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3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: Good morning, California. And
4 welcome to the California Citizens Redistricting
5 Committee meeting. Today, we have another full day --
6 another fun day with you and all of us. And what we'd
7 like to start off with right now is with roll call,
8 please.

9 MS. SINGH: Thank you, Madam Chair.

10 Commissioner Fernandez?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

12 MS. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

14 MS. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

16 MS. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

17 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Presente.

18 MS. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

20 MS. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Aqui.

22 MS. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

23 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Aqui.

24 MS. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

1 MS. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Aqui.

3 MS. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez?

4 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Aqui.

5 MS. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

7 MS. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

8 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

9 MS. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

11 MS. SINGH: And Commissioner Anderson?

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: And I'm also here.

13 Thank you very much, Ravi. I see that our -- I'm
14 the vice chair for this week. And I see our Chair is
15 actually with us, so I might just hand the reins right
16 back over to him. Thank you.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much for filling in,
18 Commissioner Anderson.

19 Well, this morning we -- well, last night, we were
20 able to get through some of the Central Valley and into
21 the northern part of the State -- the eastern and
22 northern part of the State. Today, we're going to go
23 back to Los Angeles, and some of the Southern California
24 region, and we're going to start there, and hopefully, in
25 the afternoon, work our way up to Northern California.

1 So that's the plan at this point. We may need to extend
2 our schedule. So just giving an advance notice that we
3 may need to go beyond the 6 o'clock schedule, in terms of
4 our programmatic requirements. And if -- to get us
5 further along on the agenda.

6 So with that, let's get the map up for Los Angeles
7 and begin the visualization process.

8 So, Jamie, you've been busy implementing some of the
9 direction that we were able to give you. As I hear,
10 there are some changes you were able to implement, others
11 that are harder to implement, and some implications. So
12 why don't we go through an overview of what you've been
13 able to work through?

14 MS. CLARK: Sure. Thank you.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we can barely hear you. And we
16 want to hear you, because you have great information to
17 give.

18 MS. CLARK: I hope you can hear me better now.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Much better.

20 MS. SINGH: Chair Toledo, would it be okay with you
21 if we started looking at the Antelope Valley, Victor
22 Valley District that we worked on live yesterday, then
23 move to the Orange County, L.A. County border area, and
24 then moved more into the city of Los Angeles; that's
25 where the major changes are?

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: That makes sense to me. Let's do
2 that, since that's the freshest on our minds. Thank you.

3 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

4 So when we last left off yesterday, this Antelope
5 Valley, Victor Valley District wasn't quite at -- oh,
6 here and I will change the color of it -- wasn't quite at
7 fifty percent Latino, CVAP. I, you know, I heard your
8 direction. I took your direction and made some
9 adjustments. Now, the percent deviation of this district
10 is negative, 1.57, the Latino CVAP is 50.33 percent.

11 And I'll just zoom in on the areas that are in here.
12 This split in Lancaster is roughly along fourteen. As is
13 the split in Palmdale. Little Rock, Sun Village and Lake
14 Los Angeles are all included in this. And up here,
15 there's a geographically large community of interest
16 around just rural -- people who live rurally outside of
17 Antelope Valley, and that's intact in this visualizations
18 -- or in this iteration. And that -- those are the areas
19 in Los Angeles County that are included.

20 Moving to the San Bernardino portion. Autovanto is
21 split. It's only -- this is the only split, and it's
22 just right here. Victorville is also split along this
23 line. But otherwise, you know, it's all in this visual
24 iteration called Antelope. Suspiria is split. Oak Hills
25 is not split. And fell in Felon, Baylon and Pinion Hills

1 are also not split.

2 So I'm just going to zoom out so that the commission
3 can see this district.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much for that overview.
5 Do you have a sense of how many people are in the Los
6 Angeles County area, and how many people are in the San
7 Bernardino side? I think one of the things that we were
8 working through was trying to figure out if there's a way
9 to balance the two, if we had to cross into -- cross
10 county lines?

11 MS. CLARK: I think it's -- there I am, I'm muted.
12 It's roughly fifty percent. Let me pull that exact
13 number up for you. I apologize. I don't have that
14 written down. Had --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, no problem.

16 MS. CLARK: -- couple other items that I've been
17 working on, so --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: But you do think it's roughly about
19 fifty-fifty?

20 MS. CLARK: Roughly, yeah. And I can -- I can get
21 the exact number for you. Once it --

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Any other questions about -- from the
23 commission regarding the -- this map?

24 Commissioner Vazquez, and Commissioner Fernandez
25 after that.

1 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I was curious what
2 sort of constraints you ran into; either from our
3 direction or from, you know, population CVAP changes.
4 What kind of constraints did you run into? I know
5 verbally it wasn't direction, but we had talked about
6 potentially linking this west side of the Antelope Valley
7 with this east part of Victorville, I think, if we had
8 talked about. Right? So I'm sort of going up and over.
9 Just was wondering what kind of constraints you ran into
10 if you tried that out?

11 MS. CLARK: Yeah, thank you for that question. And
12 just to answer the previous question, the portion of this
13 District that is in Los Angeles County is just over
14 275,000 people. So it's about 57 percent, I believe, of
15 the District.

16 And to answer Commissioner Vazquez's question. So
17 as you can see, 50.33 percent is just above 50 percent
18 Latino CVAP.

19 And some constraints. I guess in terms of -- if you
20 mean the West Victor Valley, like these areas that I'm
21 highlighting, I could not get those in while meeting the
22 50 percent Latino CVAP threshold. And additionally, you
23 know, I -- additionally, this is like trying to follow
24 more like major streets or boundaries and to avoid
25 splits. Commission had giving me direction not to have -

1 - not, you know, not to have like just a teeny bit of a
2 city, but to kind of have, you know, larger, I guess,
3 like chunks of a city in each district, if it was going
4 to be split. I think that if like if I really went
5 through this with a fine-tooth comb, I could maybe boost
6 the Latino CVAP to like 50.5 percent, but couldn't --
7 couldn't boost it that much, essentially, and still meet
8 the total population requirements for an assembly
9 district.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's very helpful, Jamie.

11 Commissioner Fernandez.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

13 Jamie, thank you so much for this. It's looking
14 pretty good to me. Can you zoom out just a little bit?
15 I was a little concerned, and maybe I missed it.

16 Actually, before I go there, is the Black CVAP
17 17.03? I get mixed up between which one's the Asian and
18 which is the --

19 MS. CLARK: Yes, that's correct. The Black CVAP is
20 17.03.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. So my question
22 was, what is -- what were the ripple effects of doing
23 this in terms of impact to the other districts? Like,
24 how many districts were impacted by this change? Thank
25 you.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

2 MS. CLARK: Thank you for that question,
3 Commissioner Fernandez. The only districts that were
4 impacted by this change was the Victor Va --, you know,
5 of course, the Victor Valley-based district, and then the
6 Tularie-Kern District. This previously included
7 Tehachapi areas, kind of with the California City areas
8 in this visualization. Those are not included. The
9 Tularie-Kern District currently has -- with the Tehachapi
10 areas included, now has a 1.04 percent deviation. And
11 those are the only districts that were impacted.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

13 Commissioner Taylor.

14 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. Just sort in the
15 same area, which is slightly south; what would it look
16 like, Jamie, if we linked Big Bear City with Running
17 Springs and Lake Arrowhead? Those are similar
18 communities that are based on recreation and commerce.

19 MS. CLARK: Would you like to try that?

20 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah.

21 MS. CLARK: Right now?

22 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Please, if that's okay with
23 the Commission.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Which cities are we looking at?

25 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Big Bear City, Big Bear Lake,

1 Running Springs, and Lake Arrowhead.

2 MS. CLARK: And to --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Before we go there, and I am okay
4 with moving in that direction. But before we go there,
5 let's check in with Commissioner Kennedy to see if he has
6 anything on this map.

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

8 I just wanted to ask Jamie for her thoughts on input
9 Number 32480, which says, if you use Palmdale and
10 Victorville as the anchors, you start with 301,811
11 population, just over sixty percent of an assembly
12 district and Hispanic CVAP is 58.98. If you exclude
13 Lancaster completely, keep the incorporated communities
14 intact along Highway 138 -- 136 sorry, between Palmdale
15 and Victorville, you should be able to get a majority
16 Hispanic CVAP. So I'm just -- wanted to get your
17 thoughts on that. Is that something that you tried? Is
18 that something that sounds feasible? Thank you.

19 MS. CLARK: Thank you for that question. I did not
20 try that. I kind of went -- based off of the direction
21 that I, you know, based off the direction we were headed
22 in from yesterday's live line drawing, it sounds that it
23 could be feasible. I believe that there are potentially
24 other COIs that could be split in, sort of, the eastern
25 Victor Valley. There were a couple -- or excuse me,

1 Eastern Antelope Valley. There were a couple of COIs in
2 Lancaster and in Palmdale, specifically talking about
3 Black populations in those cities. So yeah, I think that
4 there's -- those could be split. But, yeah, without
5 taking a closer look, or even seeing a map of the input
6 that you're talking about, then I couldn't say with
7 certainty.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Just want to -- okay
9 Commissioner Akutagawa, then I want to take a sense of
10 the Commission as to whether we're comfortable with this
11 district. It is a VRA district and has significant
12 compliance requirements.

13 Commissioner Akutagawa.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, as to my -- two
15 questions. One is, is this a -- is this CVAP high enough
16 for the community to elect -- the Latino community to
17 elect a candidate of their choice?

18 Secondly Jamie, just in terms of, you know, thinking
19 beyond the Assembly districts to State Senate and
20 congressional, I know that the VRA requirements are
21 probably going to be different for those. But, you know,
22 just kind of thinking forward and maybe some of the
23 nesting; is this something that -- is this an
24 architecture that we can also use as a -- as a, I guess,
25 a foundation for a Congressional and Senate district?

1 Because I've seen also COI testimony that is saying that
2 they are liking that the Victor Valley, I guess, in
3 previous maps that the Victor Valley would be whole and,
4 you know, the balance with the Antelope Valley is okay,
5 too. So I know that the Victor Valley is not whole in
6 this particular case. But I'm just kind of trying to
7 think forward too. Thank you.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
9 Commissioner Anderson?

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair.

11 Yes, I also was thinking a little bit, sort of along
12 the lines of Commissioner Kennedy, in that what --
13 unfortunately, what this looks a little bit like, I know
14 that you've done a great job, and thank you, Jamie, for
15 following all our instructions. But it looks a little
16 bit like, you know, here's you know, Antelope Valley,
17 which is part of L.A.; and for more population, we sort
18 of went over to Victor Valley. Now, we know that's not
19 the case, but I would really like to see more cities all
20 in Victor Valley, if at all possible. And since
21 Commissioner Kennedy brought that one up, I just wonder
22 if we could do a little explaining on that.

23 The other item which Commissioner Akutagawa just
24 brought up; how would this fit into, and could it fit
25 into, a Senate VRA? And I was just wondering if, instead

1 of going -- this is another thing which we'll have to
2 talk about, but instead of grabbing the population from
3 Victor Valley, could we possibly be getting some of that
4 through the San Fernando Valley of Santa Clarita, down
5 that way? Jaime, did you -- I'm sure you probably tossed
6 that idea around for the -- if so, could you speak on
7 that, please?

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Jaime, if you have any thoughts on
9 that that'd be --

10 MS. CLARK: I didn't understand the piece about
11 Santa Clarita Valley. And I would say that getting
12 population like to include -- with the rest of Antelope
13 Valley from Santa Clarita Valley, would create a much
14 larger ripple effect throughout -- potentially like going
15 up north through Northern California.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, thank you. Yes, I just
18 want to make sure that, you know, in public we talked
19 about this, because you know, this is something that we
20 have to by VRA law. But I know that there are people in
21 both areas which were hoping they didn't need to be
22 joined. So I appreciate that. Thank you very much.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sadhwani, I know you're
24 in the VRA subcommittee. So any additional thoughts on
25 that?

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I think, I know Becker
2 isn't here today, or Gayle, if you have them up. If you
3 go back to the maps that they had put out several weeks
4 ago, I think what you see on the assembly map,
5 identifying the areas where the three Gingles
6 preconditions were being met, included a portion of the
7 Victor Valley. Right. And so I think that's the reason
8 why developing a district in this direction, you know,
9 that's a part of why we were moving in that -- in that
10 direction.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Correct. And I would -- there was a
12 question earlier about the CVAP percentage, 50.33 percent
13 here. And our opinion, is in the lower end of what we
14 would be comfortable with, and what we would consider
15 safe. It's also, for a point of reference, quite
16 consistent with the proposed MALDEF map for this general
17 area as well.

18 Thank you, Commissioners Vazquez, Fernandez, and
19 Sinay.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm feeling okay with this
21 district giving -- given sort of our constraints and that
22 we do need to go into -- we do need to join Victorville
23 and the Antelope Valley in order to create a VRA district
24 for both communities. That's what I'm hearing. And I
25 don't love that we had to split so much of Palmdale and

1 Lancaster. I am curious, could we see, actually the
2 Black CVAP like heat map? Because I appreciate and just
3 want to visually like verify, Jamie, that, you know, you
4 were making an attempt to keep some COIs -- some Black
5 COI together in this visualization.

6 (Pause)

7 MS. CLARK: Sorry, what was the question that was
8 asked? I apologize.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I wanted to see the Black CVAP
10 heat map for this area.

11 MS. CLARK: I'm loading that up. One moment.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, how about let's hear from
13 Commissioner Fernandez and Sinay as this is getting
14 loaded.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Never mind. They just showed
16 it.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Vasquez, did you have a
18 question about the Black heat map?

19 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Could you zoom in a little
20 bit so that the Antelope Valley is a bit more centered in
21 the map?

22 MS. CLARK: Yeah, one moment. I'm adjusting the
23 breakdown to be as we've seen it before. So just one
24 moment. I apologize for the delay.

25 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yep.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: So, Commissioner Fernandez, can you
2 ask your question?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And it wasn't really a
4 question in response to Commissioner Anderson. That was
5 one of my -- something that I would like to try to do is
6 to break up a few communities possible. But based on the
7 towns or cities that Jamie said that were broken up, in
8 terms of Palmdale, Adelanto, Victorville, Esperia,
9 Adelanto is somewhat small, 38,000. But then you jump to
10 a city of 100,000. So splitting up a city of 100,000,
11 it's going to be hard to try to unify that. So I just
12 wanted to make sure everybody was aware of the numbers
13 that we're looking at. And then Palmdale is 170,000.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

15 Let's go back to Commissioner Vázquez. We have the
16 Black CVAP in front of us.

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Great. Yeah, this is
18 perfect. Thank you. This is really helpful, and I am
19 glad. I do like again, since we have -- it seems like
20 there's probably not a way to not split Palmdale and
21 Lancaster, I am relieved and glad to see that we have
22 done -- that you have done, Jamie, a very good job of
23 keeping as many Black COIs together. Thank you.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, definitely. I think Jamie has
25 done a great job of meeting our compliance requirements,

1 to protect the communities that that need protection
2 under section 2 of the VRA compliance rules, and meeting
3 all of the other requirements given, and direction given,
4 by the Commission -- commissioners and I.

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: So I am -- I'm concerned
6 about the low CVAP as well. And I was just wondering,
7 Jamie, if you had any recommendations on how to increase
8 that -- the the Latino CVAP, you know, and do we -- this
9 -- in this area, we don't have the data on crossover
10 voting from other communities, right?

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: I believe we do. I believe there is
12 some crossover between the African-American, Latino
13 community, but let's ask Dale if he has that information,
14 whether crossover between the African-American, Latino
15 and Asian community is cohesive.

16 COMMISSIONER UNKNOWN: Yeah, so we have seen some
17 evidence of some crossover voting between the African-
18 American community and Latino community there. So that's
19 17 percent is certainly a consideration in why -- why we
20 would consider that 50.33 to be, you know, all though on
21 the lower end it still within a safe range.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Fernandez,
23 then Turner.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, I was going to say the
25 same thing. Because I believe Mr. Becker yesterday

1 mentioned that and Southern California --

2 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: That's correct.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- there is some coalition,
4 crossover voting between Blacks, African-Americans, and
5 Latinos.

6 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you.

7 Commissioner Turner?

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I was just going to have
9 Jaime confirm. I think I heard her say that she could
10 probably at best in this area only get the Latino CVAP up
11 to maybe 50.5 maybe on that, but she could work on that
12 after kind of off line and if that is indeed the case
13 perhaps we can move.

14 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: That is correct. So I --
15 Jaime if you can off line try to get the CVAP higher and
16 but the general consensus -- what I'm hearing from the
17 Commission is that we're comfortable with this -- with
18 this map. And if we are able to do some refinements
19 around the edges to increase the CVAP even further. I
20 know you've tried that and you're working on that. So if
21 you'd continue to do that, that'd be helpful.

22 Commissioner Kennedy, the Akutagawa. And then we'll
23 move on the the next map.

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. And I
25 would say prioritizing adding population on the San

1 Bernadino County side so that we can have the population
2 as balanced as possible between the two elements of this.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. If there's a way to balance
4 the population that'd be --

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- helpful.

7 Commissioner Akutagawa?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I just wanted to just
9 affirm just what Jamie has created. I -- looking through
10 the COIs again, I think I'm seeing a input or public
11 comment. It seems like it from one of the APACACY
12 organizations and they speak to this particular area and
13 they're showing similar numbers on their suggested maps.
14 So I think we seem to be in alignment and just wanted to
15 just yeah just share my appreciation. Thank you.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And of course, as always
17 we're always trying to keep COIs together. But it's not
18 always possible, especially in these communities -- in
19 the VRA districts.

20 With that, let's move on to the modification that
21 Commissioner Taylor had wanted to make in the San
22 Bernadino area. Then we'll go back to refinements. So
23 Commissioner Taylor? I believe it was a small change.

24 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. Small change. I just
25 wanted to see what it would look like if -- if Big Bear

1 City was with Running Streams and Lake Arrowhead as they
2 are similar communities based on recreation and commerce.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: So it would be adding. So the
4 direction is to add Lake Arrowhead to the -- to the BVDH?

5 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: It would be actually Big Bear
6 City --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh Running -- okay. Running Springs.

8 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah, just extending that.

9 Yes. Correct.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Jaime, can you highlight?

11 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I'm happy to pull that up
12 currently. The 210 District is --

13 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: It's overpopulated.

14 MS. CLARK: -- it's -- yeah. And then the BVHD is a
15 lot closer to zero percent. Would you like to try
16 perhaps moving these areas into the BVHD instead?

17 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah, let's go the opposite
18 way. Lake Arrowhead and Running Springs into BVHD.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Appreciate it and then --

20 MS. CLARK: One moment, please.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: While we're looking at that, we're
22 going to take comment from Commissioner Akutagawa and
23 Fornaciari. Of course we're going to try to focus to be
24 as Commissioner Turner says, we're going to try to be
25 additive and as we make comments. So -- and not

1 repetitive. Thank you. Additive and not repetitive.

2 Commissioner Turner -- or not Turner -- Fornaciari?

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think I was going to say
4 what Commissioner Kennedy was going to say was it was a
5 population thing. But we've also gotten feedback from
6 these folks that they would rather go in that direction.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: That is correct. I've seen feedback
8 and community input in that regard.

9 MS. CLARK: So this change would -- the 210 corridor
10 would still be balanced if we moved these areas out. It
11 would be negative 4.2 percent. The deviation the DBHD
12 would be 6.34 percent. So that would be over populated.
13 Just kind of zooming out to see if there are areas where
14 that could be adjusted. So there could be room to do
15 some trade with MBCV, although it seems like maybe that
16 would be including Big Bear City perhaps into MBCV if we
17 were working on that boundary. Otherwise potentially
18 taking population from the Kern County portion of DVHD to
19 move it to Tulare-Kern. Those are just some suggestions.
20 And thank you.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. and I believe
22 Commissioner Kennedy has some direction. Or suggestions.

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I wouldn't be so bold as to
24 call it direction. I was going to suggest and it's not
25 going to be a huge amount of population but if we're

1 looking to go from 6.34 to under 5, I'm thinking if that
2 line west of Lucerne Valley moved -- sorry -- east of
3 Lucerne Valley. Between Lucerne Valley and Homestead
4 Valley, I think it is. if you moved that line to the
5 west some. Yeah.

6 MS. CLARK: Should we try it?

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah, it's unincorporated.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: So do we have to accept the change
9 before we try it or --

10 MS. CLARK: Yes.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- so let's accept the change. I see
12 consensus on that. and then let's try the --

13 MS. CLARK: Well --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- the question that the Commissioner
15 Kennedy has.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. On -- but on the
17 change that we just accepted, I'm wondering if we needed
18 to go so far west on that if we're just moving --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you're suggesting not including --

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- Lake Arrowhead and -- Lake
21 Arrowhead and Crestlawn that -- yeah, I don't know how
22 many people are in that area but you're along the 15 and
23 I was just thinking that --

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. So if you're -- here
25 we go.

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: 490.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, it's not very much.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well we've gone from 6.34 to
4 6.01.

5 MS. CLARK: Would you like to -- oh, let me actually
6 make sure there's no little pieces of Esperia or any
7 other cities. There we go. So it would be 6.04 percent
8 instead the highlighted area is about 15,000 people.
9 Would you like to make this change?

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm looking at the --

11 MS. CLARK: And then explore the area east of
12 Lucerne Valley?

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm seeing some opposition from
14 Commissioner Fernandez.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'd rather -- let's try
16 your other option, Commissioner Kennedy, the one on the
17 East Side.

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. And I'd also want --

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And we can always go back.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: And I'm also wondering if maybe this
21 is something where we can give high-level direction to
22 our line-drawing team to Jamie and particular, in that if
23 she can play with it and bring us back something that is
24 in compliance. If there's communities we want to keep
25 together. So Commissioner Kenney, if you have some high-

1 level direction or if you want to try something now.

2 What -- please let us know.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. No, I don't. Thank
4 you.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So Jamie, in terms of high-
6 level direction, if you -- on this district -- if you can
7 work within the edges to try to get it to acceptable
8 deviations.

9 MS. CLARK: Can I ask a couple questions?

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sure. Absolutely.

11 MS. CLARK: Would it be acceptable to add Big Bear
12 City to MBCV? Would it be acceptable to add this part of
13 Highland MBCV?

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Kennedy, you have some
15 thoughts? And then Sinay.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well could Highland go with
17 SBCHR without disturbing that too much? I mean, that to
18 me seems to be a much more natural fit. Thank you.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. And then we'll hear
20 Commissioner Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would rather we use Highland
22 in whichever way works best than Lake Arrowhead and Big
23 Bear almost all the input we've gotten has asked to stay
24 together. And they really are on the same mountain. So
25 it makes sense. So I'd rather us look at Highland.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. That's helpful. And it
2 looks like Highland does resolve the deviation issues, if
3 I'm reading this correctly, Jamie?

4 MS. CLARK: Yes. So Highland would resolve the
5 deviation issues. It would bring down the Latino CVAP of
6 SBCHR where there are potential VRA concerns. And we
7 will work with your VRA team on this change for the next
8 round of iterations.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: How much of a decrease would it be in
10 the VRA District?

11 MS. CLARK: I think it would move it to 50.3, I
12 think it said, from 51.45 percent.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's make -- let's try to
14 keep the CVAP as high as possible. But work with our CV
15 -- with our counsel on that -- to ensure that that we're
16 in compliance as we work around the edges. And then
17 Commissioner Kennedy and Turner.

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah, so Jamie, looking at
19 Highland, can you turn on the tribal lands layer? There
20 is a reservation there. And I'm thinking that we also
21 have the native population to consider in all this.

22 MS. CLARK: The layer's on. I'm just going to
23 change the color fill on it to make it -- let me -- I
24 need to make it easier to see. So I'm not seeing that on
25 the layer that I have. And we -- you know, and we will

1 work with -- we will work with your VRA team and we will
2 do our best to keep the tribal lands together.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Just to observe that
4 the Highland is already split. So moving the split in
5 Highland you know, I don't think I mean it's already
6 split. So we're not causing a lot more harm, or
7 hopefully wouldn't be causing a lot more harm if we're
8 just moving the split within Highland. Thank you.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we do need to keep moving along.
10 We do have -- we've given Jamie some direction in terms
11 of where to look at for population for this district and
12 to address the deviation. Any additional feedback
13 Commissioner Akutugawa?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I did see at least
15 one comment on the public comments that asked to move
16 Highland into the SVCHR District. The person who wrote
17 said that Highland has nothing in common with the
18 mountain, high-desert areas that Highland is currently
19 split in two and thought that I'd just add that to that
20 though pool. Thank you.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And that's being looked
22 at, especially because there are VRA considerations.

23 Commissioner Fernandez?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I -- just whatever
25 direction we give to Jamie, I am concerned. I don't want

1 to decrease the Latino CVAP. I just want to make sure
2 that that is --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, I think that's -- that's the
4 direction at this point is to try to maintain those CVAPs
5 as where it is or to try to increase but not to decrease.
6 While also trying to work through the deviation
7 considerations.

8 All right. Let's move on to -- Jamie, let's move on
9 to the next area that you worked on and where you had
10 refinements.

11 MS. CLARK: Thank you. I would like to move on to
12 the Orange County/L.A. areas. Based on counsel guidance
13 yesterday, the commission gave direction to try and
14 include La Habra into a district with VRA considerations.
15 I did that the best way I could. We'll talk you through
16 the changes and just to kind of zoom out to frame this.
17 That change impacted six districts. Those are the
18 Norwalk Downy kind of base district, the 5 corridor
19 District, the 60 Corridor District, LAOSE, SAAGGW and
20 NOC. So first I'm going to start -- I will start with
21 the 80/60 corridor because that's where LaHabre went. So
22 La Habra is about 13 percent of the population of an
23 assembly district. So adding that in made this district
24 overpopulated. The Commission had also identified
25 keeping La Habra Heights, Rowland Heights, Walnut and

1 Diamond Bar together was a priority. So in removing all
2 of those from this district, I also had to pull in Kiko
3 Rivera to be able to main -- both maintain the Latino
4 CVAP of this district and to maintain just the total
5 population requirements.

6 Going to move on to LAOSB next. LAOSB is where the
7 Walnut, Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, Habra -- La Habra
8 Heights COI went. It is included with Chino Hills, part
9 of Chino, Brea, Yorba Linda, and the eastern part of
10 Anaheim, the eastern part of Orange, Billa Park and
11 Yorktestin. These southern boundaries and also the
12 portion of San Bernadino County that's in this district
13 didn't change. To make up for that added population,
14 Placentia and Fullerton are now both full in this
15 district. And also including western parts of Anaheim
16 and I'm talking about the NOC District. Western parts of
17 Anaheim, Bueno Park and La Palma are included.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

19 MS. CLARK: The SAA boundary moved slightly south in
20 the city of Anaheim. Santa Ana is still split. There is
21 potential to make Santa Ana whole, however, my
22 understanding is that this western part of Santa Ana is
23 included in Little Siagon, and so that's why the split
24 still remains.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

1 MS. CLARK: and this SAA highlighted in yellow is an
2 aera where there are VRA considerations and the Latino
3 CVAP of that district is currently 59.55 percent
4 deviation. Looking at the GGW District, Garden Grove is
5 whole in this. Santa Ana -- again this little western
6 part of Santa Ana is included and Cypress is also with
7 Los Alamitos and Rossmore that was part of the direction
8 that we received yesterday in this area.

9 Moving to AB 5 Corridor. To both make up for Keiko
10 Rivera being removed from this district and to be able to
11 remove all of La Habra Heights and Rowland Heights, and
12 Walnut, and Diamond Bar from this district, Artesia and
13 Cerritos were moved from the NOC district into the 80-5
14 corridor District. If Aretsia and Cerritos were to
15 remain in the NOC District, then La Habra Heights and
16 Rowland Heights could go back in the 80-60 Corridor.
17 However, they could not be with Walnut and Diamond Bar.

18 And as there are VRA considerations, in this 80-5
19 Corridor District, the Latino CVAP in this is 60.27
20 percent and the draft this district had a Latino CVAP is
21 seventy point something. So that went down. And those
22 are the changes associated with moving La Habra into this
23 80-60 Corridor District.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Just a question for Counsel -- for
25 VRA Counsel. Were -- are all of the VRA -- all areas

1 with VRA considerations included in the VRA maps? I'm
2 just wondering about Walnut and La Habra Heights and --
3 and Brea.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: They -- when you say the VRA
5 maps, do you mean the maps that Dr. Gall produced with
6 RPB analysis?

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I -- that's what I'm trying to
8 say. Are all protected individuals in one of the VRA
9 maps that we have in consideration at this point?

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. We're confident that
11 this current configuration satisfies the VRA requirements
12 that we've identified in this area.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

14 Commissioner Akutagawa?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. So I had several
16 comments. First off, Jamie, I want to just start -- it
17 was not La Habra Heights. It was Hacienda Heights.
18 Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar, and
19 Walnut are part of a -- you know, an important east San
20 Gabriel COI and so I -- I want to stress that. So that's
21 one thing. And I don't know if that will make a
22 difference in terms of that. I also want to just I guess
23 ask. I know that you said you had to take Pico Rivera I
24 believe. Could you if you just you know, just kind of
25 move the map so you go further north just a bit on that.

1 lets say for example if you were to -- I don't know who
2 in La Habra Heights honestly if I recall from yesterday's
3 heat map I don't know if that's going to make that much
4 of a difference. But if you were to remove Hacienda
5 Heights you would have to then replace it with additional
6 population, I believe. Would you be able to take in
7 let's say the west point of Balle, Valinda, or even parts
8 of Baldwin Park or parts of West Covina to make up for
9 that population?

10 MS. CLARK: So the East SGV district is negative 2.3
11 percent diviation right now. Think removing areas you
12 would potentially need to boost that and so then that
13 would either include adding population from San Dimas,
14 adding population from Bradbury and Monrovia. That's
15 something that I can certainly look into.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So I'll just start by
17 saying my direction would be to add Hacienda Heights
18 together with Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar, and Walnut.
19 And I think what you would need to do to balance the
20 population --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: So before we make direction or move
22 in that direction, I just want to hear from VRA Counsel
23 if La Habra Heights is part of a -- is an area of
24 protection that requires them to be in a VRA district.
25 Because we'd taking a area out of a VRA district. I just

1 want to make sure if that's even possible Commissioner
2 Akutagawa.

3 Can VRA Counsel, can you please address that
4 question?

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: So I'll just -- I'll
6 reiterate again that you know, we have -- we do have VRA
7 obligations in this area. But with the current
8 configuration, we're confident that this would meet all
9 the obligations we have. In terms of moving Hacienda
10 Heights over one district, we can work with the line
11 drawers to look at that more closely.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate it.

13 Commissioner Akutagawa, do you have follow up with
14 that?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: yeah, I did have a follow
16 up. I guess obviously these are the ripple effects.
17 Just a question going southward now to some of the recent
18 COI testimony that we received about South Fullerton and
19 I believe it was West Anaheim. And then also -- so --

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hey.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi.

22 MS. CLARK: Soma -- I think you're off mute.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. I -- do we have it.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm just wondering -- and

1 this is my question. The Santa Ana District is now under
2 populated by it looks like 4.9 percent. If you were to
3 add in some of the parts of Anaheim I believe that we
4 were hearing from some of the public comments about parts
5 of West Anaheim as well as South Fullerton, if you were
6 add some of that to the district, would you to then bring
7 the diviation up a little bit. I believe it would -- I
8 don't believe it would adversely impact the -- the Latino
9 CVAP. Would that then allow you to also bring in
10 Cerritos and Artesia. There was additional COI testimony
11 that that's an important -- it would keep a MEMSA -- I
12 guess it's the Arab Middle Eastern Muslim COI together in
13 that particular area of Artesia, Cerritos, La Palma,
14 Bueno Park. And then I also know that we've also
15 received COI testimony that there's a Korean-American COI
16 between Buena Park and Fullerton that would like to --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Excuse me, Commissioner Akutagawa, I
18 don't want to interrupt too much. But I -- we are
19 looking at the VRA Districts and so the COIs are fourth
20 criteria.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, I understand that.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're trying to get that
23 compliance here. So we're -- the first thing we're
24 trying to do here is just to make sure that we have
25 compliant districts and meet all of the criteria and then

1 and making sure that they are all reflective of the
2 direction we gave and -- and then of course in the
3 refinement process clean them up and try to keep
4 community interest together if possible. I mean, paining
5 the CVAPs. So just you're direction at this point or
6 your suggestion at this point given that guidance, what
7 would that be?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Well, I'm asking --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm just trying to understand.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, so I understand what
11 we're going. So anyways --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- Santa Ana, I'm just
14 asking if we could bring up that population a little bit
15 more so it's less underpopulated and taking from what
16 we've heard about South Fullerton, parts of West Anaheim.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So if possible if we can
18 improve the deviation, recognizing that we're still
19 within an acceptable and allowable deviation at this
20 point. And then the VRA district we may need to do that
21 to insure the CVAP be correct or have the rate into what
22 we need it to be. All right. With that let's take a
23 look at the heat map around these VRA Districts. If you
24 can zoom out, take a look at the heat map, the Latino
25 CVAP heat map and see if the --

1 MS. CLARK: One moment.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- there's any other questions from
3 the commission. Thank you.

4 Commissioner Fornaciari, in the meantime.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I just feel like
6 that direction is just undoing what we just did here,
7 right?

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah -- yeah -- yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And so I mean, I -- I mean
10 Jamie has worked really really hard to think this
11 through. We gave her direction and that direction
12 required a revision of the entire area. And we're --
13 yeah, we're stomping on COIs. We have a VRA obligation.
14 And that's number one. And I just I mean to try to go
15 back and forth and back forth you know, at some point we
16 just have to accept that the VRA is second and the COIs
17 are fourth.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari,
19 and that was what I was trying to get at. We have to
20 make sure that we have compliant VRA Districts. We're
21 not going to -- we've received so much testimony over the
22 summer and through and even now receiving so much
23 testimony. We're trying to keep COIs together. We -- I
24 think we've done a pretty amazing job of keeping as many
25 COIs together as we have and we have to -- but as we work

1 through this process there will be some COIs that won't
2 be able to be kept together.

3 MS. CLARK: And just responding to that direction.
4 Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa, so much for that
5 direction. And just kind of thinking about if for the
6 80-5 Corridor, if Artesia and Cerritos were removed, Pico
7 Rivera would need to come back in and then if we weren't
8 going to change -- sorry, go ahead. I apologize.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: No -- no, that's okay. but what I
10 think I'm hearing, and I hope I'm hearing from the
11 Commission is that the first priority is keep getting the
12 Districts compliant. And so what I'm hearing from
13 Counsel and from the Line Drawers is that these districts
14 are compliant with the VRA requirements. And I know
15 Jamie's been working hard to make sure that they are. So
16 there's -- I really at this point we're looking at
17 refinements. So if there's any refinements to improve
18 the VRA aspect of the districts. Compliance --
19 Commissioner Sadhwani, you are on the VRA so any consider
20 -- any thought on how to improve VRA compliance and/or to
21 improve the districts for VRA compliance?

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No. I was wondering if we
23 could just up really quickly our draft maps as a
24 comparison.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's a -- yeah, let's do that.

1 There's the overlay --

2 MS. CLARK: (Indiscernible) -- I'm going to turn off
3 the block layer to help hopefully make things a little
4 more clear. And I can change the color on things -- on
5 the draft right now the draft lines are in green. The
6 draft label is in green. And the draft label shows the
7 name of the district, the percent deviation, and the
8 percent Latino CVAP. So I'll turn off the current
9 boundaries of this iteration.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

11 MS. CLARK: And I'm going to turn those back on now.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And I apologize, because I -
13 - I know I was unable to be here for most of the day
14 yesterday. But when we left off on this conversation two
15 days ago I thought that the hope was to just rework
16 downward to try and pick up La Habra as opposed to
17 reconfiguring so much of this map. And I -- I'm hearing
18 you Jamie that that was unable to happen. But I think
19 it's really disappointing in many ways because it's
20 changing the nature of what we're doing fairly
21 drastically.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we did -- we had did La Habra but
23 we had wanted to add it to the bottom. It just that we -
24 - it doesn't look like it was possible. Jamie, can you
25 speak to that a little bit more in terms of what you

1 looked at and how you --

2 MS. CLARK: So yeah.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- vary -- I think it was because of
4 your considerations that we couldn't go so far right.
5 But --

6 MS. CLARK: Great. So --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- if we could get the overview of
8 why.

9 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So of course if you add
10 population to a district you also have to remove
11 population. Adding La Habra to this 80-60 Corridor
12 District means having to remove population. You know, it
13 would be possible I think to just add La Habra, remove
14 just Walnut and Diamond Bar and then you know, make a
15 much smaller rotation. The commission had identified
16 that that was undesirable. And that keeping the like
17 this COI together was a priority. So you know, to make
18 this compliant with your VRA to work with the COIs the
19 commission had identified were important that required a
20 lot larger of a redraw of this area and one of the
21 repercussions of that or one of the impacts of that is
22 also having Artesia and Cerritos included in here. and
23 yeah, basically having a six-district switch. And
24 additionally, kind of unrelated to VRA concerns Cypress
25 was also -- we also got direction to move Cypress into

1 with what was Alomitos, Seal Beach, Rossmore. That was
2 accomplished with this previously that wouldn't have been
3 able to be accomplished just based on deviation alone.
4 And yeah so that -- those are just the changes that were
5 caused by adding area to a VRA -- you know, adding area
6 to any district you have to remove other area. And
7 because there's so many VRA considerations, all
8 surrounding, there's only certain places that you can
9 really work with.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm wondering if it was
11 explored at all. But and from what we had in the draft
12 to move La Habra in and possibly an area like La Mirada,
13 or even up into parts of Norwalk out. You know, I'm just
14 trying to figure out how do we not break up all of this.
15 I --

16 MS. CLARK: So --

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- And I'm sorry, I know
18 that you've worked very hard to divide it.

19 MS. CLARK: -- yeah, so in the draft, the Latino
20 CVAP of this district is 52.79 percent. That population
21 is really just in -- or significantly in the western part
22 of this district where the hand is circling right now.
23 Removing any of these areas even if you add La Habra in,
24 would bring down the Latino CVAP below 50 percent.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: And I think one of the other things

1 that we were considering if I remember correctly is just
2 the cohesion of voting so Latino CVAP and then the
3 communities that vote cohesively with that community and
4 unfortunately there's not as much cohesions as there are
5 in other parts of the Los Angeles and across the State of
6 California amongst the voters of different ethnicities.
7 Which means the CVAP for the Latino population has to be
8 higher just in order to give them an opportunity to elect
9 candidates of their choice.

10 Commissioner Akutagawa and then Sinay.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. So one, I just want
12 to state that Jamie, I do appreciate the work that you've
13 done. However, unfortunately you were -- the work that
14 it was based on was an incorrect I guess understanding of
15 what the priority was in terms of La Habra Heights versus
16 Hacienda Heights. With that said, I would prefer to see
17 us go back to what we had in the previous draft that kept
18 Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar, and
19 Walnut, and I would agree with what Commissioner Sadhwani
20 said about exploring can it be -- can La Habra be added
21 to perhaps the 80-5 Corridor. I believe that there would
22 be a lot more commonalities in terms of communities there
23 as well too.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
25 Lets go to Commissioner Vazquez.

1 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: I like -- I like this map.
2 And my question and I may have missed this Jamie, is I
3 know we've heard conflicting COI testimony. But is there
4 anyway to include those portions of South Fullerton with
5 the Santa Ana District? Yeah, that's my question.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: And there is a negative deviation.
7 So if there's a way to increase it the Latino CVAP while
8 adding portions of Southern Fullerton.

9 MS. CLARK: Oh.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Is that the direction?

11 MS. CLARK: I see. That well yes. But I see that
12 the North Orange County District --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, got it.

14 MS. CLARK: -- is underpopulated as well. So okay.
15 I'm --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, I see that too now.

17 MS. CLARK: -- this is not something -- not
18 something I'm --

19 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: If I'm --

20 MS. CLARK: Yeah, go ahead.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Go ahead, Jamie.

22 MS. CLARK: If I may, I think that that could be
23 possible it would involve removing area from the site --
24 the GDW District. So Cypress, Stanton, splitting Garden
25 Grove potentially that would be the tradeoff.

1 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: I'm not --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Any follow up with that Commissioner
3 Vazquez or -- Akutagawa?

4 COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: I'm not opposed to that,
5 especially if it would strengthen the VRA compliance of
6 the Santa Ana District. But I know other commissioners
7 feel pretty strongly about sort of not splitting cities
8 and if we split Fullerton, which would be my direction,
9 then we would have to split Cypress, Stanton, Garden
10 Grove in all likelihood. I'm okay with that but I
11 recognize that other commissions may not be.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's hear from VRA Counsel to see
13 if this -- from Mr. Becker, to see if the CVAP in Orange
14 County would be sufficient for Latino Community to elect
15 candidates of their choice given that it has -- there may
16 not be cohesion with other populations.

17 MR. BECKER: So are we talking here -- are we
18 talking the SAA District?

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: The SAA District, yes.

20 MR. BECKER: Okay. Thanks. Yeah, I think that's
21 absolutely adequate. There is some cohesion with Black
22 voters throughout and Latino voters throughout the
23 Southern California region. There is a little
24 variability, but it's fairly consistent. But regardless
25 that -- is it 55.98, is that -- am I reading that right?

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: 55.98 for Latino, 2.05 is that for
2 African-American, Jamie?

3 MR. BECKER: I believe it is.

4 MS. CLARK: 5.98 percent Latino CVAP, 2.05 percent
5 Black CVAP, 12.47 percent Asian CVAP, and 28.18 percent
6 White CVAP.

7 MR. BECKER: Yeah I don't -- I don't see any
8 concerns with the 55.98 district there from a Voting
9 Rights Act perspective.

10 MS. CLARK: Okay.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Becker. Or -
12 - Mr. Becker.

13 Any other questions on the Orange -- Commissioner
14 Akutagawa?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's not so much on the
16 Orange County, but I think the question I have is just
17 one of process like you were saying we want to focus on
18 the VRA Districts. Are we -- what are we doing in terms
19 of general direction to Jamie? Are we asking her to redo
20 it; are we going to do -- are we going to make changes to
21 ones that are in the L.A. area because it does have I
22 think some other effects on the North NOC District and
23 the GGW District. I think what we can do there will also
24 depend on what happens in this other 80 Gateway and 85-
25 and 80-60 VRA.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's break that question
2 down. So can we zoom out just so that we can see all of
3 the VRA districts in this area? So it's a significant
4 number of VRA areas. Very large region as we have seen
5 throughout this process of VRAs of a huge portion of the
6 Los Angeles and Southern California region which does
7 create some constraints for us. At this point, given
8 that these are required areas, I -- I'm going to look to
9 the commission to see if we're comfortable with the
10 region and the district as are -- as they are drafted at
11 this point. And recognizing that all of these meet the
12 compliance requirements we meet the compliance
13 requirements for VRA, it may -- for cohesive interest
14 certainly there has been some changes and some
15 disruptions but that is the fourth criteria.

16 Commissioner Sinay?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So it's not VRA, but it was
18 part of this what part of our topic -- how we started
19 this conversation. And I don't know if we wanted to look
20 at that before we -- you know, I'm perfectly comfortable
21 and I think this is really impactful to see the VRA. And
22 I in this way. But I wanted to see the changes that were
23 made to Nella, Nella and how that effected and I don't
24 know if we wanted to do that separate from this
25 conversation.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

2 MS. CLARK: Just to quickly respond to that. the
3 changes that were based in the city of Los Angeles didn't
4 have any impact on this kind of cluster of districts that
5 we're talking about right now.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's -- can we take a look
7 at the Nella District, just because does it impact --
8 this is the first district we looked at and just to see
9 where we are with that.

10 MS. CLARK: sure. Before we move on, I'm unclear if
11 there is direction here. So if there is?

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: I don't think there's any direction
13 at this point. I think we're just walking through and
14 trying to process all of these -- there's so many changes
15 that were made where I think the commission is trying to
16 process this at this point. Commissioner Sinay, do have
17 your hand up -- raised?

18 Commissioner Akutagawa?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I -- I feel like I
20 did give direction and I'm not being heard now.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. so that's -- let's give that
22 again.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So I have one of two
24 options. One is to remove Hacienda Heights because
25 Jamie, La Habra Heights was not what was stated as

1 something to keep together with Rowland Heights, Diamond
2 Bar and Walnut. The other option is, as I had stated, I
3 would prefer to go back to the previous VRA District that
4 included all of those cities together as -- in it's
5 entirety. Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Diamond
6 Bar, and Walnut, in a VRA District. And then if you
7 could show that overlay you know, the current draft
8 instead of the changes then we could see where it might e
9 possible to move La Habra you know, into a maybe the 80-5
10 corridor. Again, Chair, I want to repeat you know, if we
11 are to fix the VRA Districts then Yulla would not be a
12 priority since Jamie has already stated that it had no
13 effect on the VRA district.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: That is correct.

15 Commissioner Turner?

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I wondered
17 in addition to Commissioners Akutagawa's request about La
18 Habra, the maps, before we say go back. Jamie, are you
19 able to -- do you know off hand, with the changes that
20 you made how many of these districts we were able to
21 increase on the Latina CVAP?

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: That would be helpful. Thank you,
23 Commissioner Turner.

24 MS. CLARK: The Latino CVAP in 80-60 corridor was
25 increased from 52 percent to 66.33 percent. The 80-5

1 Corridor Latino CVAP was decreased from 70 percent to
2 60.27 percent. The SAA CVAP decreased from fifty-six
3 point something. I don't remember off the top of my
4 head, to 55.98 so very close to 56 percent. And in terms
5 of the surrounding districts, I am not a hundred percent
6 sure. I believe the NOC Latino CVAP increased and that's
7 not an area that's under VRA consideration right now.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So what I'm hearing is is with
9 the direction that we gave that did cause a lot of work,
10 we didn't necessarily increase CVAP in any of these
11 areas?

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: That is my understanding as well.
13 There was one increase, right? There was an increase in
14 --

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, we had one increase and
16 one decrease.

17 MR. BECKER: One increase and one decrease. But we
18 did include all of the areas that needed to be included
19 while doing that.

20 Commissioner Sinay? Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just a reminder that this was -
22 - these were VRA areas that had really high Latino CVAP.
23 And so we had said as much as we -- if it was possible to
24 decrease and -- and balance. I'm like, I'm trying to
25 think of the right word that come off negative. And so

1 we -- so the instructions that we had given were met. In
2 this area we did not ask to increase the Latino CVAP
3 except if we could in Santa Ana. But even that I don't
4 think we did.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

6 So I do see we have a break coming up at 12 -- at
7 12:30. I'm going to move that up. I'm going to move
8 that up to now. Let's just take a break now for fifteen
9 minute break. and we'll return back. And we'll return
10 in closed session for about an hour. No more than an
11 hour to -- one to discuss pending litigation and then
12 we'll come back to open session. Thank you.

13 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 12:17 p.m.
14 until 1:43 p.m.)

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One minute. All right. Ever
16 ready Chair, shall we go live?

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Of course.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. Please stand by.
19 You're live.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Welcome back to the
21 California Citizens Redistricting Commissions
22 visualization session. We are focused on the VRA
23 Districts in Los Angeles County. We are coming back from
24 closed session. No action was taken. We were in closed
25 session pending litigation exception. At this time we

1 are continuing on with the visualization feedback and
2 input. Can we zoom out a little bit more? Thank you.
3 and then I see Commissioner Sadhwani had her hand raised.
4 Commissioner Sadhwani?

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. Thank you. you know,
6 I think looking at this new interaction of our map
7 definitely gives me some pause. We have heard loud and
8 clear from numerous community members wanting to keep the
9 regions of Walnut, Diamond Bar, Hacienda Heights, and
10 Rowland Heights together and within a VRA district. That
11 had been achieved in our former draft maps and so I would
12 really argue that we should go back to that draft and
13 find a way to keep that COI together while at the same
14 time bringing in those other areas that do require
15 coverage from a VRA standpoint. You know, over the
16 course of many, many months we've heard from Mayors and
17 City Council Members. We have heard from community
18 organizations like the Black Hub, Asian-Americans
19 Advancing Justice, MALDEF, and OSET. We've heard from
20 community members and business leaders who have shared
21 concerns about language access, about school performance.
22 And opportunities to access resources for a predominantly
23 immigrant community. And so I'd really like to encourage
24 us to think about going back to our draft map. And
25 finding a way to rework this area. I think that there's

1 tradeoffs that will come with that. and so I would like
2 to offer some -- an opportunity for Jamie to do some
3 exploration I think in the past we as a commission have
4 suggested very strongly to keep Long Beach together and I
5 know we've heard very strongly from that community. But
6 I think we've also heard that there are ways to cut into
7 the city of Long Beach that could respect communities of
8 interest there and also open up other communities of
9 interest. So I think a part of this might include
10 potentially breaking into the City of Long Beach. It
11 might include some swaps within the Whittiers and Pico
12 Rivera as well and I want to create some opportunity for
13 Jamie perhaps go back on this piece and revisit and this
14 area one more time because I don't think that we're quite
15 yet being responsive to the call from many many
16 communities to keep this region together. I have
17 thoughts on other parts of Los Angeles, but I'll stop
18 there before we move forward. Thank you.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: We'll come back so that we can give
20 specific direction. Because that's very general. But
21 let's -- I'll come back in a minute as well -- we'll hear
22 from other commissioners and come back.

23 Commissioner Kennedy?

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. As far as
25 possible specific direction. I wanted to just put on the

1 table the question of whether a swap in the form of parts
2 of areas might improve our map. And I'm thinking
3 specifically is there a part of Brea that could be moved
4 into the 80-60 Corridor District. In exchange for part
5 of Hacienda Heights being moved out into the L.A. OSB
6 District that might improve our situation. So I just you
7 know, we keep defaulting it seems to moving entire Cities
8 and yes we do want to do that where possible. But it
9 looks from the heat map and community of interest and put
10 in so forth, that this may be a case where we would be
11 better off not looking at entire cities but parts of
12 those two places. Thank you.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, that's very helpful.
14 Commissioner Turner?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. The -- what
16 I have is really direction. I think what we're asking
17 our line drawer, Jamie, to do now is to go back and take
18 a look at this area again that will certainly cause the
19 need to make changes in other places. And I have six
20 specific directions that I'd like to give her to ensure
21 that she's taking these areas into consideration as she
22 is making some of the changes. So when you're ready for
23 that, I will -- you may want to finish in this area.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's finish in this area and then
25 we'll go to that. and then I also want to make sure that

1 we have alignment in our direction. So trying to reduce
2 as much conflicted -- we don't want to give the line
3 drawers direction that conflicts with one another. And
4 so there -- I do believe there's a conflict between what
5 Commissioner Kennedy and potentially maybe I'm
6 misunderstanding. Conflict between what Commissioner
7 Kennedy is stating and what Commissioner Sadhwani had
8 suggested. But let's -- we can reconcile that in a
9 moment. Let's go to commissioner Fernandez.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, and mine's just like
11 an overall direction or want is I'm open to different
12 views. But I want to make sure that we respect the CVAPs
13 that we have now. There are a few areas where
14 potentially we could go a little bit lower, but I don't
15 want to jeopardize any of that information and --
16 hopefully it minimizes the ripple effects, but we'll see
17 if we go back to the prior one we'll see. And like
18 Commissioner Kennedy, I'm open to bringing in partial
19 communities as well. Thank you.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you. And then
21 Commissioner Akutagawa?

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I also want to just
23 state and support what Commissioner Sadhwani said. Any -
24 - I believe that we had a previous map that incorporated
25 and achieved both objectives of creating a VRA district

1 but also kept a significant COI together. I also want to
2 just say that I think there are -- you know, instead of
3 just saying let's just break this one apart, we have not
4 yet explored you know, other areas to the west of these
5 VRA districts and looking to see what else might be
6 possible so that would be -- for me I would just say at
7 least you know, we had something before. There could be
8 perhaps minimal changes to it. Move perhaps La Habra
9 into the 80-5 Corridor to try to maintain what was the
10 integrity of the previous 80-60 Corridor and that any
11 additional changes to increase the Latino CVAP perhaps
12 could be smaller for example as was suggested by
13 Commissioner Kennedy either you know, moving in parts of
14 Brea and/or perhaps moving in La Habra and or splitting
15 La Habra. Maybe another option as well too. Thank you.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. So let's see.
17 Commissioner Turner, on this or the next. So let's go --
18 I'm trying to reconcile the direct from Commissioner
19 Sadhwani and Kennedy in terms of swapping. And
20 maintaining. I do see a conflict but between the two.
21 I'm trying to reconcile that. and I'm just -- and it may
22 just be me. But I'm trying to understand the direction
23 that Commissioner Sadhwani has given and the direction
24 that Commissioner Kennedy is giving and reconcile the two
25 so that they make -- so that's it's clear for the line

1 drawers. I just want to make sure we're giving clear
2 guidance to the line drawers. In terms of swapping
3 communities versus going back to what I heard was going
4 back to the draft maps on some of these areas. So
5 Commissioner Sadhwani, if you want to --

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I mean, on this amount
7 of community interest testimony from this region, over
8 the last many-many months. From many different groups.
9 They are a part of Los Angeles County and wanted to be
10 kept in L.A. County. That was my understanding of that -
11 - of much of that testimony is keeping them with L.A.-
12 based -- L.A. County-based communities. That's what our
13 draft maps did. So making a swap could be one option.
14 But it doesn't keep those communities in L.A. It
15 continues to put them into you know, this combination
16 that has parts of Orange, and I believe Chino Hills is in
17 San Bernadino. So you know, we're continuing then to cut
18 across County lines, which I'm pretty sure communities
19 are asking -- what I hear them asking is to stay in L.A.
20 I understand we can't do that everywhere. But our draft
21 maps did. And so if there is a swap to get La Habra in
22 that's what I'm asking for Jamie to explore. And my
23 sense if we extend downward into lot further into parts
24 of Long Beach it might create some opportunities.
25 Perhaps there's some swaps that can be made within Pico

1 Rivera you know, being able to stay with Montibello and
2 shifting everything a little bit more westward. That's
3 the kind of exploration that I would want to see as
4 opposed to keeping these areas again with Counties that
5 are different.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Just in trying to reconcile this, I'm
7 going to go to Commissioner Kennedy to see if -- because
8 the reconciliation is there. Commissioner Kennedy, do
9 you have thoughts on the reconciliation; how we can make
10 the -- I just want to make sure we have consistent and on
11 line direction for the line drawers.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I'm not necessarily opposing
13 going back to the previous iteration. You know, and I
14 fully understand that Commissioner Sadhwani understands
15 this. I just want to put it on the table more for the
16 public. And I've done this before. Which is, you know,
17 it would be wonderful if all of our counties were equally
18 divisible into self-contained districts. They're not.
19 You know, the reality is districts are going to go across
20 boundaries. And we all just have to understand that.
21 like I say, I understand that Commissioner Sadhwani
22 understands that. she made that clear. But I just want
23 everyone to understand that. Thank you.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. I again I want to

1 just state my agreement with what Commissioner Sadhwani
2 is saying. I do also understand per what Commissioner
3 Kennedy just said. Yes. We do know that cities will
4 need to be split. We know that counties will be
5 combined. I know that there was you know, a concern
6 previously that even he raised about you know, combining
7 San Bernadino and riverside just like I think we've heard
8 testimony about the same thing about L.A. and O.C. But
9 to the degree and especially because we have had a in the
10 previous draft we did and were able to create or keep the
11 (audio interference) together per significant COI
12 testimony we also have heard from across multiple
13 communities not just you know, just you know, just one
14 community but across multiple communities that this is a
15 district in its construction that includes or keeps
16 together Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar
17 and Walnut together in a VRA district is workable and is
18 acceptable. I think I would like to see us try to make
19 minimal changes to it in keeping those communities
20 together and because again we did have already something
21 that generally worked and if we need to figure out
22 smaller changes to increase the Latino CVAP, I think we
23 -- you know, that, I think, is definitely workable. And
24 finding other ways to incorporate in La Habra to another
25 district. Thank you.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. It's -- and I've tried to
2 state what I think the direction is and then I'm just --
3 turn to Commissioner Sadhwani and Kennedy to see if it is
4 in fact what they are saying. So what I'm hearing is
5 that the direction is to give the direction that is being
6 sought is to open up the possibility to give Jamie the
7 discretion to go into the Long Beach area which would
8 allow for potential opportunities to keep the areas of
9 Diamond Bar, walnut, Rowland Heights, La Habra, together
10 with other COIs that we've discussed.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's Hacienda Heights.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Hacienda Heights. Thank you so much,
13 Commissioner Akutagawa. So that is the direction that I
14 am hearing. And in addition to that that we are hoping
15 to minimize impacts to the Latino CVAP while doing this.
16 So that is the direction that I'm hearing and I am
17 wanting feedback to make sure that I captured that
18 correctly. And I also want feedback from the line
19 drawers to make sure that it is clear.

20 Commissioner Sadhwani?

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, I think that's
22 generally correct, though in not only Long Beach. There
23 might be other shifts elsewhere in the map that could
24 help to accommodate this change that we're trying -- the,
25 you know, with this goal of trying to get La Habra

1 covered under a VRA District.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So --

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: With Long Beach, I would
4 just say we have received -- I believe it's whole right
5 now. Is that correct?

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: That is correct.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. We've received a lot
8 of testimony that if we're cutting into Long Beach to use
9 Del Amo in the north, not the 405. But that separates
10 North Long Beach from other areas. And so I would offer
11 as a recommendation starting with that, to see what that
12 allows us to, you know, to move around to achieve all of
13 our goals. If we need to do more, I think it's okay to
14 explore that. But I would certainly say starting --
15 starting there.

16 And as I don't want to, you know, be so specific in
17 our direction to say that we can't look at other swaps
18 that could be occurring throughout these districts in
19 order to achieve these goals.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's helpful. So Long Beach and
21 other surrounding areas. And to the extent possible to
22 swap populations. Is that in alignment with your
23 direction, or your recommendation, Commissioner Kennedy?

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I'm trying
25 to keep this as localized as possible. I have, on

1 multiple occasions, supported the idea of keeping Walnut,
2 Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, and Hacienda Heights
3 together. And what I'm saying is, you know, if we need
4 to break Hacienda Heights, for example, along lines that
5 make sense that would help keep the AD-60 corridors
6 numbers where they need to be and swap part of Hacienda
7 Heights for part of Brea. If that gets us to a better
8 place that's where I'd rather look. And keep the changes
9 as localized as possible. You know, at the end of the
10 day we have to do what we have to do in order to comply
11 with the law. I'm just trying to minimize the impact on
12 the maps.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.
14 Commissioner Sinay, Commissioner Taylor?

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. I would like
16 to, instead of saying minimize the impact on the Latino
17 CVAP, I would like us to really put VRA first. I am not
18 convinced that these -- I am convinced that these
19 communities, if possible, should be -- this COI should be
20 kept together. But not necessarily in a VRA district.

21 And I want -- the VRA is our number one priority,
22 and the number 2 is -- yeah, number 4, is COIs. So as
23 localized as we can. I will be honest, I'm afraid we're
24 opening up a can of worms by saying hey, let's change all
25 the way out to Long Beach. Because if we do it now, why

1 can't we do it later when we're up in you know, in
2 whatever areas. So I would like us to be very careful
3 and localized, and VRA taking the precedence.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.
5 Commissioner Taylor?

6 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. I want to just second
7 what both Commissioner Kennedy and Commissioner Sinay
8 said. I would prefer to localize as much as possible the
9 considerations to VRA. And I don't want us to get caught
10 up in the trap of preferring one community of interest to
11 another. We understand that tough decisions have to be
12 made. But I would like to err on side of our priorities,
13 of course. And -- oh shoot --

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: We can still hear you.

15 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Oh. Whoo -- whoo. I
16 disappeared.

17 Yeah, err on the side of our priorities. Thank you.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.

19 Commissioner Akutagawa. Then I want to hear from
20 other commissioners as well.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Again, I want to
22 just remind everybody these are essentially
23 visualizations based on what I heard was I guess a -- I'm
24 going to call it a not accurate direction. And so it has
25 caused this. That's why I'm asking that we go back to

1 what was the previous VRA District. It's not like we're
2 creating, you know, something out of nothing. There was
3 a VRA district and that's why I'm asking that we go back
4 to what we previously had before this new visualization.
5 And I'm calling it intentionally a visualization, because
6 we did have a VRA district that included all of the
7 cities that have asked to be, and that others have
8 actually given us quite significant testimony, to be kept
9 together. And then start work from there. And so it's
10 not about, you know, just starting with this per se. We
11 had something that previously achieved both objectives.
12 And I'm asking that we go from that and then make the
13 small changes.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
15 Can you explain, when you're referring to an inaccurate
16 or inaccuracy in terms of direction what you're referring
17 to? Just want to make sure that we're on the -- that we
18 all understand.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So what I heard from the
20 line drawers was that there was an intent to keep La
21 Habra Heights, Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar, and Walnut.
22 That was incorrect. What should have been then, if she
23 was trying to achieve that, then that would have been
24 Hacienda Heights together with Rowland Heights. We heard
25 lots of testimony about the two of those cities, along

1 with Diamond Bar and Walnut. Not La Habra Heights,
2 Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar, and Walnut.

3 And I think because of that, that created something
4 that I think basing it on what I would call inaccurate
5 directions. And so we're left with this. And that's why
6 I'm asking that we go back to what we had. What was a
7 VRA district that incorporated the four cities. It
8 achieved both objectives of being a VRA district, and
9 also keeping cities that requested to be together, it
10 kept them together.

11 And then that's where I'm asking that the intent is
12 to incorporate La Habra into a VRA district and that we
13 start then from that perspective. This isn't -- this to
14 me is a visualization based on inaccurate instructions.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: With regard to the COI? The
16 community of interest that involved --

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: What she -- yes. What she
18 was trying to keep together, yes.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: So it's not the VRA. It's more of
20 the COIs that were --

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Because she said she
22 tried to build it based on keeping the COI together. But
23 it was the wrong COI.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Just making sure that that we and the
25 public understand the inaccuracy. And that it was

1 with -- potentially was with the -- or was with the COI,
2 not with the VRA district.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, that's correct.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

5 Commissioner Turner?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, thank you. Thank you,
7 Chair. I just wanted to say that I in no way believe
8 that we are deprioritizing VRA by suggesting that the map
9 returns. We had VRA as a primary concern then. It is a
10 primary concern now. We've had commute -- these certain
11 communities together in a VRA district, and as was just
12 indicated we wanted to include more and gave direction
13 that set this off in motion.

14 So at this point it's not trying to not have VRA as
15 a priority. That's still a priority. And I'm still
16 very -- and I am very much in support of going back to
17 the previous, wanting to just name that.

18 And even another suggestion, and I do have these
19 other -- because I do think it will set some things off.
20 And I don't think we necessarily have to line draw it
21 all, but I do want to give direction about what to
22 consider and include. And starting with even in Long
23 Beach the east side of Long Beach including that into
24 Compton --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- which would help there,
2 if there has to be a split in that area. And then for
3 the line drawers, because I believe as we balance out VRA
4 districts in an attempt to get La Habra in where we need
5 it to be in a VRA district, I'd like to also suggest that
6 as these shifts occur that in our 105 corridor west
7 because all of this will end up being impacted perhaps.
8 And if it is, I'd love for us to include LAX, Marina Del
9 Rey, Del Rey, Playa Del Rey, and Playa Vista. As well as
10 maintaining the south LA, South Bay communities of
11 Inglewood, Lennox, Hawthorne, Westmont, West Athens, and
12 a portion of Gardena. Adding in Lawndale to unify the
13 COIs.

14 The second of six, would be in the AD STHLA to
15 include Watts, unifying it with Compton, keeping Carson,
16 West Carson in a district, adding in North Long Beach
17 communities of Bixby Knolls and Los Cerritos. I'd like
18 for you to bring in Wilmington and San Pedro to an
19 adjacent coastal area of LBC.

20 This is so that she'll have direction to work from,
21 or consider, as she's doing what the Commission's
22 direction is. That you are working to unify North
23 Hollywood and a Central San Fernando Valley. Was
24 mentioned earlier that Boyle Heights could be moved into
25 an East LA district.

1 Two more. In the AD-110 to the northwest make sure
2 that we include Culver City, making it whole. Plus the
3 West communities -- Westside communities east of 405.
4 Mid-City and Jefferson Park. And then in north 10, it
5 already includes Adams-Normandie, University Park,
6 Exposition Park. To the south we want to add in downtown
7 Los Angeles south of Little Tokyo as well as
8 neighborhoods along the 110 including historic South
9 Central, Central Alameda, South Park, Florence, Florence
10 Graham, Vermont Knolls, Manchester Square. Thank you.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you for the very
12 specific direction. Before we go back to the general
13 direction, is there consensus on this direction that has
14 just been given?

15 Commissioner Sinay?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry, no. I -- a lot of that
17 direction I think is using one lens. And we have
18 multiple lenses that we've heard from. And Long Beach
19 and San Pedro have been very, very clear that they do not
20 want those two ports together. And San Pedro has been
21 very clear that they, you know, that they wanted to go
22 north and be with other LA cities. I know that some
23 people have even said San Pedro with Palos Verdes. And
24 San Pedro was very clear that they don't want to go with
25 Palos Verdes, that they want to be with the Gateway

1 Cities. So I don't agree with putting San Pedro with
2 Long Beach, because that has been clearly stated by both
3 Long Beach and San Pedro because they're competitive
4 ports. And I say that because I brought that up once
5 and -- during our visualizations. And we got lots of
6 input.

7 Boyle Heights and East LA, the community asked to
8 separate those. We received multiple, multiple letters
9 asking us to please split them up. And that's why we
10 created the visualizations we did, where East LA went
11 north and Boyle Heights went east. Boyle Heights didn't
12 quite do exactly what we wanted it. It was supposed to
13 go more east versus east and then south. But I don't
14 want us to put Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles back
15 together, because the community has asked for that to
16 be -- to be separated. And it came directly from the
17 community. That's one where we go letters from the YMCA,
18 the Boys & Girls Clubs, the clinics and individual
19 members.

20 I'm curious if I heard correctly that Marina Del Rey
21 was going to be put in with Inglewood. I understand LAX
22 being put in with Inglewood, and there is space if you --
23 or was it a swap of Marina Del Rey with LAX, because a
24 lot -- that area is pretty different than Inglewood, and
25 Lennox, and Hawthorne. And so I was just trying to

1 understand that better. But I definitely we have in the
2 past had Inglewood with LAX. And there is that little
3 sliver of land so that the coastal cities can still if we
4 need coastal cities to remain costal.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And Commissioner Toledo?

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'd just like to say that
8 everything that I shared also came from communities. So
9 I need us to be careful when we're trying to elevate
10 community over community, letters over letters,
11 submissions over submissions.

12 So what I've presented was also from community input
13 and is as -- and should be considered as we're looking to
14 see where changes need to be made. That's all.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate it. All right. So we
16 have some -- we have directions. We have all kinds of
17 direction at this point.

18 Let's try to -- I'm going to ask Jamie to -- to help
19 us and clarify -- get in clarity around the direction.
20 Because ultimately she's going to be working through some
21 of these changes. So I need to hear from Kennedy -- from
22 Jamie what she needs from us in order to implement our
23 vision.

24 MS. CLARK: If I may, I just would like to try and
25 summarize the direction, just to make sure that I

1 understood clearly.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. That would be very
3 helpful. This is all of the direction from the VRA
4 districts, the -- to now, right? This would be all of
5 the direction as you see it? Or what direction are you
6 going to be summarizing?

7 MS. CLARK: I was going -- I was referring I guess
8 to the most recent set of directions, on the -- on the
9 VRA areas, I actually didn't hear clear direction because
10 there was not necessarily unity from the Commission in
11 terms of the directions.

12 And then just also want -- would like to be able to
13 try to summarize the direction that I just received, to
14 make sure that I understand if I am to work in that
15 direction.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Perfect. So let's do that. And then
17 we'll try to get clarity on the VRA direction. So thank
18 you.

19 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Because it sounds like a
20 population trade, I'm going to start in the Long Beach
21 area. And the direction I believe is to include northern
22 parts of Long Beach with what's right now called AD South
23 LA. And actually I think part of that trade too would be
24 including San Pedro and Wilmington areas, with the Long
25 Beach-based district. To also move Watts and Willowbrook

1 into Compton.

2 And then one moment, because there was a lot and I'm
3 trying to wrap my head around it and remember it also.

4 I did hear that keeping Gardena -- the split in
5 Gardena was part of that direction.

6 And then in terms of what would happen to this 105
7 corridor district. It sounded like moving this west
8 including Inglewood, Hawthorne, the northern part of
9 Gardena, Lawndale with the Westchester, Marina Del Rey
10 areas. And then I think what would happen with the rest
11 of this area that wouldn't be included with the AD-South
12 LA, is to move this up here.

13 I'm -- I apologize. I'm getting a little bit lost.

14 And I did hear also including Culver City with the I
15 think Culver City with like, View Park with Madera
16 Heights. And then also including the Westside
17 communities with these areas. So that's like I -- and
18 Commissioner Turner would love to hear if you have
19 suggestions on that, if you mean like Westside
20 neighborhood counsel if you mean Westwood, what areas
21 precisely to join downtown south of Little Tokyo with
22 Pico Union, maybe with the Koreatown area.

23 And then to keep Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles
24 together I think. And then, I guess some of the areas up
25 here would be -- or I guess, rather this line maybe would

1 move further south and east to be added with the Glenn-LA
2 area. I'm not -- and I apologize I'm not sure if I got
3 all of that correct.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's hear from Commissioner
5 Turner to see if that reconciled with her
6 recommendations. And also because there was conflict
7 with -- or disagreement, I also want to hear from
8 Commissioner Sinay which aspects of that she is -- she'd
9 like to highlight.

10 Commissioner Turner?

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I think one of the
12 things that we talked about was to give direction and not
13 do the line drawing now. Because of the VRA changes that
14 were pending, I know that it's going to impact these
15 areas and so therefore I wanted to name what I've
16 received and what we've received, and communities of
17 interest.

18 And so with that Jamie, I can forward the
19 information to you. I know that earlier one of the other
20 commissioners agreed to take notes about the changes that
21 we're asking so I could send it or you can get it through
22 the transcripts, of whatever would be easiest or
23 quickest.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. That would be helpful.

25 MS. CLARK: I'm taking notes.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: And then Commissioner Sinay, in terms
2 of areas that you want to highlight, or bring to our
3 attention, in terms of potential conflicts?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, I think the two that I --
5 that came directly from the local communities versus
6 statewide advocacy groups, which I know the statewide
7 advocacy groups are working with local groups as well.
8 But this has come from the individuals and organizations
9 locally was not to put Long Beach and San Pedro together.
10 That they are two different ports, and they compete
11 against each other, and they don't want to be for that
12 reason its -- they're two businesses that don't want to
13 be put together in some ways.

14 And Boyle Heights and East LA, the Latino community
15 was very clear that they wanted to split Boyle Heights
16 and East L.A., and East L.A. to go north. And that was
17 that -- the visualization we created and we haven't
18 looked at it yet but the East L.A. going up towards Eagle
19 Rock and Boyle Heights them going north to Eagle Rock in
20 that area. And Boyle Heights going east to Pico Union
21 and whatnot.

22 So those are the two that I'm -- I would definitely
23 want us to consider keeping, because that's what the
24 community -- or listening to because that came from --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sounds like for the others there's

1 significant other areas and other changes, other areas
2 there is agreement on the other areas?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm not saying I agree or
4 disagree. I'm just bringing up these two areas. So --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- depends on -- you may be
7 asking the other commissioners, so I apologize.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

9 Commissioner Akutagawa and then Commissioner
10 Kennedy?

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm just looking for
12 clarification on two of the directions.

13 One -- can we go -- Commissioner Turner mentioned
14 the -- I think you were referring to the Skid Row area
15 south of Little Tokyo. Can we go to that portion.
16 Because I thought we did create a -- we did at least did
17 a cut. And that also includes Staples Center as well
18 too. And so I think it's in a -- I don't think it's in
19 the same district as USC, but the current line, I think
20 we cut it at 6th. I mean, we could go up to 5th, I would
21 say that's probably as high up as we would go. because I
22 think 4th Street is that kind of in between area between
23 Little Tokyo and what you know, what could be the start
24 of Skid Row. I mean, its growing more and more to be
25 honest. I mean the homelessness issue in Downtown L.A.

1 is pretty severe.

2 Could you like zoom in more. I just want to see
3 where. I don't know we looked at so many things I just
4 want to make sure -- I just want to understand where that
5 line is right now.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And while we're looking
7 at that could Commissioner Kennedy can -- do you have
8 comments or feedback?

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Three
10 things. One, I would agree with keeping San Pedro and
11 Long Beach separate. I'm not necessarily opposed to
12 uniting -- reuniting Boyle Heights and East L.A. I've
13 spent time in that area. And my sense is, you know, that
14 that's not an area that requires division quite so much.

15 And just going back to one of Commissioner Sinay's
16 earlier points. I really don't understand grouping
17 Marina Del Rey with some of those other areas down there,
18 pulling it out of what makes, to me, a good bit more
19 sense, which is a grouping with Santa Monica and -- and
20 so forth. Thank you.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

22 MS. CLARK: Commission -- Chair?

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa, any follow
24 up?

25 MS. CLARK: Yeah. One other question that I had.

1 Commissioner Turner mentioned communities, I believe
2 it's -- she said east of the 405, I guess the 405 is
3 long. Is it the Westside communities east of the 405?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Westside Communities east of
5 the 405.

6 MS. CLARK: So that's the Westside neighborhood. I
7 think I'm just trying to understand what communities
8 would be included in that direction.

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'll research it and pull it
10 up -- back up on the -- in our COI testimony.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

12 Commissioner Sadhwani?

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I was just going to
14 say, I think that we've given Jamie a whole lot of
15 direction here. Rather than trying to drill down on all
16 of the COIs that may or may not be hit, I think what I
17 would really love to do is move forward with this, let
18 Jamie work on it, see what she comes up with and then
19 take a look and see what works and what doesn't work.

20 I agree definitely with Commissioner Sinay, the Long
21 Beach - San Pedro piece those ports should be split. I
22 actually think that what Commissioner Turner was saying
23 does keep them separate. I think, Commissioner Turner,
24 you'd mentioned East Long Beach, but perhaps you meant
25 North Long Beach? Because I think that split can

1 continue to allow those two ports to potentially be
2 separate.

3 I agree also with Commissioner Sinay and Kennedy
4 around Boyle Heights. I really struggled, looking at
5 this this morning and trying to think about like well
6 what could tie Boyle Heights to South L.A.? Is that
7 something that's workable? I would prefer to see an
8 option in which Boyle Heights could go further eastward
9 into, you know, like the Rampart area beyond Pico Union.

10 And to that end, you know, I think that we -- I
11 think perhaps the neighborhood counsel of Koreatown is
12 kept whole. But we did receive some COI testimony that
13 there's slight differentiation, a matter of a few census
14 blocks. I think it looks like in terms of how the
15 community defines Koreatown. So I would add that to the
16 wish list.

17 But I think rather than adding more for Jamie to
18 work on, I think this is a lot. And so I would say
19 let -- I've been taking notes here for Jamie I think I
20 would say let's move forward and see what she can come
21 back with. And then we can start making some of those
22 transitions and maybe swapping out Marina Del Rey for
23 something else, or trying to think through it as we have
24 it in front of us. That would be my, you know, best
25 suggestion in terms of moving forward.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: And I want to make sure Jamie has
2 what she needs to be able to move forward.

3 Jamie?

4 MS. CLARK: I do think that to be able, for example,
5 to include Watts in the South L.A. District, it would
6 require either San Pedro or Wilmington going with South
7 Bay cities or with Long Beach. I also think that a
8 change like this, and I know we haven't talked about
9 the -- going back to the VRA stuff yet. But I actually
10 don't know that it's compatible with splitting Long Beach
11 for that purpose. That's of course something I would
12 analyze. I think I'm just like foreseeing impacts of
13 this. And of course happy to explore this.

14 So for example having Bellflower, Lakewood areas
15 with Huntington Beach, Seal Beach. Just thinking about
16 like the way that population would be moving around in
17 this situation. And then also just thinking about
18 population, and the description of how things would be
19 broken up. I think it would change some of these current
20 VRA districts. And again, happy to explore it. but I
21 think that this is different than what was being
22 discussed in either situation for the VRA districts that
23 we just had.

24 So I think, just in general, finding a way like
25 either giving more specific parameters about what you're

1 not okay with. If everybody could agree on perhaps, on
2 if something like this is going to happen. And, you
3 know, thinking about that in conjunction with the VRA
4 districts that are in -- that are further east in L.A.
5 County.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Jamie. So it sounds like,
7 and we've known this, that the VRA districts may be
8 impacted by these changes. And of course the VRA
9 district changes will impact these issues. So it's a
10 matter of reconciling that.

11 So maybe the best way to do it is to give direction
12 on the VRA districts. And then once we have that
13 direction, reconciling that direction with this
14 direction. Because I think it's I think they kind --
15 they both work together. So if we can go back to the
16 direction on the VRA District.

17 Commissioner Sadhwani, do you want to iterate --
18 repeat the direction that you had --

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: The direction that I had
20 given? What I would like to see in this area is going
21 back. And I believe that the changes that were made were
22 relatively contained in this area of the map and done in
23 OC. So going back to our draft maps that we had
24 released, which included those portions of Los Angeles
25 County being kept whole -- and within those VRA

1 Districts, and attempting to pull in La Habra whether
2 there are ways to make swaps of city populations in order
3 to do so possibly moving for -- further up into the East
4 San Gabriel Valley one to find some of those swaps or
5 moving, you know, potentially more into Long Beach or
6 elsewhere.

7 I'm hearing Jamie's concern there. Right? That we
8 might not be able to accommodate both. So I'm -- yeah,
9 I'm stuck on that.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, so I think so in terms of that
11 direction, so it's looking at the draft maps. So the
12 direction would be to explore the draft maps, try to
13 ensure that the CVAPs remain about the same as they are
14 now. And so try to get them to that -- within the draft
15 maps. And while at the same time uniting the COIs that
16 include Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights, La Habra Heights,
17 and Hacienda Heights. Thank you.

18 And with that, as you do that, trying to --
19 trying -- keeping in mind that the feedback and the
20 direction that Commissioner Turner has provided with the
21 caveats provided by the rest of the Commission. So
22 recognizing that all of these things will impact that
23 left side of the map. And that, as they are impacting,
24 if you can incorporate these changes to the left side of
25 the map.

1 Commissioner -- so Jamie, because I know this is
2 probably as clear as mud. I was hoping that you could
3 try to --

4 MS. CLARK: So I --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- interpret this and get it back to
6 us so that we can make sure that you have what you need.
7 Because ultimately, we need you to have what you need to
8 do your job.

9 MS. CLARK: Thank -- yeah, thank you so much, Chair
10 Toledo. I feel like even just in that, I kind of got
11 three different sets of direction for moving forward.

12 Keeping the Walnut, Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights,
13 Hacienda Heights COI in an L.A. county-based district
14 will not maintain the CVAP as it is right now. So I
15 think, and that's kind of the discussion the Commission
16 has been having, right? Is like, what to do with that
17 piece. So I think like more guidance on that. And
18 also --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I think Commissioner --

20 MS. CLARK: Yeah, and then also I think --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Okay.

22 MS. CLARK: -- I think that some of the changes that
23 were being discussed in the City of L.A. and on the
24 Westside, would also impact the VRA areas as they're
25 drawn out or as they are in the drafts.

1 And I feel -- that piece I feel a little bit more
2 comfortable with. I feel like I understand the
3 overall -- you know, I understand the overall goal in
4 terms of like population swaps, and where that happens.
5 And trying to reconcile both of those things, I think is
6 a little bit -- I feel a little bit more comfortable
7 with. But I do -- yeah, and not trying to push too hard,
8 just really looking for clarity from the commission.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, absolutely. I think that's
10 important. And I believe Commissioner Fernandez has some
11 guidance.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And I was trying to
13 find it really quickly. Yes. You're absolutely correct.
14 Jamie, if we went back to the draft maps for the AD-60
15 corridor. The CVAP there was just a little under fifty-
16 three percent. And my intent in saying don't drop it too
17 far below, it wasn't necessarily drop it below what it is
18 right now, the sixty-six, because I did mention that
19 there are some that do have high CVAP that we may be able
20 to have some flexibility with. But you just don't want
21 to get it slow low that it's no longer VRA. So that's
22 again, VRA is our second criteria. So I don't want to
23 limit you that much --

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: So -

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- Jamie.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- so what I would like -- thank you.
2 and I think that's great feedback, Commissioner
3 Fernandez. I think if you would work -- Jamie, if you
4 could work with VRA counsel to make sure that it's within
5 the specified ranges that are appropriate for VRA
6 compliance.

7 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- to get that. And certainly, yes.
9 So -- is that helpful; does that give you enough guidance
10 or?

11 MS. CLARK: I will do my best.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: I know this is a monumental task that
13 we're charging you with. And all we can ask for is your
14 best. I think we also -- you also did hear feedback from
15 the Commission. And I know this is a little conflicting
16 -- to try to localize as possible some of these changes
17 around, which is, I know. But but as you're thinking
18 about this to try to incorporate some of those concepts
19 as well. And I know this is monumental task and does
20 potentially -- isn't -- you're not able to do all of
21 this. But if you had to prioritize, to try to work
22 through this issue in the manner that was stated.

23 MS. CLARK: Thank you. I don't think that this
24 would be a tomorrow iteration. And I will -- yeah, again
25 I'll do my best.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: This is probably a Saturday
2 iteration. Because this is a lot of direction. Thank
3 you.

4 Commissioner Turner, did you have your hand up?

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh. Yes. Yeah, I did. I
6 just wanted to go back, because I thought I was reading
7 directly from the input that was received. And not to
8 belabor the point, but just to confirm yes what the way
9 it reads is to unify the Watts-Compton like we've said.
10 And it is north, keeping Carson, West Carson in a
11 district and adding in North Long Beach communities is
12 the way that it was read. So just wanted to confirm that
13 that is what it said. Thanks.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

15 MS. CLARK: And -- I guess, and with that, thank you
16 so much Commissioner Turner.

17 I think and with that, just in -- I'm like, thinking
18 about making all this happen, or to the extent possible
19 making it all happen. And I think understanding like, if
20 there are boundaries. If there are things that the
21 Commission definitely does not want. Because this is --
22 some of this direction I think is different than some of
23 the areas that the Commission has already worked out in
24 terms of, you know, of previous visualizations we've seen
25 that we're -- the Commission was not necessarily

1 agreeable to, and that's fine. We can change things. We
2 can go back. I'm not trying to push back on any of it.

3 And also, I am wondering if there are specific
4 boundaries that shouldn't be crossed or just areas that
5 should not go together. Because some of this is yeah,
6 again just different than other -- different than areas
7 that the Commission has already worked on and sort of
8 ironed out.

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh. Thank you, Jamie.
10 And because I'm not in the area, I'll have to go strictly
11 from COI that was received. And the way it reads is,
12 north of Bixby Knolls and Los Cerritos. So it says keep
13 Carson, West Carson in a district, and add in North Long
14 Beach communities north of Bixby Knowles and Los
15 Cerritos. Bring in Wilmington and San Pedro to an
16 adjacent coastal LBC seat area.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

18 MS. CLARK: And I --

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So if that helps. And then
20 those --

21 MS. CLARK: It does.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- okay.

23 MS. CLARK: And then I guess additionally, a
24 different -- a different area that there have been --
25 that was part of your direction, was including Westside

1 neighborhoods with Culver City, La Deira Heights, some of
2 the Pico-West Adams areas. We've seen some similar stuff
3 in visualizations. And that was a no thank you at that
4 time. And wondering if like, yeah, just kind of trying
5 to check the temperature of the Commission on some of
6 these points, because I want to present to you the --
7 something that is the most in line with what you would
8 anticipate seeing.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

10 Commissioner Akutagawa, and the Commissioner
11 Sadhwani.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, so couple points.
13 First off, I just, again, I want to make sure we're --
14 we're very clear on this. I want to just state that
15 we're looking at Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights,
16 Diamond Bar, and Walnut. La Habra Heights, no disrespect
17 to them, but I think that can go either way. So Jamie, I
18 just want to make sure that you're clear about that part,
19 because I've heard different things and I want to make
20 sure that that is clear.

21 Secondly, I would also add to the direction that La
22 Habra again does not have to go in the AD-61. If there's
23 a way to explore going into the AD-5 so that it's
24 contiguous. I feel like that would give you another you
25 know, a little bit more leeway if that helps. So again,

1 I want to be clear on that.

2 Third, I think in terms of the direction that
3 Commissioner Turner has given, because this change with
4 La Habra is going to shift -- possibly shift the VRA
5 Districts, I suspect we're going to get a lot of COI
6 input or just public input from a lot of different
7 organizations after they see potentially again another
8 iteration of these VRA Districts.

9 My caution or perhaps my recommendation is that
10 before we make these other changes to the non-VRA
11 Districts of L.A., we see what the new changes would be
12 based on this current direction to the VRA Districts and
13 then I am certain that we will have lots of input based
14 on that to recommended changes to the other districts --
15 non-VRA Districts that surround this area. Particularly
16 around Long Beach and the west side and into Northeast
17 L.A. Thank you.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So what I'm hearing is
19 prioritize the VRA which I guess, yes, absolutely.

20 So -- Commissioner Sadhwani?

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. Thank you. I just
22 wanted to one take a deep breath and say whew -- L.A. is
23 one of the hardest places to redistrict in the nation,
24 probably. Right? So there are so many communities of
25 interest, so many VRA considerations, so many

1 geographical boundaries. And I think Jamie is a total
2 rockstar for sitting there listening to all of our
3 changes that we want. So I wanted to thank you for that.

4 And what -- as we go back to making some of these
5 changes, I just wanted to uplift one additional change
6 that we've definitely heard a lot about. We've talked
7 about a little bit before, but we haven't had a chance to
8 really dig into. And that's in the San Fernando Valley.
9 It's been suggested that there could be some changes to
10 bring together, in particular, some of the Latino
11 communities that are connected throughout the San
12 Fernando Valley. So I just wanted to uplift that and if
13 there are minor changes.

14 I think overwhelmingly we've had a lot of positive
15 feedback from the San Fernando valley. I believe we've
16 made those coastal changes that some folks were asking
17 about in terms of some of those district boundaries. So
18 if there's opportunity there to consolidate more of the
19 community, I would just add that to the list. Thank you.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. I would agree with that
21 as well. I just want to make sure that there's consensus
22 on that as well, in terms of trying to unify some of the
23 Latino community and -- community neighborhoods in that
24 area.

25 All right. Let's see. So Jamie, do you have -- do

1 you have what you need to begin this work, and to -- and
2 to get us some revisions? You do?

3 MS. CLARK: Yeah -- yep. I feel that I understand
4 the goals of the Commission. And I will do my best to
5 incorporate what is possible.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: And, you know, it may not be possible
7 to do all of this, but to also -- right? But we have
8 very clear criteria. We start with the population. And
9 you know these, right? But VRA then contiguity, then
10 communities of interest. Thank you so much. With that,
11 we will go to lunch break. We will be in lunch break
12 for 90 minutes. No, just kidding. For forty-five
13 minutes. Kidding-not kidding. But forty-five minutes.
14 So we'll see you back soon.

15 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 2:45 p.m.
16 until 3:30 p.m.)

17 MR. BECKER: Thank you for everybody's patience. We
18 are standing by for a quick update from Ravi.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So I would recommend that you
20 all look at your --

21 MR. BECKER: We have an open mic. Could you close
22 your mic, please?

23 Thanks for everyone's patience. We are standing by.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thanks, (indiscernible).

25 MR. BECKER: All right. Thank you, Ravi. And thank

1 you Commissioners, and thank you interpreters, and thank
2 you note takers. And thank you to all the staff. That's
3 a little pre-thank you, for the work to come. Checking
4 in with the ever-ready Chair. Shall we go live?

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, I am ready. Let's see if we
6 have enough Commissioners. The Commissioners are ever
7 ready. So let's go.

8 MR. BECKER: Sounds good. Stand by. You're live.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
10 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We are visualizing
11 and we've been visualizing all morning.

12 We'll continue to visualize and this time we will go
13 to Northern California. Now with Northern California, we
14 are going to take a different approach to a map drawing
15 to further the conversation and hopefully to make some
16 decisions around some of the key Northern California
17 decision points. We have in the handouts, we have two
18 visualizations that have been committed -- created by
19 different Commissioners for different portions of
20 Northern California. They are in your handouts. It's
21 also available to the public. They have individually
22 been working on these.

23 And my understanding is they've taken the
24 visualization input from the various -- from the last
25 iteration of maps we've been looking at as well as some

1 of the conversations we've been having during public
2 meetings around these areas and tried to incorporate them
3 in the way that will allow us to move the conversation
4 further. So we're going to start with Commissioner
5 Fornaciari's map.

6 Kennedy, do you have that map up and ready to be
7 presented?

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes, I do.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: And could -- I'm hoping Commissioner
10 Kennedy can give us an overview of the map?

11 Commissioner Fornaciari is what I meant. I was
12 looking at Kennedy, our mapper while I was saying that.

13 Commissioner Fornaciari can give us an overview of
14 the map and give us some -- some thoughts around why --
15 where the -- well, his thinking around it. And then,
16 we'll ask questions and move forward. And probably begin
17 the map drawing in the northern-most eastern part of the
18 State.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Yeah, thank you.
20 So let's see. Excuse me. I didn't intend to build a map
21 to present to you all. I just was trying to understand
22 how I could address some issues that I saw with the maps.
23 And so this is what I came up with. So if you zoom out
24 just a little bit, you can see the basics of the northern
25 part of the State I left the same. The -- I left the

1 coastal district and the inland district in the north.
2 And then if you can zoom into Santa Rosa? So the first
3 thing I wanted to look at was the split that we had made
4 at Santa Rosa. If you recall, to the -- if you -- to the
5 east of Santa Rosa a little bit, there's a town called
6 Kenwood. Our split -- in our draft map, it went up north
7 a ways -- yeah, so you can see it, it went up north a
8 ways, and then to the other side it went up north. You
9 know, I looked at the public input to try to understand,
10 you know, where the public would like to see Santa Rosa
11 split, and there was feedback in that area to both the
12 east and the west that folks in those areas wanted to be
13 with the northern part of -- with the northern district.
14 And so, you know, when I looked at the previous map of --
15 or the current Assembly map as to where Santa Rosa is
16 split, and that split mirrors some public input. They
17 talked about south of College and west of Farmers, which,
18 if you zoom in on my map, Farmers is the vertical part of
19 Highway 12 there, and College is a little higher than I
20 split.

21 There was other input to -- suggested council
22 districts to split, but they really went -- it -- it kind
23 of -- that went kind of north/south. I looked at the
24 council districts and they kind of split up the city in
25 ways that you would have to split up a small city into

1 five. So what I did is, actually, I picked Highway 12 as
2 a dividing line, and that's -- it goes in a -- so I
3 brought the east side down to just north of Kenwood, I
4 brought the west side down to include Sebastopol, Bodega.
5 Go to the coast -- and then -- yeah, there you go. If
6 you can see Highway 12 comes across, goes down all the
7 way out to Sebastopol, and then that runs into the
8 Gravenstein Highway, Highway 116. And I cut down the
9 Gravenstein Highway, but I did keep Sebastopol whole and
10 obviously split Santa Rosa. And then, you know, I went
11 down to grab enough population to even things out pretty
12 good, and then I went east. Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And this conforms with the
14 public -- the community of interest input that we've
15 received, including keeping some of the communities that
16 have high levels of essential workers in the Roseland
17 portions of Santa Rosa.

18 Commissioner -- okay. I thought Commissioner
19 Fernandez had her hand up.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I will eventually.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we will continue to go through the
22 changes, Commissioner Fornaciari. And it's okay to focus
23 on the higher aspects of it so that we can -- because
24 we have so many changes in this map, it's probably good
25 to, you know, well, the key changes that you're making --

1 proposing.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes, if you can turn the
3 current -- or our draft maps off, it's kind of confusing
4 a little bit -- or at least it's confusing me. Thank
5 you.

6 So what I wound up with was north coast and
7 Sonoma/Marin, I just made a swap between those two and
8 when you add those two together, they were fairly high,
9 and LAKENAPA was a little low. I also felt like we
10 needed to move population east, so I moved Sonoma and a
11 couple of little communities adjacent to Sonoma into the
12 LAKENAPA region to get it out of the negative zone, but
13 also have some additional population if we needed to move
14 population east.

15 The other thing I did in LAKENAPA is I put in West
16 Sac to keep Yolo whole. We heard a lot of requests --
17 well, to go both ways -- but some of the requests were to
18 keep Yolo whole. Part of the reason I did that is if you
19 zoom out and go a little north is to accommodate other
20 feedback we got from Tehama County that they would rather
21 be with -- to the right there -- to the east.

22 Then I also -- I mean, I made a number of changes
23 here, right? So I put Butte, Sutter, and Yuba together,
24 and then I made that swap basically for Tehama. I
25 couldn't quite get the population there, so I split

1 Roseville, included that in this. And that -- the -- you
2 know, we heard also a lot of community interest input
3 about keeping Butte, Sutter, and Yuba together, and in
4 general, keeping Tehama, Glenn, Colusa, Butte, Sutter,
5 and Yuba together; couldn't do that, but I tried to get,
6 you know, as close as I could.

7 And then, you know, thinking about the mountain
8 communities: Siskiyou -- mountain counties: Siskiyou,
9 Shasta, Modoc, Lassen, Sierra -- so I came down the
10 eastern side of the Sierras -- or I guess those are the
11 Cascades at that point, but nonetheless, I grabbed
12 Nevada, parts of Placer, parts of El Dorado. And then
13 yesterday as we -- I guess, ultimately, the reason I
14 brought this map forward is because is we were having
15 this conversation about Mono and Alpine and Inyo, I was
16 thinking to myself, hm, what if I included those with
17 this district? And it actually solved a couple of
18 challenges I had. CALA-INYO was way over and it -- and
19 I kind of felt like it kind of (indiscernible) what we
20 were trying to do with the eastern Sierra to some extent,
21 right? Keep them with more mountainous communities.

22 So then if you zoom in to Sacramento area. So you
23 can see there is a district now -- ECA has evolved into a
24 district of the suburban communities surrounding
25 Sacramento County and a bit into the foothills for

1 population regions -- reasons, but you can see Lincoln,
2 Rock -- Rockland, most of Roseville; I don't know what
3 the two pink ones are. That's --

4 MS. WILSON: Granite Bay is (indiscernible).

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Granite Bay and --

6 MS. WILSON: El Dorado Hills.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- El Dorado Hills.

8 Right.

9 And so you know, kept that suburban area together.

10 And then with regard to Sacramento County, the
11 lower -- the SAC-ELKGROVE, I didn't touch that district.
12 I did have to move some population into WSAC-SAC because
13 I moved West Sac out, so I grabbed, I believe, Elverta,
14 Rio Linda, McClellan Park, Arden-Arcade, Rosemont, and
15 North Highlands. And then I was able to make a district
16 out of the other cites there going south into West
17 Sacramento County. What we wound up here with is the
18 county's only split once; that was a discussion we had
19 had.

20 And I'll just be honest, I mean, this -- the Sac and
21 Elk Grove is just the way it was with those communities
22 of interest. I feel like we got a lot of the downtown
23 community of interest together because the split is a
24 little lower than downtown, but you know, there might be
25 some communities of interest in here that we could tweak

1 around a bit to see if we can get the lines a little bit
2 better. By the time I got to Sacramento, you know, I
3 was trying not -- I was really trying hard not to mess up
4 anything below this so that it would fit in, because I
5 didn't know what was going to happen with the VRA
6 districts to the south and how that was going to
7 propagate north, and so I just stopped there. So I think
8 that kind of summarizes what I've done.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.
10 Kennedy, are you able -- you've had an opportunity
11 to take a look at this and review it. Any concerns in
12 terms of -- I guess, can you compare the maps that we
13 have -- our draft maps -- to this and overlay them just
14 so that we can see them once more?

15 MS. WILSON: Yes, I will turn on the draft, and that
16 will be these gray lines here. And I can -- let me
17 quickly change the label to be green as well so that is
18 easier for you to see the differences in percentages.
19 So --

20 COMMISSIONER FORNIACIARI: Excuse me. Sorry, I have
21 two other comments.

22 COMMISSIONER TOLDEO: Oh, sure.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: If you zoom way out.

24 So there's been some discussion about splitting
25 Siskiyou and moving -- maybe moving Del Norte to the

1 east, so. You see what my opinion is because I left them
2 the way they were in the map, but I don't feel like I own
3 any of this. I really just wanted to understand Santa
4 Rosa and how to split it more sensibly than it was, and
5 then I just -- I kept going. I do like though, I mean, a
6 couple of things that I think go well is putting Butte,
7 Yuba, and Sutter, and Tehama together; I think we've
8 heard a lot about that. I mean, I think the LAKENAPA,
9 Glenn, Colusa, Yolo -- yeah, I mean, it's okay, I could
10 live with it, I guess. I mean --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: I appreciate it.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: It is what it is. You
13 know, we have -- we have to make some decisions and some
14 trades here, and it's certainly not optimal, but I was
15 just trying to balance things out.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much for --

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: But I don't feel like I
18 own it, and we can carve it up, you know, however the
19 Commission sees fit.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: And certainly, that's exactly what
21 we're going to do, so -- but it's a starting point for
22 conversation, and that's really what it is. It's a
23 starting point for conversation in terms of the
24 refinement process, and this has been a refinement
25 exercise, and hopefully this will -- because the feedback

1 that we've been given and has been incorporated and that
2 we have been giving during the last couple of weeks of
3 map drawing has been incorporated to a large extent,
4 and the feedback from our community of interest's
5 testimony.

6 So let's hear from Commissioner Fernandez and
7 Commissioner Turner around -- and I -- we probably want
8 to start in one area of the map before we -- but I want
9 to hear from Commissioner Fernandez, Turner, and Andersen
10 first.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

12 And thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari for this;
13 this is actually really good. I drew something, I don't
14 want to say "similar", but with a similar thought.
15 Unfortunately, leaving -- living in a rural area the last
16 four nights, I wasn't able to get into the GQ -- whatever
17 it's called, the IS program because it was not
18 responding. So for all of my northern neighbors, I feel
19 you when we -- when you talk about the Wi-Fi, definitely.

20 So I'm trying to -- as I mentioned yesterday, I
21 absolutely -- hate is such a strong word, but I might
22 have to -- dislike extremely the Norco, and the reason
23 for that is if you take the tip of Happy Camp in Siskiyou
24 and you go all the way to hot springs -- Inyo; so you're
25 going from one end to the other end of this district.

1 It's anywhere from 536 miles to 615 miles, so it's an
2 eight-and-a-half-hour drive or a ten-hour drive -- to a
3 ten-hour drive, so I just want all the commissioners to
4 be aware of that. And when we hear comments from groups
5 or individuals that talk about 50 miles, let's just
6 remember the 536 miles that we're expecting one Assembly
7 person to be familiar with.

8 And so with that, can we -- Kennedy, can you please
9 zoom in to -- or whatever it's called.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Which area of the map are you
11 interested in providing feedback --

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm going to --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- for?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm going to go into the,
15 hm, kind of Elk Grove/ECA area.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sacramento?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And in terms -- and I do
20 want to make a comment in terms of Commissioner
21 Fornaciari; he mentioned Yolo -- I think it was Yolo.
22 Who else was in there with -- who was in there with Yolo?

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think it's Yolo, Napa --

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And we have received
25 quite a bit of comment of Yolo wanting to be with Solano,

1 but right now, Yolo is whole and Solano is whole.
2 Solano's almost -- it can be -- it almost can be its own
3 district -- it's at about ninety percent, and I would not
4 want to break up a county for the sole purpose of
5 bringing in a little bit of that population. I see this
6 as an opportunity for Yolo to get to know their other
7 neighbors and make partnerships with them.

8 And just for disclosure, I am from Yolo County, so
9 I'm, I guess, taking it personally but not taking it
10 personally. I just -- I see it as an opportunity. And I
11 hear you, but I also do feel that those other communities
12 that are tied with Yolo are also rural areas, and they
13 are agriculture, they do rely on the climate and the
14 transportation and water.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Kennedy --

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Huge, huge water.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Kennedy, can you over -- can you
18 highlight the Napa -- it's LAKENAPA.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's LAKENAPA, Colusa --
20 yeah. Thank you.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: And Glenn.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's take a look at that district
24 since you're speaking of it right now.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. And all of that

1 district -- it is valley flow; it's not mountainous. I
2 encourage everyone to find the commonalities. Let's not
3 say we're not -- we don't have anything in common. We
4 have a lot in common, so let's concentrate on that. And
5 I just see it as an opportunity to have not just one but
6 now two Assembly members potentially, right, you know?
7 So anyway, so that was just my comment for that.

8 I'm going to go to West Sac.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I appreciate the discussion. I
10 appreciate the --

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, but I'm --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- discussion.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- leaving that now. I'm
14 going to West Sac.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: And now we're going to Sacramento.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Well --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: And which district in Sacramento?
18 One district.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So actually, if you can go
20 up just a little bit to the Placer; and on this one,
21 Roseville is split, and I would -- I would prefer not to
22 have Roseville split. And ECA is under right now and
23 Norco is over, so if there's some way -- I don't want to
24 do it now, I just want to -- if I can just give
25 direction. What I would like to see is to see Roseville

1 kept whole, if possible. And again, we've been -- we've
2 been very intentional kind of with -- with Long Beach in
3 terms of keeping them whole, and they are -- I forget
4 about big they are -- their city is, but Roseville is
5 maybe a third of that, so I would like to keep that whole
6 as much as possible.

7 I would actually like to zoom in -- can you zoom to
8 the border of West Sac/Sac and SAC-ELKGROVE? I just want
9 to ensure that we're not cutting downtown and we're not
10 cutting Oak Park out and Lavender Heights. I need to see
11 where we drew the line.

12 MS. WILSON: So it comes down -- Oak Park is on the
13 other side of the 99 and it goes --

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, good.

15 MS. WILSON: -- down to where the 99 is. I don't
16 see Lavender Heights as a neighborhood, but --

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It would be -- yeah, it
18 would be in kind of like --

19 MS. WILSON: By (indiscernible). Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- the Midtown -- yeah,
21 right where you had it, Kennedy. Okay. I just want to
22 make sure --

23 MS. WILSON: And Sacramento is still below this
24 line, kind of goes along the 50, and so East Sac and
25 Midtown downtown, and it goes down into Land Park --

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

2 MS. WILSON: -- and so Lavender Heights --

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

4 MS. WILSON: -- would be within here and not split.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And then if there's any way
6 to maybe just like clean up those lines just so that --
7 you know like right there where it's -- by Fruitridge --
8 yeah, it goes down the -- yeah, I would kind of like to
9 see maybe straighter lines so that we're not going
10 through one side of the street and then the other side of
11 the street's a different Assembly. That'd be great.

12 And then my only other comment on this -- Kennedy,
13 if you can move down south, please. Oh, yes, please,
14 sorry.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's focus on one district and --
16 all right. So let's do -- and then we'll go to the next
17 and then the next.

18 Commissioner Turner.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. If you could go right
20 back where you were with West Sacramento when --

21 And thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari, for all of
22 the work and -- that was done on this. When you
23 mentioned West Sacramento, I was just scrolling through
24 all of the COIs, and I think almost all of them ask about
25 Arden-Arcade with West Sacramento, West Sacramento with

1 downtown Sacramento, West Sacramento with Sacramento, and
2 if you have to split it, at least have -- if you have to
3 split and not have West Sacramento with Sacramento, at
4 least have West Sacramento with the downtown area of
5 Sacramento. So with all that being said, I'm trying to
6 see that portion of West Sacramento, if there's a way
7 that that can be included, that would be great.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: So the feedback here is include what
9 portion of West Sacramento?

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: West Sacramento.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: All of West Sacramento?

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Downtown Sacramento.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: West -- downtown West Sacramento?

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: The -- let's see, I'm -- I can
15 only read what's here.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: West Sacramento --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- with downtown Sacramento.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Oh, West Sacramento with the
21 downtown.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Any additional feedback in this area?

24 Commissioner -- I'll just read out the names, and
25 then we -- if -- Andersen, do you have feedback on this

1 area?

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry. Yeah, but I'll let
3 other people go on this one, I --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

5 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I've got the other --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: So Commissioner Sinay?

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you.

8 So this area obviously got a lot of feedback and I
9 want to thank the people. Some people just are like
10 Commissioner Fornaciari and start creating a district and
11 keep going and going, and so we have received a lot of
12 great input and -- and when it's detailed, it's very
13 helpful. So the core of downtown Sacramento has been
14 defined as the Sacramento and the American River, the 50,
15 and the 80, and I thought that that was a -- you know,
16 looking at the map and everything else, that looked like
17 a really good definition to kind of start, you know,
18 thinking about how to anchor a Sacramento district. Most
19 of the -- what we received was that the -- we had cut it
20 incorrectly, which we know, and that it was more of a
21 North Sacramento/South Sacramento versus an east/west
22 type of division.

23 I wanted to check in North Sacramento. Like
24 Commissioner Turner, I have a bunch of little
25 neighborhoods and I wasn't sure where they were. Unlike

1 Commissioner Yee, I didn't look up all their census
2 blocks, so I apologize. But I wanted to make sure that
3 Natomas, North Highlands, Foothill, Fruitridge, Oak Park,
4 Del Paso Heights, Curtis Park, Land Park, Tahoe Park, Oak
5 Park, and Colonial Manor are all together. Okay, they
6 can't be. All right. Well, I'm asking --

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, I wasn't looking at the
9 map while I was reading it. So why can they not?

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Population.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. And so then, you know,
12 as much -- as much as we can. The other three
13 communities that were asked to be together, which is
14 another -- these are working-class, diverse communities
15 that were asked to be kept together, was Gardenland,
16 Northgate, and Noralto -- Noralto.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: So the feedback is that those
18 specific COIs be kept together?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Those --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Communities?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- communities, yes.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: And those are mostly working-class
23 communities? Just -- I'm just trying to understand what
24 the (indiscernible).

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The first ones were working,

1 diverse communities.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Then the second one were Latino
4 businesses and were Latinos that --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Great. Thank you.

6 Commissioner Akutagawa, are you -- is your feedback
7 in this area?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, it is. It's more of
9 a question around --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- CSU Sacramento. Just
12 the initial glimpse that I got when -- when we were
13 looking at it, I just want to see, is that kept whole?
14 Because if we're screwing the university, that's --
15 does -- that doesn't seem like a good thing. And then
16 there was also some comments about ensuring that the -- I
17 think it was the student neighborhoods of College/Glen
18 and College Town, if possible, I think in the same
19 neighborhood, so -- it's just hard to see from the bigger
20 view, so.

21 MS. WILSON: It is not split; it goes on the 50, and
22 then Sac State is above the 50.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So it is not split at this --

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And what about those
25 student neighborhoods that were mentioned?

1 MS. WILSON: I heard College/Glen, and I did not
2 catch what other ones, but College/Glen is above your
3 line as well.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think the other one is
5 College Town. I see College/Glen. Thank you.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: So and we can give general direction
7 with that to keep the university plus the surrounding
8 dormitory -- or student housing, I guess.

9 MS. WILSON: Yep.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fornaciari?

12 Or sorry, sorry, Commissioner Fernandez since we
13 started with you. I was looking at Fernandez.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think College Town, that
15 might be over by the Cal Expo area -- or by Hurley and
16 Howe, kind of in that area.

17 Anyway. I was going to respond to something. I was
18 going to respond to the West Sac with Sacramento. Right
19 now Yolo County is whole, and we did receive quite a lot
20 of input of keeping Yolo County whole, and also input
21 regarding keeping West Sacramento with Yolo County. And
22 in terms of some of the communities that Commissioner
23 Sinay brought up, it's -- you can't keep all of --
24 unfortunately, you can't keep all those communities
25 together here in the Assembly district, but that

1 definitely is something that we can look at for a Senate
2 and Congressional due to the population. But what this
3 does honor, it does honor quite a few communities on the
4 north side, and then quite a few of the communities on
5 the south side in terms of the cultural -- I had it all
6 written down and I don't know where my notes went, but it
7 does honor quite a bit of it, and I'm hopeful in the
8 other maps that we'll be able to honor most of it.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

10 I'll try to get through to the commissioners who
11 haven't spoken yet because -- and want to give input in
12 this area.

13 So Commissioner Andersen, are you giving input in
14 this area? No.

15 Commissioner Yee?

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, actually, hang on. Yes.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

18 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Just briefly. I just want to
19 sort of say -- which, I didn't realize until last night,
20 you know, the -- Sacramento County is fifteen --
21 1,500,000, essentially; Sacramento city is 522,000. And
22 there's Arden Arcade, I believe is -- these are actually
23 really large. We're always saying, oh, Sacramento and
24 stuff, but I was surprised at how big they are. Elk
25 Grove I think is at -- no, no, Vineyard is -- anyway,

1 these aren't like, 40,000/50,000 towns, they're 200 and
2 things like that. Arden-Arcade, Carmichael -- some of
3 these are enormous, which I was surprised about.

4 And the one thing, though, I'm a little concerned
5 that it looks like we went with the 50, but I believe
6 there's all sorts of areas just south of the 50 that
7 consider themselves to be part of the downtown and --
8 well, maybe that's not true, but let's just leave it on
9 this.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

11 Commissioner Yee.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Indeed, Arden-Arcade is the
13 second largest census-designed place in the state.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: In the state of California.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I wanted to reinforce West
16 Sacramento to keeping it in Yolo. I think we got
17 testimony even from the Board of Supervisors of Yolo to
18 that point, wanting to keep West Sac. And if we're
19 causing pain by splitting Yolo and Solano, I think we --
20 you know, it'd be nice to offset that with gain by
21 keeping West Sac and Yolo.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

23 Commissioner Fornaciari, then Commissioner Turner.

24 I do want to say that there's so much information
25 coming at us from this -- because I know we're trying to

1 refine and trying to get the input, but I know it's also
2 going to make -- be difficult for our line drawers to
3 synthesize it all, so as much as we can be specific,
4 that'd be appreciated.

5 Commissioner Fornaciari; and then we'll go to
6 Commissioner Turner.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm going to be
8 nonspecific and just make a couple comments. We've -- we
9 definitely heard testimony on both sides for -- can you
10 hear me -- for West Sacramento, and so just -- just so
11 you know, moving West Sacramento back into Sacramento
12 would completely change all of it. So that's just a
13 tradeoff. You know, I would -- you know, it's -- we've
14 got to make some decisions here, but you know, maybe we
15 can accommodate that in a different map, too, I don't
16 know, but.

17 And then to Commissioner -- if you can go up a
18 little bit to Roseville.

19 So just to let you know, Commissioner Fernandez,
20 the split of Roseville is in the sub-two -- yeah, that
21 one; and that one's low, so you'd have to walk
22 population -- if you move that in, you'd have to walk
23 population around through the northern counties and start
24 splitting those up to bring it and I would guess it's
25 probably more than Sierra County. So just to let you

1 know what the impact would be.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

3 And so I want some feedback from Kennedy and from
4 Karin in terms of, you know, as we make the -- as we give
5 direction, where would a comp be -- you know, depending
6 on where we start, I guess what I'm saying is, from a
7 line drawing perspective, from a geospatial perspective,
8 would it be best to make the changes from the downtown,
9 the more populous areas, or rather -- or to start working
10 from the more rural areas into the populated areas? So
11 I'm trying to see from a line drawing perspective whether
12 it makes more sense to where it makes more sense for us
13 to start giving direction. Because I know the -- as we
14 give direction, it's going to have impact on other maps,
15 and so if we can get some input from you as to where to
16 start the -- this process.

17 MS. WILSON: I would say that it's -- I'm not sure
18 about where in the state, but that it's probably best to
19 set priorities, because still, you hear bring West Sac
20 in, West Sac out; and then you hear, keep this
21 neighborhood, this neighborhood, and this neighborhood;
22 and then someone says, wait, that's not possible, we'll
23 do it next round. But I'm not sure -- I feel like a lot
24 of the testimony so far has been one person said
25 something and someone's responded opposite, so the

1 dire -- or the direction so far is very unclear. I look
2 at my notes and it's just like, go back and forth with
3 each other, so yeah.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: And that's what I'm saying also, so
5 that's why I'm trying to understand -- and maybe it's
6 where in the map would be most helpful for us, whether
7 it's starting where the population centers are that are
8 going to impact and feed the other areas, or whether it
9 makes more sense to start at the corner of the state, or
10 if you have any guidance on that. And maybe Karin and
11 you can --

12 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah, thank you. Thank you so
13 much.

14 All right. I think the problem is really that we
15 need to know where your priorities are and -- because it
16 doesn't really matter where we start, once we run into
17 conflicting directions, we just don't know which way to
18 move.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Great.

20 MS. MAC DONALD: So I mean, on one hand, obviously,
21 we don't want to create a bubble someplace, but at this
22 point, we're really one particular area and just -- it
23 sounds a little bit like, you know, we're just going
24 around and around, so.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: So my thinking -- and tell me if this

1 is -- would be helpful for us to do this -- my thinking
2 is really to figure out Sacramento and where the splits
3 to really -- to figure out where -- Sacramento is so
4 large, as Commissioner Andersen has stated, and the
5 county of Sacramento, if I remember, is over -- I can't
6 remember how -- 1-point-some-million people, and so large
7 it's going to need to be put into various districts, and
8 to figure out where those -- how to figure out where
9 those divisions would be may help us in ensuring that
10 this map actually -- or whichever map -- helps us in
11 designing the rest of the map, because it --

12 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- ultimately would --

14 MS. MAC DONALD: Right.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- has impact across the whole state,
16 probably.

17 MS. MAC DONALD: If I may suggest, perhaps we can do
18 at least some live line drawing just to figure out what
19 the direction is. And I know that that, you know, just
20 takes a little bit longer, but I think overall we -- your
21 plan is to be done with the Assembly in just a few days,
22 and you know, considering that there's a lot of
23 conflicting direction right now and we're just not sure
24 that all of these COIs that you have received, for
25 example, can be kept together in the way that you have

1 outlined them, it might really just make more sense to at
2 least get started, do something live, figure out the
3 direction that we're going, get some of these decision
4 points really nailed down, and then additional direction
5 could be done -- could be given to draw something
6 offline. Okay, that's just a suggestion.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez and
8 Commissioner Andersen. Oh, okay, sorry, they're --
9 you're at -- so I was at Turner then. (Indiscernible).

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I do have a suggestion. I
11 have one (indiscernible).

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, let me just come right back
13 after Commissioner Turner, though, because she's had her
14 hand --

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, sorry.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: She hasn't been able to -- she hasn't
17 had a chance to (indiscernible).

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: That's okay, because mine will
19 be easy; it's either possible or not. I appreciate the
20 information and even shared with Commissioner Fornaciari,
21 but I did find -- I was asked a question where
22 specifically, and I understand that perhaps all of West
23 Sacramento may -- cannot be brought in, but I did find
24 specific COI testimony that gave the streets or the areas
25 or what have you, so if this makes sense for you in the

1 area, maybe it'll help in knowing which parts of
2 Sacramento -- West Sacramento -- to bring in. So
3 following from -- and you talked about the
4 (indiscernible) different ones -- it's writing in. This
5 is the president of the Greater Sacramento NAACP that
6 gave specific -- in our input 27651, and they say that
7 the NAACP is requesting that West Sacramento - Sacramento
8 should retain the historic core of the city of
9 Sacramento, keeping Land Park, Curtis Park, Oak Park,
10 Tahoe Park, Lawrence Park, Colonial Manor, and adjacent
11 areas like unincorporated Fruitridge Pocket together in
12 one district. So having those as boundaries that either
13 can or can't happen, but I didn't have that information
14 to tell you before. It says the southbound area of the
15 district should start at Sutterville --

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sutterville.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- Sutterville Road and the
18 city of Sacramento boundary utilizing Sutterville Road
19 west to the 99 freeway, south to Fruitridge, west to
20 Stockton, north to 21st Avenue, and 21st Avenue east to
21 the city of Sacramento. So I don't know if that's the
22 whole of west or if that's a sliver of it that can be
23 included, but I wanted to at least lift that up as what
24 the request was.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: So is practicable.

1 All right. Let's see. I know Commissioner Andersen
2 wanted to say some -- Vice Chair Andersen wanted to say
3 something.

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I do have an idea
5 that -- of areas -- why don't we decide there and walk
6 them in so they're done, which would include starting
7 right at the Del Norte, Humboldt, Siskiyou, and then --
8 and I'll tell you what, because you know, Commissioner
9 Fornaciari said -- I'm sorry -- if we lock that in and go
10 all the way down, that's done, we don't have to address
11 it again. And the reason why I'm being a little hesitant
12 is because depending on what happens with that last VRA
13 that we're still visualizing in the Central Valley --
14 which, for -- chances are we're going to goof around with
15 CALA-INYO a little bit again, and this was kind of all
16 built on attaching Alpine, up. And so I'd rather kind of
17 start -- that's it, it's done, and go down that side.
18 If -- and then because if we lock in Sacramento and then
19 it turns out, oh, now we don't have enough population
20 from somewhere else, we're in trouble, so. And the area
21 I'm talking about is in Humboldt -- the corner of
22 Humboldt. When the (indiscernible) said, you know, we'd
23 sort of like to have half of Siskiyou go west --

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- and they said, no, we

1 can't. And so we said, great, that's fine, but then
2 please restore Humboldt.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So I also want to be able to
4 get us out at a reasonable hour so we can get some sleep
5 before tomorrow, so I'm trying to -- and I appreciate
6 making decisions, because I think if there are portions
7 of the state where we can decide on, that'd be great and
8 would keep us moving. But at the same time, I'm also
9 wondering the -- some of the most difficult decisions --
10 when I think about what are the difficult decisions that
11 we have to make, they're probably in Sacramento, and
12 that's where I'm leaning at -- at this point, right?
13 Given what I saw yesterday and given what I am -- given
14 where the population centers are, the -- just like Los
15 Angeles, they were the VRA districts here in this area,
16 it looks like it's going to be in the Sacramento area,
17 and I'm just throwing that out there.

18 Commissioner Sadhwani, do you have feedback? In
19 general, not specific --

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- to --

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I was going to just start to
23 lift -- I think -- I don't know what the answer is the to
24 the West Sacramento/Sacramento piece; I hear everyone
25 being very divided on it; we have a lot of different

1 testimony on it.

2 I was interested also just to lift up the Arden-
3 Arcade/Carmichael piece, and if there is a way to keep
4 those two together.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: But I will hold off on that
7 until we figure out our plan.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's do a plan. And the plan
9 that I'm thinking at this point just to try to give
10 clearer direction to our map drawer and to get us to
11 think through some of these issues is to do some live
12 line drawing in the Sacramento area focused around the
13 communities that -- let's start with Sacramento; that
14 seemed like the area that Commissioner Sadhwani, Turner,
15 and others have raised. Sacramento -- downtown
16 Sacramento. So our line right now is this.

17 And so there was a very specific direction from
18 Commissioner Sinay that keeps some communities together.

19 Commissioner Sinay, what are those communities that
20 you had wanted to keep together?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Sadhwani is taking
22 notes, and I gave them to her; I don't know if that helps
23 speed up the process or not, or if you'd still like me to
24 say them all.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: If you have them, can you please --

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You got it. I'm just trying to
2 pull it up again. Oh, here's my notes. Okay. And I --
3 so the communities were Natomas, North Highland
4 (sic)/Foothill, Fruitridge -- and some of them may be in
5 there already, right? Oak Park -- and these are the
6 north ones -- Del Paso Heights; and then there was
7 another COI for Curtis Park, Land Park, Tahoe Park, Oak
8 Park, and Colonial Manor. And I think Commissioner
9 Turner brought those up as well.

10 MS. WILSON: Okay. So can I ask for clarification
11 of Colonial Park?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, sorry; Colonial Manor.

13 MS. WILSON: And where that is?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I have no clue.

15 MS. WILSON: Oh, got it.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry, it was just from the
17 testimony. I mean, I'm -- I'm just being honest. And
18 then one other COI was Gardenland, Northgate, and
19 Noralto -- Noralto.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: So it seems like most of these
21 communities are already in this --

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: In there.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- district.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That's why I --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: There was one that I saw that might

1 not be in there.

2 Kennedy, do you have --

3 MS. WILSON: I know that Oak Park and Fruitridge
4 Manor, as you can see here, are separated from the Land
5 Park, Tahoe Park, Del Paso Heights -- those are all more
6 north; Garden Glen is up here, Natomas is also up here;
7 but Oak Park and Fruitridge Manor are below that line.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

9 MS. WILSON: Thank you.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: So is the direction to add the
11 sections that are not included?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If it works; you know --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- if they can.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: And it sounds --

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's not critical, but because
17 it's a COI and so they're -- I think they're more
18 important.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Kennedy, was there any room in that
20 district to add that population?

21 MS. WILSON: I can take a look.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

23 And then Commissioner Fernandez.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, because there's also
25 testimony to keep Oak Park, Lemon Hill, Greenhaven, and

1 Elk Grove together. That's all -- so you have
2 conflicting testimony.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we're always going to have
4 conflicting testimony.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. Right. So yeah.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. So let's go to
7 Commissioner Akutagawa.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I guess I'll just say
9 it out loud that there was -- I know I saw COI testimony
10 and -- several COI testimony -- about Vineyard and trying
11 to keep it together with Elk Grove. I did see one
12 suggestion that may be -- that may help unite that
13 Fruitridge Pocket, I think it's called -- so like, the
14 Oak Park and Fruitridge, taking that pocket, moving it
15 into that West Sacramento area, and then that would
16 create room for Vineyard. And then there was also, as
17 part of that comment in -- we had spoke about the
18 Afghan/Syrian refugees up in the Carmichael area, which,
19 I think is already covered, but I'm just looking to just
20 make sure that there's no other (indiscernible).

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, let's --

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: COI testimony. So
23 anyway --

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner --

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- just wanted to note

1 that.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's awesome. Thank you,
3 Commissioner Akutagawa.

4 Commissioner Fernandez, did you have your hand
5 raised?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, I'm just -- yeah, it's
7 really frustrating to watch this, but okay, here we go.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen.

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry, had a bit of trouble
10 there.

11 Yes, actually, Curtis Park is just to the left of
12 this and it is all the same area. And I think Colonial
13 Manor is also in that sort of old downtown area; there's
14 Land Park, Curtis Park, Oak Park. This is what
15 Commissioner Turner was talking about. And I think this
16 is the area that, yes, was mentioned by Commissioner
17 Sinay, but I believe this would be stuff that you keep
18 south, and you don't necessarily add to. Because
19 remember, Commissioner Sinay -- they said some of the up
20 north, some down south, and the Land, Curtis, Oak, the
21 Colonial Manor, and the others, those are all -- there's
22 Colonial Heights over there and just -- I almost had
23 Colonial Manor up as well, but those are all the south
24 area which want to be with Lemon Hill, et cetera, so I
25 think we could do something like that on the cuts. But

1 it does look -- it goes right through, you know, the --
2 we're messing with our -- where our office is. What
3 district is our office in here? Because that is the --
4 right downtown.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner -- thank you,
6 Commissioner Andersen.

7 MS. WILSON: Sorry, can I ask for clarification on
8 that? Was that to put Land Park and Curtis Park down
9 here instead?

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: I don't --

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I would ask Commissioner
12 Turner about that. She was wondering where those areas
13 were, and that's where they are. And I think we can
14 combine what we're saying here and make one line and keep
15 those together and the others are on the other side.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Turner.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I would not want to do
18 the change that's there. I think there's also testimony
19 about keeping Fruitridge Pocket with Lemon Hill, and I
20 think this split is going to interfere with this change.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So there's no consensus on
22 this, but.

23 Commissioner Fernandez.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And yes, I agree with
25 Commissioner Turner. So --

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'd like to take those areas
2 and put them south.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So --

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, they're split -- in
5 terms of the split -- Kennedy, can you zoom in to the
6 Land Park area by the zoo? And I'm thinking Sutterville
7 should -- now where's Sutterville?

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh, there it is.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, we can -- we could
10 probably do the split right there at Sutterville.

11 MS. WILSON: So put everything -- push the line
12 north and push this --

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Correct.

14 MS. WILSON: -- the rest of it north.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Correct.

16 MS. WILSON: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. Right. Yeah, I'm
18 not sure what that population is. I'm trying to picture
19 it in my head; it's kind of foggy right now.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: We'll know in a second.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay, that's the line. So
23 that's about 1,600 --

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: About 1,700 people.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. So I mean, my
2 recommendation would be to have that go south, and then
3 you take the -- you continue that on the -- I'm not very
4 good with north and south on my -- on the south of the --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay, so let's --

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- the Land Park -- that --
7 well, I'm just continuing on the --

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, are you adding more territory or?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, no, I'm just trying to
10 get to the -- the boundary.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Should we accept this change?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I want to see consensus if
14 everybody's -- is -- so we have consensus to move forward
15 with this change, let's move forward with it.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, that's --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: This is a good --

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- breaking up fewer
19 (indiscernible).

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- split.

21 Okay. And then you were moving on to what other
22 area?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, you just continue on
24 Sutterville.

25 You see where that is Kennedy, the Sutterville --

1 yeah.

2 MS. WILSON: Yes, I see. I will follow the line.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And you -- and all to --
4 yeah. Thank you. It's got seafood. But I think that
5 might be a little bit too much; I'm hoping it's not, but
6 it might be.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So that would be the split.
8 The river would be the split. So we're talking about
9 3,000 people. Do we have consensus --

10 MS. WILSON: So the --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- to move this forward? Oh,
12 Kennedy, were you saying --

13 MS. WILSON: I was just going to kind of reiterate
14 what this does. So moving closer, you can see this
15 follows Sutterville, and I took everything south, which
16 takes on the river, and on to 35th Avenue is where it was
17 before, and it would be moving that line up to
18 Sutterville.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Great. So it looks like we have
20 consensus on this change. Yeah. So we have consensus on
21 that.

22 MS. WILSON: And the new deviations -- the northern
23 part -- still titled West Sac/Sac even though West Sac is
24 no longer in it -- is at a negative 0.55 percent, and
25 then the SAC-ELKGROVE is at a positive 2 percent.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: And Kennedy, can you -- is there a
2 way to -- in the -- to open the box a little bit so we
3 can see all of the various CVAPs as we move to -- through
4 the -- just for general -- thank you -- that -- just so
5 the commissioner and the public has access to that
6 information.

7 All right. So where are we? What other -- where
8 should the splits --

9 Commissioner Fernandez, take us through the splits.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: The -- I was just going to
11 recommend we maybe draw maybe a straighter line on the
12 border? Yeah, right there. That would be great.

13 But I -- where's the split again there, Kennedy?

14 MS. WILSON: It's following --

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, the 50.

16 MS. WILSON: -- the 50 --

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Then I would --

18 MS. WILSON: -- (indiscernible) --

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'd recommend just
20 staying with that. I'm trying to think of communities.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can we look at the district as a
22 whole? Can you zoom out?

23 MS. WILSON: Here is the district as a whole.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: So does this district look
25 appropriate? I'm looking at the Commission. In terms of

1 community of interest, in terms of we have the downtown
2 of Sacramento, we have Arden-Arcade, we have Rosemont
3 area, we have the Rio Linda area, and the Sacramento
4 International Airport as well.

5 Commissioner Fernandez.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, you know -- I was just
7 going to ask what the population was at Carmichael, but I
8 realized I can look. Oh, no, that's 80,000. Nope, we're
9 good. Thanks.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So how about we move to -- it
11 does look like there's comfort with this district, let's
12 move to the other portions of Sacramento, the Rio -- Rio
13 Cordo --

14 Neal has -- Commissioner Fornaciari has his hand
15 raised. Were you --

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I just wanted to comment
17 on Vineyard.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we want to go to --

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: That was --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Vineyard. Sure.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: That was brought up.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: The district below. Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. So I thought long
24 and hard about how to manage Vineyard. I know there's a
25 lot of interest in having Vineyard included with Elk

1 Grove. Vineyard's 40,000 people; it's currently in the
2 district that goes south, Sac/Stan, and so you know, what
3 are the two options, you know? Add it in, and then you
4 got to walk population down 40,000 people, which is hard
5 to find once you get out of Sacramento area -- walk it
6 down the side to get back in that district or split Elk
7 Grove.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So those are our options.

9 Commissioner Fernandez.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you.

11 And that was one of my priorities when we adopted
12 these draft maps was to try to get Vineyard back into the
13 Elk Grove -- because it is literally attached to Elk
14 Grove. But I realized, based on populations -- I
15 appreciate the maps that you've drawn, Commissioner
16 Fornaciari, by trying to keep Sacramento as whole as
17 possible -- which, you did a great job -- and I kept
18 playing with the Vineyard and it just, unfortunately,
19 can't happen. The only way it can happen is if we
20 somehow remove Folsom, and that's another split. But
21 looking forward, I -- we don't know what's going to
22 happen with the population coming from south up,
23 potentially, but it would be something that I would
24 like -- potentially like to have, but we may have to wait
25 until the Senate and Congressional to bring that in.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, we may have to -- that may be
2 something we can do with -- when we have larger
3 districts. So at this point, are you comfortable --
4 are -- with -- Commissioner Fernandez and others, I'm
5 going to ask everybody -- are you comfortable with the
6 district that we're looking at right now, which includes
7 Vineyard -- and I don't want to mispronounce these
8 cities, but I believe it's -- my eyesight is a little bit
9 not as good as it used to be -- Wilton, Clay, Herald,
10 Galt --

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I mean --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- all the way down to --

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- the Sacramento tail.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I don't want to say I'm
16 comfortable, but I understand that's how it has to be due
17 to the numbers and me playing with the system -- with
18 the --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Maybe comfortable is not the right
20 word, maybe --

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- it's just something you can live
23 with.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, it's something I can
25 live with, but if there's some way to --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Because at this point --

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- change it later, it'd be
3 great, but I think at this point we're going to have to
4 wait for the Congressional and Senate.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: And I think at this point, that's
6 where we are. Are these things that we, as a Commission,
7 can live with? And I'm going to ask the whole Commission
8 that. Is this -- is there anyone who cannot live with
9 this?

10 Commissioner Andersen; and then I'm going to go
11 down. You can live with this?

12 Fornaciari?

13 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Trena? Commissioner Turner, rather?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So looking at this going down,
16 I just want to understand the lines. Manteca is in the
17 Sac/Stanslaus?

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: This is exactly the draft
19 that we approved originally.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Right.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: The draft map.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I didn't change anything.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh. So I'm wondering if
25 we did change that, would that help with Vineyard up at

1 the top? How big is -- no. Oh, because you'd be --

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: They're in the same
3 district right now, so --

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- you'd be adding -- oh,
5 because it's --

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- already in.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right, it's already in the
9 same district. But thank you, I appreciate that.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No plan to take it out.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. This is a difficult area
12 because there's not -- the population is densely in
13 Sacramento, and to try to figure out.

14 So other hands of people who can't live with this
15 right at this point. So anyone who can't live with it?
16 It looks like we have Commissioner Akutagawa.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Actually, my
18 question was more of just, I guess, just a clarification
19 question about --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sure.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- Carmichael, but. I did
22 read that there was -- specifically, I'd mentioned that
23 Syrian/Afghan refugee community, and I've lost that
24 particular area, but it was up to a certain street in
25 Carmichael. And my question is, is Carmichael split, or

1 is it fully removed from that Sacramento district? And I
2 guess it was only mentioned because there's an -- there's
3 the portion of that refugee community that has an
4 affinity with Arden-Arcade. I guess my question was, you
5 know, if it -- if we were to try to incorporate them,
6 would it just totally like take us way over and mess up
7 all the other maps?

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, the population is significant.
9 But it looks like Carmichael is whole in this map.

10 Kennedy, is that correct? Yes, it is.

11 MS. WILSON: That's correct.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's go back to the --

13 MS. WILSON: Thank you.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- district we were in just to --
15 to -- I'm locking it in, so -- we're locking it in.
16 Unless of course -- if we make changes in the south and
17 it needs to change, we'll come back, but for now, we're
18 locking it in.

19 Sara has something -- Commissioner Sadhwani. And
20 Commissioner Turner.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. The Vineyard piece
22 still just seems weird.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm just trying to -- and I
25 know that there's the Arden-Arcade/Carmichael piece up

1 above in the district above, and I'm just wondering like
2 is it feasible to take out Arden-Arcade, put it with
3 Carmichael so that we can figure where the -- the
4 district boundary lies so that Vineyard can be in with
5 Elk Grove? Like, is that at all something that -- I have
6 no -- I don't have the populations in front of me, so I
7 apologize, because I don't know if that's a reasonable
8 swap at all.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Kennedy --

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: But it just seems like a
11 really --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you speak to that swap, Kennedy,
13 and whether that's (indiscernible)?

14 MS. WILSON: I would just say that the problem
15 starts to lie with this district outside of Stanislaus
16 because if you're swapping these two up here, but still
17 nothing is going south. This still needs population.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we have to shift population down,
19 is what you're saying?

20 MS. WILSON: Yes, not north. I'm not entirely sure
21 of what swap you were thinking of with Arden-Arcade and
22 Carmichael, but putting Vineyard in puts this district
23 far down, and that leads to, possibly, I would think,
24 splitting Stockton or Modesto or one of these populous
25 cities, and so that is --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner --

2 MS. WILSON: -- kind of a (indiscernible).

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Turner -- or

4 Commissioner Fornaciari has something to comment on that
5 as well.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. So I mean, if you
7 can scroll the map down a little bit -- down -- so I'm
8 sorry, the other down. My fault. Up.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Go up.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. I wanted the map to
11 go down, but need you to go north, so. If you move
12 Vineyard into the SAC-ELKGROVE, that -- then SAC-ELKGROVE
13 is over -- over, so you got to -- you probably got to
14 pull population from West Sac down, then you got to pull
15 population from WESTPLACER-SAC over to West Sac, and then
16 you've got to -- to grab population from Foothills into
17 the -- into Sac/Stan. And so you know, just for
18 instance, the whole of Amador County is less than -- or
19 is about the same as Vineyard, so that's just the order
20 of -- I mean, you've got this super highly-dense
21 populated area and then way sparsely populated. I mean,
22 it could be done; we can do it, but that's just the
23 process you would have to go --

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner --

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- through.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Sadhwani. And then --

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Can I --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Commissioner Fernandez.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I appreciate that,
5 Commissioner Fornaciari.

6 And you all definitely know this area better than
7 me, and I'm just wondering like if we did like a --
8 Vineyard goes in -- and it looks like there's some
9 unincorporated area there, too -- the line -- West Sac
10 stays, the green bottom line comes upward and Arden-
11 Arcade comes out, Arden-Arcade goes with Carmichael that
12 way, and now Wilton starts coming up. And I'm assuming
13 Folsom is the county boundary for Sacramento County; is
14 that correct? I mean, would it make sense to have Wilton
15 coming up that way?

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: So it sounds like you're suggesting a
17 rotation?

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, a rotation so that
19 it's more -- I'm -- right like the issue to me is like,
20 we're talking about like a -- a pretty fairly more rural
21 sort of areas in there, and is it -- would it make sense
22 to still maintain the county boundary but to come up
23 northward into Folsom so that you can keep some of the
24 more urban areas together? And I don't know, because I
25 don't actually know this area personally very well, I'm

1 just trying to figure out different solutions that could
2 potentially respect some more of the -- the testimony
3 that we've received.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: And then Commissioner Fernish --

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Fernandez.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Fernandez; and we'll work down the
7 line again.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

9 Yes, I appreciate that. Arden-Arcade is about
10 95,000; Carmichael is 80,000; Vineyard is about 40,000.
11 And the issue then becomes we're still going to have
12 SSAC-STANIS -- we're going to have to bring something in.
13 We're going to have bring something of 40,000,
14 approximately, from somewhere -- shifting it all around.

15 And maybe the direction -- maybe we could give
16 Kennedy some direction to see if she can be creative and
17 think of ways where we could somehow bring Vineyard in,
18 and maybe we just leave it at that. Does that sound okay
19 with everyone?

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Does it sound even feasible, though?
21 Is it, at this point, based on everything --

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It --

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- we're hearing, does it sound
24 feasible that that -- is that even a realistic? I'm
25 posing the question.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: And I think I'm going to ask Kennedy
3 to try to chime in on that, whether it -- this is
4 something that -- because she's incredibly innovative,
5 incredibly smart, and if somebody can do it, certainly, I
6 know she can help us make this come into reality. So I'm
7 just asking whether it is something that is possible at
8 this point given the -- all of the constraints.

9 MS. WILSON: Honestly, unless you're willing to
10 split Stockton or you want some of this Gold Country to
11 be split up and put in with the South Sac/Stanislaus,
12 those would be the options.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: So if we're interested in doing this,
14 are we okay with splitting Stockton and the potential
15 Gold Country? So that's the question. In the past, we
16 haven't been okay with splitting Stockton.

17 There's quite a few people that have input here, so
18 Fernandez, then Andersen, Akutagawa. I don't know if
19 Turner had her hand up.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would be open to bringing
21 in some of the Gold Country. I don't know if I'm open to
22 splitting Stockton. That's my --

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: And I'll go to --

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- priority.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Commissioner Turner because she

1 has her hand up first, but -- and I missed her.

2 Commissioner Turner?

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, thank you. So what I was
4 initially going to say is that as we're considering
5 this -- just direction again -- wiggle room, I would love
6 to see Morada and Manteca in -- on the Stockton side.
7 And yes, I'd prefer not to split Stockton unless Kennedy
8 comes back and says something that we can support with a
9 COI, but I don't think we've seen anything that will
10 support that.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I still don't hear anybody that's
12 willing to split Stockton at this point, so I'll
13 continue. Let's go with Commissioner Akutagawa, and then
14 Andersen.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I do like the idea of
16 trying to find a way to, you know, make room for Vineyard
17 since it's a more urban/suburban area; and to be in a
18 very rural area, it's similar to a lot of the other
19 comments that I think just generally we've heard from
20 some of the other areas within -- especially the Central
21 Valley. I'm comfortable with splitting the Gold Country.
22 I will defer to Commissioner Turner in terms of her --
23 what she was saying about Stockton.

24 I also want to just note we heard recently a lot of
25 testimony about Manteca and Ripon staying together. So

1 if -- to Commissioner Turner's point, if Manteca were to
2 be brought in with Stockton, I would also like to see
3 Ripon also be brought in with Stockton as well to the
4 testimony said that either being in a Stockton or in a
5 Stanislaus district was okay with them, they just didn't
6 want to be in a (indiscernible) district, so I think
7 there's some room there, too. It's already in a
8 Stanislaus district, I know.

9 MS. WILSON: And if I may say something about that
10 is that do, you know, contiguity -- Lathrop is right
11 there as well, so it's a little difficult to take Manteca
12 alone --

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: All of it.

14 MS. WILSON: -- but not take Lathrop; and so that's
15 one thing about that.

16 And another thing just to add on to this Vineyard
17 issue. Like you said, it's 40,000 people, and these that
18 you're talking about swapping are a lot bigger, so then
19 that's going to lead to splitting those -- Arden-Arcade
20 or Carmichael.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Can we do that?

22 MS. WILSON: And if you would like, we could do it
23 right now, because this is a complicated switch, if
24 that's something you see now.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: At this point, what -- what is the

1 suggestion on the map from Kennedy?

2 MS. WILSON: Just to work on this area. I could
3 show you bringing in Vineyard, and then what that would
4 have to do to Arden-Arcade and Carmichael to bring in the
5 Gold Country.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I guess the question is how many
7 people are in the Gold Country? Because ultimately,
8 we're looking at 40,000 people. If we just base our
9 decisions on data, maybe that'll help us. So how many
10 people are in the Gold Country? Because there's not
11 40,000 people, and we're not willing to split Stockton,
12 then --

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So Amador is 42,000
14 people -- the whole county.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Right, the whole county.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Calaveras is 45,000
17 people. So I mean, even --

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: But --

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're willing to -- so Amador
21 County.

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I have another idea.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: You know, we were talking
25 about if we want to put Vineyard into SAC-ELKGROVE, we've

1 got to take 40,000 people, which means the -- out of West
2 Sac, which means that the green line has to drop south,
3 and that means then you want to take -- ultimately, we
4 could get -- Rancho Murieta has 5,000 people. And I
5 can't see what the city is right -- the right -- it
6 says -- yeah, right -- that first one, but we're going to
7 have to grab something out of -- well, that's Mather.
8 What's -- what is -- sorry. Yeah, can you go in and zoom
9 a little bit -- there -- so we can see what those -- is
10 it Rosemont, Rancho Cordova? Now you're talking serious
11 population, and grabbing that. (Indiscernible).

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: So because this is such an important
13 area, I think we just need to -- let's grab Vineyard --
14 let's just grab it.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: It's Mather or
16 (indiscernible), so.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's just grab it, and then let's
18 play it out and see what -- and grab the white -- the
19 area around it, the unincorporated areas -- the sections
20 in -- all right. And then so that would go into --

21 Commissioner Fernandez, where would you suggest to
22 go into?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, that would go into the
24 SAC-ELKGROVE.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're moving that with SAC-

1 ELKGROVE --

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- ELKGROVE.

4 MS. WILSON: So do I commit this change?

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Ahmad.

7 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Oh, my comment's further down,
8 so I think we should continue this first.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay, we'll continue down.

10 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. All right. So we are --
12 can you tell us where our deviation problems are at this
13 point, Kennedy, and we'll work through it?

14 MS. WILSON: Yes, so we have pretty balanced
15 deviation -- this (indiscernible) -- but South Sac/Stanis
16 is now at negative 11.55 percent and the SAC-ELKGROVE is
17 at a positive 11.11 percent. So you have negative eleven
18 and a positive eleven right above and below.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we have some deviation problems --
20 issues -- opportunities. So I want to hear some specific
21 direction on how to -- how to address these.

22 Kennedy, do you have any suggestions for us on how
23 to address these? Because you --

24 MS. WILSON: Well --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- you've played around with this --

1 not played; you've worked through this many, many times,
2 and you're very familiar with this area.

3 MS. WILSON: Well, based on the direction that you
4 were taking before, it would require moving this green
5 line down, which would also split other communities of
6 interest. So it's just choosing which communities of
7 interest you want to split, because it's either Vineyard,
8 and then you move down and you split Fruitridge and
9 Pocket and Lemon Hill from this Elk Grove as well.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: This is where the difficult decisions
11 are: which communities are we going to keep together?

12 MS. WILSON: And I would say going forward, it's
13 splitting this one, and then you'll also mostly likely
14 have to split Arden-Arcade and Carmichael somewhere, or
15 Rancho Cordova, or any of these up here. This one is
16 split, and then this one will have to be split as well to
17 bring in something from other --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you, Kennedy.

19 Let's go to Sara, Commissioner Sadhwani, and then
20 Commissioner Fernandez.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So the initial thought with
22 keeping Vineyard with them -- with the -- this district
23 and putting Arden-Arcade with Carmichael, and then
24 balancing out --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're doing a rotation. So

1 let's --

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- let's do the rotation. So
4 Arden -- it's Arden-Arcade would go with Carmichael?

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yep, in the PLACERSAC.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: In the --

7 MS. WILSON: But --

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- PLACERSAC.

9 MS. WILSON: -- we'll still have to deal with this
10 positive deviation.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, we'll have to deal with reducing
12 the population of this -- the SAC-ELKGROVE. And --

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And I mean, my initial
14 thought here was, in total, creating districts that are
15 more aligned with the -- these more urban areas of
16 Sacramento, and then creating districts that are more
17 rurally aligned further out and south, if that makes
18 sense.

19 MS. WILSON: In my --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: It makes sense.

21 MS. WILSON: Yeah. In my caution, just leaving this
22 here is creating a bubble, so if you can go and create
23 the next district before dealing with the population in
24 the SAC-ELKGROVE, it might lead to even more difficult
25 situations later.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: So if we want to move forward with
3 this, we would have to split -- I mean, we'd have to make
4 some cuts.

5 And so Commissioner Fernandez, where would the
6 cuts --

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- be proposed?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, Arden -- okay.
10 Arden-Arcade is like, 95,000, so that's going to --
11 it's -- my recommendation when we get to that point would
12 be to move Rosemont over to the other -- I can't see the
13 name of it. What's the district next to that?

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So move Rosemont to
16 there; that's going to get -- that's going to bring us up
17 probably to about a five percent --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- and then we'd have to
20 move the line down. And again, now we're --

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: You'd take Rancho Cordova.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- splitting up communities
23 of interest; so you're picking one over the other.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: So Commissioner Fernandez, before we
25 do that --

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- we probably should deal with the
3 bubble. We have eleven percent overpopulation in the
4 district --

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- below that, so let's deal with
7 that one. And then if we can't deal with that one, we
8 really can't do the rest, right? So --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So where's --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: So where we --

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- Fruitridge?

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- going to cut?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Where's Fruitridge,
14 Kennedy? Boulevard (sic).

15 MS. WILSON: One moment.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I know that's a -- we could
17 move some of those communities of interest north with
18 some of the other communities of interest that they have
19 ties with.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: If there are any other suggestions --

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But --

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- on where to cut, that'd be
23 helpful, too.

24 So Commissioner Fernandez, while you're thinking
25 about that --

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. No, yeah.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Go ahead and go think -- I want you
3 to think through this.

4 MS. WILSON: Here in the --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: And if there's other people who want
6 to -- Commissioner -- Kennedy, if you have any
7 suggestions on what to cut.

8 MS. WILSON: I was just going to point out here I am
9 following that Fruitridge line.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Fruitridge line.

11 Does that make sense Commissioner --

12 MS. WILSON: Oh, Fruitridge -- it's the Fruitridge
13 Road, but here's the line on the map.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: I mean, the Fruitridge -- Fruitridge
15 Road, thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Outlining can tell us the
17 population.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, can you highlight that area and
19 tell us how many people are in there?

20 MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: And then we can figure out whether it
22 makes sense.

23 (Pause)

24 MS. WILSON: So that's a bit roughly done, but it
25 leaves West Sac/Sac with a positive 12, but it solves the

1 SAC-ELKGROVE and gets it to a negative 2.29; and it cuts
2 right on the line of the Fruitridge Pocket area,
3 separating that from the Lemon Hill.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: So that is a no.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Which one? Fruitridge.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Fruitridge Pocket.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: We took too much out,
8 correct, Kennedy?

9 MS. WILSON: No, not necessarily. There -- it's --
10 you're at a negative two percent deviation from a
11 positive eleven, which is still in the five percent --

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, but I want to -- we
13 need to balance it -- wait.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Is the goal to push -- am I
15 understanding is we're pushing -- we're rotating
16 population up and around --

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yes, okay.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- so.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, maybe let's do that,
20 and then we can remove --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: But --

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- Rosemont out.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: And I want to ask Kennedy if that
24 makes sense to push population up and around? It'd be --

25 MS. WILSON: And around.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're rotating population. Does
2 that make sense? And is that possible?

3 MS. WILSON: I mean, so again, this will lead to you
4 moving it up to the West Sac/Sacramento, and then you'll
5 move it to the West Placer Sac, and then some of these
6 cities here in Sacramento County -- I don't know if you
7 want to move it to the ECA and then down to the CALA-
8 INYO, or somehow this is probably going to be merged in
9 here, and then that down -- pushed back down.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: So potentially, we would have a
11 compliant district. If we were to move this population
12 up, we would have a compliant district here with the --
13 which is the SAC-ELKGROVE district. The question is, is
14 this something we can live with?

15 Commissioner Fernandez.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: If we want to balance those
17 three districts out, each district will need to have
18 like, a positive three percent between -- or four --
19 between three and four percent. So if we move that
20 section out that we just highlighted, that's going to
21 ha -- that district will have a negative two, so it's
22 going to be too low to balance the rest of --

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: At this point, we're looking for
24 compliance; it's not optimal, but we're trying to get a
25 consensus here. Yeah, I know, we're all trying for --

1 we're all trying.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can we undo that and then
3 go -- maybe make the line a little bit higher?

4 Is that what you're talking about --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: She was trying to reduce the --

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- Commissioner Turner?

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- population.

8 So let's keep addition -- more questions -- more
9 feedback. So Commissioner Fornaciari, then Commissioner
10 Ahmad. Okay, Fornaciari is no. And then Ahmad, and then
11 Andersen.

12 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you.

13 I'm looking at COI testimony about this specific
14 area; it's entry ID 28685, and the map submission is
15 similar to what we have except it puts the pocket area
16 back in with SAC-ELKGROVE. So reducing the population
17 that we are trying to pull into West Sac/Sac and
18 hopefully helping with that balance piece.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's do that. Let's focus on
20 the Fairfield Pocket -- or not the Fairfield, I'm
21 thinking wrong -- part of the district -- the Fruitridge
22 Pocket and surrounding areas to get population that is
23 sufficient to meet the --

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: So when I say the pocket, I
25 meant, like --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, the Fruitridge --

2 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: The --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Pocket. Are you talking about
4 the -- the --

5 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: You know, the pocket off of the
6 freeway and the -- the river? Yeah.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's down there.

8 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Or like, that little part above
9 it. So the line that is in that COI testimony kind of
10 runs along -- almost along the 99, down, looping in
11 Fruitridge Pocket, all the way back up to West Sac/Sac.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I see a Fruitridge Pocket. I'm
13 not sure if we're talking about the same pocket or if
14 we're talking about a different pocket.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: There's a little pocket
16 of -- there's a little pocket on the river there; that's
17 also termed the Little Pocket or something like that, and
18 I think she's -- I think what Commissioner Akutagawa --
19 or Ahmad is saying is cut it on 99, not on -- I mean, on
20 5, not 99 and 5.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Doesn't look like there's a lot of
22 population there, but we can certainly -- so I'm thinking
23 direction from the -- I'm going to ask Commissioner
24 Fernandez to try to focus us on an area of population --

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- that's -- that meets our
2 requirements.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So I'm going to go --
4 Commissioner Ahmad, are we going on this journey of the
5 Little Pocket? See, I was thinking of more --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: I don't like journeys, but that's
7 okay.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. Well, and that's
9 why I was trying to just give Kennedy direction, because
10 this -- this is going to take quite a bit of time to
11 go -- to try to get the infor -- you know --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- move it.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- let's -- do you have a specific
15 area you want to -- you're speaking --

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Because I --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- you're centering your feedback on?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right, so I believe this
19 area -- it's too much of a population to move.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay, so let's reduce it.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So if we can get rid of
22 that. If we can go to Broadway. Yes. And if we can go
23 along Broadway, because if we go along Broadway, we will
24 still leave, I believe, Oak Park with the southern
25 community.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So if we can see what that
3 population looks like, please, Kennedy.

4 MS. WILSON: Okay. We have to move population the
5 other way. We have to move the line down.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right, but I want you to
8 move it east -- wait, hold on.

9 MS. WILSON: No, then the lower district will
10 increase.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, we're trying to move population
12 up, not down.

13 MS. WILSON: Yeah, she's going the wrong way.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's the --

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: That population is in a district --
17 it's already in the district above it, but.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But there's -- does it
19 become Stockton? Does Broadway become Stockton
20 Boulevard?

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you zoom in so we can see
22 Broadway?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, I'm trying to move
24 this up.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So we're trying to move

1 the vertical line, too.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Yeah, I'm not trying
3 to move opposite.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's --

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: See where Broadway -- you
6 see where it hooks down? There you go. Yes, that's what
7 I mean; that part, and then all the way -- yes.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's do --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And yeah.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's follow -- I believe that's
11 Stockton. Is that Broadway? Broadway?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, Broadway. Broadway --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's all above it.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- and then go up a little
15 bit on your cursor; there's Broadway right there, too.
16 Go down Broadway, and then go to your -- she went too
17 far. Go up a little. No.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you're going Broadway --

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Other side of Broadway,
20 please. Where the Med Center -- yes, yes, thank you.
21 That part move up, please. Thank you.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: While we're doing this, let's --

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, not that far down, just
24 to Broadway, please.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: It goes horizontally

1 there.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can you see where that --
3 bacon & butter?

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

5 MS. WILSON: So that would put SAC-ELKGROVE at still
6 a 10.13 percent.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right, but keep going all
8 the way, please.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I think --

10 MS. WILSON: Oh, okay.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- what I'm hearing at this point --

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and maybe we can give a general
14 direction here so she can -- so this can be done. So
15 this is, I believe --

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Kennedy, I mean, if you
17 could -- you had it right, but then go to the east. You
18 see where Broadway keeps continuing to the east?

19 Now she's taking it off.

20 There we go. Thank you so much. And maybe all the
21 way to 65th. Thank you.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: And until you get -- how much
23 population are we looking for here? Or where do you want
24 the deviation should be an acceptable level, so we need
25 to get it down.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Kennedy, if you follow it all
2 the way over to Power, please.

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Guys, a rule of thumb is think
4 about 5,000 people for every percent when we're talking
5 about Assemblies.

6 MS. WILSON: Now we are at 8.7.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we're trying to get it down to
8 something under five percent.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, go back.

10 MS. WILSON: Which way would you like me to continue
11 to follow?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Ahmad, please.

14 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Can I ask a question to you,
15 Commissioner Fernandez? Would it make sense to loop down
16 around Fruitridge Pocket, all the way down to Fruitridge
17 Road? So along -- what is that street? Broadway turns
18 into some other street going down -- straight down --
19 where -- right underneath Central Oak Park, passing
20 Christian Brothers High School, all the way down to
21 Fruitridge, and then along Fruitridge, and then back up
22 65th.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, on that side of it.

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, because I think --

1 that's great, because I believe that will still maintain
2 Oak Park and Lemon Hill. So you see where Stockton
3 Boulevard is, Kennedy? Yes. If we maybe try to capture
4 some there to Fruitridge. Or I don't --

5 Commissioner Turner?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, just a question for you.
7 Those schools that are there --

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- who are they servicing? I
10 mean, are we splitting the schools from the --

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Christian Brothers High
12 School is a private Catholic school --

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- so they kind of come
15 from everywhere.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And there's a school on the
17 other side, Hiram Johnson.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Hiram Johnson.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'm just thinking.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Hiram Johnson would service
21 the people -- the areas that we are now highlighting.

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: While we are in this area,
23 between 21st and 14th and that 65th and Power, that is
24 Colonial Manor.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: And these are the difficult decisions

1 we have to make where we may have to cut some
2 communities. And we are -- it's 5 o'clock, and we do
3 need to go to break, so right now let's just give general
4 direction to Kennedy to try to get to a deviation level
5 around this area, not going into Lemon Hill and what
6 other area, Commissioner Fernandez?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oak Park. I want to
8 keep --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oak Park.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- Oak Park.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And then if we need more --
13 if -- go to Power Inn, please. Thank you.

14 MS. WILSON: So just to clarify before we leave, I
15 can do that for when we go -- take this missing part
16 to -- fill this in from Power and Fruitridge -- fill this
17 in?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, please.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, please. And try to get us to a
20 deviation that's acceptable even if you have to go beyond
21 those, but yeah, try to focus in on that area. Thank
22 you.

23 So we are on break.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Can we give a direction to
25 go -- what to pull out?

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: We got to the acceptable deviation,
2 and we are on break. See you in a few.

3 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 5:01 p.m.
4 until 5:15 p.m.)

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
6 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We're continuing to
7 visualize in the San Die -- Sacramento area, and we
8 have -- we're looking at an area.

9 Kennedy, can you go through the area that we're
10 looking at?

11 MS. WILSON: Yes. So we are looking at a
12 highlighted area from Fruitridge Road up to the 50,
13 covering Colonial Village, Colonial Heights, Colonial
14 Manor, West Tahoe Park, up to the Med Center and Elmhurst
15 area around the Fruitridge -- at the Fruitridge Pocket
16 line. So this street turns into Stockton Boulevard here,
17 and Broadway, and that is our western border, and the --
18 went to Power Inn Road to get a population of 30,330
19 people, putting our visualization at a 4.97 percent
20 deviation.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Let's go around.
22 Commissioner Fernandez.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I would actually not
24 recommend doing this and just going back. And I
25 appreciate going on this journey, but I believe we're

1 splitting up other communities by doing this --
2 communities of interest -- and again, I would like to
3 address this in the Senate and the Congressional
4 districts. Thank you.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: So this is an area that is very
6 uncomfortable, because I mean, we're splitting
7 communities, right, and that's why we started this
8 journey recognizing that we were going to have to split
9 journeys if we went on this journey -- split communities
10 if we went on this journey.

11 Commissioner Akutagawa.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Sorry. I do agree.
13 I mean, we are splitting -- there are some -- I've
14 noticed there was one -- I think it was some from Rancho
15 Cordova that noted some -- I guess, some potential
16 changes that could keep Elk Ridge and -- or Elk Grove
17 and -- and Vineyard whole, and then also, I guess,
18 potentially keeping some of the Black communities in --
19 in Sacramento together. Obviously, it also keeps Rancho
20 Cordova whole, which, I believe it is now, but I thought
21 I'd just point that out that there does seem to be some
22 ways I think it's just how much are we willing to do
23 and perhaps could we just as -- had been suggested
24 earlier, instruct Kennedy to perhaps look at some of
25 these options to see if there's a way to satisfy as many

1 as we can without breaking up the COIs that I think we're
2 doing right now.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: So Kennedy and the mapping team have
4 been very clear that the only way to do -- to add
5 Vineyard is to break up communities, and that's -- and so
6 if we're going to break up communities, we have to have a
7 general consensus around what we're -- what -- prioritize
8 what communities we're going to break up, and that's what
9 we're doing now.

10 So Commissioner Turner.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair.

12 I am in agreement with Commissioner Fernandez that I
13 don't think the tradeoff is what I'd like to see.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So Commissioner Turner --
15 Commissioner Sinay.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm in agreement as well
17 because these are smaller communities and we're breaking
18 them apart from each other to get -- you know, together
19 you're stronger. And Vineyard's already a larger
20 community, you know, so I would rather keep Vineyard out
21 all together and these communities together with their
22 other neighbors.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Has anyone not put -- anyone
24 want to keep -- anyone have opposite opinion on this or a
25 different -- differing opinion, I should say? Because

1 if --

2 Commissioner Akutagawa.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I know, I guess I
4 just have to ask, I mean, I know that -- I know that
5 Kennedy said that without splitting cities, but in doing
6 so, would it keep more rural communities with rural
7 communities and not stick, you know, an urban/suburban,
8 you know, city with very rural agricultural regions? I
9 mean, you know, it is going to disenfranchise a
10 community, and I don't know if that's something that
11 everybody's comfortable with.

12 MS. WILSON: To me, you would just be splitting --
13 it's if you're not splitting that one it's another one
14 that you're splitting, so I'm not necessarily sure what
15 the answer is, but it's just -- if it's not splitting
16 this one, it's splitting a different one.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, I think it goes back to
18 Commissioner Andersen's point. There are significant --
19 this is a very dense population with a lot of different
20 communities, a lot of COIs, and it -- any split here is
21 going to split communities, and so we have to be
22 comfortable with the splits that we make, and we have to
23 have general consensus. And so it doesn't sound like
24 we're comfortable with this one is what I'm hearing.

25 Commissioner Fernandez.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think -- correct me if
2 I'm wrong, Commissioner Akutagawa. Were you referring to
3 the district below in terms of if we kept Vineyard with
4 the dis -- with the communities below? Was that what you
5 were referring to?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So and I think there
8 are some major -- I think -- wasn't Manteca in there?
9 There were some other major -- and I call it major
10 because I'm from a town of 1,000, so anything over 1,000
11 is major to me -- but I believe there are some other --
12 there are some rural communities, but there's also a few
13 other larger communities.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Are they more --

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And Kennedy, correct me if
16 I'm wrong, but it's the -- I can't remember -- it's the
17 Stanis.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So --

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- I guess the question I'm going to
21 have is -- and Kennedy, can you go -- is there a way to
22 layer the district map that Commissioner Fornaciari had
23 in place? Is there a way to see what the layering looks
24 like?

25 MS. WILSON: One moment. This is the iteration with

1 Commissioner Fornaciari's map.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: The previous without the Arden-Arcade
3 change?

4 MS. WILSON: Oh, yes. One moment.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

6 MS. WILSON: I'm sorry, the Arden-Arcade change?

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, I thought we added -- okay. So
8 if that's the case -- that's right, because we didn't
9 want to move -- we didn't want to do it without figuring
10 out whether the -- we were comfortable splitting up this
11 area. So it sounds like we're not comfortable splitting
12 up this area, and we will be not accepting this change.
13 It sounds like we are comfortable with this district as
14 is, and we're going to put Vineyard back into the
15 district from which it came.

16 MS. WILSON: The switch has been changed back.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we still are at -- within an
18 acceptable deviation. Are we comfortable with the -- we
19 are comfortable with the first district and our -- can
20 live with the first district, we're living with the SAC-
21 ELKGROVE district.

22 And then let's move on to the next district, which
23 is the Sac/Stanslaus. And let's just make sure that we
24 are all in consensus with this map. So we need to work
25 through this map.

1 And Commissioner Turner has -- Commissioner Turner
2 and Commissioner Andersen.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

4 Kennedy, can I see -- can you drill down on the line
5 Morada/August/Garden Acres? And for the areas of
6 August/Garden Acres and maybe even Morada, I'd like to
7 know the population to know if it made sense to leave
8 that in the Stockton area.

9 MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment. So all three of them
10 together are a population of 24,214; it takes SAC-
11 STANISLAUS to a negative 7.34; and then without Morada,
12 it's at a negative 6.52.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And if you reverse it, add
14 Morada?

15 MS. WILSON: Not the others?

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Just wondering.

17 MS. WILSON: And that is a population of 4,061, and
18 Stockton is at a negative 0.04 percent; South Sac/Stanis
19 is at a negative 3.26 percent.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: If you add back in August?

21 MS. WILSON: And that puts South Sac/Stanis at
22 negative 5.02 percent.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And then what is -- what is
24 the area underneath to the -- underneath, Kennedy,
25 that -- what is that? That part --

1 MS. WILSON: I was --

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- sticking out?

3 MS. WILSON: That's Stock -- the city of Stockton.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: The Taft Mosswood, that little
5 corner right there is -- that's Stockton?

6 MS. WILSON: Taft Mosswood is either a CDP or a city
7 within Stockton. So the city of --

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: All right.

9 MS. WILSON: -- Stockton kind of goes -- it goes
10 around these other cities in there as well, so --

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

12 MS. WILSON: -- these are sticking out in Stockton
13 here.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And then to the bottom, going
15 down towards Lathrop --

16 MS. WILSON: There's --

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- is there any --

18 MS. WILSON: French Camp.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. And that line just
20 follows Manteca city line?

21 MS. WILSON: Yes, correct. Manteca and Lathrop city
22 line here.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Hm. Thank you.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Are any of these changes -- are you
25 interested in making any of these changes, Commissioner

1 Turner?

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No, it would be just
3 arbitrary; we can keep talking. I need to find it and
4 see if there's COI testimony instead of just personal
5 thought.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you.

7 At this point, let's hear from Commissioner
8 Andersen, Commissioner Fernandez, our -- and it's really
9 about whether we can live with this district at this
10 point. Commissioner Andersen and Fernandez.

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I thought we were working on
12 the north, and so I was going to go back there.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're just -- we're going around,
14 so we're just solidifying to make sure that we're okay
15 with these districts, and then we'll be going back north.
16 Are you okay with --

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- this district?

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, it depends on what is
20 happening on the one below it, which is our -- a VRA
21 district, correct? Yeah.

22 MS. WILSON: This one is not. The Stanislaus is not
23 the VRA, but the one below that is.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Yeah, and that's -- but
25 that's probably going to change a little bit? Our

1 Merced, Fresno, Manteca?

2 MS. WILSON: Not very -- I can -- I had the -- I
3 have options of how I change to try to bump it just a
4 little, but I can show you, but it does not make an
5 impact that would change this district.

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Yeah, I would like to
7 see that, but we'll follow the (indiscernible).

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Is everyone comfortable with this
9 district as is for now?

10 And Commissioner Fernandez.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Yeah, can I just --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Of course.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Kennedy, can you zoom out a
14 little, please? I want to see the district to the -- and
15 Commissioner Fornaciari, this did not change at all from
16 the draft maps? Did this one change from our draft maps?

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Which one are we looking
18 at? (Indiscernible).

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: The SSAC-STANIS.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh, no, that didn't
21 change, neither did Stockton, neither did Stanislaus.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So the only thing -- the --
23 actually the only change we made was bring Amador in,
24 right?

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No?

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: We brought CALA-INYO --
3 yesterday when we were working on figuring out what to do
4 with Inyo and Mono and Alpine, we moved Amador into CALA-
5 INYO and this is the same --

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- as it was --

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So --

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- when we finished up
10 yesterday.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: All right.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate that.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I was just looking at
14 some of the input and for San Joaquin it was -- yeah, I
15 think I'm good. Thank you.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Kennedy.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

18 This is nothing to be done immediately, just a
19 reminder to the mapping team, it would be, I think, very
20 helpful to check spheres of influence --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- before we finalize lines
23 because if we don't -- for example, I've just looked at
24 Manteca's sphere of influence and there's a whole list of
25 parcels that the city has indicated might be subject to

1 annexation within the next ten to twenty years, and I
2 would like us to at least consider those before we
3 finalize lines to the extent possible. Thank you.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can we see Manteca? Okay.

5 Any other comments? And that's something that,
6 Kennedy, if you could -- do offline, just make sure that
7 the -- the surrounding spheres of influence get -- are
8 considered, and when possible, included.

9 All right. Let's see. We have general consensus on
10 this district for now, so let's move up back to
11 Sacramento and finish up Sacramento, and then we'll go
12 north.

13 And we are at 5:30. So I would like to open up the
14 lines so that the public can get in the queue for
15 testimony. We will be keeping the lines open until 6
16 o'clock. I don't anticipate we'll accept -- or we'll
17 start taking public input until after we're done line
18 drawing later this evening, but I'm giving the public an
19 opportunity to get into the queue and to give comment on
20 the work that we're doing today and the maps as they're
21 drawn at this point.

22 So Katy, would you please read the instructions on
23 how to get into the queue? And remember, the --
24 they're -- it'll be -- the phone lines will be open
25 through 6 o'clock.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair. One
2 moment. Get my instructions wider here. Alrighty. In
3 order to maximize transparency and public participation
4 in our process, the commissioners will be taking public
5 comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number
6 provided on the livestream feed, it is 877-853-5247.

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8 provided on the livestream feed, it is 88465429407 for
9 this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID,
10 simply press the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you
11 will be placed in a queue. To indicate you wish to
12 comment, please press star nine, this will raise your
13 hand for the moderator.

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

20 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
21 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
22 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
23 when it is your turn to speak; and again, please turn
24 down the livestream volume. And as the Chair said, the
25 queue will be open until 6 o'clock, and we will be taking

1 hands. Now, back to you, Chair.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much, Katy.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. We'll continue
5 visualizing. Let's go up to Sacramento. There's another
6 portion of Sacramento that we need to -- another district
7 that hasn't been resolved yet. Do we have -- oh, the --
8 we're still looking through the Roseville district. So I
9 didn't hear consensus on Roseville, and so wanted to hear
10 from the commissioners who had differing opinion here,
11 and so it's the question is whether to keep Roseville
12 whole.

13 Commissioner Fernandez, I believe you raised that as
14 a request.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, I would like to keep
16 Roseville whole, and I do understand we do have to do a
17 roundabout way trying to get there, but if possible, I
18 would see if Kennedy can come up with something. I don't
19 really -- we don't need to do it now.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: So Kennedy, can you explain -- can
21 you give us the impact of what it would take to get
22 Roseville -- and what communities we'll have to split?
23 Because it's really about splitting communities -- which
24 communities we would have to split in order to get
25 Roseville whole.

1 MS. WILSON: So I just highlighted the area that is
2 split, it is 20,844 people. Taking this into ECA puts it
3 at a 0.9 percent, and the Sutter/Yuba/Butte area to a --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Negative five.

5 MS. WILSON: -- negative five. So it's not too far
6 under, but there's not many options as far as -- I
7 don't -- we haven't gone over where splits might occur in
8 these counties, but there's only so much from the Nevada,
9 Sierra, Plumas, Lassen, Shasta areas that can go into
10 this district. So we can look at some of the options,
11 which, you know, maybe you move some of this north, and
12 then take some of this in. I'm not entire -- "this" as
13 in some of Nevada County, and move some of Placer County
14 north, and then take from, possibly, Nevada County. It's
15 not too big of a population, but you will have to split
16 somewhere; some county takes something in to get that.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: And so we'll need to figure out what
18 we need to split because -- before we give general
19 direction here.

20 So let's see. Commissioner Andersen, and then
21 Commissioner Kennedy.

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. On that,
23 I'd say take Glenn and put it in there. I think that's
24 about the same. I don't know what the population is for
25 Roseville.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: So the suggestion is to look at
2 Glenn?

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. Do we know what the
4 population is of that little red chunk?

5 MS. WILSON: Yes, it is 20,844.

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: And Glenn is --

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's 29,000, approximately.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. So what would be the impact
9 of -- of doing that swap, Kennedy?

10 MS. WILSON: I can make the swap easily right now.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's do it.

12 MS. WILSON: Okay. So I'm going to take -- put in
13 this part of Roseville, and then I will take in the
14 county of Glenn, and that would put Sutter -- this Butte,
15 Sutter, Yuba at 0.56 percent, and then LAKENAPA then goes
16 to a negative 3.94 percent.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: I hear consensus to move forward with
18 this.

19 MS. WILSON: Okay. I will make that change for --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: So at this point -- all right, let's
21 make the change.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Chair, can I just ask a
23 question?

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Absolutely, Commissioner Akutagawa.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, so I know you've just

1 made this change, but I'm just trying to understand why
2 keeping Roseville whole -- and then I think Glenn and
3 Colusa asked to be kept together. Is there a benefit to
4 it?

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: There are communities that we're
6 going to have -- it goes back to the question of -- at
7 this point, we're having to make difficult decisions, and
8 we're having to prioritize certain communities over
9 others, and we're making difficult decisions, so if the
10 Commission -- and this can be undone -- but if we're --
11 we have to make a difficult decision, and the decision
12 here is splitting a COI -- the one COI is the
13 Glenn/Colusa COI, the other is keeping the Roseville area
14 whole. So let's get comments on this and see if there is
15 general consensus on this change.

16 Commissioner Andersen, you have your hand raised.

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, I do. Because remember,
18 this is all based on keeping CAL-INYO (sic) in that form,
19 and throwing, you know, Mono, Inyo, Alpine up to
20 Siskiyou. And I did not -- you know, did we have
21 consensus on that? Because if we don't, we're going to
22 need to mess with this population to fix it, and I really
23 thought we should say yes or no on that. And I, for one
24 like I don't think that's going to fly, let's just put it
25 that way, when the public hears about this. We'll get a

1 lot of comment because that's not -- there's only one
2 comment about the Mono -- or a couple -- Mono, Inyo,
3 Alpine as in just stay with 395 on the ridge, because
4 everything that came -- most of the stuff we got from
5 Mono County itself was those three counties and part of
6 Gold Country.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's what they -- that's
9 what they have more in common.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: So I just want to bring that
12 up now and --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: I appreciate that, Commissioner
14 Andersen.

15 Commissioner Fornaciari.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I guess I look at it
17 differently. Based on the conversation we were having
18 yesterday about it, that, you know, the thought was to
19 keep it with mountainous communities, and I think that's
20 what we've done. It's going to be a long way from
21 wherever they are to wherever their representative is
22 regardless, so.

23 With regard to the Glenn move, you know, we've heard
24 from the valley here -- the agricultural counties --
25 Tehama, Glenn, Colusa, Butte, Yuba, Sutter -- wanted to

1 all be together. You know, I think this move achieves as
2 much of that as we can in the Assembly at this point, so
3 I think this will be a good -- would be a good move.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So we have -- at this point,
5 any other comments? I'm looking for general consensus on
6 whether to accept the -- this change, because we can
7 always reverse it. And I'm looking in the room, I see
8 general consensus in the room, I see -- and so I'm
9 looking at -- Commissioner Akutagawa, you have your hand
10 raised.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I think just for the
12 sake of the public as well as myself I just want to ask.
13 So I do agree with Commissioner Fornaciari on what he
14 created. Is that the map that we're actually looking at
15 right now? Because I -- it doesn't look like it, and so
16 I just want to be clear about that.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: It is the map that -- with some
18 changes that have been made in Sacramento.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. But I see a split
20 between -- okay. Okay, I get it. All right. It was
21 that split between where Amador is, that's what was
22 confusing me. I thought that that was included in it,
23 but okay. Okay. No, this is fine. Thank you.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: No worries. Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I appreciate the

1 explanation, because I think that's what the public has
2 also been asking about in terms of some of the moves that
3 we've made, so thank you.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we have to make difficult
5 decisions, that's where -- because if we don't make these
6 decisions, we won't be able to get through the map.

7 Commissioner Taylor.

8 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. You know, again,
9 we serve a purpose by seeing what the possibilities are.
10 I like Commissioner Fornaciari's -- I did in theory, but
11 I'm still wrestling with how large of a district that is,
12 and I'm eager to hear what the public has to say about
13 it.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: This is the -- you're speaking of the
15 mountainous district along Inyo to the Oregon border,
16 essentially?

17 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Correct. I'm sorry if I
18 wasn't specific.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: No, no, I'm just trying to -- because
20 we're also looking at this other district, so I -- both
21 are connected, so it makes sense.

22 All right. At this point, we have general consensus
23 on this district right there. The Napa region is still
24 within acceptable deviations if I -- Kennedy, is that
25 correct?

1 MS. WILSON: Yes, the LAKENAPA is now at a negative
2 3.94 percent; it is an acceptable deviation.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's deal with the
4 mountainous district at this point, which is the
5 corner -- far north corner of Northern California. So we
6 have a mountainous district that goes from Modoc County,
7 all the way in Siskiyou, all the way down to Inyo; and
8 this follows some COI; it also disrupts some COI, and
9 ever -- and of course there's -- so I want to have
10 discussion on that and have -- figure out the direction
11 for the map drawers.

12 So Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Andersen,
13 Commissioner Sinay.

14 Commissioner Taylor.

15 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. Again, I think my
16 statement applies. I'm eager to -- i's so large, I
17 wonder if this challenges the -- you know, our criteria
18 5. Yes, it is criteria 5, but I'm wondering how it
19 addresses compactness. Thank you.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's -- and let's hear from our
21 council on it. So if we have council on in terms of
22 compactness. And in the meantime, let's continue with
23 COI -- or not with COI, but with testimony, so
24 Andersen -- and while we get council on the line.

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: My perspective is exactly what

1 Commissioner Taylor said: Mountainous region except for
2 we're only taking half-mountain at Inyo, Mono, and
3 Alpine. You know, the Gold Country is certainly
4 mountainous region; it's -- you know, it's -- there's
5 a -- now there's a little bit in the, you know, the
6 Fresno and the Madera and the -- even a bit of Mariposa,
7 which is flat, but they're the same mountain, it's just
8 the other side. So I think we are going to have an issue
9 with compactness.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

11 We're waiting on council to join us. Let's see. So
12 I'd like to take a look at the southern portions of this
13 district, Inyo and Kennedy, can you walk us through it?
14 And while you're -- actually, let's have Mr. Carson --
15 sorry -- Mr. Larson. It's the end of the day.

16 Mr. Larson, speak to us about compactness and
17 whether this district meets the criteria for compactness
18 or whether there are changes that he would recommend.

19 MR. LARSON: It's okay. So I know it's a -- not
20 just a long day, but a long week already.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Weeks.

22 MR. LARSON: Weeks -- several weeks. That's right.

23 Any district you have out here is going to be
24 massive, and so that obviously decreases the concerns
25 over -- over compactness. As long as you have other

1 bases to justify these lines, which you do, then, you
2 know, I would be comfortable with this in terms of
3 compactness despite its massive size just because of the
4 way the population is spread out in that area.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: And the goal being to -- at this
6 point, the way I hear it and the way I've seen it, is
7 that we're connecting mountainous communities together --
8 or rural mountainous communities have -- that are
9 connected together from -- in terms of their issues and
10 have similar issues in terms of transportation, even
11 broadband, all sorts of concerns that are united.

12 Let's hear from Commissioner Sinay, Fernandez, and
13 Turner.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, I'm -- you know, I see
15 both sides on this one. The main reason we did it,
16 though -- I want to bring us back to it -- was if we
17 didn't do all mountain, then we had to go into the
18 valleys, and everyone was complaining that we were doing
19 foothills mixed with mountains; there might -- there
20 might be some in between. And you know, I keep going
21 back to thinking through what's going to help for forest
22 management and fire management, because the -- these are
23 the regions that are hit the most with that, and this
24 might work even though we know that the forest -- that
25 the fires go on both sides of the mountain, not just the

1 east side of it.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate it.

3 Commissioner Fernandez.

4 And let's also remember that COIs are ranked above
5 compactness, so compactness -- in here we're linking
6 COIs, and compactness is a lower-ranking criteria.

7 So Fernandez.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: And then Turner.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Yesterday when
11 I brought this up that I wanted to work with this
12 mountainous area, and I didn't limit it to the east
13 ridge, and then the next person that talked got to limit
14 it to the east ridge. Mountains, foothills, they deal
15 with the same issues. I just feel that, as Mr. Larson
16 said, as long as you have a basis to justify -- I think
17 we're leaving half the mountain out in some of the
18 counties. And maybe it's because we don't want to break
19 up the counties in terms of Tulare, Fresno, Madera,
20 Mariposa, and Tuolumne, but in my opinion, I think if
21 we're going to say it's a mountainous district, we need
22 to include the entire mountain, not just the east. And I
23 realize there's transportations going from east to west,
24 but I just feel that we need to be consistent.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

1 Let's hear Commissioner Turner, and then Andersen.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. So we've had legal
3 to weigh in now. I was just going to say that I thought
4 we'd already had this conversation and it was the COI
5 testimony -- testimony that was ranking above
6 compactness. And that's what he said, so I just wanted
7 to name that the distance, I think, is what has been kind
8 of set based on the geography. And I was thinking that
9 it was going to be the full mountain, but I'm good with
10 this.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: And the criteria here that I'm using,
12 at least to move us forward, is can we live with this
13 district? And if you can't, please let us know what the
14 issue that you can't live with is.

15 Commissioner Andersen.

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yeah, I appreciate
17 what people are saying and -- but we are going against
18 COI by just -- by separating Inyo, Alpine, and Mono from
19 the other side of the mountain; because they did mention
20 that side of the mountain, and I thought that's where we
21 were going. And we can do this -- sorry. We can do this
22 with CAL-INYO, the NORCAL, and the Sutter Sierra,
23 whatever it is. Those are three districts we have right
24 here, and rearranging within those three districts, we
25 could, you know, cut a little short so we have, you know,

1 Inyo and the -- this Gold Country -- that area, and then
2 the one further north -- grab a little bit of population
3 out of the Sutter -- you know, Sutter -- that one,
4 essentially. I can't -- I'm not sure what hat would be.
5 We could do that.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: At this point -- Commissioner
7 Andersen, at this point we have COI that conflicts with
8 other COIs like on -- in every aspect of the state, and
9 so at this point, we're having to prioritize. So is this
10 a district that you can live with, or is this a district
11 you'd like to modify?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would like to modify it.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: And to modify it so that it
14 incorporates the other side of the mountain in the lower
15 region is your --

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Correct.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Correct.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's keep hearing from others and
20 see what others are thinking at this point.

21 Commissioner Kennedy.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Just a
23 couple thoughts on this. When I initially proposed going
24 up the eastern -- up the ridge and including the eastern
25 side -- Inyo, Mono, Alpine, and then what I had said was

1 going up just as far as, you know, Truckee, or at most,
2 Sierra County, and dipping down towards Sacramento for
3 population. What I see very clearly now is that that
4 kind of presents us with the choice between respecting,
5 as Commissioner Fornaciari said, that kind of northern
6 Sacramento Valley district with Tehama, Butte, Sutter,
7 Yuba, Colusa, or not. And so again, we're faced with
8 this choice between this community of interest that
9 has expressed itself, and the other one. So I'm not
10 sure I feel terribly strongly about either option. I
11 mean, it -- we're -- it's a difficult choice.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's a difficult choice and both are
13 legitimate COIs. All of these are legitimate COIs.

14 At this point, we'll have Mr. Larson. Your hand is
15 raised, Mr. Larson.

16 MR. LARSON: Yeah, I just wanted to unmute there. I
17 was just -- I was going to make a point similar to one
18 that Commissioner Kennedy just made, which is, you know,
19 not only would -- not only do you have COI data -- COI
20 input in that district at issue -- when you're talking
21 about compactness, but keep in mind, too, there's COI
22 input that was involved in all of the neighboring
23 districts and reasons why those were drawn the way they
24 were. So that further, you know, adds comfort to, you
25 know, the -- the priorities that were given in drawing

1 that district.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

3 Commissioner Akutagawa.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I just wanted to, I
5 guess, just say in terms of the kind of Sierra -- kind of
6 Inyo, Mono, Alpine at the very least, district, I think
7 the issue is not so much it being all mountain, but how
8 impassible that mountain is during the wintertime, and
9 also the lack of representation that particularly those
10 areas feel they have from their representatives when it's
11 combined with the entirety of, you know, the other
12 counties that basically, you know, include the valley
13 floor. So for what it's worth, that is something that I
14 wanted to say.

15 Also, we did talk yesterday, you know, along the
16 lines of going up the mountains, maybe taking in up to
17 Truckee. Some COI testimony also did speak to, you know,
18 making that left turn into the more populous areas of
19 Sacramento, and including, you know, again, some of the
20 more suburban/urban areas of Sacramento County, and yet
21 there was also some discomfort with that, or at least
22 that was my interpretation with including some of
23 those cities in a more mountainous region, yet I think I
24 want to go back to, you know, what has been said, that
25 these are hard decisions that need to be made and that we

1 can't satisfy everybody.

2 I kind of see it as akin to the conversation that we
3 had about Vineyard and how that's not necessarily, you
4 know, the best fit, but there's perhaps a case to be
5 made. Perhaps the same thing could be said also about,
6 you know, if we need to -- if there's a discomfort with
7 how big this district is, you know, making that left turn
8 and going in and you know, including some of the more
9 kind of urban/rural areas of Sacramento County.

10 At the same time, I do also want to say, you know, I
11 think -- Commissioner Fornaciari, I think he -- I could
12 support what he has done. I think it at least keeps some
13 of the more mountainous as well as the more rural
14 agricultural areas of the far north together, too, even
15 though it is a very large district.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Ms. -- Commissioner
17 Akutagawa.

18 Commissioner Fornaciari, then Commissioner Yee.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I just wanted to say
20 I want to hear specifically what Commissioner Andersen's
21 suggestion was going to be, when we get a chance.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's hear from Commissioner Yee,
23 then we'll go to Commissioner Andersen so she can
24 formulate her thoughts.

25 Commissioner Yee.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, this is no, you know, easy,
2 happy solution here. I mean, the current districts Inyo
3 and Mono are split; you know, they both go way into the
4 valley. That was the complaint I remember hearing the
5 most from COI testimony, that the representatives always
6 came from the west side of the mountains. So we're
7 changing this drastically to make sure that doesn't --
8 that can't happen, you know, and it may be a
9 representative from hundreds of miles away, and that's a
10 different problem. I feel for anyone who's that far away
11 from their rep the same way that I feel for someone who's
12 across an impassable mountain from their rep, so it's a
13 hard choice. I'm willing to -- I'm willing to go with
14 this simply because I don't see a lot of options.

15 I don't remember -- maybe I missed that -- I don't
16 remember COI testimony trying to keep both sides of the
17 mountains together. The whole point of so much of the
18 COI testimony I remember is that they were impassable,
19 especially in the winter; barely passable in the summer,
20 and so -- or passable only small in number of places in
21 the summer. So that was the challenge. And if we start
22 picking up, trying to rejoin western side of the
23 mountains with the eastern side, we are going to start
24 changing all the work we did in the Central Valley very
25 quickly. And I don't -- you know, there may -- I don't

1 know, it seems like a wild goose chase to try to do that
2 at this point.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Yee. You
4 actually -- I'm testing out a new process, it's one
5 minute per commissioner, and you hit it right on time.
6 My alarm hit right on the minute mark. Awesome.

7 So we're going to continue with the one-minute rule,
8 so one minute per commissioner. Commissioner Sadhwani,
9 and then we'll go to Commissioner Kennedy.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay, one minute. I know I
11 wasn't here yesterday, but was the Roseville piece
12 explored? That seems to make a little more sense to me.
13 This district, it's just extraordinarily long. The -- my
14 understanding of the testimony, as others have raised, is
15 that Inyo/Mono have been put with the Central Valley and
16 didn't like it; they're looking for better
17 representation. And I want to -- I just want to hear
18 more about why the Roseville piece wasn't working for
19 folks before we completely dismiss that.

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

22 Thank you, Kristian.

23 Let's see. We have Commissioner Kennedy, and then
24 we're going to go to Fernandez.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I just

1 want to acknowledge two things. One, we're going to --
2 if we stick with this, we end up shifting from a
3 representative from the other side of the mountains to,
4 very plausibly, a representative from Redding. So you
5 know, is that something that makes any sort of sense?

6 Second of all, as I've said before, we are not in
7 charge of how many offices any legislator has and
8 where --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- they are. They have the
11 flexibility to establish multiple offices within their
12 district, and I would think that sufficient popular
13 pressure on them to establish local offices should --

14 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- be adequate to make sure
16 that those offices appear and function. Thank you.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

18 Commissioner Fernandez.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you. I just
20 wanted to respond to the Roseville piece of it. The
21 purpose of this -- or the reasoning behind this district
22 was it was going to be a mountainous district. Roseville
23 is not a mountain, it's not -- it's a suburb of
24 Sacramento, and if it's -- and it would -- oh, I'm just
25 going to stop there.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I guess I'll just say at
3 least one person disagrees and calls Rocklin, Roseville,
4 Auburn, Placerville, and Folsom are part of the, I guess,
5 the High Sierra community and that they share the history
6 of the Sierras.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa,
8 for the COI testimony.

9 Commissioner Andersen.

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, we have -- but did
11 Commissioner Turner get called on?

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: She just had -- she's -- no, she --
13 she's not -- she doesn't have her hand raised at this
14 point, it's just on the screen.

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, okay. Yes, I was going to
16 address what Commissioner Fornaciari said -- you know,
17 what was Commissioner Andersen's idea? And also, though,
18 if you look at most of Sierra testimony from this area,
19 they almost all say Mono, Inyo, Alpine, Amador,
20 Calaveras, Tuolumne, and Mariposa. And then the reason
21 why they don't want to be where they were is because they
22 were with Fresno and Bakersfield, and you can't get --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- there unless you drive
25 around. I'd like to go ahead and give my idea if you

1 want to hear it.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's hear your idea; so we'll give
3 you another minute.

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Go -- is it the -- Nor Cal --
5 the Inyo, Mono, Alpine fits with the CAL-INYO if you
6 delete Amador. Amador would then go into -- what's it --
7 I don't know what the one north is. And then those you
8 could actually -- if you add Glenn to -- Colusa to
9 Glenn -- that area -- sorry, can you go further north so
10 I can finish the idea?

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: And then the Nor Cal, if you
13 add Sierra and all of Sierra, all of Nevada, and parts of
14 Placer -- or -- and/or El Dorado, it'd be a trade.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
16 That was impressive.

17 Commissioner Sadhwani.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I guess I'd be curious
19 to see more of that trade. My understanding in it being
20 a mountainous region, I thought it was to go --
21 potentially to go all the way up to Lake Tahoe, because
22 what I thought as -- in my mind was, yes, mountainous,
23 but in particular, recreational. And I don't see Lassen
24 and Siskiyou as beautiful areas, but I think of it as
25 more as like, agricultural ranching as opposed to, you

1 know, areas where people are going for recreation. So
2 I'd be curious to explore this more or to have Kennedy
3 work on it offline. I actually think we've had
4 visualizations of this differently in the past. I don't
5 know what the full impact of the --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- map would be, but the --
8 the --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner --

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- the --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Sadhwani.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- the -- you know, Inyo to
13 the Oregon border, it doesn't sit well with me.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay, Commissioner Sadhwani.

15 Commissioner Fornaciari.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I just want to be
17 clear. You're suggesting to put Inyo, Mono, and Alpine
18 in CALA-INYO?

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen, can you --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- please respond?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, basically do what we
23 had before. And the bugaboo here is the -- of course
24 with Fresno and Madera, which is why people have all
25 these issues, but we're stuck with it. So --

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So hang on.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- proposed in --

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Hang on. Okay. I just
4 want to be crystal clear. You're proposing to put it
5 back so that they're the main hub of where these three
6 counites are going to be represented is Fresno?

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's a tradeoff, right?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Unfortunately, yes.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: So it's either --

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Okay. I mean,
11 because this was a whole conversation we had yesterday
12 get -- to get away from that, and I --

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well --

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- I just want to make --

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- sure we're clear that
17 we're going back. I mean, I -- look, I only tried to
18 adapt this into the north to find a compromise because
19 there was feelings that we couldn't live with it, you
20 know, being centered in Fresno. And I'm fine with that,
21 putting it back where it is, I just want to make sure
22 we're all crystal clear that that's the proposal.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, that is an issue, but
24 I don't see if, you know, we could just leave it like
25 this and see what the public has to say --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen, thank you.

2 MS. WILSON: -- and don't switch it.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's go back to the --

4 Commissioner Fornaciari, did you have -- wrap up your
5 thought there?

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No, no, no, I just -- I'm
7 fine with what Commissioner Andersen is proposing. I
8 just want to make sure we all understood what that meant,
9 okay? That's all.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. So because we did have
11 visualization with the the visualization and actually the
12 draft maps had the proposed district that Commissioner
13 Andersen has suggested. So let's go to Commissioner
14 Akutagawa, Commissioner Turner; remember, one minute.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I guess I'm a little
16 perplexed, too, because I think, Commissioner Andersen,
17 you and I both heard the concerns about a seat being
18 centered around the valley floor, and you know --
19 anyways, going --

20 Commissioner Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: You're not muted.

23 Okay. Do I get more time?

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Continue. Yes, you get more time,
25 Commissioner Akutagawa. Sorry about that.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: You know, I did note n
2 trying to, again, just quickly skim through the COI
3 testimony again, it did seem like the bigger concerns
4 seemed to be around like, Fresno, Madera counties. I'm
5 wondering if we could take in more of maybe Amador,
6 Calaveras, Tuolumne if that'll help perhaps with some of
7 the concerns and make it a little bit more compacted than
8 try to incorporate it in Lake Tahoe as Commissioner
9 Sadhwani had said and others have said about it being
10 more recreational-centered, maybe that's a solution to
11 keep it a little bit more --

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- (audio interference).

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

15 Commissioner Turner.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I was just going to say
17 we're doing what we keep saying we're not. We're back in
18 the exact same place. And there was the concern about
19 being governed too heavily by Fresno or any of these
20 other areas, and I thought yesterday this -- we wanted to
21 do something more like what's here, and now we're back
22 again, and I just wanted to name that.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: And I appreciate that, because we
24 need to make a decision here, because we're at the
25 decision point: whether we are going to stick with

1 the -- a mountainous district that goes from Inyo to the
2 Oregon border, or whether we're going to pivot back to
3 the original concept, and so that's the decision point
4 here. The question is, can we live with this district?
5 I'm starting to see a consensus that we can -- a general
6 consensus. I want to hear from Commissioner Andersen.
7 And then anyone who cannot live with this district,
8 please also join the queue.

9 Commissioner Andersen.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And I think what was
11 really throwing me is that we just created a Gold
12 Country/Fresno area; it's been switched from what was
13 kind of around just the Tahoe area. But that is a real
14 concern. Commissioner Akutagawa and everyone's
15 completely right, you know, the Fresno idea being Inyo,
16 Mono, El Dorado, they didn't want it. Of course, neither
17 did Gold Country, but that's the way it's going to go.
18 And so I think, you know, sure, let's put it out there
19 and -- I'm actually concerned --

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- more issues on the other
22 side -- to the west side of this whole area. But so I'll
23 say go ahead.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

25 So it looks like if there is no -- I don't see any

1 hands raised with concerns. If you have concerns, please
2 raise them out now; otherwise, we're sticking to this
3 district. It's a mountainous district from the Inyo
4 border -- Inyo to the Oregon border. And I mean, it's a
5 difficult decision. We're having to make a decision
6 point here.

7 Commissioner Sadhwani.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm still stuck on this
9 piece around Roseville. I don't understand why we're not
10 considering that as an option. I understand it's a more
11 suburban area, but we also just kept Vineyard in an
12 agricultural district. I mean like I -- those are some
13 of the tough choices that have to be made, and I'm not
14 sure if I understand the rationale for why that (audio
15 interference) worth exploring as an option.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, we're having to prioritize
17 communities of input and COIs, and so I want to hear from
18 those who want to speak about the Roseville. Because
19 ultimately, that is the reason why it --

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. And we definitely had
21 COI testimony suggesting, you know, coming out that way
22 into Roseville to help populate this district.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So Commissioner Fernandez.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right, it was the
25 consistent verbiage of: go all the way up, and then come

1 into Roseville. But there's also been COI testimony to
2 keep Roseville close to Sacramento because it is a suburb
3 of Sacramento. So again, tough decisions.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: That was very, very brief. Thank
5 you, so much, Commissioner Fernandez.

6 Commissioner Fornaciari.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I mean, I think one
8 of our criteria we're using to evaluate COI input is
9 where that COI input is coming from, right, and that the
10 COI input to go to Roseville was coming from Mono, Inyo,
11 and in Alpine, and that the COI input we're getting from
12 the Roseville area in general is to stay with -- stay in
13 that area. I mean, that's part of it for me.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

15 And at this point, it -- I'm looking around the room
16 and also in -- and I'm seeing a general consensus to that
17 we can live -- we may not like all of this, but we can
18 live with it, and that's where we are at this point,
19 making tough decisions because that's our job.

20 So let's go up to -- we're sticking to this one, and
21 we are moving -- we did all of Sacramento, we did the
22 northern part of California; let's do the western part
23 into Napa, and then into the Bay Area. Let's go --

24 MS. WILSON: If I may?

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, thank you, Kennedy.

1 MS. WILSON: I'd -- yes.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: You may have additional advice for
3 us.

4 MS. WILSON: Just in this, you asked me to take a
5 look at --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, yes, of course.

7 MS. WILSON: I'll take this up a little bit more.
8 And so just some of the things that I looked at were -- I
9 don't know how you would feel about it, but moving West
10 Park into Merced/Fresno bumps it to a fifty-one percent.

11 And then another option that you had me look at was
12 moving Parlier into here, and issue arises because that
13 brings this Kings/Tulare percentage up to almost, I
14 think, maybe a little over five percent; this is also at
15 4.24 percent, so balancing those between each other gets
16 difficult, and this drops to about a fifty-one percent.
17 So I can show you either of those. That's the kind of
18 route that it takes bringing those in, but -- and then
19 also, when doing -- when balancing that, that brings this
20 to about a fifty-one percent as well. When just moving
21 West Park brings us up to fifty-one, and this stays at
22 fifty-three.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Great.

24 MS. WILSON: And then moving all of these -- like,
25 trying to move this in brings down the CVAP here, and

1 then adds a lot of people but does not give much to the
2 CVAP to boost it.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So our options at this point
4 is -- let's take one at a time. So one was to raise --
5 one option, raise the CVAP in the Merced/Fresno area.
6 And what was that option? I think you're on mute.

7 MS. WILSON: I am, my apologies.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: No worries.

9 MS. WILSON: So to bring in West Park, which I can
10 quickly show you what that looks like -- and so just
11 bringing in this portion alone bumps the CVAP to a 51.01,
12 so it's not too much higher, but it does get to 51
13 percent, and this stays at 53 percent.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for doing the sleuthing on
15 that. That was the goal; goal was to increase the CVAP
16 in -- in the Merced/Fresno area.

17 Any concern with this change?

18 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Just a quick -- what is the
19 percentage in both, because -- the deviation's in both
20 then?

21 MS. WILSON: So the deviation for both of those,
22 moving West Park brings Merced up --

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, there it is.

24 MS. WILSON: Oh, sorry. Here.

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Got it. Thank you. Thank

1 you.

2 MS. WILSON: (Indiscernible).

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I see a consensus to accept this
4 change. So thank you so much, Kennedy, for looking that
5 up and doing the sleuthing. Great work.

6 All right. Next change. What's the next proposed
7 change?

8 MS. WILSON: So I would have to move West Park back
9 out, so that's kind of what that looks like. But then I
10 also was told to look at bringing in Parlier here, and so
11 in doing that, it raises the deviations rather high, and
12 so balancing that out, I had to raise the line. I
13 used -- I raised this line a bit higher into the -- in
14 Fresno -- on the border of Merced/Fresno and Fresno by
15 the 99 over in the northwestern part, I moved it higher
16 to get in more population, but it drops the CVAP, taking
17 out Parlier and moving that line a bit higher to about
18 fifty-one percent, and so that drops it lower than what
19 you had asked me to do.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: It also changes the deviations if
21 I'm saying this correctly.

22 MS. WILSON: Yes, and this deviation becomes a bit
23 too high in Kings/Tulare, it goes to about five percent,
24 and so then balancing it with the Tulare-Kern because
25 starts to ripple, but also because Tulare-Kern is at

1 4.24. It can't accept much more population.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I'm seeing some -- let's take some
3 hands. Commissioner Turner, and then --

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let (indiscernible) Commissioner
6 Turner.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Kennedy, you said
8 raising the line over in West Fresno. Can you zoom in
9 and show me what that was? So you haven't done it. This
10 is just what you're suggesting?

11 MS. WILSON: Yes. This was --

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: (Indiscernible) --

13 MS. WILSON: -- just a suggestion. I can -- if you
14 give me one moment, I'm going to snapshot just what we
15 have here, and then I can return to that snapshot to show
16 you, since we had made changes here. And I can show you
17 what the other change looks like. So one moment.

18 (Pause)

19 MS. WILSON: So I moved the line using COI
20 testimony. Let me zoom in closer, so that you can see.
21 It was the testimony we were talking about last time we
22 spoke about The Black Hub and they proposed going across
23 here. And we saw that that made too big of a change, so
24 we just decided not to do that. But their line came all
25 the way across this street, which, I believe, is West

1 Shaw. So I moved it up to West Shaw Avenue. And that
2 does have quite a bit of people. So that changed the
3 deviation to a 4.74 percent. And then the Latino CVAP
4 goes to a 51.73. And so I had to do that, again, because
5 I switched out Parlier and put Parlier into the Kings-
6 Tulare. And then additional -- that was over -- that was
7 about five percent, so I had to take some out. So I just
8 dipped into Tulare-Kings. And this line went straight
9 across. And I dipped in, took some out, and gave it to
10 Tulare-Kern. So that is at a 4.56, instead of 4.96 to
11 balance those two with each other.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Kennedy, can you remind us what the
14 CVAPs were before, and what they are now in the proposed
15 districts?

16 MS. WILSON: Yes. So this one was a 50.94. Let me
17 bring up the label. So this one was a 50.94 percent.
18 This here, was a 53.1 percent. This was a 54 percent.
19 So it did raise to 55 here in Kings-Tulare. And this one
20 was at -- this was not (indiscernible) consideration to
21 Tulare-Kern.

22 So this one rose, in Kings-Tulare, about a percent.
23 But this one dropped from 53.1 to 51.73. And this one
24 rose from 50.9 to 51.45 percent.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's hear from counsel to see if

1 these are within acceptable ranges.

2 MR. LARSON: So I will say that I don't love going
3 from 53 to 51 in the Fresno one; you know, all going from
4 54 to 55 in Kings-Tulare. I do have -- I'm -- I am
5 uncomfortable with, at this point, in that particular
6 area, with a 51.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, counsel. Commissioner
8 Akutagawa, and then Commissioner Turner.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, just a question.
10 Kennedy, would you be able to share the CVAP for all of
11 the different populations in these areas; is that
12 possible?

13 MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And was there any change
15 also in those CVAPs as well, too? I don't know if it's
16 possible to show that, too. Thank you.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. While we're waiting for
18 that, let's hear from Commissioner Turner.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'm actually going to ask for
20 something on the map, so I wanted to -- so.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I think, Commissioner Turner is
22 going to ask for something on the map in a second. So
23 let's look at this first. And then we'll go to
24 Commissioner Turner.

25 Can you read those off, Kennedy, for us? I think

1 you're on mute.

2 MS. WILSON: Oh, sorry. I'm sorry. I was also
3 putting up the label for the changes as well, so I can --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, okay.

5 MS. WILSON: -- (indiscernible) those off to you.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

7 MS. WILSON: So previously, the Latino CVAP was
8 50.94. And this is from Merced-Fresno. And it is now at
9 51.45. The black CVAP, before, was at 5.19 in Merced-
10 Fresno. And it's now at 4.65. And then we have a Asian
11 CVAP of 7.32, previously, and now, it is a 6.84 percent.
12 Indigency VAP was .9 percent -- 9.6 percent, and now,
13 it's .93 percent. And then white CVAP was 34 percent.
14 And it's still at 34 percent.

15 And then moving into Fresno. We have a Latino CVAP
16 of a 51.73 percent, when it was previously 53.13. We
17 have black CVAP of 8.17 percent. And it was, previously,
18 7.71 percent. We have Asian CVAP of 11.48 percent. And
19 before, it was 11.5 percent. And then white CVAP is at
20 26.76 percent now, when it was at 26.23 before. And then
21 lastly, Kings-Tulare. We have, now, at 55.07 percent.
22 And it was at 54.07 percent. The black CVAP is at 3.02
23 percent. And it was at 3.07. Asian CVAP is at 4.23
24 percent. And it was, previously, at 1.35 percent. And
25 then we have indigenous -- oh, I'm sorry. It was

1 previously 4.23 -- and it was, previously, 4.29. And it
2 is, now, 4.23 in Kings-Tulare. Then the indigency VAP is
3 at 1.33 percent. And it was previously 1.35. White CVAP
4 is currently 35.3 percent. And it was, before, 36.18
5 percent.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And I am hearing and
7 seeing some discomfort with the lowering of the CVAP in
8 the Fresno area. Commissioner Turner?

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Kennedy, in the
10 Kings-Tulare area, you talked about moving Parlier. Is
11 that where it is? Can you (indiscernible)?

12 MS. WILSON: Yes, I moved it over.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Into -- to be with Reedley?

14 MS. WILSON: Yes, it is with Reedley.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. And then Riverdale --
16 where's Riverdale?

17 MS. WILSON: Riverdale is here in the Fresno
18 district. It's Riverdale and Lanare are right at the
19 border right above Kings-Tulare and east of the Merced-
20 Fresno, but in the Fresno district.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. And so Kings-Tulare is
22 at the top end as well as Fresno, so. Okay. And then --
23 okay. Yeah, I was trying to see -- can you put on the
24 heat map for the CVAP -- for Latino CVAP, please?

25 MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Because we went the wrong way
2 somewhere with those.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: In the meantime, Commissioner
4 Andersen, did you have a comment?

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: (Indiscernible) --

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- I do, Chair. Yeah, I'm
8 just wondering why are we doing this one, if it's
9 lowering the CVAPs? I don't get it.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: We haven't moved -- we haven't
11 decided to move forward with this. We're -- the request
12 was to -- a recommendation -- well, the direction had
13 been to explore the possibility of adding Parlier to --
14 is it the Kings-Tulare --

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- district?

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. But was that for CVAP,
18 or for COI?

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: It was for COI. It was for COI. And
20 so that's why it's for exploration. And the direction
21 was we would move it, if it didn't impact the CVAP, so
22 that's why we're bringing it here and seeing if there's
23 any way to include it without impacting the CVAP --

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Uh-huh.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- or actually --

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- with, hopefully, raising the CVAP.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Was that the only move
4 that was made?

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: There were a couple of moves that
6 were made. If I remember correctly, Kennedy, that --

7 MS. WILSON: Yes. You can see where, in the green
8 lines -- where it used to be. So moving Parlier out,
9 this -- put this needed population -- and so that is
10 where I'm using COI testimony -- from the shapefiles that
11 were sent and (indiscernible) previously from The Black
12 Hub -- I moved the line up to East Shaw, here, to grab in
13 more population, and I went around and grabbed this --
14 outside of the part of Fresno -- brought that in as
15 well --

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh.

17 MS. WILSON: -- to raise the population here, and
18 try to keep it at a higher CVAP --

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah.

20 MS. WILSON: -- as I could.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So we definitely don't want to
22 lower the CVAP. I'm wondering was there an option --

23 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: This is going to take
24 forever.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- bringing in -- I hope not,

1 Commissioner Le Mons. I wonder if there's an option of
2 bringing Lanare down -- you know, changing the line there
3 into Kings.

4 MS. WILSON: Pulling Lanare --

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No, no. No, that's okay,
6 because that'll go across. Is that the county line
7 there?

8 MS. WILSON: Yes, this is the county line. And
9 Kings County is full.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. Got it. All right.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's hear from Commissioner
12 Fornaciari, Yee, and Fernandez.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm just wondering about
14 that little bump you have up at Tarpey Village. And I
15 thought I recalled reading that -- not to have that in
16 the -- in the VRA district. But it looks like there's
17 some CVAP there and populations are pretty -- everywhere,
18 pretty much, on the high end to start moving stuff
19 around. I just wanted to see. I didn't know if anybody
20 else had a feeling about that.

21 MS. WILSON: I also would like to mention that this
22 was due to keeping COI's together (indiscernible).
23 There's testimony for the (indiscernible) Tarpey Village.
24 So when we spoke about it before, we wanted to keep that
25 COI together.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Does it -- Kennedy, does it
2 impact the CVAP if we were to take it out?

3 MS. WILSON: I can --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: At this point, we're looking at --
5 where the goal is the CVAP. It's community of
6 interest -- we're trying to keep community of interest
7 together. But if we can't, we can't. So let's -- can
8 you highlight that area and see if it would impact the
9 CVAP? In the meantime, let's look at Commissioner Yee
10 and Kennedy.

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: While we're in Fresno, I'm
12 wondering if we ever addressed that request from the Sikh
13 community in Fresno concerning the line at Shields? To
14 move that down to Clinton, I believe. And there was an
15 area by the train tracks and 99 that they wanted
16 included. I'm sorry. I don't have it all worked out.
17 One of the -- one of the many inputs was that item
18 30272 -- it's 30272. I'm just wandering if we ever got
19 to that? I remember we recently got a call about -- from
20 someone who noted that we had not.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Kennedy, does adding that area
22 increase the CVAP, decrease the CVAP, keep it the same?

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: I think it's (indiscernible) to
24 change, yeah.

25 MS. WILSON: Yes, it does increase it slightly.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: How much?

2 MS. WILSON: By point two.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, so it's pretty slight. Okay.

4 So --

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Plus, the deviation
6 is -- is over now.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: And the deviation would be over. So
8 let's keep it together, especially 'cause it's a COI.

9 Commissioner Fernandez, and then -- or rather
10 Commissioner -- is it Fernandez, and then Akutagawa?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Initially, I wasn't going
12 to -- I was just going to go down -- 'cause I know that
13 one -- another one of our communities of interest -- if
14 you keep going south a little bit was to keep Fowler,
15 Selma, and Kingsburg together. But I don't think that'll
16 be an even swap with Parlier.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: No. And we're dealing with --

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- with VRA districts that are --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. And I believe --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: That are on the lower end.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And I believe
23 Kingsburg was -- I think that should be high in Latino,
24 so I was trying to think of boosting up Fresno's that
25 way.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh. All right. So let's hear
2 from Commissioner Akutagawa, and then if not, we will --
3 if not, we'll give general direction to Kennedy, and then
4 move onto the northern part of the State.

5 MS. WILSON: And --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa?

7 MS. WILSON: -- Kingsburg, actually, drops -- lowers
8 the CVAP, if added to Fresno.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think we've done so many --

10 MS. WILSON: It's changed.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- visualizations in this area.
12 Because it is a VRA area, I think any change is going to
13 be very difficult, unless they're minor refinements.

14 Commissioner Akutagawa?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Does -- so a few
16 questions. One, is West Park included in the current
17 numbers right now? I think it is, right?

18 MS. WILSON: Yes, it is. And Fresno, currently.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Can you just remind me,
20 again, why we're adding this when the CVAP was higher?
21 Was it to just try to up the Merced-Fresno number?

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: We were exploring this possibility to
23 see -- to try to unify African-American COI.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Okay.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: I thought it was it for Parlier?

1 MS. WILSON: The first option I showed was --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, sorry. It's the wrong community
3 of interest. Sorry about that.

4 MS. WILSON: The first option I showed was just
5 moving West Park, and it bumps the -- it bumped the CVAP
6 from 50.94 to 50 point -- 51.01. And that was one option
7 I took.

8 The next option was trying to get Parlier down with
9 Reedley and into Kings-Tulare. And so I moved things
10 accordingly to try to make that work.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And those were because of
12 COIs?

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's my understanding.

14 MS. WILSON: Yeah, I -- yeah, that was my
15 direction -- that was the direction given to me.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: So the first one was for CVAP
17 purposes. The direction was to try to get the CVAP in
18 the Merced-Fresno area. Then the second, I believe, was
19 for COI inputs regarding communities of interest.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So I'm -- I am just
21 wondering, too, if -- I know that, you know, the Tarpey
22 Village is a -- there's a Hmong COI there. Would it lift
23 the CVAP, in Fresno enough? Because I think that's what
24 I'm focused on, too. I think 51.73 -- I think there
25 seems to be a general sense that this is a little low,

1 and that if -- is there -- if we can incorporate enough
2 of that -- 'cause it looks pretty red -- and try to keep
3 that whole COI together, are there other parts of this
4 Fresno current district that could be moved out enough to
5 bring that deviation down?

6 MS. WILSON: We just -- we tried to move this part
7 out, and it did not (indiscernible).

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you. Thank
9 you.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So at this time, we need to --
11 we're at the decision point. So the question becomes
12 Parlier -- it doesn't look like we were able to increase
13 the CVAP. Do we want to give general direction to have
14 Kennedy explore possibilities to -- in this area, or do
15 we want to move on -- not reverse the Parlier and move
16 on? Commissioner Turner?

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I think the -- can we --
18 are they mutually exclusive? Can't she just do the first
19 part that did increase it and accept that?

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, absolutely.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And then -- okay.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. So let's -- we accepted the
23 first one, if I remember correctly, Kennedy. We have
24 not --

25 MS. WILSON: No, I was just showing you both

1 options.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

3 MS. WILSON: And so I hadn't gotten direction to
4 approve -- to make a change for either of those.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's go to the first one. And
6 then let's do that. That increased the Merced-Fresno.

7 MS. WILSON: Okay. One moment. That's on a
8 separate snapshot, so I'm going to change to that
9 snapshot now.

10 (Pause)

11 MS. WILSON: So now, here, that part of West Park is
12 highlighted. Let me make this a bit bigger for you to
13 see. And so we have the Latino CVAP at 50 -- my
14 apologies. It, kind of, got caught there. We have the
15 Latino CVAP go from 50.94 to 51.01. And then the Fresno,
16 goes from 53.13 to 53.07. So they stay relatively
17 similar. And the deviations as well stay pretty similar.
18 Merced-Fresno goes from 2.45 to 2.78. And Fresno goes to
19 1.58 from 1.92.

20 We could explore going more into the City of Fresno,
21 but just not wanting to split COIs, or anything in
22 Southwest Fresno, I just took in West Park. But we can
23 explore taking more also if you want it to be higher.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're at 50. We would be at 51.01
25 percent in this area --

1 MS. WILSON: Correct.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- with this change. And I think we
3 have a consensus to move forward with it. I'm looking at
4 the room. Commissioner Akutagawa? Yeah. So we have --

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I had a different --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- we have a general consensus.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- I have a -- yeah, I have
8 a different question.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. General consensus on this.
10 Let's accept this. And let's move onto the next
11 question, Akutagawa, and then after that, we're going to
12 the north.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, my -- so my question
14 was back to what Commissioner Yee had asked about the --
15 I believe, it was the Sikh-Punjabi --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, the Sikhs --

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, the Sikh --
18 Punjabi-Sikh community. And I know Kennedy said it was
19 a -- it was a very minor increase. Is it an increase or
20 a decrease to the -- to the CVAP?

21 MS. WILSON: I have not looked at moving the line to
22 Clinton Avenue. This -- it's here, Clinton. I believe
23 that is what -- correct me on where to move the line.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Yee?

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: The COI was to move it south to

1 Clinton and also, pick up that area along the train
2 tracks and 99 at that little hole (indiscernible), yeah.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's highlight it pretty quickly
4 and take a look at what the impact to the Latino CVAP
5 would be for both Fresno and Merced.

6 MS. WILSON: So --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: With the deviations.

8 MS. WILSON: -- with -- yeah. So with that
9 highlighted, it brings Merced-Fresno Latino CVAP down
10 from 51.01 to 50.79. And it brings the deviation from
11 2.78 to a 4.92.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: So yeah. So it's bringing down the
13 Latino CVAP, at this point. So did we want to give --
14 I'm asking the Commission -- do we want to give general
15 direction to explore possibilities in this area, or do we
16 want to move on to the north?

17 FEMALE SPEAKER: The next (indiscernible).

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Unfortunately, we're making difficult
19 decisions right now. Commissioner Akutagawa?
20 Commissioner Yee? Commissioner Yee?

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: You know, there were so many
22 calls. I don't know what to say. I wish I knew exactly
23 where the distribution of the Sikh community is, so we
24 could, maybe, reduce the size of this change. But I
25 don't know what it is.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa and --

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Perhaps, seeing the agency
3 VAP -- if that's okay -- would help me with what --
4 because that's why I lowered my hand earlier. I'm still,
5 kind of, trying to think about this, so.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's --

7 MS. WILSON: One moment while I pull that up.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's take a look at that. And I'd
9 also like to ask counsel. In this area, do we see Asian
10 cohesion -- Asian -- is it a VRA, counsel? Do we see
11 cohesion with the Asian and Latino community, in terms of
12 voting?

13 MR. LARSON: So I -- to give you a firm answer, I
14 need to go back and check notes. My recollection, right
15 now, is that, in this area, we did not see as much
16 cohesion there.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: So if we're adding, we also need to
18 increase the Latino CVAP. Okay. So Commissioner Turner?

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Thank you. So the COI
20 testimony for the Sikh community -- 21757, I believe it
21 is -- so I'm going to read it, in case it's helpful for
22 this area.

23 "Thank you for adjusting the 11, 7 assembly
24 visualization lines in the Fresno area to keep many Hmong
25 COIs whole and grouped together in a proposed Latino VRA

1 district.

2 "We appreciate commissioners hearing feedback from
3 the Hmong community and responding with instructions to
4 prevent this community from being divided and
5 disempowered. However, the assembly lines in the 11, 7
6 visualization cuts through an important Punjabi-Sikh
7 community interest that straddles both sides of Highway
8 99 and puts them into three different districts.

9 "This COI should be kept whole and in a Fresno-based
10 district, rather than a Merced-based district as part of
11 the community as in the current visualizations. Asian
12 Americans Advancing Justice recently resent a shapefile
13 via email on behalf of this community on November 2nd to
14 make sure their commissioner understands its boundaries.

15 "The same boundary splits the Punjabi-Sikh COI into
16 three districts, also divides a Muslim COI near the
17 Masjid Badr, and Hmong COI that also straddles Highway
18 99. Please see the attached screenshot for more context.

19 "These COIs are overlapping, so they may be a little
20 harder to view, but the commission should've received
21 shapefiles for all of them."

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
23 Commissioner?

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I was just going to say. I
25 think what would be great, at this point, in the -- as if

1 we could give direction to Kennedy to take a look at
2 those shapefiles and give us a sense of where they are,
3 and what impact -- if we made the change, what impact
4 that would have on these districts.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: (Indiscernible).

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Is there?

7 MS. WILSON: I have those COIs. And I've looked at
8 them. And there are a lot. I could even turn them all
9 on right now to show you. They're, kind of, all over.
10 But in trying to keep CVAP at levels -- like, you're
11 seeing a lot of them that are together. This one, was
12 split. That one, I kept whole. There's -- this one was
13 also split. There's some that were -- some that -- those
14 two are overlapping -- the past two -- and so in trying
15 to keep CVAP at levels that are acceptable, it has been
16 hard to keep all of them together.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: These are difficult decisions in VRA
18 areas, you know? It's tough. Commissioner Akutagawa,
19 Commissioner Turner, Commissioner Sadhwani? And we do
20 want to go up to the northern part of the State, at some
21 point. Mr. Yee?

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: You're amazing, Kennedy. You
23 know, VRA is higher than communities in interest. I'll
24 take a closer look as well. But it looks like we may not
25 be able to do this.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And so let's -- Mr. Yee's
2 going to take a closer look. And please, Kennedy, if you
3 have an opportunity, take a look if there's a way to
4 incorporate that community of interest, without lowering
5 the Latino CVAP, and preferably, raising it.

6 All right. Let's go to the north. So we're going
7 to the northwest. Commissioner Yee?

8 MS. WILSON: Sorry. And so this changed here,
9 moving it down to Clinton Avenue. We decided to not --
10 you decided to not do that.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, we're not doing it.

12 MS. WILSON: Okay.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're moving to the north. So we're
14 going up to the Humboldt border. And then we're going to
15 be working down and into the Bay area. Hopefully, the --
16 we'll have consensus pretty quickly in the north coast
17 and move down to the Bay area, so we can focus our
18 attention there.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Chair, I'm wondering if I could
20 go ahead with the San Francisco proposal I have, since
21 it's already prepared and probably (indiscernible) area.
22 (Indiscernible) this area.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, so let's --

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: (Indiscernible), right? To mean
25 (indiscernible) a/k/a Kennedy.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, can -- since we've worked on --
2 so how about we do yours -- we do that next, 'cause it --
3 we'll go across the Golden Gate Bridge. So let's do the
4 north coast first. And then we'll go to -- just because
5 we want to finish all of Northern California. And we'll
6 go into Sacramento -- into the -- across the Golden Gate
7 Bridge.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's just do it pretty quickly.
10 And I think we'll have consensus on here. I think we've
11 had so much conversation already. So Commissioner
12 Andersen, any concern in this district?

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Just one.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And that would be the -- for
16 very specific purposes, trying to get the correct lands
17 together. We, at one point, said -- their base said,
18 okay. We'd like to have all -- half of Siskiyou combined
19 to the north coast -- or that little corner of Humboldt.
20 So we did that. But then, after all the comments, we
21 actually heard from that particular group that said,
22 thank you very much for trying it, but we don't want to
23 do that. And could please make Humboldt whole again?

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, so what is --

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I would like to make --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- your recommendation?

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I would like to make
3 Humboldt whole in the north coast section.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Commissioner Yee?

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, I think I heard that
6 differently. I think the -- we can check it. My
7 recollection is that the desire was to put all the travel
8 groups, the Yurok and the Karuk, together in one
9 district. That would happen by putting Western Siskiyou
10 with Del Norte and Humboldt. Splitting it this way, does
11 split the Karuk from the Yurok, but it keeps the Karuk
12 whole. That was my understanding.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. And Commissioner Anderson, so
14 how about we look at that testimony? We can take a look
15 at that testimony. We can have, I believe it's -- we can
16 have line drawers take a look at that testimony and
17 reconcile that.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, my -- I did think that
19 was originally the request, and then -- because there's,
20 you know, all the feedback and stuff -- and I was -- I
21 was very -- I went, oh, okay. Because they did withdraw
22 that and said, what -- whatever you do, if you can't do
23 all of Siskiyou County, please don't, then, cut us up in
24 Humboldt. They said, please keep Humboldt whole. And
25 they talked about their schools and how they needed to

1 (indiscernible) the county. And so that was what they
2 did say.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: I believe in the latest letter from
4 the Karuk Tribe, they have -- they are requesting to be
5 with the north coast. But if that's not possible, they
6 would like to just be kept whole within Siskiyou as
7 the -- is the correspondence that we received. But we
8 will verify that.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Was that after? 'Cause this
10 was a public testimony. I don't know what was
11 (indiscernible).

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: No, that was the letter that we got
13 from the tribal chair. And it's in the record. So we
14 would have to take a look at it. And we can take a look
15 at it during -- we can -- we could -- we have to go to
16 break in a minute, so we could look at it, and then come
17 back -- or Commissioner Yee, did you have --

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: No, that's fine. We can check
19 it. I mean, it's a very small amount of population
20 either way, so it's not --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: And court reporter -- so we will go
24 to break and come back in fifteen minutes. So 7 o'clock.

25 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 6:46 p.m.

1 until 7:00 p.m.)

2 MR. MANOFF: All right. We are at that time. Shall
3 we go live?

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're ready. Let's go.

5 MR. MANOFF: Let's do it. Standby. You're live.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Kristian. Welcome back to
7 the California Redistricting Commission. We are in the
8 north coast, focused around the border between Del Norte
9 and Humboldt, at this time.

10 We did look at the public input from the Karuk
11 Tribe. It appears that they -- while they would like to
12 be -- to have the Siskiyou portion of their tribe
13 connected to the coast, they are also understanding of
14 the fact that that may not be possible for population or
15 other reasons, and -- but they do request -- and when --
16 at this point, I would honor that request, or try to
17 honor that request, that the Humboldt -- that Humboldt
18 become -- be kept whole as it is in the -- that Humboldt
19 be kept whole, so that the communities that live in the
20 Humboldt County can remain in the Humboldt County
21 representation area. So that would be a change of 501
22 people, various, likely, changes to everything.

23 Do I see any opposition or any concerns with this
24 change? It's 500 people. There is consensus in the room
25 to move forward. And I do want to let the public know

1 that we are -- it's dinnertime, so we're having dinner.

2 So some commissioners may be offline or off camera.

3 So I see consensus in the room with adding the
4 Humboldt portion back. So we will get -- we'll implement
5 Commissioner Andersen's initial request to add that
6 portion back. And that -- is it -- are we still within
7 reasonable deviations?

8 MS. ALON: We are resulting deviation of NCOAST to
9 0.72 percent. And NORCA is 3.42 percent.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So let's look at the
11 whole district. And I believe, at this point -- let's
12 make sure that everyone is comfortable and can live with
13 this district. So this is Del -- this is Sonoma up all
14 the way to the Del Norte border encompassing Trinity
15 County. It is a coastal district. Commissioner
16 Akutagawa?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just a quick question.
18 I -- now, I'm confused again. I thought we were adopting
19 Commissioner Fornaciari's suggested map, no? Is that not
20 true?

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: This is Commissioner Fornaciari's
22 map.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I thought it split
24 Siskiyou.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: It does not split Siskiyou.

1 Commissioner Fornaciari's map does not split Siskiyou.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Thank you.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So this is the map
4 that -- it's very similar to a draft map, with the
5 exception that we've added the corner of Humboldt. So
6 this is the coastal district. I'm seeing no -- let's
7 hear from Commissioner Russell Yee.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: I just wanted to emphasize the
9 change that we just made, returning the corner of
10 Humboldt -- the northeast corner of Humboldt
11 to Humboldt was at the request of the Karuk Tribe. Even
12 though it's a bit counterintuitive, it gives them a
13 presence in Humboldt that the corner move would not have.
14 So they've decided to want -- to ask to remain in
15 Humboldt.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes. And of course, their preference
17 would've been to be with the Siskiyou for all of their
18 tribe to be within Siskiyou, but this is a compromise
19 that they were willing to accept.

20 All right. So let's move on to Sonoma-Marin.
21 Mostly -- so we see Marin County, Petaluma, and
22 neighboring areas. Any concerns with this district? The
23 changes that Commissioner Fornaciari made are very -- are
24 appropriate, and there are the minor refinements that
25 were made. I'm seeing no hands raised, no concern. We

1 will move forward with this district. This district
2 looks appropriate. And let's go into San Francisco.

3 At this time, in San Francisco, we do have a map
4 that was prepared. It's in your handouts. It was --
5 it's also on the -- on the public handouts section of our
6 website that looks at the dividing line within the City
7 of San Francisco. So I will turn it over, in a second,
8 to Commissioner Yee to walk us through some of the
9 changes and -- the proposed changes in San Francisco.

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. Okay. A
11 fairly major change to the draft map of San Francisco.
12 Major in some ways, not major in other ways. It's a
13 major change, 'cause it's a significant change from our
14 draft. But it's not a major change, because it does
15 not -- it, actually, is closer to the 2011 border, which
16 a lot of people liked.

17 As I reviewed the COI testimony, we received a few
18 likes on our draft, basically, from individuals who
19 did -- who liked the fact that their communities weren't
20 split. But overall, by far, mostly negative feedback on
21 our draft map. And so I worked with our line drawers to
22 prepare this proposal. This proposal is much more north,
23 south, whereas our draft had been more northeast,
24 southwest. This is much more north, south.

25 It's -- reunites several communities that had been

1 split. The African-American community, a lot of history
2 and community ties and cultural ties between the Fillmore
3 and Bayview-Hunter Point is united in this map, the
4 Latino community and the Mission and the Outer Mission
5 are united in this map, the LGBTQ community in the Castro
6 and Bernal Heights is united in this map, and the AAPI
7 community in the Visitacion Valley and Bernal Heights --
8 I'm sorry -- Bayview-Hunters Point and Chinatown are all
9 united in this map, where they had been split in the
10 previous map.

11 The deviation is a bit high in the east. I'm
12 wondering -- I didn't get time to, but there's a
13 possibility we could move the line on Van Ness slightly
14 east to, perhaps, Hyde. But I don't know that area well
15 enough to make that move without input from others, so.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's get some input from others.
17 And how -- can we look at the deviations of both
18 districts on the screen, Tamina, so we can -- yeah. So
19 the deviations aren't out of compliance, but there is a
20 potential to balance those. And I think that's what --
21 that you're referring to, Commissioner Yee?

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's right.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So it's a balancing of those. Any
24 suggestions on balancing the communities -- the
25 deviations, Commissioner Fernandez, Andersen, and

1 Fornaciari? And we'll go back to the one-minute rule.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Let me mention quickly. This
3 involves no changes to the peninsula.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you. So one minute.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think you mentioned this.
6 But I just want to ensure from the Equality California,
7 it was -- if you don't want to divide Bernal from Twin
8 Peaks -- so is that --

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Unfortunately, I believe Twin
10 Peaks is divided here. I would've wanted to go on the
11 other side of Twin Peaks, but the deviation is --

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, the --

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- the wrong way. So we could
14 move, you know, the line on Van Ness even farther --

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- east, if we want to pick up
17 Twin Peaks.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I was just going off
19 of the communities of interest. If that's possible, I
20 would like to look at that, maybe.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Commissioner Andersen and
22 Commissioner Fornaciari.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you, Russell,
24 for putting this together for us. The one thing -- I'm
25 not quite sure if we could zoom in on -- I'm not sure

1 we've got the Fillmore in here. And the Fillmore is
2 between California at the north and Presidio at the south
3 between -- I mean, California at the north between
4 Presidio and (Indiscernible). Can you go in on Western
5 Addition, please? Zoom in there to see if we caught --
6 if we did incorporate it.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Tamina, do you know if we
8 incorporated that area?

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: There are, of course, different
10 definitions of the Fillmore. And I went with one at
11 (indiscernible) --

12 MS. ALON: I'm sorry, what do you mean by
13 incorporate?

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Were you able to include the Fillmore
15 area? And I hear from Commissioner Yee that there's
16 different definitions for the Fillmore.

17 MS. ALON: I'm sorry. Incorporated in which side?

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: In with Bay Point -- with
19 Bayview.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: With east.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Where's California Street?

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's go to Commissioner
23 Fornaciari, while we're looking for --

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It isn't there.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- for the map.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It's right there.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I just want to understand
3 where the bottom of the district is. It wasn't obvious.
4 Whenever we get a chance.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, yeah. That's right.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's look at -- for the
7 Fillmore. And then after that, we'll go -- look at the
8 whole map from --

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: It's right where West -- it says,
10 Western Addition, right now. It's that area.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It's actually between --
12 yeah, it's between -- Russell, where are you getting the
13 definition? Because I have it as the -- below California
14 between -- yeah, it's, kind of, jumping around Japantown.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. Well, that's the question.
16 Does it include Japantown, and so forth.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, no. It doesn't carve
18 out for Japantown. But yeah. And that's -- there's --
19 and it's between the Fillmore -- you can see, which runs
20 north, south -- California. Yeah, in that area. And
21 then in the -- if you can expand a little bit? That
22 little corner, we should be going in.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So given that we're within
24 compliance -- compliance for deviation -- perhaps, we can
25 give a general direction to Tamina. If everyone is more

1 or less comfortable with this map -- and we're,
2 potentially, trying to unify the two COIs that
3 Commissioner Fernandez raised -- and also, the Fillmore
4 into the east, if -- we might be able to give some
5 general direction. We may or may not. We need to do
6 another drawing. But we'll see. Commissioner
7 Fornaciari?

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Something might have to come
9 out.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Everything we're talking
11 about is moving east. And we need to move people west.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. So this line going up Van
13 Ness is going to have to move farther and farther east.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: And that's the challenge here, is the
15 need to move population --

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, what about where --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: The last challenge when our COIs --

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- (indiscernible) the --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- are in the east --

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- south -- the south end of
21 the map?

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's -- yeah, can you zoom out?

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: So it, basically, comes down 280
24 all the way to the city border and picks up the Outer
25 Mission, along there.

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Is it under Little --
2 where it says, Little Hollywood, is that the -- that
3 black line, that's the southern border of the eastern
4 side? Is that the southern border?

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's the southern border of the
6 city, yes.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Of the district?

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Of the district and the city and
9 the county.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Gotcha. Gotcha.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you zoom out a little bit more,
12 Tamina, so we can see the -- both districts where they
13 land? All right. So I'm looking for suggestions on what
14 to move to the east -- to the western side. Commissioner
15 Andersen, Commissioner Fornaciari, Commissioner
16 Fernandez, and then Akutagawa.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I will say I'm, kind of,
18 with Russell. You might as well throw Russian Hill or
19 Nob Hill in there. It's not exactly what I'd like, but
20 I'd like to see the numbers. I mean, what if it changed
21 to -- if we add Twin Peaks and add the Fillmore?

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Repeat that again. What would you
23 add to the west?

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: To the west, I believe we
25 have to -- as Commissioner Yee said, move that line

1 further east. The one vertical line, move that further
2 east.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Going on Van Ness to move it
4 eastward to Hyde, perhaps.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. And then let's hear
7 Commissioner Fernandez and Akutagawa. Okay.
8 Commissioner Fernandez yields to Commissioner Akutagawa.
9 And in the meantime, we're looking at, potentially,
10 moving the line to -- is it Hyde Street, Commissioner
11 Yee?

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's one possibility, yes.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: So potentially, this is something we
14 might be able to do in -- give direction to Tamina.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's fine. So the instruction
16 would be to include Twin Peaks, expand the Fillmore --
17 although it would be great to get more input on the
18 definition of the Fillmore -- and then to move the line
19 along Van Ness eastward to adjust the population.

20 MS. ALON: Okay. Is that the order you would like
21 me to try this, or do you want me to move to Hyde first,
22 and then see how much of Twin Peaks we would take?

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: We could do this offline -- if
24 you want to, Chair -- or we could do this now.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: If you just give general direction,

1 then, afterwards, I can work with Tamina. So let's do
2 general direction here. So I think you just gave the
3 general direction.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: So general direction has been given.
6 And then we can do refinements of this. But overall,
7 it's -- discretion to move within this line. I think
8 the Commission -- my general sense is that the Commission
9 is comfortable with this. But we do want to see and
10 explore the possibility of adding those COIs into the
11 appropriate -- or the, you know -- incorporate those
12 COIs, and also maintain the deviations at reasonable
13 levels. Tamina?

14 MS. ALON: Yes, Chair. If you don't mind, I will
15 need -- because I don't have the Fillmore as a
16 neighborhood here -- boundaries that you would like me to
17 see preserved.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: So at this point, we're going to be
19 asking the public to give us a little bit more definition
20 about the Fillmore, and the area that constitutes the
21 Fillmore, or will we --

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. I can --

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- be getting that --

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- I can get a definition
25 here.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Certainly. And we'll also be asking
2 the public to provide, because we're getting public input
3 on this. So we'll take a look at -- and review the
4 public comments and COI information we have from the
5 public as well as any information that we have from
6 Commissioner Andersen and Yee. Commissioner Fernandez?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Tamina, can you zoom
8 out just a little bit? Thank you. And then go south.

9 MS. ALON: So right --

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right there. Is that
11 Hyde -- wait -- Hyde-Ashbury.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Haight-Ashbury.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So that's -- is that a
14 community line to the -- yes. So maybe, we can,
15 possibly, move some of that population to the west?

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: And that would help.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No?

18 FEMALE SPEAKER: What did you say? No.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: That would help.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, that would help. Yes.
21 So could we -- I thought you said, no -- in order to keep
22 that community together. Does that make sense, Tamina?

23 MS. ALON: Yes. Take in the eastern part of
24 Haight --

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

1 MS. ALON: -- Ashbury into west San Francisco.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Perfect. Yes. And can you
3 Zoom -- can you move down? Not necessarily Zoom. I
4 just -- the other way. Sorry. My down. My down, you're
5 up. I just wanted to see where the lines were. And can
6 you keep going? Thank you. And I know you already did
7 this with -- okay. And I see what you did with all that.
8 Okay. Thank you. Oh, and -- yeah. And then just Twin
9 Peaks.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's just hear from Commissioner
11 Akutagawa, Fornaciari, and Turner. And then this is
12 something that we can give direction to Tamina to work
13 through the visualization in order to define this a
14 little bit more, because we're -- it seems like we're
15 very comfortable with the direction that we're moving in.
16 Commissioner Fornaciari? Oh, Akutagawa, and then
17 Fornaciari. Sorry.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I did read that --
19 since, I believe, Commissioner Yee spoke about keeping
20 some of the communities of color, there is a -- the
21 Japantown COI, I think it consists of once -- one block
22 by two blocks, or something like that, up in that
23 Fillmore area, and I don't know as, Tamina, you're going
24 to be working to see about -- I think I heard you're
25 going to try to incorporate that into this east San

1 Francisco district, but I'd like to just point out if
2 that could be -- there was some COI testimony to keep the
3 Japantown COI and the Chinatown COI together in the same
4 district.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
6 Commissioner Fornaciari, and then Commissioner Turner.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, just, kind of, a
8 general observation. The -- you know, if you look at the
9 Bay area, the San Francisco deviation is fairly high.
10 But as we go down to the South Bay, it gets low. So if
11 we could, you know, somehow, walk some population south,
12 I think that would help the overall equality.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.
14 And Commissioner Turner?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. Yeah. Thank you. I
16 just wanted to say -- spend a minute -- since I've been
17 in San Francisco, I was going there, but I think the
18 Haight-Ashbury is part of the Fillmore district, the
19 lower part. So I just wanted to name that if we're
20 talking about moving Haight-Ashbury, we would need to
21 first determine, for sure, the boundaries of Haight -- of
22 the Fillmore, and make sure we're keeping it together.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
24 Commissioner Akutagawa?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I also wanted to ask

1 a question. Since Commissioner Fernandez asked about
2 Haight-Ashbury -- and those from San Francisco may know
3 this better -- but my understanding is that Castro is
4 also a significant LGBTQ community. And I think there is
5 some COI testimony -- I'm just trying to skim through
6 everything quickly -- but Twin Peaks, Haight-Ashbury, and
7 the Castro, perhaps, instead of trying to move Twin Peaks
8 into the east, would it be better to move the Castro into
9 the west? That may solve some of the deviation
10 challenges?

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: That would separate it from
12 Bernal Heights. And there's a lot of COI testimony about
13 keeping the Castro and Bernal Heights together.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, I see.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And then -- so this is --
16 so there seems to be a general consensus on the direction
17 of this map. And we've given general direction. And so
18 Tamina will take this back. And we'll try to reconcile
19 it and also balance the deviations in San Francisco. But
20 generally, my -- the consensus that I'm seeing in the
21 room and across the screen is that we are relatively
22 comfortable with how we're dividing and putting the line
23 and with some refinements for keeping some communities of
24 interest together as well as making sure that we balance
25 the deviation. Commissioner Akutagawa? Okay.

1 Commissioner Turner? Commissioner Yee?

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. So I'll work with Tamina on
3 these changes. I wanted to also mention that the recent
4 "San Francisco Chronicle" major op-ed piece that
5 addressed the San Francisco redistricting, this new
6 proposal addresses all the points raised in that op-ed.

7 While we're at it, also -- this is very minor -- but
8 three pieces of -- (indiscernible) at San Francisco that
9 had extra territorial, I want to restore to their own
10 town, so that little bit of Alameda. There's also two
11 bits of Angel Island, actually. So I would like to work
12 with Tamina to move those back into their own areas as
13 well.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm seeing no opposition. Oh, yes,
15 that'll -- that's -- that will be part of the direction.
16 All right. Let's move down. Let's move -- let's keep
17 moving south.

18 MS. ALON: I'm sorry, Chair. May I ask a clarifying
19 question?

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: You certainly may.

21 MS. ALON: Is this piece, the --

22 FEMALE SPEAKER: Angel Island.

23 MS. ALON: -- Angel Island that --

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: No, no.

25 MS. ALON: -- that you --

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: North of that.

2 MS. ALON: -- would like to --

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: There's two (indiscernible) --

4 MS. ALON: Oh, it is. It is.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, there's two of those. One
6 there, and one lower.

7 MS. ALON: Okay. So it --

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: That one. And then --

9 MS. ALON: This, you would like to go with the
10 Sonoma-Marin --

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right.

12 MS. ALON: -- area?

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's missing.

14 MS. ALON: I see. Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: There's a little one at the very
16 corner -- at the vertex there too.

17 FEMALE SPEAKER: We'll just split San Francisco,
18 Tamina.

19 MS. ALON: Okay. And this -- so this will be a
20 split in San Francisco. So we'll have three, four, five
21 splits.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Not Alcatraz, not Treasure
23 Island, not Yerba Buena Island.

24 FEMALE SPEAKER: All right. So just the one in
25 Alameda, and then this one. Yeah.

1 MS. ALON: Okay.

2 FEMALE SPEAKER: So we have one, two, three --

3 MS. ALON: One, two, three splits.

4 FEMALE SPEAKER: -- splits.

5 MS. ALON: Okay. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And we will continue
8 going south. Let's go south. So we received significant
9 testimony in this area and across the Bay area, but
10 mostly centered around these districts in San Mateo,
11 Santa Clara, and Southern Sonoma -- Southern Alameda
12 County. Are we -- can we live with the district -- the
13 San Mateo district? I am going to ask Commissioner
14 Andersen for her feedback, and then Commissioner
15 Sadhwani. One minute.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. I believe we're
17 also going to work on pulling some of the extra
18 population in the San Francisco proper and put it into
19 the San Mateo, which I don't think we've actually talked
20 about.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: So there is conversations about,
22 potentially, shifting some population down from San Mateo
23 to -- or from the San Francisco district down to San
24 Mateo in order to increase the deviation there is. We
25 haven't talked about that. Commissioner Sadhwani?

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I apologize. I need to find
2 the COI testimony once more. But I believe we've had
3 quite a lot of callers about Redwood City, and keeping
4 Redwood City whole and connected to East Palo Alto and
5 communities that it's connected with in that region. So
6 I think, in that sense, we would need to pull population
7 down in order to accommodate that, if we were going to
8 move in that direction.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: And it would be significant
10 population, if we're looking at Menlo Park, East Palo
11 Alto -- is it Menlo Park, East Palo Alto area --

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, I believe --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- in Redwood City?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I believe so. I need to
15 find that testimony.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Tamina, can you highlight how many
17 people live in Menlo Park, East Palo Alto area?

18 MS. ALON: Sure. Just a moment.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: And Commissioner Andersen, did you
20 have your hand raised?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, I did. Thank you very
22 much for that, Commissioner Sadhwani, because, yeah,
23 that's where I was going to go next. So thank you.
24 If -- it's just -- if we -- in terms of suggesting
25 something to pull out of West San Francisco -- and I

1 don't know -- but the little, white portion of the San --
2 of the area up there, is what I was going to start with.
3 But I don't know. I don't have populations on that.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's see how much population we'd
5 have to shift down.

6 MS. ALON: So Chair, Menlo Park, East Palo Alto, and
7 the remainder of Redwood City, would be 83,478 people --
8 actually, I'd have to take in Emerald Lake for
9 contiguity, so it would be 87,888 people.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Almost 90,000 people.
11 Commissioner Sadhwani, Commissioner Fornaciari?

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I think -- yeah, I
13 mean, definitely, we should look at the Redwood City
14 thing -- yeah, the East Palo Alto -- if you can find that
15 testimony, it would be great, because the East Palo
16 Alto -- it's, kind of, tough, because you got a couple of
17 the most affluent cities in the country right there as a
18 buffer in between, and so we just have to figure out how
19 to do that. What I really want to talk about was, if you
20 go up -- heading towards San Francisco --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh. Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So it looks like -- is
23 that -- is South San Francisco split?

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: It does look like it is.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So maybe -- I mean, maybe,

1 we can, but if you unsplit it to bring some population
2 south -- I don't know if that's where the COIs that
3 Russell -- but I mean, Commissioner Yee.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, that was the Filipino-
5 American COIs that we put in.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. So the both of
7 those are, kind of, defining that split?

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's right.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And then the white area
10 is, pretty much --

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: San Bruno Mountains.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- San Bruno Mountain.
13 Okay. So we need to have -- to bring population down,
14 we'd have to split up those COIs or split up Daly City --
15 or maybe, we could move those -- well, okay.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: The -- there is a potential to,
17 potentially, move the whole COI down. But I don't know
18 how Commissioner Yee feels about that. So let's get some
19 thoughts about it. Commissioner Akutagawa, Sadhwani, and
20 Yee?

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I think to try to --
22 we did receive quite a bit of feedback from the Filipino
23 community and that South San Francisco area about trying
24 to stay together.

25 I also want to just note that in that Redwood City,

1 there's not only a, you know, a significant Latinx,
2 Latino population, but there's also Pacific Islander
3 communities in that Redwood City. And I've -- looking at
4 some of the COI testimony, there's a mention of North
5 Fair Oaks, Belle Haven -- and East Palo Alto was already
6 mentioned -- but unincorporated areas called North Fair
7 Oaks and Belle Haven. And so just in that, kind of, area
8 there, I -- you know, Pacific Islander communities, I
9 think, share a lot of similarities to the Latino
10 communities. And so I think if we can try to keep them
11 all included as well, too, I think that that would be
12 helpful. And I agree with what Commissioner Fornaciari
13 said. There are the islands in these areas where there's
14 just unbelievable wealth that it's just mindboggling that
15 that exists like that. So thank you.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
17 Commissioner Sadhwani?

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I mean, I'm wondering
19 if we can -- well, I think -- I don't know. I mean, I
20 think a big piece of it is keeping Redwood City whole.
21 And so is there a way to, maybe, start by just keeping --
22 it looks like the City is cut right down here by that
23 green line down there.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani. I
25 think that's -- I think I see consensus about keeping

1 Redwood City whole, if we can. So let's highlight
2 Redwood City, the remaining portion of it. And we are
3 talking about 23- -- almost 24,000 people. Commissioner
4 Yee?

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Just responding to Commissioner
6 Fornaciari. I'm happy to move the COI south, whatever it
7 takes, but we're going to have to figure out all those
8 changes, carefully pushing -- you know, pushing the
9 population south where it makes a lot of sense. It just
10 needs a lot of work to make it happen.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So let's go back to the
12 COI up there and see how many people are in the COI. And
13 then we can, maybe, give general direction and -- to do
14 this -- and to work with line drawers on doing this. So
15 let's go up to the -- is it Daly City? Daly City, South
16 San Francisco area. We're talking about --

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Well, I think the better idea
18 would be to push that border --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Up.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Oh, up. That's right. Gosh.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: And bringing the population --

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- down.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

25 (Indiscernible) what I just said.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So Commissioner said --
2 Commissioner Yee was not thinking it would -- so we're
3 not looking at this change, it looks like. All right.
4 So Commissioner Turner, then Commissioner Akutagawa. I
5 was so happy. It was 40,000 people that was going to be
6 pushed down. All right. Commissioner Turner, and then
7 Commissioner Akutagawa.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I was back on the other end
9 with Redwood City --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- and we were already at a
12 large number. But on the same communities of interest
13 that Commissioner Akutagawa and, perhaps, Sadhwani was
14 speaking concerning -- they are speaking about Redwood
15 City with some other areas to keep the Pacific Islander
16 communities of interest together, which would be Palm
17 Park, Roosevelt, Redwood Village, and then there's also
18 Pacific Islander communities in North Fair Oaks and Belle
19 Haven. And so maybe, if we can just see where those are
20 and see if there's possibilities. Is it North Fair Oaks?
21 North Fair Oaks is all the way over to the right there,
22 yeah.

23 MS. ALON: So Palm Park and North Fair Oaks are
24 together with the majority of Redwood City. North Fair
25 Oaks is a separate census-designated place. And it is

1 not currently with the majority of Redwood City.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And can you just click? And
3 how large is North Fair Oaks?

4 MS. ALON: Yes. One moment. 14,064 people.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. So it's not too large.
6 But perhaps -- I don't know where we'd remove from.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just for clarification.
8 Were you requesting that it be moved into the S. Mateo?

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Into -- yes. With the -- with
10 those other communities that was listed.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I mean, number wise,
12 it looks like you can move it in. But then if there's
13 more communities, I think you're going to -- your
14 deviation is going to be off.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh. With North Fair Oaks
16 added in, you looked at it?

17 FEMALE SPEAKER: Could we just (indiscernible) --

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It just impacts your other
19 district below -- or the one that it's currently in, I
20 should say.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: We need to bring down population. So
22 let's talk about -- let's go to Commissioner Akutagawa,
23 'cause I believe Turner already went, unless she has
24 another comment.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No. (Indiscernible) --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- see the other?

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Commissioner Akutagawa, then
4 Andersen -- and then Akutagawa, then Andersen, and then,
5 hopefully, we can get to some kind of direction.
6 Commissioner Akutagawa?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I was going to ask
8 for a similar change on that North Fair Oaks. I also
9 wanted just to ask. There was a COI testimony around
10 Redwood City, and specific to the Pacific Islander
11 community that asked for, perhaps, a smaller change, if
12 possible, that would at least preserve the Pacific
13 Islander COI.

14 It was mentioned that -- right now, I believe the
15 boundary is at Jefferson and Myrtle; is that correct?
16 And there was a request to move it to Jefferson and
17 Valota.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right by the Red Morton
19 Community Park. Oh, to the left. To the left more.
20 Down.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, on the --

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: It's below the --

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- yeah, it looks --

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: V-A-

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- like the west --

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- L-O --

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: side --

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- T-A.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- the west side of the
5 park? Yeah, the west side of the park.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: The east side. Yeah,
7 there.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, east side. That seems
9 like a small change that, at the very least, might also
10 help preserve a COI. I don't -- and if possible, I was
11 going to see if we could add that North Fair Oaks. I
12 know it takes the southern district under deviation,
13 though.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner --

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: But at least it would bring
16 this one a little closer to zero.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
18 Yeah. And so we do need to bring -- shift population
19 from the north, south, if we're going to make any of
20 these changes. And it looks like we're talking about,
21 minimum, 40,000 people, if we want to unify Redwood City,
22 and then add portions of these other COIs that we're
23 talking about. So we're -- maybe, we should take a look
24 at what's up north, and see what we would be willing to
25 bring down to the south.

1 And then our last commissioner, Andersen, and
2 Sadhwani for suggestions on what to bring down, because
3 we were shifting population down. Commissioner Andersen,
4 if -- and Commissioner --

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I believe --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Sadhwani.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- what Commissioner Yee had
8 said -- and Commissioner Fornaciari -- grab that area --
9 so essentially, our green line is going to move north in
10 grabbing that COI. Exactly. And then I thought we were
11 going to take Redwood City --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: So my understanding is --

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- not San Mateo's --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Commissioner Andersen -- sorry to
15 interrupt, Commissioner Andersen, but my understanding is
16 that the -- those are COIs that Commissioner Yee would
17 like to keep in the northern part of the -- in the San
18 Francisco base district.

19 The COIs -- and I'll let Commissioner Yee speak.
20 And so he can tell us what -- 'cause he's looked at this
21 area very carefully -- what areas we're able to --
22 what -- where we can shift population. So Commissioner
23 Yee?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, I'm sorry. I was
25 momentarily confused. And I thought we were expanding

1 that area, when we would actually need to shrink it. So
2 I actually do not want to move that line north.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: You're not -- are you -- any -- are
4 we able to move the line anywhere in that area, I guess,
5 is the question; or you want to keep that line where it
6 is? 'Cause there's portions of San -- Daly City or --

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Uh-huh.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- the unincorporated area to --
9 which is actually, I believe, a mountain. It's more of
10 a --

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm certainly open to exploring
12 that. I don't know enough about Daly City neighborhood-
13 by-neighborhood to --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: But --

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- just to work it out right now.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: But we would be talking about, at
17 least, 40,000 people that need to be shifted down.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa -- and
20 perhaps, at this point, it -- what would be best is that
21 we give general direction to Tamina to explore the
22 possibility of shifting down about 40,000 people from the
23 San Francisco area down into the peninsula. Tamina?

24 MS. ALON: Chair, just to note that I have looked
25 into making Redwood City whole before. And in order to

1 do it, you will be splitting Daly City, or coming up
2 further and then the San Francisco district will have
3 to -- probably have to reach over the Golden Gate Bridge.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: And so Commissioner Andersen, and
8 then Commissioner Akutagawa and Commissioner Sadhwani.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. I didn't realize we'd
10 have to take quite that much, in which case -- you know,
11 we were trying to make East San Francisco, but smaller.
12 So you know, that -- you've got population there. It
13 shifted on down. That would be the whole purpose.
14 Otherwise, I wouldn't be -- add space to -- for Redwood
15 City. But I -- if we can't do that by moving stuff in
16 all of San Francisco -- take a chunk out -- then I don't
17 really want to do that. I'd like to see if we can work
18 something else out.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: So it doesn't look like there's
20 consensus to shift population. I'll continue with
21 Commissioner Sadhwani and Akutagawa to see if they have
22 any suggestions or ideas.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Can we just pull the
24 map out a little bit, so we can see the bottom part of
25 the San Mateo district? Is it reasonable to pull from

1 the bottom, taking -- maybe, up into Half Moon Bay, so
2 that we can make Redwood City whole? And that way, we'd
3 keep San Francisco intact.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you give us a little bit more --
5 I'm not understanding how we would get -- there's
6 negative deviations in -- on -- I see negative deviations
7 all over the bottom. But they're still within the
8 allowable amounts. Are you suggesting going deeper into
9 the negative deviations, or --

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Well, yeah, because we're
11 trying to keep Redwood City whole, right?

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's, to me, the goal.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So if we're trying to keep --
15 so I'm --

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Put -- sorry.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: (Indiscernible) exploring that.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: There's a quick --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner --

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- idea. Can we just do the
21 portion of Redwood City that is -- yeah, I know this is
22 shifting population up -- but the portions that Redwood
23 City is cut off and stuck in the southern pen, put that
24 up in San Mateo. What is that number? Is that the
25 40,000? No, Redwood City would not be with East Palo

1 Alto --

2 MS. ALON: Twenty-four --

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- and -- sorry. What?

4 MS. ALON: It's 24,799, if you take in the -- these
5 little unincorporated areas. Would you like us to
6 explore that?

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: We do -- we do want you to explore
8 that.

9 MS. ALON: Okay.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm looking around the room, and
11 everyone wants to explore it, so yes. How does -- what
12 does that do to our deviations?

13 MS. ALON: Mateo is now at 2.54 percent deviation --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: South pen is at negative
16 8.66 percent.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So we're going to have to shift
18 population.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Uh-huh.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: We need ideas on how to do that.
21 Commissioner Sadhwani, Commissioner -- so Commissioner
22 Andersen, Sadhwani, and Akutagawa, and then Kennedy.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm happy to let others go
24 before me. I'm curious about whether or not that Half
25 Moon Bay area can start moving downward as a coastal

1 region.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Uh-huh.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's go to Commissioner
4 Akutagawa, Kennedy, then Fernandez.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Before I start, can
6 I just clarify Gatos, S. Cruz, does that include Los
7 Gatos in Cambrian Park and some of those areas? Up, up,
8 up north, yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Under -- yeah. Okay. It
11 does. Okay. So my suggestion would be -- I think going
12 in the direction of what Commissioner Sadhwani was
13 doing -- is to bring -- perhaps, even just -- can you
14 just zoom in a little bit more into that Redwood City
15 area -- just that general area -- so that I could see a
16 little bit more?

17 Okay. My suggestion would be, let's take some
18 population from Half Moon Bay, maybe, even if we have to
19 split, perhaps, I think, Belmont. What is that city? I
20 think it's San Carlos. That one. That unincorporated
21 area there. Yeah, San Carlos. You know, perhaps, taking
22 from some of their -- if you have to, to grab some
23 population to make room for Redwood City --

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I wouldn't.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- also North Fair Oaks.

1 And I'm trying to also incorporate in East Palo Alto into
2 this. And in doing so -- the south pen district, it's
3 kind of like a clock -- or counterclockwise.

4 I believe we heard quite a bit of testimony about
5 bringing in Los Gatos into that south pen district as
6 well, too. And so perhaps, if we bring in some of those
7 into the district, it may balance everything out.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's take it one step at a
9 time. So let's add -- let's take your and Commissioner
10 Sadhwani's suggestion to look at Half Moon Bay. Tamina,
11 can you highlight Half Moon Bay?

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Writing (indiscernible) that
13 stuff -- that in, that hurt.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen, did you have a
15 comment?

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, sorry.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, and Commissioner Fernandez? I
18 want to know --

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I do believe I have my
20 hand --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- if something hurts.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- up.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. I want to know. Commissioner
24 Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I just -- I really

1 want to point out that your East SF, your West SF, and
2 your S. Mateo, they're all over deviation, so that means
3 that you've got like an extra 40,000 up there. And I,
4 kind of, think we're moving in the wrong direction. I
5 just wanted to make sure -- because if those are
6 positive, then when you move down, they're going to have
7 to be negative. So I'm just trying to balance things out
8 right now.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Kennedy, you've been
10 patiently waiting.

11 MR. KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, this is just
12 to add a little more detail to what Commissioner
13 Fernandez just said. I mean, if we were to take both
14 East SF and West SF just to zero deviation, that would
15 give us 34,000 people.

16 If we were to take them both to negative 4 percent
17 deviation, that would give us an additional 39,000
18 people. That's 73,000 people. And then we have a lot
19 more flexibility farther down the peninsula.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: That is correct. But we would have
21 to go through the current line, so we'd have to go
22 through the current COIs in Daly City and South San
23 Francisco. So we would need consensus on doing that. So
24 I want to hear from Commissioner Yee, if he is
25 comfortable with exploring that option. I think we've

1 already heard, once, that he wasn't, so I just want to
2 see if he's still -- where he is now, given the concerns
3 that we're under.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: You know, I'm always open to
5 exploring. You know, and so the changes in Daly City,
6 South San Francisco -- and I was just responding to
7 direct COI testimony -- compelling COI testimony. You
8 know, maybe, there is some way to keep some of those
9 communities together, while moving population past them.
10 You know, I don't know.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Commissioner Fernandez, it
12 wasn't a, no. It was a, maybe.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So just for
16 clarification, Commissioner Yee if -- Tamina, if you zoom
17 in on that West SF, that little -- the lower piece of --
18 is that -- yes, right there. Is that part of the COI as
19 well, Commissioner Yee?

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, it is. It's the Buri Buri
21 and Westborough neighborhoods.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: You're not helping me right
23 now.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, I wish I could.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's pretty much all of the area,

1 except for -- if I remember correctly, the unincorporated
2 area is, potentially, not part of that COI, although --
3 so just -- if we're able to make it through that part of
4 the COI up, would that be something that you'd be
5 comfortable in doing, potentially?

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: Oh, so for instance, the eastern
7 part of Daly City?

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: The unincorporated areas. So if
9 you --

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- that white area is right there,
12 yes.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's fine, but that's San Bruno
14 Mountains, so probably not a lot of population.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: But that would connect us to San
16 Francisco, and potentially, allow us to bring our --

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. Sure, sure, sure.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: So potentially bring down population.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're trying to bring down --

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- population.

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So -- okay. So what I'm
25 hearing, now, is that we have a proposal that shifts some

1 population from San Francisco down into the peninsula and
2 through this -- through the more rural part of -- oh,
3 it's actually like a park or something, right? Through
4 that corridor.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: I don't think there's anybody living
7 there, 15 people.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: There's some homes on the hills,
9 I think.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: The (indiscernible)?

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: On that lower --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: But that would connect us up to the
13 San Francisco area, allowing us to shift population down.

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: Well, we're already connected
15 through Brisbane -- [Bris-bin], not [Bris-bane]. It's
16 been (indiscernible), yeah.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh. All right. So --

18 MS. ALON: I'm sorry, so --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- is that something that we're
20 comfortable with as a commission? Commissioner Andersen,
21 Fornaciari?

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I think this is -- I believe
23 we're all comfortable with this. I don't think we're
24 going to get there trying to do this tonight.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're not.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'm wondering if we can,
2 kind of sort of look at a couple of -- I think what we
3 have to do is take some stuff out of East San Francisco,
4 and to look at -- to decide what we want to do. We
5 really have to look, a little bit more, at some COIs and
6 see what --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Absolutely.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- (indiscernible) pull.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we would be --

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And then --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- just be doing a general --

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- bring it down.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: We'd just be doing general direction,
14 at this point. Commissioner Fornaciari?

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm just hoping you'll
16 indulge me for a second --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Absolutely. Go ahead.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- and have Tamina grab
19 all of South San Francisco, all of Colma, all of Daly
20 City, and all of Broadmoor, and tell us how many people
21 that is. Okay. That's way too many. All right. I just
22 wanted to see.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's a lot of people.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Wow.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, it's very densely populated --

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- so --

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: We may not have --

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Thanks.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- to go too far up.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, San Francisco is the
8 second densest city in the country --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's --

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- after New York.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's give general direction here.

12 And the general direction would be to -- for Tamina to
13 explore the possibility of shifting population down into
14 the peninsula from San Francisco in order to improve the
15 deviations in the manner that would allow us to unify the
16 Redwood City -- the City of Redwood -- Redwood City, and
17 then also surrounding COIs as mentioned previously.

18 Tamina? Yes.

19 MS. ALON: Okay. So this is a little tricky. So I
20 just want to ask. So you want to move population south.
21 So you want to connect Brisbane and take part of San
22 Francisco into the San Mateo District; that's your --

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're exploring the possibility of
24 shifting population down, so that we can unify --

25 MS. ALON: Right.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- the City of -- Redwood City.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Also to be parts of Daly City.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: And also --

4 FEMALE SPEAKER: My -- yeah.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- potentially, Daly City.

6 FEMALE SPEAKER: Right.

7 MS. ALON: So it's going to be a split in Daly City,
8 or taking Brisbane into San Francisco. So can I get some
9 direction on how you would like me to do that? Which
10 neighborhoods would be okay to move south? Which San
11 Francisco neighborhoods will be okay to move south?

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's take some feedback from
13 Commissioner Fornaciari and Commissioner Andersen, and
14 then we'll be -- and we also have significant COI
15 testimony on this as well. So Commissioner Fornaciari
16 and Commissioner Andersen?

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, from my perspective,
18 I don't want to get into San Francisco at all. I mean,
19 it didn't seem like we have to. We had population in
20 Daly City and South San Francisco and Colma, and so --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: So please give direction in that
22 regard.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, I would start on
24 that --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Or recommendation.

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- side of Daly City, and
2 see what you can do.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: So the direction would be -- and
4 the -- or the recommendation would be that we start with
5 Daly City -- that we'd start to shift population from
6 Daly City into the -- further down in the peninsula.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Daly City east of 280.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Commissioner Yee, I mean,
9 what, specifically, was the COI testimony; to keep them
10 together, or to keep them together north, or to -- I
11 mean --

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Keep them together.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, if we keep them
14 together and move them south -- I mean, is that not okay?

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: That is okay. But the COI
16 extends into Daly City. It's not --

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: But grab a whole COI --
18 and all of the COI and move it south.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Including parts of Daly City.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Including where -- you
21 know, whatever that COI is.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's really possible. I think
23 it's too many people, is the problem.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, we can --

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: And you can move it all south.

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, I don't think we can
2 have too many people going south, at this point. But --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think what Commissioner Yee is
4 referring to, is the deviations might be -- we may --
5 well, we can always get -- pick up the deviations up in
6 San Francisco to correct, potentially.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm happy to work with Tamina on
8 this further.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's get Tamina to explore
10 the possibility of shifting Daly City -- enough
11 population in Daly City, so that we can -- Daly City and
12 other parts of that district down to the peninsula -- so
13 that we can unify Redwood City and some of the other
14 surrounding COIs.

15 Commissioner Andersen, Kennedy, and then we'll be
16 recessing -- not recessing. We'll be taking public
17 comment at 8 o'clock. But -- and of course, Commissioner
18 Turner, I always see you. There we are. Actually, I
19 don't always see you. But I see you right now. Okay.
20 Commissioner Andersen, Kennedy, and then Turner.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I agree with what
22 Commissioner Fornaciari said. And I will also help
23 Tamina and Russell, if they need more help.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Kennedy?

25 MR. KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I mean, given the

1 population in San Francisco, what is going through my
2 mind is rotating population, first from East San
3 Francisco to West San Francisco, and the West San
4 Francisco District already extends down into Daly City,
5 Colma, South San Francisco, so that increases the
6 population that we can move from there down into San
7 Mateo.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

9 MR. KENNEDY: So.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.

11 MR. KENNEDY: Yes.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Turner?

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I like the
14 rotation that Commissioner Kennedy -- I just wanted to
15 name that Brisbane is estimated to be 194.5 percent of
16 the national average, making it one of the most expensive
17 cities in the United States, just according to Google. I
18 want to make sure that if we're moving that up into San
19 Francisco, we're not hitting some of those other COIs up
20 there that is not in that same status.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Turner. We
22 hear you. All right. With that, we will give that
23 direction. Any other comments on this area? I think we
24 have -- it sounds like we have good, to me, good
25 consensus on the San Francisco area, in terms of the

1 dividing line, shifting population down to the Peninsula
2 and to the San Mateo, unifying Redwood City and
3 potentially, some of the surrounding COIs that are there.
4 And then, potentially, if we are able to shift enough
5 population, being able to shift population down the
6 Peninsula.

7 Commissioner Akutagawa?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I was just doing some
9 Google Map, looking at that. And it looks like this --
10 through North Fair Oaks through the Bell Haven
11 neighborhood of Menlo Park, it may possible to connect to
12 East Palo Alto. It would mean a split of Menlo Park. I
13 know it's kind of weird, but I don't know if there's a
14 way to make it work.

15 Tamina would probably know how to do it, or if we
16 just have to take off, at least, that eastern part of
17 Menlo Park to connect Palo Alto. But it would still
18 probably mean a split. It could be possible if we're
19 shifting all this population down. But at least it would
20 bring together several different COIs centered around
21 economic status. It -- particularly, ones that don't
22 share the -- I'll say, the wealth of Silicon Valley.

23 Thank you.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

25 Okay. So I think, do you have the direct -- do we

1 have the direction you need to start shifting population
2 down? Because at this point, the direction is to start
3 shifting population down, trying to unify Redwood City
4 and the COIs that were discussed today.

5 MS. ALON: Yes, I have plenty of direction. I will
6 do what I can.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's all we can do. What we can.
8 All right.

9 With that, let's begin the process of opening up for
10 public comment and start hearing from the public.

11 Kristian, can you help me open up the lines and
12 start -- so we can start hearing the public?

13 We will be limiting public comment to one and a half
14 minutes so that we can hear from as many people as
15 possible tonight.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, so much,
17 Chair. Katy, I am here.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh Katy, it's you, yay.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Here I am.

20 Alrighty, right now, we have Caller 2047. And up
21 next, after that, will be Caller 3995.

22 Caller 2047 -- oh, you know what, I am going to have
23 to refer to Kristian, momentarily.

24 Kristian, I'm going to need some authority.

25 MR. MANOFF: Sure thing, just a moment.

1 Stand by.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

3 Thank you so much. Alrighty.

4 Right now, we will be starting with Caller 3995.

5 And up next, after that, will be Caller 4125.

6 Caller 3995, if you'll please follow the prompts to
7 unmute by pressing star 6.

8 Caller 3995, if you'll please follow the prompts to
9 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.

11 I'm calling on -- I'm calling out of San Bernadino
12 County's High Desert. And I was just calling to voice my
13 disapproval - or excuse me, my dissatisfaction, rather,
14 with the proposed maps that you're doing to Adelanto,
15 Victorville, and Hesperia.

16 And I think these are very biased maps. This would
17 be the equivalent of taking up the map from the
18 Democratic or Republican parties. And I think that they
19 are just, again, very unfair maps. Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 And right now, we're going to Caller 4125. And up
22 next, after that, will be Caller 4967.

23 Caller 4125, if you'll please follow the prompts to
24 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, so much.

1 Hello, Commissioners, I want to thank you for your
2 hard work and creating a Glendale, Burbank congressional
3 seat and an East San Fernando Valley congressional seat,
4 and a congressional seat in the West and South San
5 Fernando Valley. So please stick with that basic plan.

6 I think you can do even -- an even better job if you
7 could go with the plan that VICA has put forth. That
8 plan recognizes that Santa Monica belongs with a
9 shoreline district and not the Valley. And while I'm
10 sure you are told all the time what some community likes
11 or doesn't like, the nice thing about VICA plan is that
12 it shows you how to actually make this improvement while
13 even improving the neighboring districts.

14 For instance, not only does VICA plan get Santa
15 Monica back to the coast, it fixes the split in the city
16 of West Hollywood. And I think you should do that. And
17 since I'm a proud alumnus of Cal State Northridge, I'll
18 gladly note that VICA plan also unites each of the three
19 Northridge neighborhood councils in one congressional
20 district.

21 Because while there might be a few neighborhood
22 local councils per community, there's really only one
23 Northridge. This is -- there's only one Cal State
24 Northridge. It doesn't make sense to split the campus
25 from the student housing and from the businesses that

1 serve the students and faculty. This same plan keep
2 Northridge together.

3 Finally, I point out --

4 MR. MANOFF: 20 seconds.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- that this plan keeps the
6 Valley neighborhoods -- Studio City, Toluca Lake, Valley
7 Village, and Sherman Oaks -- together in the Valley
8 district. These Valley communities are plagued by
9 airport --

10 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- noise, as they're in
12 between two regional airports. They should have a
13 collective voice in airport noise matters.

14 Commissioners, you've done so well. I commend you
15 for your work.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, so much.

17 And right now, we have Caller 4967. And up next,
18 after that, will be Caller 6101.

19 Caller 4967, if you'll please follow the prompts to
20 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

21 MS. ALETA: Good evening, Commissioners. My name's
22 Aleta (ph.), I'd like to discuss the Fresno, Tulare
23 Congressional District. As a resident of rural, Kings
24 County, I feel the City of Fresno does not belong in the
25 current draft for a Fresno, Tulare Congressional District

1 because its urban population doesn't reflect the
2 overarching communities of interest within this district.

3 I believe the City of Fresno would be better
4 incorporated with a neighborhood district, such as the
5 San Fresno draft district which shares communities also
6 locally represented by the Fresno County Board of
7 Supervisors, and Fresno City Council.

8 The Fresno, Tulare Congressional should, instead,
9 include a large portion of Kings County, which would
10 preserve the rural route of the district communities of
11 interest.

12 Thank you and have a nice evening.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now, we will have Caller 6101. And up next, after
15 that, will be Caller 8174.

16 Caller 6101, if you'll please follow the prompts to
17 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

18 MS. ROSE: This is Anna Rose (ph.) from Palmdale,
19 California. Hello, Commissioners.

20 I live on the east side of Palmdale, California.
21 I'm calling today to request the Commission to keep the
22 City of Palmdale whole. I'm very concerned that the
23 Commission is proposing to split up the City of Palmdale
24 at the 14th.

25 Many of Palmdale's amenities, like Antelope Valley

1 Mall and Antelope Valley College are anchors in our
2 community, and they should be included in the same
3 assembly district. Even Palmdale's primary healthcare
4 services are not included in our proposal -- in our
5 proposed assembly district.

6 All of these issues are critical for our community
7 to advocate for by breaking up Palmdale. We lose our
8 voice in the State Assembly, especially with our
9 healthcare services, which are lacking in the Antelope
10 Valley. The COVID-19 pandemic certainly highlighted our
11 need for Palmdale's representatives to advocate for --

12 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

13 MS. ROSE: -- more healthcare services for our
14 underserved Latino community.

15 Thank you for listening to my feedback in making
16 Palmdale's assembly district whole.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All
18 right now, we will have Caller 8174. And up next, after
19 that, will be Caller 9290.

20 8174, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute
21 by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

22 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Hello, Commissioners. My name is
23 (indiscernible) Rodriguez (ph.) and I work with Coalition
24 for Humane Immigrant Rights. Our mission is to achieve a
25 just society (indiscernible) assist of immigrants. We

1 want to underscore the importance of low-income immigrant
2 communities in South Fullerton and in West Anaheim. The
3 majority of students and families living in South
4 Fullerton and Anaheim, through our community education or
5 organizing, are not familiar with their rights and
6 resources for higher education as a documented citizen.

7 During the height of the COVID pandemic, immigrant
8 communities were the most affected in many aspects with
9 medical care who were eligible for it if they had no
10 healthcare insurance. Maybe -- many others were let go
11 from service industry jobs and suffered from loss of
12 wages.

13 Additionally, many of the families reported earning
14 less than \$5,000 annually through a COI survey Turlock
15 conducted during the summer. Although Turlock was able
16 to service 1,244 undocumented families and individuals to
17 receive a one-time state-funded assistance through the
18 Coronara Vice Disaster Relief Assistance for Immigrants,
19 also known as DRAI.

20 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

21 MS. RODRIGUEZ: They continue to struggle. It's
22 important to keep this community together so they have
23 opportunity to advocate together.

24 We are pleased that the Commission has chosen to
25 reject the State Assembly for Southern California

1 consideration earlier today. We think that the original
2 draft assembly --

3 MR. MANOFF: 15 seconds.

4 MS. RODRIGUEZ: -- map was going on the right track
5 and that the changes considered today created more
6 problems (indiscernible).

7 We want to thank the Commissions for drawing the VRA
8 District in Santa Ana. Please keep the district enjoined
9 (indiscernible) centered around South Fullerton and West
10 Anaheim.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All
12 right now, we will have Caller 9290. And up next, after
13 that, will be Caller 9942.

14 Caller 9290, if you'll please follow the prompts to
15 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

16 MS. ORR: Hi. My name is Adria Orr (ph.) and I'm
17 calling from Advancing Justice Asian Law Caucus on behalf
18 of the API and State Redistricting Collaborative.

19 Thank you, so much, for hearing all the public input
20 about keeping Vineyard with Elk Grove in the Sacramento
21 based district, and working so hard to find a solution in
22 your assembly map.

23 I want to emphasize what a disservice it would be to
24 this fast-growing community to give up on solving this
25 issue. While Vineyard grew by 77 percent in the last

1 decade, the Asian-American population there grew by 143
2 percent, and the Pacific Islander community grew by 190
3 percent.

4 As you have heard repeatedly from the community,
5 Vineyard has little in common with San Joaquin County and
6 the communities in the Central Valley that it is
7 currently grouped with. We support that -- the mapping
8 that you explored and discarded earlier this evening,
9 which involved some of the area between Highway 50 and
10 Fruitridge Road north, into the West Sac District in
11 order to bring Vineyard into the Elk Grove District.

12 The area that you highlighted includes areas that
13 are more affluent and whiter than the nearby communities
14 of Lemon Hill and Fruitridge pocket. Moving that area
15 into a district with Downtown Sacramento and East
16 Sacramento --

17 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

18 MS. ORR: -- is a sensible move that will allow you
19 to move Vineyard out of a region that it does have
20 shared -- that it does not have shared interests or
21 connections with. We ask that you revisit this swap and
22 move forward with it.

23 Thank you, so much, for your continued hard work in
24 this process.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: As a reminder to our queue, you are

1 being interpreted, please speak at a steady pace and take
2 your time with city and county names, and numbers.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
4 right now, we will have Caller 9942. And up next, after
5 that, will be Caller 0073.

6 Caller 9942, if you'll please follow the prompts to
7 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

8 Caller 9942, you may want to double check and make
9 sure you phone is not on mute. You are unmuted in the
10 meeting.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He we go.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Thank you for the
14 opportunity to comment. I'm calling to disagree with a
15 comment made by a commissioner regarding the
16 interconnectedness between the L.A. and Orange County
17 boundaries. While this may be valid in South -- some
18 Southeast L.A. and North Orange County districts, this is
19 not the case the for the Orange County North Coast
20 District.

21 Long Beach, in L.A. County, and Seal Beach, in
22 Orange County, are under different county tax codes and
23 business economics, and should not be combined in the
24 same district. Primarily, Long Beach is a major
25 commercial shipping port city. While Seal Beach, and all

1 the other Orange County coastal cities, are residential,
2 resort beach communities with a heavy recreational,
3 tourism influence. These are distinctly different
4 cultures and economic drivers.

5 In addition, Irvine should be excluded from the O.C.
6 North Coast District for similar reasons, to avoid
7 drowning out the voices of the constituents in these
8 unique beach communities. On the other hand --

9 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Dana point in San
11 Clemente, should be included in the proposed district
12 since their cultures and economics drivers are most
13 similar to the other Orange County coastal cities.

14 In closing, please keep Long Beach and Irvine
15 separate from the Orange County coastal cities. And
16 include Dana Point, San Clemente to the proposed O.C.
17 North Coast District. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
19 right now, we will have Caller 0073. And up next, after
20 that, will be Caller 1043.

21 0073, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute
22 by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

23 MR. MIKE: Good evening, Commissioners. This is
24 Mike I. (ph.), calling on behalf of the Quality of
25 California again. I want to thank you for continuing to

1 unite the Los Angeles LGBTQ+ community in West Hollywood
2 and Hollywood, and the latest Glenn LA District.

3 Currently, most of the LGBTQ+ community is kept
4 together in this district. However, the strength of our
5 LGBTQ+ community to elect candidates of choice is diluted
6 by including the City of Glendale, which has a smaller
7 LGBTQ+ population than other surrounding neighborhoods
8 that could be included in the Glenn-L.A. District.

9 For example, the Hollywood Hills west of Laurel
10 Canyon Boulevard is left out of Glenn-L.A. -- of the
11 Glenn-L.A. District but has a significant and dense
12 population of LGBTQ+ residents. All of this can be seen
13 in the LGBTQ+ heat map submitted by Quality of
14 California, October 21st. Please see the Los Angeles
15 inset on page 6.

16 By replacing the City of Glendale with Hollywood
17 Hills, we can create a district that truly unifies and
18 empowers our local LGBTQ+ community --

19 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

20 MR. MIKE: -- so we may continue to protect our
21 community, our civil rights, and our ability to elect
22 candidates of choice.

23 Thank you, so much, for all your hard work.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 right now, we will have Caller 1043. And up next, after

1 that, will be Caller 4006.

2 Caller 1043, if you'll please follow the prompts to
3 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
5 I have called in last week and spoke about a draft map
6 and make my comment. I want to thank for your time.
7 Please listen to our voice by keeping Little Saigon
8 together.

9 Last time I spoke about the ABGW map for assembly
10 district in O.C. I asked to take away Stanton and not
11 you want to add Cypress, which doesn't make any sense.
12 These two cities have no common interest in our Little
13 Saigon community. I mentioned last time that the change
14 we are asking for are minor. And it just come down to
15 splitting north of Huntington Beach District to keep our
16 Little Saigon family and friends together.

17 These are the minor change to keep and allow Little
18 Saigon to continue to be build up and grow. Please keep
19 Westminster, Garden Grove --

20 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and Huntington Beach, Seal
22 beach, (indiscernible) family together Little Saigon
23 community of interest. Please keep Little Saigon
24 together. Thank you for your time and have a wonderful
25 holiday.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
2 right now, we will have Caller 4006. And up next, after
3 that, will be Caller 5277.

4 Caller 4006, if you'll please follow the prompts to
5 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

6 One more time, Caller 4006, if you could please
7 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.

8 And Caller 4006, I do apologize. There appears to
9 be some kind of connectivity issue for you at the moment.
10 We'll come back to you momentarily.

11 Right now, we will have Caller 5277. And up next,
12 after that, will be Caller 5490.

13 Caller 5277, if you'll please follow the prompts to
14 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
16 My name is David and I'm calling from the San Fernando
17 Valley. And I want to thank Commissioner Sadhwani,
18 especially, for pointing out that we've -- what we've
19 been saying for months. There is enough population to
20 draw two voting rights districts -- assembly districts in
21 the San Fernando Valley.

22 Victor -- the Valley Industry and Commerce
23 Association submitted maps that showed a simple
24 population swap that doesn't have the ripple effects
25 across the state and give the San Fernando Valley two VRA

1 districts. Please be sure to protect the Latino
2 community in the Valley. We are a huge community of
3 interest here, in the Los Angeles area and we need
4 equitable representation. Please do not -- don't leave
5 us behind.

6 Thank you for your time, Commissioners, and have a
7 great day.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
9 right now, we will have Caller 5490. And up next, after
10 that, will be Caller 5819.

11 Caller 5490, if you'll please follow the prompts to
12 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening commissioners,
14 my name is Kim. I'm from Pinon Hills. I'm very
15 concerned about how you're breaking up the San Bernadino
16 High Desert and putting us into a district with L.A.
17 County. Our High Desert has been pretty unanimous in
18 saying we don't want to be with L.A. County and I can
19 give you examples why.

20 My community is currently split at the assembly
21 level between Antelope Valley and Victor Valley. We
22 never see or hear our Antelope Valley representatives.
23 They focus all their attention in Los Angeles on their
24 issues and we seem to just be a throw-away community.
25 Whenever we need issues addressed, we reach out to the

1 Victor Valley representatives because we have a number of
2 common interests with Victor Valley. We feel very
3 strongly that our rural community, with our open skies,
4 clean air, deserves to be fairly represented. And the
5 best way to do that is by keeping us with other San
6 Bernadino County communities.

7 These are communities we share public safety
8 services with, our school districts collaborate with, and
9 we share common concerns over the environment and quality
10 of life.

11 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And the people in the
13 Antelope Valley have overwhelmingly stated they prefer to
14 be with Santa Clarita and not us. Even tonight, you had
15 a comment about someone on the east side of Antelope
16 Valley wanting to stay with Palmdale.

17 MR. MANOFF: 15.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Please listen to the
19 community you are supposed to be redistricting, the
20 entire State of California. Thank you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
22 now, we will have Caller 5819. And up next, after that,
23 will be 6158.

24 Caller 5819, if you'll please follow the prompts to
25 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

1 MR. PERRY: Good evening, Commissioners. Michael
2 Perry (ph.) from Big Bear Lake in San Bernadino County.
3 I want to emphasize what Kim just said. It's interesting
4 the two of us are speaking back-to-back. But same
5 concerns about disenfranchising San Bernadino County
6 voters by including us in with the LA County districts.

7 Looking at your community of interest testimony, I
8 don't see any Wrightwood, Alto Loma, Upland that want to
9 say they want to be included with Pasadena. And then,
10 this past week, you put Hesperia and Palmdale in with
11 L.A. County people also. And there was really no input
12 suggesting that that was appropriate.

13 Respectfully, I really want to urge the Commission
14 to not disenfranchise the San Bernadino County, as Kim
15 had described very well, by adding us in to L.A. County
16 districts. Especially when we would have to drive
17 through an adjoining district just to get --

18 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

19 MR. PERRY: -- to another part of the proposed
20 districts. So I encourage -- I was encouraged also to
21 see the Commission put Lake Arrowhead back in with Big
22 Bear in the rural areas in the assembly. And encourage
23 you to continue that direction and not --

24 MR. MANOFF: 15.

25 MR. PERRY: -- disenfranchise the votes of the

1 inland empire. So thank you for your efforts. Happy
2 holidays.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
4 now, we will have Caller 6158. And up next, after that,
5 we'll have Caller 6590.

6 Caller 6158, if you'll please follow the prompts to
7 unmute by pressing star 6.

8 Caller 6158, if you'll please press star 6 one more
9 time? The floor is yours.

10 MS. MARKS: Hi. Thank you. My name is Julia Marks
11 (ph.). I'm calling from Asian American Advancing
12 Justice, Asian Law Caucus. Thank you for all your hard
13 work on the maps and for your thoughtful attention to
14 AAPI communities in the Bay. We appreciate the new San
15 Francisco assembly map that Commissioner Yee proposed
16 today. Over the last few weeks, we heard from local
17 partners, and Latino, environmental, and other groups
18 that this arrangement serves our communities well.

19 As you refine the proposal, please move Japantown
20 into a district with Chinatown, if possible? Also, we
21 urge you not to separate Daly City from nearby
22 communities of interest in Buri Buri and Westborough.
23 It's appropriate to have moderate deviation at the
24 assembly level in order to keep COIs whole. Splitting
25 these communities would dilute Filipino voting power.

1 We also encourage you to continue to explore ways to
2 affect lower income COIs in Redwood City north, Fair
3 Oaks, Bell Haven, and even East Palo Alto. We're so glad
4 the Commission is giving attention to these communities
5 and to Pacific Islanders in the area.

6 I remind the commission that respecting --

7 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

8 MS. MARKS: -- COIs is on the same level as
9 respecting cities. So you may consider cutting nearby
10 cities in order to keep those neighborhoods together. We
11 suggest you explore moving some more affluent
12 neighborhoods in the Hills --

13 MR. MANOFF: 15.

14 MS. MARKS: -- into the Palo Alto District in order
15 to keep Redwood City North East, Fair Oaks, Bell Haven,
16 and East Palo Alto in a San Mateo District. Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
18 right now, we will have Caller 6590. And up next, after
19 that, will be Caller 6640.

20 Caller 6590, if you'll please follow the prompts to
21 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

22 MS. SHANNON: Can you hear me?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

24 MS. SHANNON: All right. Okay. Good evening. My
25 name is Shannon Shannon (ph.) and I'm the chair of the

1 Greater High Desert Commerce Legislative Action
2 Committee. This committee represents hundreds of San
3 Bernadino County High Desert small businesses, and serves
4 as a forum between the small businesses and our local
5 legislators in Sacramento and Washington D.C.

6 I'm calling today to express my dissatisfaction with
7 the Commissioners' proposal to split up San Bernadino
8 County High Desert communities of Hesperia, Victorville,
9 and Adelanto. This is an unjust decision that ultimately
10 disenfranchises our small businesses communities to
11 communicate with our legislators when they -- legislators
12 when they are based in Los Angeles County.

13 Voting Rights Acts districts are required to be
14 compact and contiguous. This Antelope Valley VRA
15 district does not represent any of these descriptions
16 required by law. There is almost no similarities between
17 Antelope Valley and the San Bernadino County High Desert.

18 We are served by different water districts, air
19 quality districts, and county governments.

20 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

21 MS. SHANNON: Please keep the San Bernadino County
22 high-desert communities of Adelanto, Hesperia, and
23 Victorville together so that we can continue to have
24 small businesses represented in the state assembly.

25 Thank you for your time.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
2 right now, we will have Caller 6640. And up next, after
3 that, will be Caller 7331.

4 6640, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute
5 by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

6 MS. MACIA: Thank you. Good evening, Commissioners.
7 My name is Carina Macia (ph.), Council member for the
8 City of Huntington Park. I want to address the assembly
9 line district lines that include Huntington Park and the
10 southeast area, attached now with the cities of Lakewood
11 and Bell Flower.

12 As I have mentioned before, I'm highly concerned
13 about the connection to communities that have very
14 different priorities and needs, as it is a disservice to
15 our communities. I urge the commission to connect
16 Huntington Park to Florence, Firestone and Buena Park and
17 I'll give you one example why this is important.

18 In my daily job, I'm a caregiver for both of my
19 parents and my great aunt. Pulling that -- from that
20 perspective, I wanted to provide you a health statistic
21 that drastically gives you the picture of the very
22 different needs of the communities. When you look at
23 people without health insurance under 65, Huntington Park
24 is at 18.9 percent and Florence, Firestone at 23 percent,
25 compared to Lakewood at 5.2 percent and Bellflower at

1 11.5 percent. A drastic difference.

2 Priorities of our communities will most likely go
3 unheard when you have dominant cities without a health
4 insurance priority.

5 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

6 MS. MACIA: This is only one example. You will have
7 communities like ours failing -- falling through the
8 cracks. These are not just lines here you're deciding,
9 you're deciding on the livelihood of communities. Don't
10 set us up for failure and for real lack of
11 representation.

12 MR. MANOFF: 15.

13 MS. MACIA: Don't give us a decade of a short end of
14 a stick. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
16 right now, we will have Caller 7331. And up next, after
17 that, will be 7916.

18 Caller 7331, if you'll please follow the prompts to
19 unmute by pressing star 6.

20 And one more chance. Caller -- oh, the floor is
21 yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Can you hear me?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Great. Thanks so much. Hi.

25 My name's Ben (ph.). I'm a bit of a political junkie, so

1 I've been following this process and I'm calling as a
2 long-time resident of West Hollywood. I was calling
3 because, you know, I don't know if everyone on the --
4 first of all, sorry, I want to say thank you guys, on the
5 Commission, for the hard work you're doing. I'm sure
6 this is extremely difficult process and it's hard to
7 please everyone.

8 But I was calling because I -- if you don't live in
9 Los Angeles, you may not know this about this area, but
10 you know, the Greater Los Angeles area is a very large
11 geographic area. And there are a few communities within
12 it that have coherent identities of their own. Examples
13 are Culver City, Santa Monica, West Hollywood, Pasadena,
14 and a few others. But they're really, sort of, cities
15 within the city.

16 And I noticed in the most recent draft congressional
17 maps that you guys had split West Hollywood into two,
18 separate --

19 MR. MANOFF: 20 seconds.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- districts. And it
21 concerned me because West Hollywood, in particular,
22 amongst these different communities, is one that has an
23 identity, sort of, as a --

24 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- home for a community, the

1 LGBTQ community. And I think that it does a real harm
2 and a disservice to that community.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
4 right now, we will have Caller 7916. And up next, after
5 that, will be 8693.

6 Caller 7916, if you'll please follow the prompts to
7 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hey, my name is Craig (ph.)
9 and funny enough, I'm also a resident of West Hollywood,
10 and I concur with the previous caller. It just seems
11 like we want to be able to keep these neighborhoods
12 together. It seems like the towns, here on this side,
13 are, you know, unique to the towns in the Valley. And we
14 want to continue to, kind of, keep that way.

15 And the best thing about some of these towns, like
16 the previous caller just mentioned, was just the
17 uniqueness and the unification of these towns. So I did
18 notice that VICA solution is -- actually seems pretty
19 amazing and hopefully, you guys can consider that for
20 this neighborhood.

21 And you know, it seems like the smart thing to do.
22 And we'd all be grateful to be able to keep our
23 neighborhood together.

24 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, so much.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
2 right now, we will have Caller 8693. And up next, after
3 that, will be 9048.

4 Caller 8693, if you'll please follow the prompts to
5 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Great. And hello,
7 Commissioners. I am calling as a part of the Keep Long
8 Beach Together Coalition. We sent a letter to the
9 Commission earlier today with a map attachment from
10 Samantha Mellinger (ph.). And we wanted to read it to
11 the record, now, for you all.

12 Dear Commissioners, in your most recent conversation
13 today about the assembly map, we heard the direction that
14 was given by Commissioner Turner about North Long Beach.
15 It was clear to us that the direction was to move North
16 Long Beach into a district with communities like Compton
17 and neighboring cities.

18 Commissioner Turner specifically said, North of
19 Bixby Knolls and Los Cerritos. That direction aligns
20 with the boundaries of North Long Beach. We have an
21 attachment -- we have attached a map to ensure
22 neighborhoods are kept united.

23 The yellow line on the northern side of the Bixby
24 Knolls and Los Cerritos community is north -- is the
25 North Long Beach border that runs along an existing

1 railroad track. The neighborhood to the north of the
2 yellow line is North Long Beach, as referred to by
3 Commissioner Turner.

4 We wanted to provide this map to staff has a -- so
5 staff have a precise border referred to by Commissioner
6 Turner.

7 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Since this is the North Long
9 Beach border, the split -- this split location makes
10 sense if the city needs to be split. Thank you.

11 Sincerely, Keep Long Beach Together Coalition.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now, we will have Caller 9048. And up next, after
14 that, will be 9575.

15 Caller 9048, if you'll please follow the prompts to
16 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very much. And
18 thank you, Commissioners. I have been following this all
19 day. This is exhausting. So thank you so much for your
20 work.

21 As you swing into the San Fernando Valley, I just
22 ask that you, humbly, don't forget me and my neighbors in
23 our request to ask that you unify North Hollywood. Where
24 the line fall right now in the assembly map just doesn't
25 make sense. It divides North Hollywood in half. The

1 boundary that really represents shares -- is shared by
2 L.A. times neighborhood map.

3 This is common knowledge (indiscernible) North
4 Hollywood should extend to the 170 on the west, 134 on
5 the south, and Lankersheim on the east. Please help me
6 just unify with our neighborhood. It's hard enough to
7 advocate in L.A. when you're a divided community. This
8 is more important than ever, especially for the next ten
9 years. We share grocery stores (indiscernible) -- small
10 chains, small populations --

11 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- I think they have, like,
13 1,500 people. Please move and, you know, just show us
14 democracy works, that we -- that neighborhoods can
15 organize and make this happen. Really appreciate your
16 service. Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
18 right now, we will have Caller 9575. And up next, after
19 that, will be 0801.

20 Caller 9575, if you'll please follow the prompts to
21 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

22 MS. DIAZ: Hi. Good evening, Commissioners. Today,
23 I'll be speaking on the State Assembly iterations AD210
24 and ADSBCHR. My name is Karen Diaz (ph.) and I'm part of
25 the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights - Turlock. We

1 just wanted to show our support for Tuesday's discussion
2 in the Antelope Valley and the High Desert that led to
3 the iteration of AD210.

4 As a community member that has lived there since
5 2006, I called earlier to support my -- to show my
6 support for those iterations. And what I expect our
7 appreciation for this state assembly map is the known --
8 North L.A. County area in the High Desert. We love that
9 you're drawing a federal rights voting act district at
10 assembly level for the Antelope Valley with East Palmdale
11 and East Lancaster that connects the High Desert
12 community of Hesperia, Adelanto, and Victorville.

13 In the assembly district iteration, SOCAL, not only
14 are the VRA requirements met, but they're also giving
15 low-income community immigrants and Latino Black
16 communities an opportunity --

17 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

18 MS. DIAZ: -- to elect one representative, at least
19 at the state level.

20 We are proposing some tweaks and this includes that
21 instead of making a cut in Pearlblossom Highway,
22 connecting it to the 138 Highway in the City of Palmdale
23 instead of (indiscernible) --

24 MR. MANOFF: 15.

25 MS. DIAZ: -- including all the City of Littlerock

1 that are moving into areas of (indiscernible) and Juniper
2 Hill. Again, you are in the right direction. Please
3 continue to follow this iteration. I know that a lot of
4 callers have been mentioning that the City of Antelope
5 Valley doesn't want to be connected to the High Desert.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
7 right now, we will have Caller 2931. And up next, after
8 that, will be 8224.

9 2931, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute
10 by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Can you hear me?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, Commissioner. I am
14 calling and spoken already this week. I did not want to
15 keep calling because I wanted to respect the Commission
16 time since you already have a long day of meeting. But
17 after I heard that you want to add Stanton and Cypress
18 for the AD District, I have to call in again and
19 respectful and ask you to listen in again to our concerns
20 and commands.

21 For the Little Saigon, we have no connection of
22 community of interest with Stanton and Cypress. Thank
23 you, Commissioner Sinay, for reading the commands people
24 submit online for the Little Saigon area. The command
25 already explains the community of interest in Little

1 Saigon area and why it's important to us. Please add
2 Huntington Beach to our assembly district because many
3 young Vietnamese Americans are now living in Huntington
4 Beach. Put it on Huntington Beach or North Garfield
5 Avenue in Huntington Beach. Again, please keep --

6 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Westminster, Midway City,
8 Rossmoor, Seal Beach, Los Alamitos, Huntington Beach, and
9 a portion of Garden Grove.

10 Thank you for your time and have a good evening,
11 Commissioners.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now, we will have Caller 8224. And up next, after
14 that, will be 6637.

15 8224, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute
16 by pressing star 6.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Hi. My name is
20 Stephanie (ph.). I'm calling regarding the Little Saigon
21 assembly district. I have called in the past two nights
22 and I have waited for hours to testify for the draft map
23 and during the regularization map, as well.

24 I also heard a lot of public comments from Little
25 Saigon community throughout this process. Not sure what

1 else we can do or how can we -- how we can explain to the
2 Commissioner the importance of our Little Saigon
3 community of interest.

4 Huntington Beach belongs to Little Saigon district.
5 Huntington Westminster is for the children that live in
6 Huntington Beach. And Westminster Boys and Girls Club of
7 Huntington Valley are for children in Huntington Beach
8 and Pine Valley. Pine Valley High School and Westminster
9 High School are in Huntington Beach/Union High School
10 District.

11 Cypress and Stanton have nothing in common with us.
12 I'm not sure why you went back and add those cities.
13 Please relook at this again.

14 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Again, please keep Little
16 Saigon District together with Westminster, Midway City
17 Rossmoor, Los Alamitos, Huntington Beach, Seal Beach, and
18 portions of Garden Grove.

19 We need someone that can understand our needs and
20 would be able to --

21 MR. MANOFF: 15.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- represent our community of
23 interest. Thank you, so much.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 And I would like to remind all those calling in, we

1 do have interpreters and please take time with city names
2 and just everything you would like to say.

3 Right now, we will have Caller 6637. And up next,
4 after that, will be Caller 9118.

5 Caller 6637, if you'll please follow the prompts to
6 unmute by pressing star 6.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

9 Hello.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon. My name is
11 (indiscernible). I live in the City of Huntington Park
12 and I lived here for 33 years.

13 I'm calling regarding Gateway draft map and the 105
14 draft map. The Gateway draft map connects working-class
15 communities, like Huntington Park and Walnut Park, with
16 cities like Lakewood and Bellflower. This would be an
17 injustice for our communities.

18 We are asking for a small alteration to the map in
19 order to truly have an opportunity for our working hard
20 families to elect candidates of our choice. Please
21 remove Lakewood and Bellflower, and include the
22 unincorporated community of Florence-Firestone to the
23 Gateway map.

24 Both, Florence-Firestone community have nothing in
25 common with the cities like Inglewood and Hawthorne.

1 Florence-Firestone community members identify with the
2 southeast Los Alamitos communities. Please make this
3 small change to the Gateway map --

4 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- that will make a positive
6 impact to our communities. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
8 right now, we will have Caller 9118. And up next, after
9 that, will be Caller 0457.

10 Caller 9118, if you'll please follow the prompts to
11 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. Good evening.
13 My name is Alejandra (ph.) (indiscernible). I live in
14 the community of Florence-Graham and I have lived here
15 for over 40 years. I'm here to talk about the 105 draft
16 map.

17 For many years, our Florence-Graham community has
18 been neglected in all levels, to include the State
19 Assembly. This new proposed 105 map has detached us from
20 all communities that we have common interests. We have
21 been added to a map that contains Inglewood and
22 Hawthorne. Two communities that are completely opposite
23 to our community.

24 People 25 and older with a high school diploma,
25 Hawthorne and Inglewood is 77 percent, while Florence-

1 Graham is less than 45 percent. People with Bachelors
2 over the 25, Hawthorne and Inglewood over 23 percent,
3 while Florence-Graham, we only have 5 percent with
4 bachelor's degrees. These are examples just to show you
5 the difference of what priorities these very different
6 communities would have.

7 I'm asking you to, please, stop the injustice to our
8 community and place Florence-Graham community --

9 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- with the Gateway corridor
11 map that includes Huntington Park and Walnut Park. Thank
12 you and have a blessed evening.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now, we will have Caller 0457. And up next, after
15 that, will be Caller 7430.

16 Caller 0457, if you'll please follow the prompts to
17 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

18 MR. SARGESIAN: Good evening, Commissioner -- good
19 evening, Commissioners. My name is Benito Sargesian
20 (ph.). Thank you for drawing one assembly district in
21 the San Fernando Valley with the Latinos CVAP above 50
22 percent. However, I believe there is an overwhelming
23 large Latino population to draw such districts.

24 Please consider consolidating the Latino voting
25 population and giving Latinos to the opportunity to

1 choose a candidate of their choice in two districts of
2 the San Fernando Valley. We deserve to have these
3 appropriately crafted VRA districts her in San Fernando
4 to promote equity and justice.

5 Thank you for listening to me and other likeminded
6 callers. Have a good evening.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
8 right now, we will have Caller 7430. And up next, after
9 that, will be Caller 3393.

10 Caller 7430, if you'll please follow the prompts to
11 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

12 MS. MILROSA: Good afternoon. My name is Alexandra
13 Milrosa (ph.). I live in the community of Florence-
14 Graham and I have lived here for over 34 years. I am
15 here to talk about the 105 draft map regarding our
16 Florence-Graham community.

17 This proposed 105 map has separated us from all
18 communities that we have in common. We are all asking
19 you to stop the injustices to our communities and place
20 the Florence-Graham community with the Gateway map that
21 includes Huntington Park and Walnut Park. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
23 right now, we will have Caller 3393. And up next, after
24 that, will be Caller 7051.

25 Caller 3393, if you'll please follow the prompts to

1 unmute by pressing star 6.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, can you hear me?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours. We
4 sure can.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Luis (ph.).
6 I live in the community of Florence-Graham and I've lived
7 here over 50 years. And I'm here to talk about 105 draft
8 map, as well, regarding our Florence-Graham community.

9 The 105 map has separated us from all communities
10 that we have in common. We just ask that you stop the
11 unfairness to our communities and place the Florence and
12 Graham community with the Gateway corridor map with
13 the -- which includes Huntington Park and walnut Park.

14 The Florence-Graham community has nothing in common
15 with the cities like Inglewood and Hawthorne. And the
16 Florence-Firestone community members identify with the
17 southeastern Los Angeles communities. Please make this
18 small change to Gateway maps to -- that will make a
19 positive impact to our community.

20 Appreciate your times. And thank you,
21 Commissioners.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
23 right now, we will have Caller 7051. And up next, after
24 that, will be Caller 1126.

25 Caller 7051, if you'll please follow the prompts to



1 unmute by pressing star 6.

2 And one more time -- oh, the floor is yours.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Can you hear me?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm Natalie (ph.). I'm
6 from North Hollywood. Thank you, so much, for having me.
7 Commissioners, I, first, want to say thank you, so much,
8 for all your hard work. I want to be brief, but I really
9 want to have you focus on uniting North Hollywood.

10 The small population shift that's only 1,500 would
11 make a huge difference in having a boundary that covers
12 North Hollywood should extend to the 170 on the west
13 side, the 134 on the south side, and Lankersheim on the
14 east. We have a common community and we really deserve
15 to be united together.

16 Please, end the division of North Hollywood and
17 unite our community by drawing the boundaries of what is
18 accepted locally as an equitable neighborhood boundary,
19 which is established by the L.A. Times neighborhood map.

20 Thank you, so much. And thank you, again, to the
21 Commission.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
23 right now, we will have Caller 1126. And up next, after
24 that, will be Caller 8575.

25 Caller 1126, if you'll please follow the prompts to

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

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. So earlier, people -- I
3 know you spent a lot of -- my name is Mack (ph.), by the
4 way, I'm calling from Chico. I know you spent a lot of
5 time drawing the Northern California District and you
6 said, oh I hope the public can comment on that.

7 So my comment is that it's terrible. Like, I don't
8 understand how that district could possibly come at,
9 like, a fever dream redistricting. But it stretches from
10 Death Valley to the Oregon border. You can get tv
11 stations in Death Valley from L.A. and you're combining
12 it with, you know, tv guys watching from Altura, Pomona
13 County from Oregon.

14 It's way too long. I mapped it on Google Maps. It
15 takes 11 and a half hours to go from Happy Camp in
16 Western Siskiyou to Death Valley. It would be impossible
17 to run a campaign in. It would be impossible to staff.

18 I know that was brought up as a discussion and
19 someone said, oh well, did this have a lot of options.
20 This is a state assembly, man, you -- there's no way to
21 make options like that. It, conceptually, doesn't make
22 sense. It logistically doesn't make sense.

23 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: In terms of communities,
25 there's no community there. The other thing is that,

1 yeah, I get that Inyo County feels that it's ignored by
2 Fresno, but just wait until you put Inyo County into the
3 same district as Redding. It -- they're just -- they're
4 not alike.

5 MR. MANOFF: 15.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And I think that the core
7 problem is that you're looking to make a district that's
8 defined by mountains. Mountains do not vote, do not make
9 a topographical community of interest. Topography is not
10 community. So, you know, these people, they drive
11 places, they know people and you need to keep --

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now, we will have Caller 8575. And up next, after
14 that, will be Caller 4051.

15 Caller 8575, if you'll please follow the prompts to
16 unmute. All right, 8575, if you'll please -- there you
17 go. The floor is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
19 Thank you, very much, for the wonderful work you guys are
20 doing and putting in the amount of time you all are. The
21 State of California truly owes you a debt of gratitude.

22 I would -- I'm -- I live in North Hollywood and you
23 guys have done a fabulous job with the maps in the San
24 Fernando Valley, except you guys have left out 1.8
25 percent of the fam -- of the Hollywood community.

1 Bounded by the areas between Camarillo Street, the 134,
2 the 170 freeways, and Lankersheim Boulevard. This is
3 defined by the L.A. Times communities as North Hollywood.

4 If you added the (indiscernible) into the Central
5 San Fernando Valley District, that would unite North
6 Hollywood and you have a almost perfect map for the San
7 Fernando Valley. And please do this. And thank you,
8 again, for your time. I -- my 11-year-old wanted to speak
9 also but unfortunately, it's past her bedtime. So she
10 went to bed. But she wanted to highlight how everything
11 she does, going to school, her volleyball camp at North
12 Hollywood Park are all outside of the area --

13 MR. MANOFF: 20 seconds.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- where we would be residing
15 in and she'd like them all to be in the same district.

16 Thank you very much for service, have a wonderful
17 day.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
19 right now, we will have Caller 4051. And up next, after
20 that, will be Caller 7592.

21 Caller 4051, if you'll please follow the prompts to
22 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

23 MS. NUNEZ: Hello. My name is Maribel Nunez (ph.)
24 and I'm with the Brown and Black Redistricting Alliance.
25 And I want to thank the Commission for allowing us to be

1 a part of the comments and continue hearing our input.

2 We're here from the Inland Empire and in the High
3 Desert and I really -- I want to talk about some of
4 District 210 iteration. I think that just listening
5 to -- I've been listening to the meeting today, all day,
6 and I think that we should continue having Lake Elsinore
7 and Running Springs to be part of that 210 iteration and
8 not added to the Victorville High Desert iteration
9 assembly district.

10 By doing that, you are disenfranchising the Latino,
11 African-American, Asian-American community in the High
12 Desert. If we're going to call it the Victorville High
13 Desert, you know, it's not mount -- I think it's better
14 that we think about the contiguous way of doing the
15 assembly districts. L.A. forests, San Bernadino forests
16 are more connected. That continuity could be very, very
17 well fit, to include Lake Arrowhead and Running Springs
18 and have them be part of Crestline --

19 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

20 MS. NUNEZ: -- and all of that.

21 We have -- in the High Desert, we have -- it's a
22 working class, people of color, immigrant community and
23 we're not connected to Lake Elsinore or Running Springs.
24 So we need to continue having an assembly district that
25 does not --

1 MR. MANOFF: 15.

2 MS. NUNEZ: -- include Lake Elsinore and Running
3 Springs.

4 So please listen. There's been over -- a lot of
5 communities of interest and it makes better sense -- the
6 desert has nothing to do with the mountains. So it
7 doesn't make sense that you're disenfranchising Latino,
8 African-American leaning districts.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
10 right now, we will have Caller 7592. And up next, after
11 that, will be Caller 8852.

12 Caller 7592, if you'll please follow the prompts to
13 unmute by pressing star 6.

14 One more time. Caller 7592, if you'll please follow
15 the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. I do
16 apologize, Caller 7592, I will be coming back to you for
17 a retry. There appears to be some kind of connectivity
18 issue for you at the moment.

19 All right. Now, we will have Caller 8852. And up
20 next, after that, will be Caller 8037.

21 Caller 8852, if you'll please follow the prompts to
22 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

23 MS. ORTIZ: Hi. I'm Graciela Ortiz, Mayor of the
24 City of Huntington Park in Southeast Los Angeles. Let me
25 explain why our community is asking for changes to the

1 Gateway and the 105 draft map.

2 You have received community input in public
3 hearings, but not one commissioner has brought up our
4 communities of interest. You currently have Huntington
5 Park in the map with Lakewood, and you have the Florence-
6 Graham community with Inglewood and Hawthorne. Let me
7 illustrate why Florence-Graham must be with Huntington
8 Park and Walnut Park, while Lakewood should not be part
9 of the Gateway map.

10 Here's the data of our communities. Residents over
11 25 years of age with a high school diploma, Lakewood, 91
12 percent, while Huntington Park is at 41.3 percent and
13 Florence-Graham is at 45 percent. People with Bachelor's
14 degrees. Lakewood 30.8 percent, Huntington Park, 6.4
15 percent and Florence-Graham, 5.5 percent. People living
16 in poverty. Lakewood, only 6.6. percent, while
17 Huntington Park, 23.6 percent and Florence-Graham, 24.9
18 percent.

19 The legislative issues and priorities for Lakewood
20 versus Huntington Park, Walnut Park, and Florence-Graham
21 will be very different and this data shows it. Please
22 take the time to discuss communities like mine the way
23 you spent over one hour on November 30th on the wealthier
24 Northeast Los Angeles communities, referred to as NELA.

25 Please do not disenfranchise the Gateway cities and

1 do on neglect Florence-Graham the way it has been
2 neglected. Please make the minor changes and add
3 Florence-Graham to the Gateway map and --

4 MR. MANOFF: 10 seconds.

5 MS. ORTIZ: -- remove Lakewood from it, as it has
6 been discussed in these meetings that their community has
7 a lot in common with adjacent cities of Cerritos and Long
8 Beach.

9 Thank you for your time and commitment to these
10 changes.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 right now, we will have Caller 8037. And up next, after
13 that, will be Caller 0801.

14 Caller 8037, if you'll please follow the prompts to
15 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

16 Caller 8037, you might want to double check your
17 phone and make sure you are not on mute, you are unmuted
18 in the meeting.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sorry about that. Hey,
20 there. My name is Griffin and I'm calling about the
21 Orange County Coastal District.

22 I'm going to keep this short because I know you've
23 heard this comment a lot, but I feel the need to call
24 just so you know how widespread this sentiment is. We
25 really need an Orange County Coastal District that goes

1 from Seal Beach all the way down to San Clemente.

2 Many groups have been asking you for this and I
3 think that this should be a top priority next week when
4 you start on your congressional maps. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
6 right now, we will have Caller 0801. And up next, after
7 that, will be Caller 2667.

8 Caller 0801, if you'll please follow the prompts to
9 unmute by pressing star 6.

10 And one more time. Caller 0801, if wish to give
11 comments this evening, please press star 6 to unmute.

12 Thank you, so much, Caller 8 -- 0801, you have not
13 raised your hand. We give everyone their opportunity.
14 Thank you, so much.

15 And, Caller, to -- oh Caller 4340, to -- follow the
16 prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is
17 yours.

18 MS. VLADISH: Thank you and good evening. My name
19 is Kate Vladish (ph.). I live in the Yolo County of
20 Winters, two blocks from Solano County. Thank you for
21 your ongoing work.

22 I'm calling about today's iteration of AD Lake Napa
23 draft. Thank you very much for making Yolo County whole
24 in today's iteration by adding the City of West
25 Sacramento to the rest of Yolo. This matches COI

1 testimony from the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, West
2 Sacramento Mayor, Martha Guerro, West Sacramento City
3 Council Member, Norma Alcalá, Winters Mayor, Wade Cowan,
4 Winters City Council Member, Jesse Loren, the Yolo County
5 In-home Supportive Services Advisory Committee, and
6 others.

7 With our counties shared services and highly
8 collaborative approach we call the Yolo way, this makes a
9 lot of functional sense to keep Yolo whole, as you've
10 done in today's iteration.

11 Thank you, also, for making this district less
12 sprawling and more reflective of COI testimony by
13 grouping Glenn and Tehama with Butte, Sutter, and Yuba,
14 rather than with Napa.

15 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

16 MS. VLADISH: The Commission has received a lot of
17 public input about keeping the Greater Winters area and
18 Solano and Yolo whole. As a Winters joint-unified school
19 district is a good proxy for this. I -- AD Lake Napa
20 draft splits our community. And so using the Yolo-Solano
21 County line as a --

22 MR. MANOFF: 15.

23 MS. VLADISH: -- district boundary, splits our
24 school district and city commissions.

25 I highlight this, not as -- not to encourage you to

1 split Solano, but rather to illustrate the connectedness
2 between our counties and to encourage you to group us
3 whenever possible. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
5 we're retrying Caller 0801, as they just raised their
6 hand. Caller 2667, you be up next, after that.

7 Caller 0801, if you'll please follow the prompts to
8 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
10 There's been quite a number of groups like the Simi --
11 I'm sorry, like the Valley industry and commerce
12 association that have shown you all how to draw two
13 majority Latino legislative seats in the San Fernando
14 Valley.

15 Why haven't you all done so yet? Is there something
16 going on behind closed doors? Because you're tearing
17 apart communities of interest in places like the Antelope
18 Valley to create districts out of thin air, while not
19 focusing on creating two separate, majority Latino
20 assembly districts in the San Fernando Valley.

21 Please consider that these inactions affect our
22 community. We need all of you to focus on this crucial
23 matter and not jeopardize our communities. Thank you

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 right now, we'll go to Caller 2667. And up next, after

1 that, will be Caller 5227.

2 Caller 2667, if you'll please follow the prompts to
3 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

4 Caller 2667, double check your phone that you are
5 not on mute. You are unmuted in the meeting.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Am I unmuted now?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're all good. The
8 floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We can hear you.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Good evening,
12 Commissioners. My name is Dean Hudgins (ph.) and I live
13 in Victorville. And my comments are why, in the 11th
14 hour, has this Commission drawn a voting rights act
15 district that disenfranchises our voice in Sacramento?

16 This is man -- political manipulation,
17 jerrymandering, at its worst. I am disappointed with the
18 proposal to split up Victorville and Hesperia. We all
19 share similar communities of interest and -- in San
20 Bernadino County.

21 Why should we -- why would it be acceptable for the
22 map proposal for MALDEF be used? Why not just adopt a
23 map that's proposed by the Republican Party or the
24 Democratic Party? Being represented by a population such
25 as L.A. County totally disenfranchises the voice of

1 smaller communities like mine.

2 In addition, the communities have little in common.
3 Our High Desert communities have been closely connected
4 for decades. (Indiscernible)very greatly between L.A.
5 County --

6 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and our San Bernadino
8 County High Desert area. That's -- this community has
9 more similarities. We deserve proper representation.
10 Thank you, very much.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 right now, we will have Caller 5227. And up next, after
13 that, will be Caller 5720.

14 Caller 5227, if you'll please follow the prompts to
15 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you guys hear me?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: My name is Michael (ph.), I
19 live in the community of Florence and Graham. And I've
20 lived here for over 20 years. I'm here to talk about the
21 105 draft map regarding our Florence-Graham community.

22 The new proposed 105 map has separated us from all
23 communities that we have in common. We're asking you to
24 stop the injustices to our community and place the
25 Florence and Graham community with the Gateway Corridor

1 map that includes Huntington Park and Walnut Park.

2 Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
4 right now, we will have Caller 5720. And up next, after
5 that, will be Caller 7504.

6 Caller 5720, if you'll please follow the prompts to
7 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

8 And one more try. Caller 5720, if you wish to give
9 comment this evening, please press star 6 to unmute. The
10 floor is yours.

11 MR. STONE: Thank you. My name is Bill Stone (ph.).
12 I live in the Victor Valley. Well, thank you or
13 listening to our views. Our 33rd District is a fully
14 integrated community, consisting of Victorville,
15 Adelanto, Hesperia, Spring Valley Lake, Apple Valley, Oak
16 Hills, and Phelan.

17 We're all adjacent communities and please do not
18 divide this cohesive community. We share hospitals, the
19 Chamber of Commerce, community college, service/business
20 organizations. There are 50 miles of desert between
21 Palmdale and the Victor Valley.

22 Your new map looks like an arm reaching out from
23 L.A. County to the San Bernadino County, into the Victor
24 Valley. Use the existing L.A. County, San Bernadino
25 County line as it is now. We do not want to lose our

1 voice to our county. The Victor Valley needs to stay
2 whole. We are one community. Thank you, very much.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
4 right now, we will go to Caller 7504. And we will be
5 retrying the Caller 7592, after that.

6 Caller 7504, if you'll please follow the prompts to
7 unmute by pressing star 6.

8 And one more time -- oh, the floor is yours.

9 MS. OTTWELL: Good evening. My name is Rebecca
10 Ottwell (ph.) and I live in the Victor Valley. I've
11 lived here for over 70 years and never has this ever
12 happened. The map that I'm reading is cutting
13 Victorville and Hesperia right down the middle, and they
14 would be served by Antelope Valley, which we have no
15 common interests. The -- we don't have the same issues.
16 And like some of the people before, we have a chamber
17 that's the whole Victor Valley. And the person, whoever
18 it is, that would be the assemblyman for Antelope Valley,
19 would not give the service to us, and would not know the
20 issues of San Bernardino County. We don't want to have
21 to go to Antelope Valley or L.A. County. And please put
22 our community back together. Make us stay and have the
23 whole --

24 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

25 MS. OTTWELL: -- San Bernadino County area together.

1 Please -- I don't know when this happened, but it wasn't
2 this way earlier when you first started. But it's very
3 important and we're not talk about a --

4 MR. MANOFF: 15.

5 MS. OTTWELL: -- small, little area. Like one
6 gentleman said, it's 50 miles of open desert that we
7 would have to travel. Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
9 at this time, I'd like to give Caller 7592 another
10 opportunity to speak. Please follow the prompts to
11 unmute by pressing star 6.

12 Caller 7592, I do apologize if there's still some
13 type of connectivity issue for you. Could you please try
14 to unmute one more time by pressing star 6?

15 Caller 7592, I do apologize. Do please reach out to
16 the Commission in many other ways. At this time, there
17 appears to be some type of connectivity issue for
18 unmuting.

19 Chair, at this time, that is all of our callers.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Katie.

21 And thank you to the Public for engaging with us. As
22 a reminder, we have many ways that you can give community
23 input and public input and feedback on our maps through
24 our online forums and through the mapping tool that we
25 have via our website, as well as public comments in the

1 evenings.

2 I apologize that our mapping went over today. But
3 we need to get through the maps. And we're committing to
4 doing so. So thank you for following us, everyone who
5 was on the line and gave comments. But we will continue
6 to accept comments through our online portals. And
7 that's a great way to communicate with us. We're
8 reviewing those comments as they come in.

9 And of course, we'll be back tomorrow 11:00 a.m.
10 Bright and early. Thank you all. And see you tomorrow
11 morning. Bye bye. We are at recess.

12 (Recessed at 9:03 p.m.)

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