioner
14 Fernandez to please repeat the instructions in Espanol.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ:

16 (In Spanish, not translated)

17 MR. MANOFF: Gracias. Up next, we've got caller
18 8742. And after that will be caller 2638. Caller 8742,
19 if you could follow the prompts. Go ahead.

20 MR. PARKER: Thank you for your work to improve the
21 redistricting process. My name is Allen Parker, and I'm
22 calling about the Congressional and Assembly districts
23 for Simi Valley, Santa Clarita, Canyon Country, Antelope
24 Valley in relation to San Fernando Valley. I think it

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1 would be better to keep as much of the San Fernando
2 Valley in contiguous districts as possible and not mix it
3 with Santa Clarita. The San Fernando Valley is part of
4 the second biggest city in the U.S., and Simi Valley,
5 Santa Clarita, Canyon Country, Palmdale, and Lancaster
6 are suburban towns outside of L.A., so a representative
7 can't properly represent a merged district if they are
8 that different. They have conflicting priorities.

9 Previous Congressional visualizations kept Santa Clarita
10 and the Antelope Valley whole, but to add population, it
11 makes more sense to push West and include Simi Valley
12 rather than taking a section of San Fernando Valley to
13 the South. The San Fernando Valley, including Porter
14 Ranch and Granada Hills shares different concerns and
15 issues than the Santa Clarita Valley. Thank you for
16 letting me speak.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
18 2638. And after that will be caller 4201.

19 Caller 2638, if you could please follow the prompts.
20 That's caller with the last four digits 2638. If you
21 could please unmute by pressing star six. One more time
22 for caller 2638. You can now unmute your phone by
23 pressing star six.

24 I'm going to invite Commissioner Fernandez -- oh,
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1 no. We have unmuted. Thank you so much, caller 2638.
2 Go ahead.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. I'm calling from
4 Sonora. I've lived in Sonora my entire life, and what
5 I've found in these maps is that we do participate in
6 Stanislaus; we do go down the hill for our medicine, for
7 our groceries. We go to the Valley. I've heard a lot of
8 people complaining about breaking up Stanislaus or doing
9 different things with Stanislaus to remove the mountain
10 communities from it to make it -- keeping Stanislaus
11 whole. I totally disagree with that.

12 The previous districts we've been in prior to this
13 ECA over the last ten years, our main focus has been
14 Sacramento. We don't go to Sacramento. We come to the
15 Valley. As I looked at this district, I do find it
16 unusual that the Lake Tahoe rim is the only (audio
17 interference) that's been separated, and you don't
18 have -- a contiguous area of Lake Tahoe has been
19 separated into two districts. I find that very odd. And
20 I heard the complaints of the folks over in Mono County
21 as well as the Mammoth area, and we certainly -- us
22 people here in the foothills and the mountains -- we
23 don't go over the hill, and they should be kept in their
24 own district. The Alpine County down through Death

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1 Valley -- that should be a separate district. So I just
2 ask that you take a closer look at where people live, how
3 the road systems work, and understand that there may not
4 be much in comparison between just the rim of Lake Tahoe.
5 That should be kept whole with Truckee and the
6 surrounding communities, as well as the fact that from
7 Mariposa, Oakhurst --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Sonora -- we all go down
10 the hill to Fresno, Clovis, Madera, Merced, Modesto, and
11 breaking up Stanislaus County makes some sense for us.
12 Thank you very much.

13 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
14 4201. And after that we have caller 9006.

15 Caller 4201, if you could please follow those
16 prompts. Go ahead.

17 MR. WALDMAN: Stuart Waldman from VICA. Thank you
18 for letting me speak today. I was unsure when the San
19 Fernando Valley would be discussed. I understood that
20 Glendale being placed with West Hollywood today was
21 discussed, which I agree with previous callers, it seems
22 like an odd pairing. And I appreciate that you've been
23 talking about VRA districts. And I agree with the
24 previous caller that the San Fernando Valley, which is

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1 home to over 760,000 Latinos, deserve two Assembly
2 districts. We've submitted a simple four-district swap
3 that could just be plugged right in that creates two
4 districts for Latinos that are over fifty percent CVAP.
5 But that being said, if you're making no changes at all
6 to the San Fernando Valley, we're happy with that, too.
7 So just keep walking. Thank you for all you're doing,
8 and I'll talk to you later.

9 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
10 9006. Please follow the prompts to unmute. Go ahead.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello.

12 (In Spanish, not translated)

13 MR. MANOFF: Gracias. And now as we do not have any
14 other raised hands, we are going to try folks who have
15 not yet spoken. Up first, we're going to try caller
16 1461. And after that we're going to try caller 4047.

17 Caller 1461, if you'd like to give comment, please
18 press star six to unmute. Again, that's caller with the
19 last four digits 1461. Please follow the prompts to
20 unmute.

21 Commissioner Fernandez, could you please invite
22 caller 1461 to unmute by pressing star six?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

24 (In Spanish, not translated)

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1 MR. MANOFF: Caller 1461, thank you so much for
2 listening. Next up, we're going to try caller 4047. You
3 can now unmute by pressing star six. Again, Commissioner
4 Fernandez, could you please invite caller 4047 to unmute
5 by pressing star six?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ:

7 (In Spanish, not translated)

8 MR. MANOFF: Caller 4047, thank you for listening
9 tonight. And next up we'll try caller 4 -- or, I'm
10 sorry -- caller 5273. You can unmute by pressing star
11 six. I want to thank you also for listening tonight.
12 And we're going to retry caller 7258.

13 Caller 7258, if you'd like to give comment, please
14 press star six. All right. We want to thank you for
15 listening as well. And again, if you are unable to
16 connect with us tonight over phone, you can contact the
17 Commission in a variety of other ways.

18 Chair, the queue is clear.

19 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Kristian, for
20 the excellent job you and your team always do. Thank you
21 to all of the callers that's called in today to give us
22 additional public comment and your community of interest.
23 We thank you for your time. I'd like to thank all
24 Commissioners. And actually, I'm going to -- our Chair

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1 is back in. Do you have --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think you're doing a great job.
3 And so we'll see each other bright and early tomorrow at
4 the time allotted. And we'll be reevaluating our
5 schedule tonight based on our first day of
6 visualizations, and we'll try to continue to move in this
7 process. Of course, we need to get to a decision point
8 and move forward more efficiently. And I know it's hard
9 because this is important work, and we all are committed
10 to fair maps. And so thank you to the public. Thank you
11 to everyone, and we will see each tomorrow. This meeting
12 is in recess.

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14 (Whereupon, the Citizens Redistricting
15 Commission (CRC) Meeting adjourned at 6:55
16 p.m.)

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