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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.

MS. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy.



1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

2 MS. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

3 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

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

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

7 MS. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor.

8 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

9 MS. SINGH: And Commissioner Toledo.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Present.

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

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

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

22 We've allocated three hours for Los Angeles. We may
23 need a little bit more maybe, but we will be able to come
24 back if we need to. We've allocated two hours for Orange
25 County and San Diego. We plan to take public comment at

1 5:30. We do have a lunch break between 2:15 and 3 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

25 We found these yellow areas are areas of Voting

1 Rights Act concern, and they mainly are in the Eastern
2 part of Los Angeles County working towards the San
3 Bernardino and Riverside County lines and the Northern
4 part of Orange County and -- and the Santa Ana area,
5 which you see down there. Yeah, there you are.

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

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

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, there is. I'm sure
21 that there is. Apologies. I'm running in from my other
22 job.

23 Commissioner Toledo, have -- have -- you went
24 through generally the -- I had the run of show for today.
25 Would it be helpful if I also went through some of the

1 priorities that were identified yesterday, which -- in
2 which VRA was, of course, the number 1 concern?

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

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. And was that -- was
8 that docu -- was that PowerPoint posted?

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

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

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

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

25 Almost all Commissioners said that VRA districts

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

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

18 Lawndale and South L.A. was certainly identified as
19 an area. Also, again, non-VRA area. Not necessarily, in
20 any case, a VRA area, but an area of -- of key interest
21 that Commissioners raised. And certainly a lot of
22 interest for the border between Los Angeles and Orange
23 County.

24 You can see here in the document, I had bolded VRA
25 districts NELA, Lawndale, South L.A., border between

1 L.A./OC. That's not to suggest that other areas that
2 were mentioned weren't of importance or anything like
3 that, but, for example, the West San Gabriel Valley was
4 identified specifically on the Congressional maps, and
5 today our focus is Assembly.

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

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

19 Before we leave today, there's also a -- excuse
20 me -- a slide for the Southern California priorities as
21 well. So please take a look at that as we continue to
22 move further South. Before we leave today, I think
23 what's really important is that we identify the key
24 changes that we have all agreed upon, some of that which
25 we are going to do live here today, but also document a

1 list of priorities.

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

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

18 Here, I think to be efficient with our time, I would
19 ask that we -- that we really think about -- about what
20 it is that we can all agree upon and send Jaime off with
21 that list. And Commissioner Fornaciari and I will try
22 our best to the bullet point those as we did yesterday,
23 and we can review them at the end of the day before we go
24 to public comment.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Excellent.

1 Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Anything you would add, Commissioner
4 Yee?

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

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

10 So Commissioner Sadhwani, just thinking about these
11 priorities, are the ones that are -- and I'm -- I'm
12 asking because I'm not clear right now. Are the ones
13 that are bolded the -- the ones that rose to the top? We
14 have the VRA districts NELA, Lawndale, South L.A., border
15 between Los Angeles and Orange County. Is that -- is
16 that why they're bolded?

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, that's correct. And as
18 you can see, I identified the Commissioners who mentioned
19 them in their -- in their two minutes of priorities. A
20 lot of Commissioners also said, I agree with everything
21 that's been said, so it might -- it might be even higher
22 than this. I did my best to capture it, and my apologies
23 if I didn't get everyone's completely to the tee, but I
24 was -- I was doing the best with -- with the two minutes
25 that -- that people had to share.

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

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's correct. That's
5 correct.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So we just did a overview of
7 the VRA districts. Thanks to -- to you and Mr. Becker.
8 So with that, we'll go into closed session to review
9 our -- our VRA strategy, and then come back -- under the
10 litigation exception, and then come back to -- to the
11 public and -- and provide an update on that.

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

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

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
16 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We are in -- we're
17 coming back from closed session under the pending
18 litigation exception. No actions were taken. We are
19 going to be going on to the Los Angeles region. If we
20 can get the map up. Excellent. We have it.

21 And so we will be starting with the NELA area which
22 abuts a VRA district, or districts, I should say, and
23 does have VRA considerations. With that, we will begin
24 the process of going through the -- the visualization
25 feedback.

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

3 Commissioner Sadhwani.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thanks, Chair. Yeah.
5 I'm -- I'm glad we're starting here because I think this
6 NELA district, it is right up against all of these VRA
7 districts, and so I think as we continue to think about
8 our VRA considerations in other areas of -- of Los
9 Angeles County, I think this is a really great place to
10 start.

11 Certainly throughout the -- the -- this whole year,
12 right, from summer, and certainly in response to the
13 draft maps, we've heard a lot of communities of interest
14 testimony in this region. And so in -- in this area,
15 I -- I would be curious to hear what others are thinking,
16 but certainly I wanted to uplift some of the testimony
17 that we've received from Eagle Rock and Glassell Park
18 wanting to be a part of this district. And I -- I'd love
19 to be able to explore options for bringing those into the
20 NELA district.

21 I think that if we were to pursue that, it -- it
22 certainly would put us way overpopulation. This
23 district's already somewhat overpopulated, so I think we
24 need to start to explore what would come out. I know in
25 the past, and I think this was my own -- my own

1 preference, was keeping Boyle Heights and East L.A.
2 together.

3 But I think that there's -- that -- that we had also
4 heard testimony from -- just in the last couple of weeks
5 about the possibility of -- of wanting to decouple
6 those -- those two -- two regions. And I think that
7 would be an -- an option to explore, but I'd be curious
8 to hear others' thoughts if we were to move in that
9 direction.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Any other feedback on this area?
11 Okay. I think I'm hearing that consensus in the room.
12 Commissioner Sadhwani, could you please create a
13 direction on this?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure.

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

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure, sure. If there's no
17 other conversation, yes. You know, I -- I -- I think for
18 me, what I would like to see is -- is what would happen
19 if we started to move Eagle Rock and Glassell Park into
20 the NELA district, and then what -- you know, perhaps
21 Jaime, I know you've -- you've had hundreds of hours
22 working on this map. I'd be curious to get some of your
23 thoughts on -- on areas that we might want to explore to
24 remove.

25 Certainly I want to be cautious and conscious of the

1 communities of interest testimony we've received in other
2 areas. I think in this -- in this region, you know,
3 we're certainly right up against to the East some of
4 the -- the COIs that we've heard from the LGBTQ+
5 communities as we move further South.

6 There's been a number of -- of -- of COI inputs
7 surrounding school districts and other historic
8 communities that are -- are connected through economic --
9 their economic and socioeconomics and other access to
10 services that have been mentioned. So I -- I'd love to
11 just kind of explore how to -- how to -- what -- what the
12 impact of -- of making that change would be.

13 I'll also just raise, you know, just to the -- to
14 the West -- excuse me, East of this district, we're
15 obviously up against our one VRA district where we have
16 an obligation for the Asian-American community. I
17 would -- I -- I'd be curious to hear others' thoughts on
18 that district. To me, that's looking pretty good, pretty
19 solid. So I would want to make sure that we keep that
20 intact.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So your direction at this
22 point is to add Eagle Rock to the -- to the NELA. Is
23 that correct?

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And -- and Glassell Park.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: And Glassell Park.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And those are both -- both
2 neighborhoods of the City of Los Angeles, and it would
3 make sense to have them included in the NELA district and
4 then possibly removing Boyle Heights, maybe even portions
5 of South -- South -- like, that Southern region of
6 downtown L.A. And -- and I think we'll have to think
7 through how to -- how to take those out, and I -- I'd be
8 curious to hear Jaime's thoughts on some possibilities
9 there.

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

12 MS. CLARK: Yes. Thank you.

13 So this Southern area of the NELA district is where
14 there's higher population density. So if we were talking
15 about removing Boyle Heights and, you know, some Southern
16 parts of downtown Los Angeles, absolutely there would be
17 room in terms of population for Eagle Rock and Glassell
18 Park.

19 I do believe you would have to incorporate some
20 other areas as well. And just sort of looking at, of
21 course, city boundaries and just the location of other
22 areas. You know, potentially moving Silver Lake in or
23 other areas sort of on this Northwestern boundary of the
24 NELA district as -- as Commissioner Sadhwani mentioned,
25 sort of to the South and East up against areas that are

1 currently the Commission is looking at VRA considerations
2 in those areas.

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

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

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I think it
9 was fairly early in the process where I was looking at
10 East Los Angeles as potentially a -- a Northern anchor
11 for what I was calling a 710 corridor district. And I do
12 see some -- some linkages between East L.A. and the area
13 to the South.

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

21 As far as downtown, we have heard community of
22 interest testimony suggesting that we look at taking all
23 of downtown or -- or at least part of downtown and
24 joining that to, I guess, it was the 110 corridor
25 district. So you know, that I would be supportive of as

1 long as we're not breaking up too many other communities
2 of interest.

3 I'm -- I'm -- I would have to say, and I've -- I've
4 spoken before, that I think Silver Lake probably should
5 be grouped with Hollywood and West Hollywood. I'm
6 opening to hearing -- open to hearing others' thoughts,
7 but that's my initial take on that. Thank you.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

9 Commissioner Sinay.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks. You know, we did
11 receive a -- a significant amount of input recently
12 around kind of NELA and -- and -- and some ideas, and it
13 was -- what I appreciated from the input was the
14 diversity of players who -- who kind of -- who engaged
15 showing that there was some consensus among the
16 neighbors.

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

23 According, you know to the -- to -- to the COIs,
24 they were kind of looking at the Southern border of
25 Glendale. That -- from the 2 to 5 to the 110 to the 134,

1 but I'm not sure what I meant by 2. Is there a 2 out
2 there? Yeah. I'm, like, somewhere along on my notes, I
3 messed up, I think.

4 MS. CLARK: The 2 freeway runs --

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

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

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

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

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: And are we --

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Silver Lake --

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

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

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- on this --

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- would probably work.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Jaime?

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

4 So the area that's selected right now is just the
5 neighborhood council areas for Eagle Rock and Glassell
6 Park. It is about 56,000 people. And then, again, sort
7 of depending on what areas you are looking to move out of
8 NELA, then this is not enough population to have -- to
9 have, like, a equal -- equal-ish change in terms of
10 deviation.

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

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

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

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Turner, do you have your
22 hand up? Okay.

23 Commissioner Yee.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Just rolling back a bit, I wanted
25 to affirm Commissioner Sadhwani's -- I just wanted to --

1 Commissioner Sadhwani's question about the WESTSGV VRA
2 district, and affirming, yes, I think that looks good.
3 Probably want to keep that pretty much the way it is. If
4 we do make these changes to NELA, I would be interested
5 in possibly being able to combine Little Tokyo,
6 Chinatown, Koreatown, Thaitown. Thank you.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

8 Does the data pic -- Commission Sadhwani.

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

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

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

25 Okay. So right now, in blue, turning on Thaitown.

1 In green, Chinatown. This purple one is Historic
2 Filipinotown. In red, I'm going to -- I'm going to clear
3 the selection so it's easier to see. In red, this is
4 Little Tokyo. And, of course, here in pink is Koreatown.

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

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

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum. Thank you, Jaime.

2 Commissioner Sadhwani?

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I was just going to
4 ask Commissioner -- so it seems, though -- as though,
5 even in our draft maps, we have divided some of those --
6 those COIs but kept some together, right? They're --
7 they're not all -- all -- not all -- what was there was
8 four of them are not all in one district. But perhaps if
9 we can do this in a way that continues to maintain
10 keeping together, I think, Commissioner Yee, did you say
11 Chinatown and -- and Little Tokyo together?

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

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

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. What we have heard, and

1 it was from the same group of people who had submitted
2 kind of this -- this desire to have Boyle Heights and
3 East L.A. kind of be anchors for different districts, not
4 be in the same district, was that -- and this was -- you
5 know, I think it was specifically Koreatown, and -- and
6 they also had called in saying we don't necessarily need
7 to be kept all -- all of us together, but don't split us,
8 meaning don't split Koreatown, don't split Little Tokyo,
9 because that's what's happened in the past.

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

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

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

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

1 district?

2 MS. CLARK: I don't know if that was for me or not,
3 and --

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

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

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

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

1 Commission's discretion.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

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

7 Commissioner Sinay?

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

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

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

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

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And I get the question is,

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
25 of 10 district.

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

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, please.

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

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

24 Then a suggestion or a -- an option that I think
25 would maintain that boundary would be pulling population

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

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

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

22 And then that sort of leaves wiggle room for the
23 Boyle Heights/downtown area that we remove from the --
24 from the NELA area. That could go probably just again by
25 virtue of contiguity with this 110 L.A. district, and

1 then population could be balanced sort of between these
2 three districts, the NELA, North 10, and 110 L.A.

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

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's very helpful, Jaime. Thank
14 you.

15 Commissioner Sinay.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Looking at the Boyle Heights as
17 an anchor, and you had said putting it with the 110?
18 Is -- because originally that -- I mean, what the --
19 the -- the COI testimony was -- that we've received was
20 kind of taking Boyle Heights kind of going to Pico-Union
21 and then going to South L.A. And I don't know if
22 that's -- that's breaking up too many -- too many -- you
23 know, if that works that way or it's better to go the --
24 in the other direction. So I just wanted to check --
25 check that since that was kind of what the community had

1 asked.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Jaime, do you have any feedback on
3 that?

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

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

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sadhwani.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I was just going to
22 ask -- I believe we've also had COI testimony, though,
23 that would -- that -- that has linked downtown L.A. and
24 in particular the Skid Row area of downtown L.A. with
25 South Central. So I -- I think it can make a lot of

1 sense if -- if that region goes towards that 110 -- what
2 is currently that 110 district as well. So I think I
3 (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

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

14 So Commissioner Sadhwani, I think you had the
15 direction to add or to -- you know, to add --

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yep.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- certain sections. Can you
18 please --

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. I agree --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- give that --

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So I think --

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- direction?

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I -- I think that if we can
24 start making these changes because also on the priority
25 list that folks had identified were, you know, the VRA

1 districts further -- further South from here, the Gateway
2 cities.

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

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

19 So I think the first change is, yes, if -- if
20 there's agreement from everyone of making this change of
21 Eagle Rock and Glassell Park. I might say for now to --
22 to do Silver Lake only because it's actually a part of
23 the City of Los Angeles, and then it gets to -- we get to
24 keep the City of Glendale whole. And if people are
25 comfortable with it, perhaps Jaime could explore breaking

1 up Glendale as an option off-line. Would that --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So --

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Would that be reasonable?

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: So in terms of adding these --

5 because that's -- that's -- that's a direction, adding

6 these two communities. Is everyone in agreement with

7 adding these Eagle Rock and Grissel Park (sic)?

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Glassell.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Glassell. Thank you.

10 I'm seeing no opposition at this point to exploring

11 this option, and that's what we're agreeing to. We're

12 agreeing to explore the option. All right. Let's --

13 let's add that to -- to -- to this district.

14 And then further direction, Commissioner Sadhwani?

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I would say for now, and

16 I -- and I hear the -- the back and forth on Silver Lake

17 versus Glendale. I would say for now is an exploration.

18 Let's add Silver Lake. And if we're comfortable having

19 Jaime explore Glendale off-line. I think it also meets

20 that criteria of not splitting cities where possible

21 because Glendale is a separate city from the City of Los

22 Angeles whereas Silver Lake is a neighborhood within the

23 City of Los Angeles.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Taylor while -- while

25 we're line-drawing.

1 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. I -- I agree with
2 Commissioner Sadhwani. And I think I would -- based on
3 COI testimony and -- and transportation hubs, especially
4 since we have that 134/2 corridor that Glendale South of
5 the 2 is a similar community as -- community of interest
6 as Glassell Park.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I -- I agree with that
9 completely, Commissioner Taylor. I mean, do you feel
10 comfortable with just for today keeping Silver Lake but
11 then potentially having Jaime explore the -- the South
12 Glendale area off-line? Would that be --

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

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. Perfect.

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

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And -- and then I think the
18 removal -- and Jaime, you tell me how the mapping system
19 works. If it's better to now deal with the GLENNLA at
20 this point or if it's better to deal with the -- like,
21 removing Boyle Heights and that downtown Los Angeles part
22 that we --

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

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it.

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

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

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

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Perfect.

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

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

13 MS. CLARK: -- anything.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And I think here you had
15 suggested that this would be an opportunity to bring West
16 Hollywood in with Hollywood and Beverly Hills. Is that
17 correct? And -- and I think the nice part about that is
18 that -- is that it is, you know, in conjunction with --
19 oh sorry, my lights just went off here -- in conjunction
20 with communities of interest testimony that we've
21 received.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Just want to hear from other
23 Commissioners as we work through this. Let's see, we
24 have -- Commissioner Taylor, do you have your hand
25 raised?

1 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I do not. I'll lower it.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you.

4 Commissioner Fernandez. And also I'm curious to
5 hear from Commissioner Vazquez, too, and Akutagawa and
6 others.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, I did -- Commissioner
8 Sadhwani just brought up one of -- one of my higher
9 priorities was West Hollywood to unite that with
10 Hollywood. So if that's possible, that would be great.
11 Thank you.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

13 Commissioner Akutagawa.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry. I want to go
15 into -- I guess I want to just ask a different question.
16 I know that the conversation has been about removing
17 Boyle Heights, but I don't recall hearing anyone say
18 anything about possibly removing East L.A. instead, and
19 perhaps looking at pairing East L.A. with the -- with
20 either the Gateway cities or -- or -- or the 5 corridor
21 cities. Is that -- is that -- is that something that
22 would be -- could be an option?

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

1 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I just wanted to
2 support starting with Glendale and -- and potentially
3 being able to add the West Hollywood back in -- well, not
4 back in, but in with the communities to the West. So I
5 like this direction that we're going in. Maybe if we
6 could try it and not go off in another direction before
7 we try it, that would be great.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

9 That's -- that's great. And that's helpful. So
10 let's go back to that area and -- and incorporate those
11 communities if we have consensus.

12 MS. CLARK: So this change which would be moving
13 West Hollywood and Beverly Hills into the Glendale-based
14 district, the Glendale-based district would still be
15 underpopulated. It would be almost negative seven
16 percent deviation. If the Commission wishes, I can make
17 this change and, you know, look -- look at it later or,
18 you know, work it out now, whatever is your preference.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's -- let's hear from
20 Commissioner Sinay.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I do think that -- that change
22 is good. I just wanted to remind us that we started with
23 using East L.A. as the anchor for this district and the
24 changes based on significant community of interest input
25 that we receive from throughout San Diego, and also, you

1 know, that Glendale should be part -- you know, with the
2 Wilshire District.

3 And so this is a lot of different COIs, but I don't
4 want to -- I want to just address what Commissioner
5 Akutagawa said is that we purposely have chosen this --
6 this going North for East -- East L.A. because that's
7 what the community had asked us to explore. Well, they
8 didn't ask us to explore. They asked us to do it, but
9 we're exploring. And then Boyle Heights going East. And
10 that was part of a full request.

11 If we do this, Jaime, is it possible -- you had
12 mentioned the Mulholland Drive line, the infamous line,
13 would that help us be able to improve that or we still
14 need to think through other parts for that?

15 MS. CLARK: For Assembly, the border currently is on
16 Mulholland, so -- and it would not -- it would not
17 impact -- this change would not impact that.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa.

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

24 I did also read COI testimony that it -- while it
25 would break up the San Fernando Valley a little bit,

1 that -- the greater Toluca Lake in Studio City -- City
2 neighborhoods could be and would be also another option
3 potentially that would unite an LGBT COI and as well as
4 including West Hollywood in -- in this district would be
5 a way to unite some LGBT COIs based on some of the COI
6 testimony that I read.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

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

10 MS. CLARK: Yes. And West Hollywood.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: And West Hollywood. Just looking for
12 consensus from this group.

13 Commissioner Turner?

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

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

21 Commissioner Akutagawa.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I -- I would just not like
23 to see Beverly Hills in this. I -- I -- I do -- I -- I
24 think just not -- besides the COI testimony, I mean, they
25 are very -- I mean, Beverly Hills is a very, very

1 affluent community and -- and different economically from
2 the larger GLENNLA district that we're looking at.

3 MS. CLARK: If I may.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: We can't hear you, Jaime. Maybe
5 you're --

6 MS. CLARK: So keeping Beverly Hills with the West
7 Side area, that would mean that the GLENNLA-based
8 district would be underpopulated by negative 13.58
9 percent. I think that that potentially would -- I think
10 that the trade-off there is that it would be, instead of
11 Beverly Hills, probably having some of this, like, Mid-
12 City, which, you know, with -- with Beverly Hills, it was
13 still almost seven percent. So probably the Mid-City,
14 Greater Wilshire, and Koreatown areas going with the
15 Glendale-based district instead.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Turner.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I was just going back to COI
18 testimony again, flipping through, because there's also
19 COI -- you know, I guess the challenge we have is the ,
20 of course, conflicting COI testimony sometimes or kind of
21 frequently. But there's also COI testimony that's not
22 wanting West Hollywood with Hollywood. So because to me,
23 starting with West Hollywood then moving into Beverly
24 Hills, but if we don't go that direction. I don't know.
25 Let me keep reading.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
2 Commissioner Akutagawa.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

4 What about Burbank? I -- I know that Burbank is in
5 the East San Fernando Valley. Would that dismant -- that
6 has -- okay. I -- I -- I would be interested in just,
7 Jaime, what your thoughts would be on that.

8 MS. CLARK: So moving Burbank in would -- I think
9 that -- I think that, ultimately, a -- an impact of
10 moving Burbank in would definitely be crossing
11 Mulholland. If you really didn't want to cross
12 Mulholland, then it would -- unless it was, like, a
13 redraw of the whole state and kind of moving things,
14 like, up through Northern California everywhere, then it
15 would probably impact also where the split would be in
16 Eastern Ventura.

17 I am not sure, but it would potentially split the
18 Piru/Oxnard COI here just for population purposes.
19 Again, really not a hundred percent sure about that. And
20 then would need to pull area into the Malibu district.
21 This would then either mean, like, Santa Monica, Beverly
22 Hills, et cetera. Then the West Side area would still
23 be -- would then I think be underpopulated, and you would
24 have to maybe move into this, like, Hollywood area
25 that -- it seems like the purpose for this would be to

1 keep West Hollywood and -- and, like, Hollywood,
2 Hollywood Hills area separate, and I think that moving
3 Burbank might do that anyway.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime.

5 Commissioner Kennedy.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

7 Jaime, if could you just also click -- and I guess
8 you might have to commit the West Hollywood for now and
9 back it out later, but I'd like to see what happens if
10 we -- if we had -- if we added both West Hollywood and
11 Silver Lake to the GLENNLA district. Thank you.

12 Okay. So we've gotten much closer to five percent.
13 Thank you.

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

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

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Can I jump in?

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, Commissioner Sadhwani. Sorry.
21 I didn't see your hand. My screen looks a little
22 different.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No worries. Yeah. I mean,
24 I think the direction there was that we were going to do
25 downtown L.A. and Boyle Heights out, but that -- but

1 Jaime's suggestion, like, working in one direction and --
2 and working back around that -- that kind of
3 counterclockwise was -- was better from a mapping
4 perspective. So I think -- I think -- I think that
5 direction is still there.

6 I -- I had originally raised my hand, though, around
7 the question of Glendale again. And again, as I said,
8 the Silver Lake/Glendale piece, I could see it going
9 different ways. The Glendale to Beverly Hills and in
10 there potentially including Mid-City West and Wilshire,
11 I -- I -- I don't think we've actually gotten that much
12 COI testimony from Glendale. And please, someone let me
13 know if that's not correct. I -- I -- I am not
14 advocating because I've lived in that area.

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

24 It's very close to Thaitown as well. Also in
25 Glendale, there's a large population -- a sizable

1 population of Filipino-Americans. And I believe that we
2 had had testimony -- I can't remember exactly where
3 Filipinotown was, if it's still in this district. So
4 I -- I can see -- no, so it's not in there.

5 So, I mean, I can see connectivity between Glendale
6 and some of these areas potentially. And -- and I think
7 to me, if we started -- if we started here and then later
8 start thinking about making changes up above through the
9 La Crescenta area -- we've talked about this before,
10 North of the 134 freeway, you see a big change in -- in,
11 like, the population density between the -- the Southern
12 parts of Glendale and Northern parts of Glendale.

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

21 But I wouldn't be opposed to, you know, continuing
22 in this path of these changes and seeing where it takes
23 us because I -- I think that it can allow us to bring
24 together some of the areas where we have received a lot
25 of COI testimony. For example, the West Hollywood, the

1 Hollywood, further South. We've had a bunch of -- of
2 testimony about school districts, transportation
3 corridors in South L.A., for example, that -- that it
4 might open up for us to bring together.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So in terms of -- I'm trying
6 to just rough out this district at this point because, as
7 you say, it'll impact all of these other areas. So if we
8 can figure out where -- where to take out some population
9 and give direction in that -- in that regard so that we
10 can start looking at other districts around the area.

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

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

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

1 pulling in downtown L.A. into the -- what was it, the 110
2 district?

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

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right.

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

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Boyles Heights. Exactly.

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

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think specifically
14 downtown L.A. and Boyle Heights.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Jaime, can you please highlight those
16 areas? And I believe we have Chinatown and Japantown in
17 this -- in this area as well, and we want to keep those
18 whole.

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

22 So Commissioner Sadhwani, if I could please clarify
23 your direction, would it be to keep all of downtown L.A.,
24 Southern parts maybe to include -- you know, pre --
25 previously in this discussion, the Commission expressed

1 interest in keeping Little Tokyo and Chinatown together.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

3 MS. CLARK: Okay. Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's right.

5 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

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

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay while -- while
12 we're doing this.

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

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

18 Commissioner Turner.

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

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Excellent. Thank you.

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

3 Commissioner Sadhwani, is your hand still up?

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

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

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

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Jaime, can you zoom
24 in on that little weird cone-shaped thing that's -- where
25 it says Los -- downtown Los Angeles, the (indiscernible)

1 under Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council. I just
2 want to see the streets. Okay. Okay.

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

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. It's --

6 MS. CLARK: -- East --

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

13 So then -- so can you -- can you --

14 MS. CLARK: Right there?

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

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

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Um-hum.

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.
25 Yeah. Okay. So -- so Los Angeles Street West,

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

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

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

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- as you saw.

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

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

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

19 Commissioner Sadhwani, Commissioner Vazquez after
20 that.

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

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh. Sorry about that. I --
24 I mean, I could go both ways on that. I -- I think that
25 area is undergoing so much development and it's putting a

1 lot of pressure on historic communities that are in that
2 region.

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

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

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

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I could also go both
22 ways. I think maybe my suggestion would be to keep it as
23 is for now, knowing that we may be able to sort of back
24 off or move that particular, like, slice of downtown L.A.
25 someplace else if it makes more sense down the line.

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

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

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

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- Jaime?

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Jaime.

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

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's a very solid district in terms
15 of deviation. Any other feedback on this? Commissioner
16 Sadhwani?

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I mean, I definitely like
18 the direction that we're going with the NELA district.
19 You know, I -- I -- I certainly hear Commissioners'
20 concerns about the Silver Lake piece and -- and
21 potentially Glendale. And I would keep that on our --
22 our list of take-homes for Jaime for tomorrow just to
23 explore -- to explore some of what -- what may or may not
24 be options for -- for those areas. But I -- I like the
25 look of this. Obviously, it's setting off a bunch of

1 ripple effects in other areas that we now need to clean
2 up, but I'd be curious to hear what others are thinking.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum. Thank you.

4 Commissioner Akutagawa. Commissioner Yee after
5 that.

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

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

13 Commissioner Yee.

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

18 So I'm wondering, Jaime, if you just can -- if you
19 have any -- any imaginations that -- suggestions you can
20 offer right now, maybe you can start thinking about
21 those.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: And I think Commissioner Turner was
23 looking at COI data for that area as well. So I don't
24 know if she has any -- any input on -- on the COI data.
25 Glendale area? Oh. Commissioner Sinay has some -- some

1 COI information as well.

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

9 MS. CLARK: So --

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I couldn't remember exactly
11 what you said.

12 MS. CLARK: -- if we -- if you wish to explore
13 moving into N10, then there would be, like, point
14 contiguity. It's -- it -- it's contiguous with the West
15 Side --

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

17 MS. CLARK: -- district.

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

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

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm sorry.

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

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

24 MS. CLARK: Should we explore --

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- kind of -- the --

1 MS. CLARK: -- that now?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. Depends on what my
3 colleagues say. Sorry.

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

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Taking Culver City and moving
7 it to the West to the West Side.

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

9 MS. CLARK: And Palms --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner --

11 MS. CLARK: -- neighborhood --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Akutagawa, do you have any comment
13 on that?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I -- I mean, I'm -- I'm
15 reading the testimony. It's -- it's -- it's kind of one
16 of those, you know, transition kind of -- it could go
17 either way.

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

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

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Any concern with adding --

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah.

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

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Because I think Culver
15 City -- there's a lot of testimony that speaks about
16 Culver City being in (audio interference) with West
17 Adams --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- and Ladera Heights. And
20 I'm wondering, and so that's -- period. And in addition
21 to that, I'm wondering more about West Mid-City moving
22 into the area, or maybe up there, yeah. And the
23 Wilshire -- I'm looking -- I'm looking more to the North
24 to move over as opposed to some of these areas. We've
25 lots of COI testimony about keeping Culver City, Mid-

1 City, West Adams, you know, down that -- Crenshaw Quarter
2 and then going on down into those areas, so I'm just
3 looking for other opportunities to not move Culver City
4 out of the COI.

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

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Mid-City West.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you -- can we get Mid-City West
10 highlighted?

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

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: GLENNL -- yes.

14 MS. CLARK: So this change would make the GLENNLA
15 district's percent deviation negative 1.31 percent. It
16 would make the N10 percent deviation negative two -- or
17 excuse me -- negative 8.27 percent deviation.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Negative eight. Is everyone com --
19 comfortable locking this in? Any concerns about locking
20 this in? Commissioner Sinay, then Sadhwani, and then
21 Akutagawa. No concerns? Okay. Commissioner Sadhwani?

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. No, I don't have any
23 concerns about that. I -- I think, Jaime, when you had
24 kind of walked us through some possibilities in this
25 area, I think you had suggested, you know, to move into

1 GLENNLA the possibility of Beverly Hills, Mid-City West,
2 Wilshire in order to populate GLENNLA which then opens up
3 opportunities further Southward to keep some of those
4 COIs together. Is that -- was that correct?

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

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: The first part of the
8 last --

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

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: But well, yeah. If we moved
12 Mid-City West, Wilshire, and Beverly Hills into GLENNLA
13 because right now it's under population. I thought -- I
14 thought that you had suggested that that might be a way
15 of kind of moving population so that we can ultimately
16 get back and reorient this district further down the 110
17 L.A. that's overpopulated.

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

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Um-hum.

21 MS. CLARK: So --

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So can you walk us through,
23 like, if we were to go in that direction, what -- can you
24 just -- what -- I know you did this once before, but
25 could you -- could you just walk us through that one more

1 time? So if we did Mid-City West, Wilshire, Beverly
2 Hills into GLENNLA.

3 MS. CLARK: Mid-City West, Wilshire, Beverly Hills
4 into L.A. Then moving Beverly Hills out of the West Side
5 district would leave the West Side district
6 underpopulated.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right.

8 MS. CLARK: So then we would need to pick up
9 population from somewhere. That could be Palms and
10 Culver City.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Um-hum.

12 MS. CLARK: Could be -- and -- and, you know, sort
13 of looking really just at these districts here that the
14 Commission's been working on so far. Another option
15 would be to start at, like, Pico, Mid-City, et cetera.
16 And previously in visualizations, the Commission has
17 expressed not wanting Pico and these areas to be with the
18 West Side.

19 So that kind of would leave Culver City and Palms as
20 part of it. And then -- and then to balance district
21 here in N10, one option could be to try and grab some of
22 this Westlake area and include that with the N10. It
23 could be to include Westlake with N10. I think there is
24 some flexibility here because it's so densely populated
25 that it wouldn't necessarily be a geographically really

1 large change.

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

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

9 Perhaps it can be kept together in a Congressional
10 or Senate map if -- if we -- you know, because I think
11 there has also been testimony about Culver City being
12 kept with the West Side as well. So it could be the case
13 that that perhaps it split from Ladera Heights here but
14 another -- in another map, it's not.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's hear from
16 Commissioner Sinay and Akutagawa.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sir, I'm going to go back to
18 Boyle Heights because in looking at the -- the COI
19 testimony, it's very clear that Boyle Heights wants to go
20 East towards Pico -- Pico Rivera. And so I'm just --
21 what? West, sorry. One person said East, and ever since
22 then, it's got us all messed up. West. Thank you. To
23 Pico Rivera. And I'm just concerned that going South
24 is -- is -- we're not listening to what the -- that most
25 likely, the community would want it to stay with East

1 L.A. if we -- you know, I mean, is there a way for Boyle
2 Heights to -- to go in that direction versus South or --
3 or is this another share the pain?

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa and then
5 Commissioner Taylor. And then we'll see if we can answer
6 that question.

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

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: And lunchtime is almost -- it's
9 almost lunchtime, too, so let's try to -- Commissioner
10 Akutagawa, go ahead.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Just Jaime, could
12 you zoom in on Mid-City West? I just want to see what is
13 included in that area. Can you zoom in more?

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

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

17 MS. CLARK: And then roughly bounded --

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

19 MS. CLARK: -- by Olympic in the South and then, you
20 know --

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

22 MS. CLARK: -- up against Beverly Hills and West
23 Hollywood --

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Yeah. So it
25 includes, like, the Beverly Center as well as Cedar Sinai

1 Hospital as well, too, I think, if it's -- yeah. La
2 Cienega, or maybe not. Okay.

3 MS. CLARK: Yeah. Cedar Sinai is right here, so it
4 is --

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

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

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

11 Just another question in terms of this GLENNLA. We
12 haven't really explored it, but what about going, you
13 know, to the -- to the North part of GLENNLA and looking
14 at, you know, like, some of the mountain communities. I
15 read some COI testimony that also spoke to some
16 affinities and alliances between La Canada Flintridge
17 and -- I don't know what's that other city -- that other
18 little space. It's an unincorporated area next to --

19 MS. CLARK: La Crescenta.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, La Crescenta. I -- I
21 did see some COI testimony about Glendale and also
22 Burbank, but I -- I -- I understand that we can't move
23 Burbank. But I'm just thinking if we were to go to the
24 North and include La Crescenta and La Canada, then we
25 could -- would that -- I know the ripple effects would

1 probably then go East, but would that also then give us
2 more options, or are we blocked in?

3 I know there's several VRA districts in that -- you
4 know, in that Eastern San Bernardino, L.A. -- Eastern
5 L.A. and -- and San Bernardino/Riverside border. But
6 just the thought in terms of, you know, your perspective
7 on that if we go North for GLENNLA.

8 MS. CLARK: That question, I think that if we pulled
9 population from that area -- so the very Eastern 210
10 area -- or excuse me -- Western 210 corridor area, that
11 would I believe -- there's a couple options, of course.
12 But maybe split Victor Valley. Or kind of would need --
13 because of these areas where there are VRA considerations
14 would need to pull from this Victor Valley-based
15 district. So that, you know, if not Victor Valley itself
16 would need to pull area maybe from Big Bear area.

17 If that was underpopulated, then I guess it depends
18 on the route that you wanted to take in terms of
19 balancing but could either cause really big ripple
20 effects or really big population swaps that, you know,
21 potentially would have San Bernardino and Inyo together,
22 for example. Pulling part of Inyo County or all of Inyo
23 County South potentially would require splitting Antelope
24 Valley and then would impact -- would impact the rest of
25 San Fernando Valley as well.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime. Commissioner
2 Taylor.

3 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes, thank you. And sort of
4 not to leave Commissioner Sadhwani hanging, so when --
5 when -- I think of the share -- share the pain, I think
6 that we -- we're drawing district lines consistently
7 throughout the state so we're doing what's best for the
8 entire state, so it's going to -- it might hurt equally
9 throughout.

10 I -- I would hate for us to -- to fall into maybe
11 the -- the -- the trap of having to repay a given area or
12 community because we drew another district in a certain
13 way. So I think that we draw them all individually in
14 that -- it -- it -- to draw the best maps possible for
15 that given -- for that given area. Thank you.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate that feedback,
17 Commissioner Taylor.

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

24 We are hoping to get through Los Angeles and -- by
25 the -- or at least the sections of the Los Angeles that

1 we have outlined in our run of show by the end of the
2 day. So let's -- and getting into San Diego and Orange
3 County. So -- so let's take a lunch and -- and maybe you
4 guys can think through -- look through your testimony and
5 your notes and come back with some direction for the line
6 drawers. Thank you. So we are in recess for lunch
7 until -- it's a forty-five minute lunch.

8 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 2:21 p.m.
9 until 3:05 p.m.)

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
11 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We're visualizing
12 in -- in Los Angeles region. I just want to remind
13 Commissioners that we are trying to get to decision
14 points here. At this point, we have NELA visualized and
15 I am hearing that Jaime is working on -- on trying to --
16 to implement some of our vision across the districts.

17 At this point, I'm going to take final direction on
18 this area, and then we will move on to the VRA districts
19 because the VRA districts is where we want to spend some
20 of our time just to make sure that we are -- that the
21 districts reflects our -- our thinking and -- and vision
22 for this area and -- and the COIs that are represented.
23 And if that's the case, then we will -- we will take
24 direction on those areas.

25 So any further direction on -- or discussion on the

1 districts that we're at this point? And Jaime, it would
2 be helpful to -- if you could just give us a little bit
3 of -- any further direction that you might need before --
4 so you can work on these during overnight.

5 MS. CLARK: Yes. Thank you so much for that
6 question. I'm going to move the pending changes box away
7 just to kind of look at it a little bit better. I think
8 that -- as the Commission's goal is to balance all of
9 these districts, I think -- and -- and because the
10 Commission in this meeting and in previous meetings has
11 touched on all of these areas, I think that I would be
12 comfortable trying some options -- trying some options
13 out for you, keeping in mind some of the discussion that
14 has been had today surrounding these areas, and kind of
15 working with the general framework that is here right now
16 if -- if the Commission is comfortable with that, of
17 course.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes. And is there any other feedback
19 regarding the discussion -- any -- any decision points
20 that we might need to make that would be impacting these
21 areas at this point before we move on to VRA?
22 Commissioner Akutagawa.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just -- just food for
24 thought. There is a -- a Jewish community in that Mid-
25 City West Neighborhood Council area, and I -- I think

1 being --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

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

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

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yea.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: But just to try to stay high level
7 and on the decision points that -- that we had been --
8 we'll come back to -- to minor refinements, but any --
9 any of the larger issues that we have been looking at in
10 terms of decision points? Commissioner Fernandez, do you
11 have any?

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

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thanks.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we may need to break up some of
24 these communities in order to implement the vision that
25 we've had. And we -- we don't want to do that if we

1 don't have to, but we may need to.

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

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I was just going
5 to -- that's fine. I was just going to ask if we need to
6 try to solve the GLENNLA district right now. So thank
7 you.

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

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

21 And I think this is just a question for -- for the
22 whole Commission. So you can see all of our VRA
23 districts at -- at -- at this point. Any -- any -- is --
24 is the Commission comfortable with these districts or are
25 there certain refinements that we want to make to these

1 areas?

2 Commissioner Sinay.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Are we sticking to North of
4 L.A. or -- or are we looking at the border as well with
5 Orange County?

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: So right now we're looking at the VRA
7 districts, and so -- the highlighted VRA districts and
8 staying within the VRA districts, of course, unless we
9 need to shift them around.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: But -- but it's the VRA districts.
12 They might morph a little, but still it's the yellow VRA
13 districts.

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

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Are you suggesting connecting Orange
22 County, the Orange area, with --

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I didn't want to say the
24 word Orange County since we're staying in L.A. But yes,
25 I would like to see if we could, you know, use -- you

1 know, if -- if there is a way to create -- yeah. to work
2 through to Orange County, looking at Le Habra, Brea,
3 Fullerton, you know, or --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Placentia.

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

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

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

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

25 But just from a more zoomed out perspective, just

1 looking at the -- looking at the make-up of these
2 districts as they're currently drawn, I think that there
3 is definitely wiggle room probably to, you know,
4 potentially move La Habra, for example, into the 8060
5 corridor.

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

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

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

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. My -- I -- I
24 guess -- I -- I hear what Commissioner Sinay is asking,
25 but I also want to just note that COI testimony does

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

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

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

23 Commissioner Sadhwani.

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

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
25 Artesia and Cerritos separate from other cities in Los

1 Angeles and wondering -- or yeah, I guess kind of want to
2 take a temperature of -- of that right now.

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

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

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

21 That being said, I -- I certainly want to uplift
22 that we've heard that loud and clear that there are key
23 communities of interest there. But, you know, certainly
24 there's a business district there that -- and services
25 that are serving the South Asian and -- and AMEMSA

1 communities. But VRA is our number 2 priority.

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

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

15 Commissioner Akutagawa.

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

24 With that said, I think what's complicated there is
25 that, to me, there are ripple effects, particularly

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

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

18 So my -- I -- I don't know. I -- I -- I'm -- I -- I
19 think perhaps just giving Jaime the -- the broadest
20 discretion right now might be the best thing. And -- and
21 I'm wondering if -- if people are also willing to
22 restructuring the Carson -- you know, the ADSOUTHLA and
23 ADLBC as well, too, as part of this.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

25 And then also as part of this discretion --

1 discretion to -- to potentially build an additional --
2 well, actually there is -- there -- there'd likely -- I
3 mean, I don't think there probably is enough population
4 here for an additional pop -- VRA district. I -- I -- I
5 think that was in our discussion, but -- but explore
6 opportunities for that as well.

7 Commissioner Sinay.

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

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

13 MR. BECKER: Yeah.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, he's available.

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

21 It does appear that these areas do not have
22 consistent concentrations of Hispanics -- don't have
23 significant concentrations, others much less so. For
24 instance, if memory serves, La Habra has -- has
25 significant concentrations of Latinos. So I -- I -- I

1 believe that these areas very likely still fall under
2 Voting Rights Act considerations.

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

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

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

18 Commissioner Fernando.

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

24 MR. BECKER: So we did not find consistently the
25 three Gingles preconditions in that -- in that area of

1 kind of South L.A. So we do not believe the Voting
2 Rights Act requires that a particular district be drawn
3 at particular levels.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

5 Can we move the map back up to the VRA districts so
6 that we can see more of them? So at this point, we're
7 working through the VRA districts, and -- and -- and
8 perhaps we may need to take one at a time. Commissioner
9 Fornaciari.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I guess based on what
11 Mr. Becker just said about, you know, he -- there's --
12 they're working on further analysis in North Orange
13 County, I'm wondering if we want to not have Jaime spend
14 her time looking at a VRA district there at this point
15 un -- until we we've got that further analysis. I -- I
16 don't know. I'm just throwing it out there.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Mr. Becker, do you have any feedback
18 on that?

19 MR. BECKER: So I -- I -- I think the advice right
20 now is that the Voting Rights Act applies to those areas.
21 I -- I don't know that we're going to find evidence that
22 would reduce the impact of that, because given the
23 existing elections that have been analyzed, those
24 areas -- again, we're talking about Northern Orange
25 County, La Habra, Brea, Fullerton and even into that --

1 in L.A. County, Cerritos likely require Voting Rights Act
2 considerations, so I think it would be -- it would
3 probably be wise to do that. If you don't like where you
4 are on that, we can try to look at additional evidence,
5 but I think it's highly likely that that's an area where
6 Voting Rights Act considerations are going to be
7 significant.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: So with that in mind, we should
9 probably include these in our VRA areas, and if we need
10 to do further refinement later -- if we get evidence, we
11 can always do that.

12 Commissioner Sadhwani?

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I was just going to
14 ask a question of Jaime, here. I know Jaime, we've gone
15 through numerous visualizations of this region, so I'd
16 really like to be able to lean on your experience there.
17 I'm just trying to think of how do we then cover places
18 like La Habra and Buena Park? My sense and Fullerton --
19 and I'll look forward to that additional analysis, but my
20 sense is Fullerton is -- the covered areas are probably
21 the South Fullerton area, if I had to wager a guess on
22 that.

23 If we're going to try to have coverage over Buena
24 Park and La Habra, my sense then is that some of the
25 population needs to shift downwards or the districts need

1 to shift further down across the Orange County border.

2 I'm just wondering if Jaime, you have thoughts about
3 how or where to do that? I'm curious about, for example,
4 maybe, like, some place like Glendora in the East San
5 Gabriel Valley district, if we started removing from
6 places like that and shifting populations somewhat
7 further downward, if that would ultimately lead us to a
8 place of potentially covering some of these areas?

9 Or alternatively, if we had visualizations from
10 prior weeks that you want to remind of us of, that would
11 be helpful, too.

12 MS. CLARK: Thank you for that question. In terms
13 of the -- in terms of the West San Gabriel Valley and
14 East San Gabriel Valley districts, those two haven't
15 changed all that much over the course of the
16 visualizations. In terms of just population, I think it
17 would be possible to include, for example, La Habra into
18 the AD60 corridor, and keeping in mind trying to keep
19 communities of interest together in these districts. For
20 example, the Commission has heard a lot about Walnut,
21 Diamond Bar, and Rowland Heights, for example. Keeping
22 those together in the AD60 corridor.

23 I think that there could be some potential lead
24 changes to the East San Gabriel Valley Southern border
25 with the AD60 corridor district. Two, and I would say

1 also that maybe removing some of these areas, for
2 example, into the East San Gabriel Valley district, could
3 potentially bring down the Latino CVAP of AD60 corridor,
4 so I think that would look at something like potentially
5 splitting Montebello and Pico Rivera, moving --
6 potentially splitting the Downey, Santa Fe Springs,
7 Norwalk COI, and again that would just be for population
8 purposes and for Latino CVAP purposes.

9 I think that it would not be difficult to move Buena
10 Park, Artesia, Cerritos areas into L.A. County based
11 districts and still maintain that CVAP. I do think that
12 it could end up coming out in the wash, so to speak, in
13 Long Beach, by splitting Long Beach is just a guess, and
14 I think that without, like, delving a little bit deeper,
15 just because Walnut, Diamond Bar, Roland Heights were
16 sort of out of the mix in these for a while that I don't
17 have -- I don't have, like, a definitive answer for you
18 in terms of exactly what they would end up looking like,
19 but just based on working with the maps so much, that
20 is -- like, if I were mapping this, that is where I would
21 start.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. May I just
24 follow up on that?

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So I would say, given that,
2 I think that's really helpful, so thank you and puts
3 things into perspective. I would say VRA is our second
4 criteria, so making sure that we cover those areas that
5 need coverage is extraordinarily important. That being
6 said, hearing all of the potential changes that you just
7 mentioned, for me, two things really stand out, which
8 would be priorities for (audio interference). I'm
9 curious to hear where others fall, but maintaining
10 those -- that COI between Hacienda Heights, Diamond Bar,
11 Walnut, et cetera, which we've heard a whole lot about,
12 maintaining that within a VRA district, even if that
13 means that some of the changes that you mentioned on the
14 Southern boundary of East San Gabriel Valley, if that
15 might mean taking Whittier into play, but instead using
16 La Habra there, right?

17 I think that those could be potential things, but
18 keeping that COI together, and then as it relates to Long
19 Beach, I think what we've heard is if we have to cut Long
20 Beach, do so in a way that is consistent with some of the
21 testimony that we've received, and so we have heard from
22 the Long Beach folks about potential areas of where to
23 cut, so I would want to try our best if possible, if we
24 have to cut into Long Beach, to do so in a way that
25 respects some of that communities of interest testimony.

1 We've heard from them over and over again about keeping
2 them together.

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

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

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

12 MR. BECKER: Yeah, I --

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

15 MR. BECKER: So although Chino Hills and Yorba Linda
16 were in districts where that included the kind of
17 racially polarized voting and all of the Gingles pre-
18 conditions that would encompass Voting Rights Act
19 protections, it does appear that the Latino populations
20 in those two areas is relatively small, certainly
21 compared to concentrations we might see in some of the
22 areas to the West of that.

23 So I'd want to take a look at how the -- I can't
24 really say for sure that a district would either be
25 problematic or fine with the Voting Rights Act. I think

1 if we overlaid the Latino CVAP in those areas, we'll see
2 that the blocks -- block level Latino CVAP is relatively
3 low in Chino Hills and Yorba Linda, whereas in a place
4 like La Habra and perhaps some other areas there, I think
5 areas of Fullerton, perhaps even in Buena Park and -- and
6 Cerritos will see slightly higher concentrations that
7 would implicate the Voting Rights Act.

8 Where if there is an area that was within a Voting
9 Rights Act district or should be within a Voting Rights
10 Act district before and is hard to analyze separately,
11 but where there just aren't concentrations of minorities
12 that would be protected, it -- it would likely be -- it
13 would be highly likely to be justifiable to leave those
14 areas out of a Voting Rights Act district.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. All right. So at this
16 point, we're exploring COIs that could potentially --
17 that we potentially want to -- to keep together while we
18 make these refinements.

19 Commissioner Akutagawa?

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

24 MR. BECKER: Yeah, I think it's the -- I don't know,
25 Jaime, if you are -- I don't know who's controlling the

1 screen, but if we can get the Latino CVAP blocks? Yeah,
2 thank you. Yeah, so as we discussed, the orange areas,
3 the darker the orange, the more intense the concentration
4 and percentage of Latinos in this, and as you can see, as
5 we get into the Western part of Placentia into La Habra,
6 Brea, Southern part of Fullerton for sure, Buena Park, we
7 start seeing those concentrations.

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

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

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

22 Commissioner Akutagawa?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was going to ask about
24 whether it made more sense to add Fullerton to the Santa
25 Ana district, that -- that Southern part of Fullerton,

1 but I think it would boost the Latino CVAP up a little
2 too high, so I -- I won't ask that. I also wanted to
3 perhaps -- I think if I heard Commissioner Sadhwani
4 correctly, I think there's going to be some shifts from
5 AD60 corridor to AD5 corridor to the gateway, and I'm
6 just thinking that, for example, whether it's breaking up
7 Long Beach and/or perhaps -- I recall from COI testimony
8 that Lakewood and Hawaiian Gardens also could be a
9 comfortable fit with Long Beach, but that would mean
10 breaking up Long Beach to accommodate some of the
11 additional population, but then that would also allow
12 some other shifts.

13 I'm thinking, like, for example, up in the Maywood,
14 the Bell, Bell Gardens area, maybe that could be also
15 shifted to the AD gateway or perhaps the inclusion of
16 Cerritos in Artesia and some combination of this district
17 may also bring down some of the Latino CVAP in a way that
18 may also help even out some of the numbers there as well,
19 too.

20 And then I also was thinking about what she was
21 saying about perhaps pushing up some of that AD60
22 corridor into the East San Gabriel Valley district as
23 well, too, perhaps moving some of -- like, Glendora, I
24 think she mentioned moving that out. That I'm just
25 thinking back to the earlier conversation about GLENNLA

1 and perhaps instead of going South, we go North.

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

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

8 Commissioner Kennedy?

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

10 I'm seeing that Fullerton does have a -- a potential
11 district line going through it already. My sense from
12 what we've heard from communities of interest in
13 Fullerton, it -- it -- it is a pretty complex place and I
14 think we should not try to -- to treat Fullerton as
15 monolithic. If we need to split it further to -- to
16 really reflect and respect the communities of interest
17 there, I think we need to look at that. Let's not feel
18 obliged to have Fullerton as a single entity as we move
19 through this. Thank you.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

21 Karin -- or not Karin.

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

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

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

2 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, absolutely.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Because that might help us find that
4 divide.

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

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Follow up?

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- follow up with that?

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

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

20 Commissioner Fernandez?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. No, I was just
22 looking at some of the input that we received, and it
23 really does get conflicting after a while because you've
24 got some that want Buena Park, Anaheim, Brea, Placentia,
25 Cypress, and then you have some that include Fullerton,

1 so I think whichever way we go, it's going to be
2 difficult try to accommodate all of the communities of
3 interest.

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

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: So Jaime, what might be helpful is if
7 you highlight the areas that have VRA considerations at
8 this point and that we include them somewhere, and then
9 you can work through it, just so that we have consensus
10 on the VRA areas.

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

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

20 MS. CLARK: Sure, one second.

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

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I -- I think Brea,
24 if you put the Latino CVAP again, I think it looked like
25 Brea kind of, like -- I know it makes it kind of weird,

1 but Brea, a little bit like Fullerton, has a section that
2 is not as heavily -- it doesn't have as -- as big as a
3 Latino CVAP there, and maybe -- may require potentially
4 breaking up Brea also and perhaps putting that
5 Northern -- kind of Northern/Eastern portion to the North
6 with the Roland Heights, Diamond Bar, La Habra Heights
7 areas, because they may have -- I know that there's some
8 commonalities and I think there's been some COI testimony
9 about that also being an area of interest in terms of a
10 COI with some of those areas within Diamond Bar and
11 Roland Heights and Hacienda Heights and Walnut, so.

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

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

21 Commissioner Sinay and then Fornaciari?

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was just going to say, we've
23 gone through different iterations of the work that we're
24 doing, and we cannot go back to visualizing. We really
25 need to move forward. There are areas that we have

1 prioritized that still need work, but in other areas,
2 we've spent a lot of time. Yes, we -- at this point, we
3 have 21-, almost 22,000 engagements, and the truth is, we
4 could probably find a community of interest to back
5 anything we want to do, because I still am a firm
6 believer that there's probably over forty million
7 different perspectives on what we're doing.

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

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

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's a good reminder, Commissioner

1 Sinay, and certainly, the VRA is a number 2 criteria, and
2 we are filling out the VRA aspect of this map, so if --
3 Clark, if you could -- are these the areas that are -- I
4 believe there's still a little bit of Cypress and
5 Placentia?

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

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

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: So what we need to do today is figure
25 out exactly what the VRA -- or as much as we can with the

1 information we have available, what the VRA area is, so
2 the questions for Mr. Becker is are there other areas
3 that are not highlighted that should have VRA protection
4 at this point, based on the analysis that we do have?

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

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

23 So what I'm thinking here is, likely, if the rest of
24 the structure is largely going to remain where it is, and
25 I'm not suggesting changing it, and there's probably not

1 an additional one here. The concentrations in to the
2 Northwest of this area are just naturally high in the AD5
3 corridor and AD gateway, so there might be ways to add
4 this -- certainly, looking at AD60 corridor is an area
5 that I would look at pretty closely, and to the Santa Ana
6 district.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Mr. Becker.

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

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

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

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

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

23 Hearing none, it sounds like this --

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

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, Commissioner Sadhwani --

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

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

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Are you going in order?

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

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

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

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

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

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
25 as possible in order to do so, but it's not clear to me

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

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

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

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: I appreciate that. Thank you, and
23 Mr. Becker, can you clarify the direction? My
24 understanding of Mr. Becker's statements are that those
25 areas need to be under a VRA -- under VRA area, so in a

1 VRA district. Not necessarily in a VRA district but in a
2 protected district.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

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

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

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And that would that
4 Cypress be connected to --

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Los Alamitos and Seal Beach.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

7 Commissioner Yee?

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

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

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: It would work for population
18 purposes --

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: I know Gardena wants to be with
20 Torrance. Is it -- Southern Gardena want to be Torrance
21 and so forth and it would stay that way, but it would
22 simply add the Northern part of Gardena.

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

24 Commissioner Turner?

25 Commissioner Akutagawa?

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

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

12 85 corridor, it was brought up, is -- do we need
13 to -- are we asking for a restructure of that district?
14 Are we also asking for a restructure of the Gateway
15 district?

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: So at this point, what we're asking
17 for is for Jaime to take the information around the VRA
18 districts -- the VRA district input that we received,
19 that's going to have some impacts across the region, and
20 she's going to work through those and bring it back to
21 us, recognizing that any minor change has impact
22 everywhere in the maps surrounding them.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I understand that, but
24 what's the goal that we're trying to achieve here? I
25 think that that's what's unclear.

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

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Yee?
10 Commissioner Kennedy?

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

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

18 And then because we have underpopulated districts in
19 both West and East San Gabriel Valley to the North of it,
20 looking at where we might take some of the surplus
21 population that we now have as a result of incorporating
22 La Habra and shifting that population into the West and
23 East San Gabriel Valley districts. Is that a reasonable
24 interpretation of where we're going?

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's very reasonable --

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay.

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

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

14 Commissioner Sadhwani?

15 Commissioner Fornaciari?

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

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Perfect. So then I think
20 it's a question for the Commission. Do we want to
21 continue looking at VRA districts? We're looking at the
22 one right now in orange. Do we want to continue and just
23 skip over to Sand Diego and do any clean up on those VRA
24 districts that's in San Diego first, or do you want to
25 work through Orange County working further down, which is

1 perhaps what I would suggest.

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

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

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Chair?

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I had my hand up.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, sorry. Commissioner Akutagawa?

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

13 So I just want come back to what Commissioner Kennedy
14 said about West San Gabriel Valley and East San Gabriel
15 Valley. My understanding is that we were pretty
16 comfortable with the West San Gabriel Valley, so, I
17 guess, I just want to make sure that we heard, like
18 Commissioner Sadhwani said, about Hacienda Heights,
19 Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar and Walnut.

20 I want to make sure, and I just want to lift up or
21 reiterate, you know, the COI testimony that we've heard
22 quite a bit now from Monterey Park, San Gabriel, Alhambra
23 in particular, as well as, if possible, San Merino,
24 Arcadia, and Temple City, you know, keeping them
25 together.

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

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Yes.

6 Commissioner Fornaciari and then Ms. Clark.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I guess I have a
8 question for Ms. Clark. You know, considering the
9 changes we're asking you to look at in North Orange
10 County, is it worth, at this point, trying to go through
11 the rest of the districts in South Orange County, at this
12 point in time. Or, I mean, how far do you see the
13 impacts rippling down? Or do you even have any idea at
14 this point what that might look like?

15 MS. CLARK: Thank you for that question,
16 Commissioner Fornaciari. I think that -- and again, this
17 is kind of Sivan's area, but I think that, from a zoomed
18 out view, I think it would be possible to more or less
19 kind of maintain some of the changes mostly to the Orange
20 County-based districts. Just in thinking about where
21 your other areas are that have VRA considerations and
22 some of the wishes that you have that you've expressed in
23 terms of the structure of some of the districts. I do
24 think that they could, kind of, mostly be, almost like a
25 clock or something, in terms of those changes.

1 And I know that Sivan might be able to guide you
2 through this a little bit more before you move to
3 Southern California. So that Sivan can be working off of
4 these exact same maps that I am, I would need to just
5 quickly pause to export our files, and then she could load
6 that up. So if I may, then perhaps the Commission could
7 discuss what you would like to do next while I kind of
8 pause here to send these files to Sivan.

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

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

16 Commissioner Sinay?

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

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Which areas are you speaking of in

1 specific?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Imperial and San Bernardino
3 VRAs.

4 There's a lot of VRA districts here that really
5 define what we can and can't do. And so I would like to
6 see us, you know, kind of like we did with LA and Orange
7 County, say, okay, we -- this VRA district is looking
8 good. The structure is good. There might be some
9 cleaning up to do. But that allows us to then know what
10 we have to work with to fix what some of the communities
11 have asked.

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

15 But anyway, I just think that we need to stay
16 focused on VRAs.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

18 Any thoughts from the Commission? Sivan will be
19 covering both of those areas, so she covers both of those
20 areas, so she's able to do either. But I do know that
21 the schedule is put out, and I know some Commissioners
22 have been working through that schedule for preparation.
23 So I just want make sure that we are all comfortable with
24 the direction -- the schedule as given, or shifting at
25 this point.

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

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It seems reasonable to me to
8 do the VRA districts. I think that had been a top
9 priority to everyone, so it would seem reasonable to me
10 to make that shift.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Is everyone comfortable with that;
12 that'd we continue on with the -- just the VRA areas in
13 the Inland Empire?

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So we'll transition to Sivan.
16 We're going to take a five minute break. We're going to
17 transition to Sivan. And then after the break, I'm going
18 to ask Commissioner Turner to -- I have to take a call,
19 and so Commissioner Turner will take over as chair as I
20 am not able to get through to our vice chair at this
21 point. And so she'll take over as chair while I'm out.
22 Thank you.

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

25 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Well, welcome back. Thank

1 you for hanging in there with us. I'm Commissioner
2 Turner, and I am your stand-in chair for this next
3 portion.

4 And we have moved now to the Southern California
5 Inland Empire, and we will be looking at the VRA
6 districts there. And what we will do, we'll start with
7 just kind of a general overview of the VRA districts in
8 this area.

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

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

16 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

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

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

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

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

25 MS. TRATT: Okay.

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

3 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Exactly.

4 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: -- if that feels okay for
5 that other Commissioners. Okay.

6 MS. TRATT: Perfect.

7 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Yep. That sounds good.

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

11 And then moving just South is JRC. And this
12 district is at a deviation of 2.09 and a Latino CVAP of
13 51.58.

14 Just to the Northeast is SBCHR. And this district
15 is at a deviation of negative 4.54, so that's definitely
16 on the higher end of our allowable deviation range.
17 Could definitely look at moving some population into this
18 district from surrounding districts. Currently, at a
19 Latino CVAP with 51.45.

20 And then the final VRA consideration district in
21 this area is MPH. This is slightly overpopulated at .52
22 percent, and is under, currently under what would be
23 protested by the Voting Rights Act at 49.81 percent, so I
24 would urge the Commission to definitely make it a
25 priority to get that number above fifty percent and lose

1 some population potentially as well to balance that out.

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

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

11 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Sivan.

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

14 (No audible response)

15 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Okay. Perhaps not.

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

20 And so would then take kind of comments from our
21 Commissioners. I see Commissioner Fernandez, Kennedy,
22 and Yee.

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

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

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

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

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. That'll help us
6 as we move forward.

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

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

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

16 MR. DRECHSLER: Oh, okay.

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

19 MS. TRATT: Absolutely. One moment.

20 MR. BECKER: All right. Can you add with Latino
21 CVAP, please?

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

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

25 MR. DRECHSLER: On the --

1 MR. BECKER: On the label.

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

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

5 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: And when you finish that,
6 Sivan, at some point, if you could darken the boundaries
7 a bit.

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

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

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

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

23 We had Commissioner Fernandez. Were you first, or
24 did you --

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: (Indiscernible,

1 simultaneous speech) --

2 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Oh, you want to wait.

3 Okay.

4 Commissioner Yee?

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. So I'd like to make a
6 suggestion that we start by moving Winchester into
7 Southwest Riverside and perhaps the unincorporated
8 portion to the West of that as well.

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

11 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

12 MS. TRATT: -- in case there are multiple inputs
13 from Commissioner.

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

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

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Just the unincorporated portion
19 West of it as well.

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

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

22 MS. TRATT: This -- sorry.

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- SWRIVERSIDE.

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

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm interested in Hemet as well,

1 but that has 90,000 people, so --

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

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

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

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

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

14 MS. CLARK: Yeah. No problem, Sivan. I'll message
15 you.

16 MS. TRATT: Okay. Thank you.

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

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

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

1 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Okay. I see.

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

6 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Before we accept that, let
7 me take Commissioner Kennedy.

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

9 Sivan, it looks to me like part of Meniffee is -- or
10 that Meniffee is split, and so I would ask if we could
11 have all of Meniffee in the SWRIVERSIDE district. Thank
12 you.

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

19 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: You are doing just fine.
20 We are patiently waiting.

21 (Pause)

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) --

23 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. What do you know
24 about Green Acres?

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: This Thursday, the governor will

1 be two blocks away lighting the holiday tree, with
2 choirs, 5:30.

3 (Pause)

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

8 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

9 MS. TRATT: Yes. Absolutely. Oops.

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

13 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Okay. So then --

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

16 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: 49.8.

17 MR. BECKER: Yeah.

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

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

22 Commissioner Sadhwani?

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I think we had
24 received some COI testimony about possibly removing South
25 Hemet in addition to Winchester. I'm not sure what

1 exactly the border of South Hemet would be. I don't know
2 if it's that little -- obviously, it would have to be
3 contiguous, so perhaps splitting the city right at about
4 where the East Hemet line is, and taking that part out --

5 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: So let's accept the change
6 that we have. Can we do it incrementally, Commissioner
7 Sadhwani?

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure. Absolutely.

9 MS. TRATT: All right. Accepting this change. And
10 let me just turn on those labels again now that I have
11 those fields. All right.

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

15 (Pause)

16 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Kennedy --

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

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

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

23 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

25 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Got you.

1 MS. TRATT: Chair, should I go back and look at
2 Menifee first?

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

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

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Correct.

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

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I would. Yes, please.

13 MS. TRATT: Okay. Should I go ahead and commit this
14 change?

15 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Yes, please.

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

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

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

25 MS. TRATT: All right. This is the best street

1 layer that I have available. Technology is not working
2 in my favor today, so thank you, everyone, again, for
3 your patience.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 Commissioner Sadhwani?

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
25 they just didn't define what they meant by South Hemet.

1 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

2 Commissioner Sadhwani?

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

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

12 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful.

13 Commissioner Yee?

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

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

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

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Southwest RIV.

23 MS. TRATT: Okay. Perfect. One moment, please,
24 while I make those changes.

25 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: While she's making the

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

6 (Pause)

7 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sinay?

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

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

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

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

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

24 MR. BECKER: Numbers pretty much speak for
25 themselves. Obviously, it's a deviation problem here

1 that needs to be resolved. So less population needs to
2 be removed from what's the MPH district?

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

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

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

14 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Before we do, Commissioner
15 Kennedy?

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

20 So we've got that very small portion of Hemet that
21 is below the 74 -- correct. That one. So just for
22 administrative ease, I would suggest that that also be
23 included in the area to be moved.

24 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Yes, I agree.

25 MR. BECKER: Although, I'll just point out, because

1 of the underpopulation problem in the current MPH
2 district, it's likely this line is going to -- this whole
3 line is going to move South if this is the way you want
4 to go because there needs to be some additional --

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

10 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

11 Commissioner Andersen?

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

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

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) --

22 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: You want to make it more --
23 I thought we were over --

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We're over.

25 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: We're over.

1 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I would put that would SECA.
2 But just have a look to see what it does to the CVAP,
3 please.

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

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

12 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: I'm looking at -- yes.
13 Okay.

14 Commissioner Vazquez?

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Sivan, if you could
16 pull up the Latino CVAP heat map again because I think
17 there may be some population to get within -- this is
18 going to make, I'm sure, people in March Air Force Base
19 grumpy, but I thought I saw a significant population of
20 Latino. And since this is a voting rights area district,
21 I think -- hopefully, we won't have to split March Air
22 Force base, but --

23 MS. TRATT: Sorry, Commissioner Vazquez. I had it
24 and somehow just trying to get it back. So sorry about
25 that.

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

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

6 Where did you want me to zoom in on?

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

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sorry. What was the goal?
16 I'm just --

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Trying to balance population.
18 I was also attempting to increase the Latino CVAP if
19 possible. So I was attempting to grab additional
20 population, ideally from areas with some higher
21 concentrations of Latino residents.

22 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner
23 Vazquez.

24 And as I get ready to take the other hands, keep in
25 mind, Commissioners, we also have, as an option, is to

1 give direction and have Sivan leave and come back with
2 the numbers balanced and see what she can do to increase
3 as well. She just needs direction to know what area to
4 play in tonight.

5 Commissioner Vazquez, did you have more?

6 Okay.

7 Commissioner Kennedy?

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

13 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Perfect.

14 You got that, Sivan -- Stetson?

15 MS. TRATT: I did.

16 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: All right.

17 Commissioner Akutagawa?

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

22 I did see -- and this is the beauty of conflicting
23 testimony. I saw COI testimony in which -- or a draft
24 map that was submitted as part of COI testimony that took
25 that Northern border all the way up to the border where

1 Loma Linda and Grand Terrace and all that. I'm not
2 sure -- I have to go back and look at the map again.

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

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

12 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

13 Commissioner Sinay?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (Indiscernible) --

15 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: No?

16 Commissioner Fernandez?

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

20 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: That has been suggested. I
21 like that.

22 Commissioners, are we good?

23 Outstanding. Okay. Thank you --

24 MS. TRATT: Well, Chair, I still have these pending
25 changes to add the Southern portion of Hemet to the

1 Southwest Riverside district. Would you like me to
2 commit that, just so it'll give a better sense of what
3 population balance in the area would be, or just consider
4 it as I'm looking tonight and tomorrow in making those
5 changes and potentially moving where that North-South
6 divide is as well?

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

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

12 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

13 We're at 5:16 now. We will get to public comment at
14 5:30, so we do have a little bit more time to continue in
15 this conversation. Not for this area, Commissioners, I'm
16 looking for your direction in the other VRA districts in
17 our Southern California, Inland Empire.

18 Commissioner Akutagawa, your hands up?

19 Commissioner Kennedy?

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

21 On the SECA district, as well as the Congressional
22 and Senate Districts, I want to refer us to the area in
23 Southeastern San Bernardino County and ask if the mappers
24 could give us a consistent Western boundary for that
25 portion of that district that we kind of have similar at

1 all three levels. But that Western boundary in that
2 Southeastern corner of San Bernardino County is in three
3 different places, and I think that, given the low
4 population density, that's going to be unnecessary and
5 administratively difficult for folks.

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

11 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Absolutely. Thank you so much.
12 We will definitely make sure that those match between
13 plans. We did not forget.

14 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Perfect.

15 Commissioner Sadhwani?

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yep. This could be a
17 homework piece as well. I believe it's the RCFR
18 district. Rialto, Fontana, and -- oh, we have them
19 together. And they are together. I feel like there was
20 some changes that there had been some COIs that had been
21 lifted up, and maybe I'm getting them wrong here, but
22 maybe we had already made the slight changes when we were
23 doing it. My apologies. I will double-check my notes
24 and come back to you on that. I feel like it was
25 swapping in Upland, maybe into the PCO district to keep

1 Rancho Cucamonga maybe whole in there. I could be wrong,
2 but I will come back to that and lift up that testimony.

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

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) --

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

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

13 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: So can you show me -- so
14 keeping Coachella Valley -- it's the whole thing. It is
15 a VRA district. Okay. I'm not prepared to -- it's a VRA
16 district. I don't have the COI testimony in from of me
17 other than the desire for it to be whole, so I'm going to
18 call on a couple hands and see if I can do some overlap
19 and see if that's a direction I even want to attempt.

20 Commissioner Fernandez?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I just wanted to go
22 back to the district that Commissioner Sadhwani -- in my
23 notes it said -- what do I have? Rialto and Fontana.

24 And then I had Highland, but I don't see Highland.

25 Is that the one you were thinking of, Commissioner

1 Sadhwani?

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

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Unfortunately --
7 okay. So that doesn't -- that doesn't make sense.

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

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. That doesn't make
10 sense then.

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

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

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

19 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. Commissioner
20 Fernandez, was that it?

21 Commissioner Kennedy?

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

24 Couple of things. First of all, you know, my
25 problem with it is, division along the 10 is very

1 artificial. You've got parts of Palm Springs that fall
2 North of the 10. You've got parts of Cathedral City on
3 both sides of the 10. You end up splitting the Agua
4 Caliente tribal lands, which span the 10.

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

9 Indio's the largest city in the valley by population
10 anyway. So if instead of -- when that line coming up the
11 Southwestern side of Indio hits the 10, instead of
12 following the 10 up to North Palm Springs and Desert Hot
13 Springs, if the line where to go North along the Western
14 boundary of Indio Hills, you have basically there -- I
15 can't accept that.

16 You know, Indio is -- and particularly Coachella,
17 those two are more oriented towards Imperial County and
18 towards the more agricultural areas. You know, we've
19 heard testimony that the Coachella Valley economy is
20 tourism and agriculture. In my mind, and I lived in the
21 valley for fifteen years, there's kind of a dividing line
22 between the tourism part of the valley and the
23 agricultural part of the valley. And the agricultural
24 part of the valley is kind of Coachella, Thermal, Mecca,
25 Oasis. That area. And so I would ideally like to have

1 the whole valley whole --

2 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Yeah.

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

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

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay.

11 Sivan?

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

17 MS. TRATT: And where would you -- just for
18 clarification, where would you like to move the -- would
19 you like to move these Northern cities South into the
20 MBCV --

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes. Yes.

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

25 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. Let's see it. Yes,

1 please.

2 MS. TRATT: Okay. Give me one moment, please.

3 Thank you.

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

7 (Pause)

8 MS. TRATT: All right. Commissioner Kennedy, moving
9 those requested areas into the MBCV district would make
10 that deviation 8.01 percent over. And SECA would become
11 negative 11 deviation. It would also raise the Latino
12 CVAP to 60.6 percent.

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

15 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Commissioners?

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

18 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Commissioner Sadhwani?

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

24 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Beautiful.

25 Commissioner Kennedy, did you have more? I'm sorry.

1 Okay.

2 Commissioner Akutagawa?

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

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

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

10 MS. TRATT: All right. Those changes have
11 committed.

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

13 And so what we'd like to see and give direction, can
14 we give just some general direction to Sivan for this
15 evening because we have two minutes, and we will go into
16 public comment.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) --

18 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Uh-huh.

19 Commissioner Akutagawa and then Commissioner Sinay.

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

1 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Okay.

2 Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So -- sorry. I didn't realize
4 my mic had been on. So the direction that we're
5 really -- for tonight is, we're trying to figure out how
6 to -- you know, how to increase the VRA -- you know,
7 strengthen the VRA for MPH and, you know, keep the VRA in
8 Coachella Valley -- in the East Coachella Valley and
9 Imperial Valley, and so -- and, you know, get the numbers
10 close on, you know, the deviations down to the right
11 place. So that gives -- hopefully that gives enough
12 direction.

13 You know, we don't want to play around with any of
14 the other VRA districts unless it increases -- you know,
15 strengthens any of the VRA districts. So that's
16 basically what the direction is for tonight, unless I'm
17 mistaken.

18 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner
19 Sinay.

20 Commissioner Sadhwani?

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. I completely agree
22 with that, Commissioner Sinay.

23 And I just wanted to lift up, I think, I'm liking
24 the direction that this change is going in, and I
25 think -- if I'm understanding what's happening here, and

1 please, Sivan, correct me if I'm wrong, what has happened
2 is that Latino CVAP now in SECA is actually quite high,
3 which is good, not a bad problem necessarily. It may not
4 necessarily need to be that high. And we're way
5 underpopulated.

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

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

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

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's a great idea.

21 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

22 And with that, Sivan, are you comfortable for this
23 evening?

24 MS. TRATT: Yes. I would ask what the Commission
25 feels in terms of prioritizing or dividing East Hemet

1 from Hemet or dividing -- like, what should my
2 prioritization be, or should I just come up with multiple
3 scenarios and then just explain what each thing did?

4 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Yeah. I would like
5 multiple. I think we have testimony that supports them
6 together and pulling East Hemet out as Commissioner
7 Andersen mentioned earlier. So the visualizations, the
8 options would be great.

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

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

13 Okay. Then with that, Kristian.

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

16 All right. We do have a plethora of callers. We
17 will begin by reading the public input instructions for
18 making public comment by phone.

19 In order to maximize transparency and public
20 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
21 taking public comment by phone.

22 To call in, dial the telephone number provided on
23 the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted,
24 enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream
25 feed. It is 88465429407, for this meeting. When

1 prompted to enter a participant ID, simply press pound.

2 Once you've dialed in, you'll be placed in a queue.

3 To indicate that you wish to comment, please, press star

4 nine. Again, please, press star nine. This will raise

5 your hand for the moderator. When it's your turn to

6 speak, you'll hear a message that says, "The host would

7 like you to talk. Press star six to speak."

8 If you'd like to give your name, please, state and

9 spell it for the record. You are not required to provide

10 your name to give public comment.

11 Please, make sure to mute your computer or

12 livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion

13 during your call. Once you're waiting in a queue, be

14 alert for when it is your turn to speak. And again,

15 please turn down the livestream volume.

16 And again, if you can hear the sound of my voice,

17 and you've dialed in to give public comment, you are in

18 the right place. To let me know that you want to give

19 public comment, please, press star nine on your telephone

20 keypad. This will raise your hand and get you in line to

21 give public comment.

22 I see those hands going up. I appreciate that.

23 Again, that is star nine. And when it is your turn to

24 speak, I will ask you to press star six. You'll also

25 hear a prompt on just your phone reminding you to press

1 star six.

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

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

7 Again, caller 0317, followed by caller 8011.

8 Caller 0317, please follow the prompts to unmute.
9 The floor is yours.

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

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

18 Rancho Cucamonga has a strong sense of identity and
19 has historically been all or mostly in one Senate,
20 Assembly, or Congressional District.

21 The proposed district maps unnecessarily split our
22 community and our neighborhoods. The Northwest portion
23 of Rancho Cucamonga, which is roughly one third of our
24 community, would be excluded from effective
25 representation with the rest of Rancho Cucamonga by being

1 lumped into separate Congressional and State Assembly
2 districts, primarily located in an entirely separate
3 county, Los Angeles County.

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

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

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

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

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

1 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

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

6 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

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

12 Next up, we'll have caller 8011 and then caller
13 3196.

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

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

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

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

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

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
25 to split up Fullerton in the ways that you've proposed

1 earlier today.

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

3 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

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

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

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

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

20 We've been active since your very first meeting
21 because we know how important this process is for our
22 future. We have received hundreds of emails, calls, and
23 comments, from individuals at organizations that
24 represent thousands across our community. We represent a
25 coalition of organizations like the local NAACP chapter,

1 our Cambodian community, Latino social justice groups,
2 LGBTQ plus organizations, and nonprofits and business
3 organizations.

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

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

16 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

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

20 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

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

1 We thank you so much for your support in all of
2 these advocacy --

3 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

4 Up next, we've got caller 9708. And after that will
5 be caller 6115.

6 Caller 9708, please follow the prompts. The floor
7 is yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I'm calling today
9 about the Orange County Congressional Districts. I think
10 they should be a top priority for us to revisit. I hope
11 the Commission will focus on creating a true coastal
12 district that goes from Seal Beach down to San Clemente.

13 Right now the maps are very random and arbitrary. I
14 think the Commission needs to spend more time
15 understanding the communities of interest in the areas
16 and adhering to their wishes. Thank you.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

18 And up next, we've got caller 6115. And after that
19 will be caller 7175.

20 Caller 6115, follow the prompts. Go ahead.

21 MR. CHAN: Hello. My name is Nathan Chan (ph.).
22 I'm calling you today from San Mateo County. I would
23 like to echo the previous commenters gratefulness for the
24 work that you all are doing.

25 I recently served on the county district lines

1 Commission, and I know it's very challenging work.

2 San Mateo County is a very diverse county. It is a
3 majority minority county. But the distribution of
4 minorities in San Mateo County is concentrated in the
5 North part of the county and the South part of the
6 county, with most of the central part of being
7 predominately white majority.

8 The way that the current district maps are proposed,
9 unfortunately, carved out some of this diversity from
10 Assembly District 22, which I know some of it is
11 unavoidable but possibly some of it could be rectified in
12 some measure.

13 For example, Redwood City, which has a large
14 Hispanic population, is currently split under the draft
15 map. If Redwood City could be kept whole, a significant
16 number of Latino voters would be part of Assembly
17 District 22 that wouldn't be part of Assembly District 22
18 under the current draft map.

19 So please consider that when you --

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 MR. CHAN: -- think about San Mateo County and
22 Assembly District 22. That will enable representation
23 for that Assembly District to represent the totality of
24 San Mateo County effectively. Thank you very much.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

1 And up next we've got caller 7175. And after that
2 will be caller 8245.

3 Caller 7175, the time has come to follow the
4 prompts, please. Go ahead.

5 MR. LOUIS: Hello. I just want to thank the
6 Commissioners for allowing me to speak.

7 My name is Louis (ph.), and I live in Angels Camp
8 area in Calaveras County.

9 I've heard numerous callers asking for the Sierras
10 to be kept separate from central valley, specifically
11 Stanislaus County in the current ECA Congressional draft,
12 and I strongly disagree with these callers.

13 As a resident of the Sierras, my community has a
14 strong relationship with the central valley and
15 Stanislaus County. We do our grocery shopping there. We
16 have medical appointments there. Central services we
17 rely on are based in Stanislaus County. Many of our
18 residents jobs are based in the valley. Residents in the
19 central valley also vacation in our Sierras.

20 So there is a clear connection between the Sierras
21 and Stanislaus County, the central valley has a whole.
22 So I strongly support the current Congressional draft
23 map. I ask the Sierras to stay with Stanislaus.

24 Thank you. And that's all I have to say. Hope
25 everyone has a great day.

1 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

2 Up next we've got caller 8245. And after that will
3 be caller 0073.

4 Caller 8245, please, follow the prompts. The floor
5 is yours.

6 MS. OVERSTREET: Hello, there. I want to echo
7 again, Thank you so much for all of the work that you're
8 doing really creating a space for the community to call
9 in and let you know what their needs are, and I hope
10 you'll be responsive.

11 My name is Blair Overstreet (ph.), And I live in the
12 San Diego community Of City Heights, and I've lived there
13 for several years. And City Heights, and National City,
14 and Paradise Hill belong in the majority Latinx district,
15 along with Barrio Logan And the greater Logan Heights.

16 These communities really do share values and are up
17 against, you know, similar issues and have similar
18 thoughts on how to solve those, including environmental
19 justice, housing insecurities, lots of gentrification and
20 displacement, immigration, and economic justice.

21 So please keep my community of City Heights in the
22 Latinx majority district. And thank you again for all
23 the work that you do.

24 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

25 Up next, we've got caller 0073. And after that will

1 be caller 0234.

2 Caller 0073, please follow prompts. Go ahead.

3 MR. AI: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Mike Ai
4 (ph.). I am here on behalf of the Equality California,
5 the nation's largest LGBTQ plus civil rights organization
6 with hundreds of thousands of members state wide.

7 I'm calling about the MBCV Assembly District map.
8 I'd like to thank the Commission, particularly
9 Commissioner Kennedy for uniting the LGBTQ plus community
10 in the Coachella Valley and the MBCV district.

11 The Coachella Valley is home to a historic and
12 vibrant LGBTQ plus community, which includes many of our
13 LGBTQ plus elders in California, and now, the first
14 generation of people living with HIV to live into their
15 senior years.

16 Thank you again for keeping the LGBTQ plus community
17 united MBCV.

18 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

19 Up next, we've got caller 0234. And after that will
20 be caller 7258.

21 Caller 0234, please follow those prompts. Go ahead.

22 (In Spanish, not translated)

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 (In Spanish, not translated)

25 MR. MANOFF: Gracias.

1 Up next, we've got caller 7258. And after that will
2 be caller 4554.

3 Caller 7258, please follow the prompts. That's
4 caller with the last four digits, 7258. You may unmute
5 your phone by pressing star six, please. One more time.
6 Caller with the last four, 7258, please press star six to
7 unmute. I'm so sorry, caller 7258, we will come back to
8 you.

9 Up next, we've got caller 4554. And after that will
10 be caller 8298.

11 Caller 4554, please follow the prompts to unmute by
12 pressing star six. Go ahead.

13 MR. PULLEN-MILES: Good evening, Honorable
14 Commissioners. My name is Robert Pullen-Miles. I'm the
15 mayor of the City of Lawndale.

16 I want to take this opportunity thank you for
17 hearing and listening to the voices of the parents in the
18 communities in the cities of Lawndale, Inglewood, and
19 Hawthorne, and Lennox.

20 In our community, we know that education is a big
21 equalizer. By keeping the cities Inglewood, Lawndale,
22 Hawthorne, and Lennox in the same Assembly District, you
23 are in fact ensuring that our children are together.

24 As previous parents and callers have stated, these
25 school districts (indiscernible) -- and our goal is

1 simply to lift children out of poverty. We work so well
2 together. Even one on Lawndale's school is physically
3 located in the city of Hawthorne, and our high schools
4 service several communities that overlap.

5 Our families and our kids deserve to be in the same
6 Assembly District, and I know with your leadership that
7 that will be (indiscernible).

8 Once again, we are grateful that you are putting our
9 children first by keeping the cities of Inglewood,
10 Lawndale, Hawthorne, and Lennox together.

11 And I thank you for your patience. And I thank you
12 for your service on this Commission. Thank you.

13 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

14 Up next, we've got caller 8298. And after that will
15 be caller 7175.

16 Caller 8298, if you could, please follow the
17 prompts. Go ahead.

18 MR. GONZALEZ: Hello. My name is Juan Gonzalez
19 (ph.), and I live in North Ridge in San Fernando Valley
20 of LA. Thank you for taking my call and letting me share
21 my thoughts.

22 As other callers have shared, the Latino community
23 in San Fernando Valley is important to my neighborhood
24 and nearby communities. The Commission has shown that
25 you understand that, and thank you for drawing a Latino

1 Voting Rights Act Assembly district here in the San
2 Fernando Valley in your initial maps.

3 However, as several people have shared already, it
4 is possible to draw two VRA Assembly Districts in the
5 valley. And if you draw two Assembly Districts, you can
6 nest those inside of one of the VRA Senate District.

7 Please, don't limit my communities ability to elect
8 a representative of our choice, and draw two majority
9 Latino Assembly Districts in the San Fernando Valley.

10 Thank you, again, for your hard work, and I hope you
11 will protect the voting rights of my community. Thank
12 you so much.

13 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

14 Up next, we've got caller 7175. And after that will
15 be caller 3241.

16 Caller 7175, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

17 MR. PAYNE: Thank you.

18 Good evening, Commissioners. This is Jeremy Payne
19 (ph.) calling on behalf of Equality California.

20 Want to thank you for your work to unite the LGBTQ
21 plus community by putting Hollywood and West Hollywood in
22 the heart of LA's LGBTQ plus community together in the
23 same district today.

24 However, I just want to remind Commissioner that
25 there has been overwhelming COI testimony that the LGBTQ

1 plus community in West Hollywood and Hollywood West of
2 the 101 freeway should not be paired with Glendale.

3 Hollywood and West Hollywood share homelessness and
4 housing interests with central LA areas like Greater
5 Wilshire and Korea Town, interests that Glendale does not
6 share.

7 Given the changes made today, we would encourage the
8 Commission to move Mid-city West and Greater Wilshire
9 into the Glenn and LA district, and then move
10 (indiscernible) out of Flintridge and the city of
11 Glendale North of the 134 freeway out of that district as
12 suggested by a number of Commissioners.

13 Doing so would better unite the LGBTQ plus community
14 and other communities of interest in Hollywood, West
15 Hollywood, and central LA, by keeping us separate from
16 the city of Glendale, as supported by significant COI
17 testimony.

18 So thank you so much, and we look forward to seeing
19 the updated maps.

20 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

21 And just a quick reminder, our lines will close at 6
22 o'clock.

23 Up next, we've got caller 3241. And after that will
24 be caller 7976.

25 Caller 3241, if you could, please follow prompts.

1 Go ahead.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, there. Recently, I've
3 been listening to the redistricting Commission in your
4 meetings, and I've noticed that on the Orange County
5 coastal district that there's been a lot of back and
6 forth where some support, but a lot citizens have been
7 calling in, and they just want Orange County's beach
8 cities to stay together versus being split up with other
9 counties or being put with inland cities, and I think
10 that you should listen to them because you are a Citizens
11 Commission in that you're supposed to listen to the
12 citizens.

13 And keeping Orange County beach cities together
14 makes the most sense because, I mean, in reality, if you
15 really look at it, none of these communities outside of
16 Orange County have anything in common with each. And so
17 like L.A. has different priorities. I mean, someone from
18 Keep Long Beach Together just called in. People in San
19 Diego have nothing -- there's literally fifteen miles of
20 nothing in between the nearest town for Orange County.
21 And so it doesn't make any sense, and so I just think
22 keeping Orange County together, like all the other
23 citizens have been saying, just makes the most sense.
24 But thank you. And hopefully, we get that done. Have a
25 nice night.

1 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
2 7976. And after that will be caller 5647.

3 Caller 7976, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

4 MS. CAMPBELL: Hi. My name is Winky Campbell (ph.),
5 and I've lived in the East Bay Alameda County for many
6 years. Yesterday, I heard a caller from Albany, who
7 talked about your Commission being ready to be okay with
8 undoing a change and going back to an earlier draft, and
9 I urge you to do that. Another caller talked about
10 taking the time to intentionally reflect on the lines
11 you've drawn. They were both right. Older options of
12 your maps may actually be better. By pausing to look
13 back after you draw is the only really way to really know
14 what you did. The two suggestions from yesterday's
15 callers are particularly important as you move from draft
16 maps to final maps. You might spend an hour drawing
17 something this week and determine that you fixed a
18 problem you were trying to solve.

19 However, when looking at the big picture, you may
20 realize that your Commission created several worse
21 problems, and thus, the only prudent course of action is
22 to change it. Newer is not always better. But you can
23 only figure that out if you allow yourself time to do so,
24 which is why you need that reflective time, not to
25 reflect on the draft maps -- you had two weeks to do

1 that -- now you need time to reflect on this week's work,
2 time after you've finished the plan, to stop before you
3 jump into a new set of maps. If you look at the
4 districts you've drawn, review them systematically and
5 deliberately. Are they what you actually what you want
6 to be in your final maps? You probably didn't know that
7 moving Albany was a bad idea until you moved Albany, and
8 I suggest that you go back to an earlier iteration. And
9 you can't know what this week's Albany is going to be,
10 but you can know that your schedule needs to allow time
11 to at least --

12 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

13 MS. CAMPBELL: -- talk about the changes you've
14 made. Thank you very much for your time and for allowing
15 us to participate. Good-bye.

16 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

17 Up next, we've got caller 5647. And after that will
18 be caller 8224.

19 Caller 5647, if you could please follow the prompts
20 to unmute. Go ahead.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, and thank you
22 for this opportunity. I want to say thank you to the
23 Commissioners, the staff, and the consultants that are
24 helping redistrict our entire state at so many different
25 levels. I've had the honor of serving on two

1 redistricting Commissions -- one for the county and one
2 for my City of Redwood City, so I totally understand the
3 complexity. I'm here to urge you to please keep Redwood
4 City whole in the proposed Assembly San Mateo District --
5 currently Assembly District 22 The draft map that you
6 guys are working on draws lines through communities of
7 interest, including historically underrepresented groups,
8 like immigrant and Latinx communities. Removing that
9 area of Redwood City dilutes the power of the Latinx
10 community in the proposed district by splitting thousands
11 of Latinx people from the current lines of Assembly
12 District 22. As a Latinx person myself, I ask, please,
13 do not split Redwood City, and keep it whole within the
14 rest of San Mateo County. As a former member of two
15 redistricting Commissions, I understand the complexity
16 and difficulty in finding population balance, respecting
17 communities of interest, and keeping cities and counties
18 whole. In the spirit of the Voting Rights Act and the
19 Fair Maps Act, I am identifying the historic
20 neighborhoods of Palm, Woodside, Roosevelt, Eagle Hill,
21 and Farm Hills, as communities of interest and ask that
22 you keep them whole within Redwood City, and Redwood City
23 whole within San Mateo County. I urge the 2020
24 California Citizens Redistricting Commission to keep
25 Redwood City within the proposed AD_SANMATEO map. That

1 clearly expresses the will of the residents of Redwood
2 City and furthers the goal of equity for us all.

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So thank you very much.

5 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. And up next, we've got
6 caller 8224. And after that will be caller 2931.

7 Caller 8224, if you could please follow the prompts
8 by pressing star six. Caller with the last four 822 --
9 go ahead.

10 MS. NGUYEN: Okay. Hi. Dear Commissioners. My
11 name is Stephanie Nguyen. I'm calling in regard to the
12 Little Saigon community of Orange County. I have made
13 several comments about the process, so I just want to
14 thank you all for listening to our comments.

15 (Indiscernible) on the Senate map. Please, don't
16 make any change for the Senate district, with just a few
17 minor change to the Congressional and Assembly maps to
18 have a true representation of Little Saigon. That is to
19 add inland part of Huntington Beach to the map. There
20 are a lot of Vietnamese-Americans in Huntington Beach
21 that border on Fountain Valley and Westminster. Not sure
22 if you are aware, on November 22nd, the Orange County
23 Board of Supervisor approved their redistrict map. They
24 acknowledged that Little Saigon belongs in the City of
25 Westminster, Fountain Valley, Los Alamitos, Rossmoor,

1 Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, Midway City, and portions
2 of (indiscernible) district. This clearly shows that the
3 county acknowledged that Huntington Beach does, in fact,
4 belong with Little Saigon where they are sharing social
5 service, government programs, healthcare service, and
6 education. Please reconsider. Thank you for listening.
7 Thank you so much for your hard work.

8 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
9 2931. And after that, will be caller 0682.

10 Caller 2931, please follow the prompts by pressing
11 star six.

12 MS. TAI: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Laura
13 Tai (ph.). I am calling again regarding about Little
14 Saigon community of interest. And thank you for
15 everything you are doing to make it right for every
16 community of interest, especially your attention to
17 Little Saigon. I didn't know if you hear that the Orange
18 County Board of Supervisors approved their redistrict
19 maps last week. They included Huntington Beach in with
20 Little Saigon. This is what our community have been
21 asking for. As you know, the county -- the community
22 interested healthcare and social service. And ADGGW
23 draft map. Please add the inland part of Huntington
24 Beach to include in Huntington Harbor where we're next
25 generation Vietnamese-Americans have been moved to. So

1 up North (indiscernible) Street in Huntington Beach, the
2 whole City of Huntington Beach, like (indiscernible).
3 You need to take out Santa Ana East of Garden Grove and
4 Euclid Street. This can be another district since it
5 doesn't have any interest with our Little Saigon
6 community. That is what the county did as well.
7 Congressional map at Huntington Beach and remove Artesia
8 and Saratoga. Thank you for your time. Have a good
9 night. Bye-bye.

10 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you.

11 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
12 0682. And next after that will be caller 7208. Caller
13 0682, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
15 I wanted to call in as a resident of Palmdale in support
16 of our current Assembly draft and Congressional draft
17 maps. For far too long, residents of Palmdale have been
18 expected to be lumped with communities far too different
19 from our own at every level. I support your current
20 draft of AD_ANTELOPE and AD_SCV. I appreciate you not
21 bowing to public political pressure and remaining
22 independent. Palmdale wishes to be united with the rest
23 of the Antelope Valley in our Assembly district and with
24 our brothers and sisters in Santa Clarita in a
25 Congressional district without Simi Valley. All of your

1 drafts for our area have been very fair and correct a
2 wrong that was done ten years ago. Thank you for your
3 hard work, and happy holidays.

4 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
5 7208. And after that will be caller 1013.

6 Caller 7208, please follow the prompts. Caller with
7 the last four digits 7208, please press star six to
8 unmute your phone. Go ahead.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Good evening. This
10 is Edna Luncy (ph.) longtime resident of Fullerton. I am
11 very, very surprised about the discussion they had this
12 afternoon, you know, talking about the North Orange
13 County, how it's going to be split the City of Fullerton.
14 I don't know how this was treated. They were talking
15 about La Habra and suddenly they decide to divide the
16 City of Fullerton? Fullerton is a city of -- we are only
17 150,000 people that we live here, which it's been split
18 already once. And this afternoon, one Commissioner
19 suggested splitting the city three ways. Another
20 Commissioner insisted on splitting off South Fullerton,
21 which is heavily Latinx community, to put it with Santa
22 Ana. No one has suggested putting South Fullerton in the
23 Senate and Assembly district with Santa Ana. And nobody
24 is addressing the Asian-American Advancing Justice or the
25 Black Redistricting Hub. Nor the Orange County Civic

1 Engagement Table is simply not required to comply with
2 the Voting Rights Act. It's simply a community of
3 interest, not recent whatsoever. It is splitting a city
4 in a way that nobody had suggested that you should do.
5 If this never has to happen -- if you need to split North
6 Fullerton, which is heavily Korean, that is one thing --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- but keep the rest of
9 Fullerton with Anaheim. Make that the anchor for our
10 district. Please separate districts anchoring Santa Ana.
11 You can consider combining them in larger Senate
12 districts --

13 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- but splitting up Fullerton
15 in the ways that you discussed today in the Assembly map
16 is simply inexcusable. People don't have to accede to
17 comply to this. Please, listen to us, I ask deeply to
18 the Commission --

19 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. And we are up against a
20 break, but before we go to break, I would like to one
21 more time invite those who have called in to please press
22 star nine to raise our hand. That'll let us know that
23 you have called in to give public comment. Again, please
24 press star nine to raise your hand. We will be coming
25 back after break to take your input. Chair, I defer to

1 you.

2 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: We are ready for break.

3 Let's do it.

4 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 6:10 p.m.

5 until 6:25 p.m.)

6 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you. And thank you,
7 all for waiting through the break. We are in public
8 comment time, and so we see the hands. We thank you for
9 that. A reminder that public comment is two minutes, and
10 we are now in the hands of Kristian.

11 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much, Chair. And again,
12 we would like to invite those that have called in to give
13 public comment to please press star nine. This will
14 raise your hand for the comment moderator and get you
15 into the queue. I'm also going to invite Commissioner
16 Fernandez to invite the queue to raise their hand in
17 Espanol.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Gracias, Kristian.

19 (In Spanish, not translated)

20 MR. MANOFF: Gracias. All right. First up, we've
21 got caller 1013. And after that will be caller 3406.

22 Caller 1013, if you could please follow the prompts
23 to unmute. Go ahead.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. Thank
25 you very much for all the work that you're doing. I

1 wanted to thank you for hearing and listening to the
2 voices of parents and community leaders and students in
3 our effort to keep the Cities of Lawndale, Inglewood, and
4 Hawthorne together.

5 Our community has worked really hard over the last
6 couple of years to make sure that our children continue
7 to have a good education, and by keeping those cities
8 together, you're keeping the school district together and
9 allowing them to continue to have a good education. So I
10 wanted to give you guys a call to thank you. Our
11 families and kids deserve to be in the same Assembly
12 district, and that's something that I know you guys are
13 working towards that. And I wanted to give a special
14 shout-out to Commissioners Sadhwani and Commissioner Yee
15 for making sure that our cities are kept together. And
16 Commissioner Yee gave a really good example where we can
17 take out the City of Gardena completely and incorporate
18 the City of Lawndale. That way we'll keep the Cities of
19 Lawndale, Hawthorne, and Inglewood together. Again, we
20 are very grateful that you are prioritizing our kids and
21 keeping those cities together. So we really appreciate
22 it. Thank you.

23 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
24 3406. And after that will be caller 4149.

25 Caller 3406, please follow the prompts to unmute.



1 MS. CORALES: Hello. My name is Julie Corales. I
2 am a resident of the Barrio Logan community in San Diego.
3 I'm a lifelong resident of San Diego. I have lived in
4 Barrio Logan and in City Heights, and I'm calling to ask
5 the Commission to place the Community of City Heights in
6 the Latino majority district -- the Latinx majority
7 district -- to group it together with Barrio Logan and
8 the South Bay. These communities are intertwined. They
9 are the heart of our Latinx community. We shop together.
10 We celebrate together. We go to the same events. And we
11 need to be -- we need to be joined. We realize that City
12 Heights has an important refugee community, but it is
13 predominantly Hispanic, and we need to be together.
14 Placing us with folks out -- East county affluent folks,
15 predominantly white folks -- would disenfranchise this
16 very special community. City Heights is urban. It is
17 not suburban like the other communities that it is
18 grouped with in the map. And it has very unique needs.
19 These communities -- City Heights, Barrio Logan, Logan
20 Heights, and the South Bay fight for similar issues:
21 Economic justice, racial justice, immigration issues, and
22 we need to have joint representation as we fight for our
23 freedoms, really. So I urge the Commission to please
24 keep these communities together.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

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
25 should include downtown Skid Row and other parts of South

1 L.A. in that area. Again, I think it's really important
2 to include Skid Row, which is mostly black -- right? And
3 faces a lot of similar issues on housing,
4 criminalization, et cetera.

5 At this point, I think it would be helpful to move
6 AD_105COR, again, West, to include LAX. I think as
7 callers have mentioned, having Inglewood-based district
8 that includes Lennox, Hawthorne, is really important.
9 I'd like to --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- note that other
12 submissions that we've seen, it is possible to group
13 parts of Gardena into that district, which I think is
14 important. There's really strong black communities
15 across Crenshaw, and I think that --

16 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- (indiscernible,
18 simultaneous speech) have shown some strong splits there.
19 So again, we should have another fourth district to the
20 East of that that includes Western Compton. Again, we'd
21 really love to see four black -- a strong South L.A.
22 district that balances black population, and don't pack
23 and don't eliminate political voices in South L.A. Thank
24 you very --

25 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

1 Up next, we've got caller 0205. And after that will
2 be caller 5778.

3 Caller 0205, please follow the prompts. That's
4 caller with the last four digits 0205. Please follow the
5 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. One more time
6 for caller with the last four digits 0205. You may
7 unmute your phone. Go ahead. The floor is yours.

8 MS. CRAFT: Hi. Good evening. Sorry for the delay
9 there. A little technical issue on my part. thank you
10 for the opportunity to share my comments this evening.
11 My name is Tiffany Craft, spelled T-I-F-F-A-N-Y
12 C-R-A-F-T, and I am a longtime resident of the City of
13 Irvine. I wanted to briefly talk about the Assembly maps
14 for Irvine where you have the city combined with Costa
15 Mesa and Tustin. To me, it would make more sense if
16 Tustin, North Tustin, Northern Irvine, and Lake Forest
17 were together in the same Assembly district rather than
18 with Costa Mesa where we have little in common. The
19 areas along the foothills and the 241 corridor have
20 common interests, school districts in some cases, and
21 public policy priorities. Please consider changing the
22 map to include the foothill communities in one Assembly
23 district so that the needs of our community can be
24 addressed fairly.

25 Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward

1 to seeing Lake Forest with Northern Irvine and North
2 Tustin/Tustin in the next iteration of your maps. Thank
3 you for your commitment and your service to the
4 community. Have a wonderful evening.

5 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. And again, we'd like to
6 remind those who have called in tonight to give public
7 comment to please press star nine. This will raise your
8 hand. This is for caller 1461, caller 2567, caller 2638,
9 caller 4047, caller 4201, caller 4328, caller 5273,
10 caller 8742, caller 9006, caller 9786. And to caller
11 7258, who we were unable to connect with earlier, I see
12 you're still connected. But if any of you would like to
13 give comment, please press star nine. We will be trying
14 your lines, but by pressing star nine you might get ahead
15 in line. You might not have to wait as long. Again,
16 that's star nine to raise your hand.

17 Up next, we've got caller 5778. And after that will
18 be caller 0223.

19 Caller 5778, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

20 MS. MARTIN-MILIUS: Chair, Vice Chair, and
21 Commissioners, thank you so much for the opportunity to
22 speak. I'm Tara Martin-Milius, that's M-I-L-I-U-S. I'm
23 in Santa Clara County, a former Vice Mayor and
24 councilmember of the City of Sunnyvale. Former
25 neighborhood leader and continue to be active in the

1 community. I am speaking as an individual. I'm in favor
2 of redistricting to keep Sunnyvale whole, and strongly
3 support the CD-BERRY SUNY draft Congressional district
4 map. Our Sunnyvale City Council has also unanimously
5 voted to request support of Sunnyvale in one
6 Congressional district, one State Assembly district, and
7 one Senate district, with like composition of cities such
8 as Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Cupertino, Fremont, and
9 Milpitas, which all have similar interests and needs,
10 including regional concerns of economic interest, living
11 standards, transportation facilities, work opportunities.
12 My ask is that Congressional, State Senate, and State
13 Assembly redistricting consider the whole of Sunnyvale to
14 be a community of interest, lessening the issues across
15 district confusions and conflicts and affects. Sunnyvale
16 is part of the high-tech economy and should remain with
17 the other high-tech neighboring cities, such as Fremont,
18 Santa Clara, Cupertino, and Fremont and Milpitas. We're
19 all linked by income, housing, immigration status, all
20 regional issues which are more easily addressed by
21 remaining in the same district. We -- the cities in this
22 district, all have a high number of Asian-Americans, East
23 Asian and Asian-Indian descent, which allows for
24 connectedness --

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.



1 MS. MARTIN-MILIUS: -- similar language services,
2 and language access, interest in immigration issues, and
3 cultural-specific social services. I hope you can keep
4 Sunnyvale whole and all of us together in one district.
5 Thank you, all, for your dedication to this redistricting
6 process.

7 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
8 0223. And after that will be caller 2567.

9 Caller 0223, if you could please follow the prompts
10 by pressing star six. Go ahead.

11 MS. BROWN: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is
12 Natasha Brown. Thank you so much for taking the time to
13 listen to all the public comments. I know it is not an
14 easy task. I would like to take the time to specifically
15 talk about downtown Los Angeles and Skid Row. On both
16 the Assembly and Congressional levels, we see that
17 downtown Los Angeles and Skid Row are not in core South
18 L.A. districts. Skid Row is a community at risk of
19 losing political power resulting from gentrification
20 that's aimed at attracting higher-earning, wealthy
21 residents. Due to this, it's a community that needs to
22 be protected by being grouped with similar communities
23 who share the same concerns. These areas are home to
24 black communities of interest that mirror each other's
25 concerns around gentrification, affordable housing, and

1 over-policing.

2 I would like to make some recommendations for
3 adjustments that would make this possible. At the
4 Congressional level, I would recommend placing downtown
5 Los Angeles and Skid Row in the CD 10 CORE draft
6 district. And at the Assembly level, I would like to
7 recommend creating a fourth black opportunity district
8 East of 110 L.A. that would include downtown Los Angeles
9 and Skid Row, pairing it with South L.A. neighborhoods.
10 I hope you take these recommendations into consideration
11 as it pertains to downtown Los Angeles and Skid Row.

12 These adjustments would allow the black residents --

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 MS. BROWN: -- to effectively organize their
15 communities, make their voices heard politically, and
16 flourish. Thank you for your time, and have a good
17 evening.

18 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
19 2567. And after that will be caller 9786.

20 Caller 2567, please follow those prompts. The floor
21 is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
23 Thank you for all your continued work on the maps. I'd
24 like to reference the Fresno-Tulare Congressional
25 district map. Hanford is a hub for smaller Kings County

1 communities. Residents from Corcoran, Kettlemen City and
2 other rural towns often travel to Hanford for shopping
3 and entertainment. College of the Sequoias and West
4 Hills Community College campuses in Kings County attract
5 Kings County high school graduates and community members
6 continuing their education. They are communities of
7 interest. Kings County has a dominant Latino presence
8 throughout and the county should be kept together to
9 ensure the Latino community has fair representation in
10 Congress. I urge you to keep Kings County whole. Thank
11 you for your time.

12 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
13 9786. And after that will be caller 4328.

14 Caller 9786, please follow those prompts. Go ahead.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. I live in the
16 Angel's Camp area in Calaveras County. I've heard
17 numerous callers asking for the Sierras to be kept
18 separate from the Central Valley, specifically,
19 Stanislaus County and the current ECA Congressional
20 draft. I strongly disagree with these callers. As a
21 resident of the Sierras, my community has a strong
22 relationship with the Central Valley and Stanislaus
23 County. We do our grocery shopping there. We have
24 medical appointments there. Essential services we rely
25 on are based in Stanislaus. Many of our resident's jobs

1 are also based in the Valley. Residents in the Central
2 Valley also travel and vacation in our Sierras. There is
3 a clear connection between the Sierras and Stanislaus
4 County and Central Valley as whole. I strongly support
5 the current Congressional draft map and ask for the
6 Sierras to stay with Stanislaus County.

7 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
8 4328. And after that will be caller 8742. Caller 4328,
9 if you could please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

10 MR. ICHINOSE: Yeah. My name is Daniel Ichinose,
11 and I'm research director at the Orange County Civic
12 Engagement Table. I also worked to support the People's
13 Redistricting Alliance. We appreciate all your hard
14 work, recognizing the diverse interests the Commission
15 and line drawers are working to balance. We're happy
16 that the Commission is prioritizing VRA compliancy. It's
17 important that you get it right.

18 I have to admit to being confused by your discussion
19 of Orange County this afternoon, which discussed breaking
20 up a key COI in our county to comply with federal law.
21 Last month, you received numerous public map submissions.
22 These were submitted by talented folks with deep ties to
23 communities and decades of redistricting experience of
24 statewide maps from Asian-Americans Advancing Justice,
25 the Black Census and Redistricting Hub and MALDEF, and

1 Southern California regional maps from the People's Bloc
2 in Los Angeles. The People's Redistricting Alliance in
3 Orange County, and IE United in the Inland Empire.
4 Community members and organizations, demographers, and
5 attorneys spent months working on these maps. It all
6 began by assessing Gingles 1. How many districts can be
7 drawn in which targeted racial groups make up fifty
8 percent or more of a district's citizen voting age
9 population? In areas where these majority/minority
10 districts can be drawn, does racially polarize voting
11 exist? The statewide maps you received from Advancing
12 Justice, the Black Hub in MALDEF, as well as the line
13 regional maps from the People's Bloc --

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15 MR. ICHINOSE: -- in L.A. and the People's
16 Redistricting Alliance in OC all demonstrate how VRA
17 compliance can be achieved in Los Angeles and Orange
18 Counties while maintaining the integrity of communities
19 of interest on both sides of the county line. So please,
20 please consider these maps --

21 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

22 MR. ICHINOSE: -- which will save you considerable
23 time so late in this process, and prevent communities
24 from being broken up unnecessarily. Thank you.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. And again, we'd like to

1 invite those that have called in who have not yet spoken
2 to please press star nine to raise your hand.

3 And I'd like to, again, invite Commissioner
4 Fernandez to please repeat the instructions in Espanol.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ:

6 (In Spanish, not translated)

7 MR. MANOFF: Gracias. Up next, we've got caller
8 8742. And after that will be caller 2638. Caller 8742,
9 if you could follow the prompts. Go ahead.

10 MR. PARKER: Thank you for your work to improve the
11 redistricting process. My name is Allen Parker, and I'm
12 calling about the Congressional and Assembly districts
13 for Simi Valley, Santa Clarita, Canyon Country, Antelope
14 Valley in relation to San Fernando Valley. I think it
15 would be better to keep as much of the San Fernando
16 Valley in contiguous districts as possible and not mix it
17 with Santa Clarita. The San Fernando Valley is part of
18 the second biggest city in the U.S., and Simi Valley,
19 Santa Clarita, Canyon Country, Palmdale, and Lancaster
20 are suburban towns outside of L.A., so a representative
21 can't properly represent a merged district if they are
22 that different. They have conflicting priorities.
23 Previous Congressional visualizations kept Santa Clarita
24 and the Antelope Valley whole, but to add population, it
25 makes more sense to push West and include Simi Valley

1 rather than taking a section of San Fernando Valley to
2 the South. The San Fernando Valley, including Porter
3 Ranch and Granada Hills shares different concerns and
4 issues than the Santa Clarita Valley. Thank you for
5 letting me speak.

6 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
7 2638. And after that will be caller 4201.

8 Caller 2638, if you could please follow the prompts.
9 That's caller with the last four digits 2638. If you
10 could please unmute by pressing star six. One more time
11 for caller 2638. You can now unmute your phone by
12 pressing star six.

13 I'm going to invite Commissioner Fernandez -- oh,
14 no. We have unmuted. Thank you so much, caller 2638.
15 Go ahead.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. I'm calling from
17 Sonora. I've lived in Sonora my entire life, and what
18 I've found in these maps is that we do participate in
19 Stanislaus; we do go down the hill for our medicine, for
20 our groceries. We go to the Valley. I've heard a lot of
21 people complaining about breaking up Stanislaus or doing
22 different things with Stanislaus to remove the mountain
23 communities from it to make it -- keeping Stanislaus
24 whole. I totally disagree with that.

25 The previous districts we've been in prior to this

1 ECA over the last ten years, our main focus has been
2 Sacramento. We don't go to Sacramento. We come to the
3 Valley. As I looked at this district, I do find it
4 unusual that the Lake Tahoe rim is the only (audio
5 interference) that's been separated, and you don't
6 have -- a contiguous area of Lake Tahoe has been
7 separated into two districts. I find that very odd. And
8 I heard the complaints of the folks over in Mono County
9 as well as the Mammoth area, and we certainly -- us
10 people here in the foothills and the mountains -- we
11 don't go over the hill, and they should be kept in their
12 own district. The Alpine County down through Death
13 Valley -- that should be a separate district. So I just
14 ask that you take a closer look at where people live, how
15 the road systems work, and understand that there may not
16 be much in comparison between just the rim of Lake Tahoe.
17 That should be kept whole with Truckee and the
18 surrounding communities, as well as the fact that from
19 Mariposa, Oakhurst --

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Sonora -- we all go down
22 the hill to Fresno, Clovis, Madera, Merced, Modesto, and
23 breaking up Stanislaus County makes some sense for us.
24 Thank you very much.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller

1 4201. And after that we have caller 9006.

2 Caller 4201, if you could please follow those
3 prompts. Go ahead.

4 MR. WALDMAN: Stuart Waldman from VICA. Thank you
5 for letting me speak today. I was unsure when the San
6 Fernando Valley would be discussed. I understood that
7 Glendale being placed with West Hollywood today was
8 discussed, which I agree with previous callers, it seems
9 like an odd pairing. And I appreciate that you've been
10 talking about VRA districts. And I agree with the
11 previous caller that the San Fernando Valley, which is
12 home to over 760,000 Latinos, deserve two Assembly
13 districts. We've submitted a simple four-district swap
14 that could just be plugged right in that creates two
15 districts for Latinos that are over fifty percent CVAP.
16 But that being said, if you're making no changes at all
17 to the San Fernando Valley, we're happy with that, too.
18 So just keep walking. Thank you for all you're doing,
19 and I'll talk to you later.

20 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Up next, we've got caller
21 9006. Please follow the prompts to unmute. Go ahead.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello.

23 (In Spanish, not translated)

24 MR. MANOFF: Gracias. And now as we do not have any
25 other raised hands, we are going to try folks who have

1 not yet spoken. Up first, we're going to try caller
2 1461. And after that we're going to try caller 4047.

3 Caller 1461, if you'd like to give comment, please
4 press star six to unmute. Again, that's caller with the
5 last four digits 1461. Please follow the prompts to
6 unmute.

7 Commissioner Fernandez, could you please invite
8 caller 1461 to unmute by pressing star six?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

10 (In Spanish, not translated)

11 MR. MANOFF: Caller 1461, thank you so much for
12 listening. Next up, we're going to try caller 4047. You
13 can now unmute by pressing star six. Again, Commissioner
14 Fernandez, could you please invite caller 4047 to unmute
15 by pressing star six?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ:

17 (In Spanish, not translated)

18 MR. MANOFF: Caller 4047, thank you for listening
19 tonight. And next up we'll try caller 4 -- or, I'm
20 sorry -- caller 5273. You can unmute by pressing star
21 six. I want to thank you also for listening tonight.
22 And we're going to retry caller 7258.

23 Caller 7258, if you'd like to give comment, please
24 press star six. All right. We want to thank you for
25 listening as well. And again, if you are unable to

1 connect with us tonight over phone, you can contact the
2 Commission in a variety of other ways.

3 Chair, the queue is clear.

4 TEMPORARY CHAIR TURNER: Thank you, Kristian, for
5 the excellent job you and your team always do. Thank you
6 to all of the callers that's called in today to give us
7 additional public comment and your community of interest.
8 We thank you for your time. I'd like to thank all
9 Commissioners. And actually, I'm going to -- our Chair
10 is back in. Do you have --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think you're doing a great job.
12 And so we'll see each other bright and early tomorrow at
13 the time allotted. And we'll be reevaluating our
14 schedule tonight based on our first day of
15 visualizations, and we'll try to continue to move in this
16 process. Of course, we need to get to a decision point
17 and move forward more efficiently. And I know it's hard
18 because this is important work, and we all are committed
19 to fair maps. And so thank you to the public. Thank you
20 to everyone, and we will see each tomorrow. This meeting
21 is in recess.

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23 (Whereupon, the Citizens Redistricting
24 Commission (CRC) Meeting adjourned at 6:55
25 p.m.)

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