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P R O C E E D I N G S

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11:02 a.m.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. We've been working on visualizations for the State Assembly maps, and we'll continue to do so today. We are going to start the day off in Northern California, then move into Southern California. And with that, we will start roll call.

Ravi --

MR. SINGH: Thank you.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Could you please do roll call?

MR. SINGH: Thank you, Chair Toledo.

Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?

Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.



1 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

3 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

5 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Aqui.

7 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

8 Commissioner Sinay?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Aqui.

10 MR. SINGH: And I did get you, Commissioner

11 Sadhwani. Thank you.

12 Commissioner Taylor?

13 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Presente.

14 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Toledo?

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Present.

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

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much.

18 Let's start with the line drawers. Let's go to
19 Northern California. So we have Tamina helping us today.

20 And let's bring up the map.

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: Good morning, Chair. Good morning,
22 Commissioners. We are back in the Bay Area, north.

23 Where would you like to start today?

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I'm just curious if you were able
25 to work on the San Francisco maps last night.



1 MS. RAMOS ALON: I was; would love to show you what
2 I did.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right, let's take a look. I hear
4 there's been some success in shifting populations down.

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: There's been a lot of work done.
6 Let me turn on the neighborhood layer. So starting in
7 San Francisco, there were several requests, which I will
8 walk you through now. As you'll remember, we wanted to
9 balance at least the populations between WESTSF and
10 EASTSF. So the first request was to move east, the line
11 over here -- there was Marina on Van Ness, and move it
12 over east population, so that has kept Russian Hill full.

13 There was also a request to keep the Fillmore
14 together, which is this area here, along with Japantown,
15 which is this area. Japantown was also to be kept with
16 Chinatown, which is up here, and they are both in EASTSF.
17 Haight-Ashbury is whole again, as is The Castro. Twin
18 Peaks is in with EASTSF, connected with Bernal Heights.
19 And the areas of San Francisco County, which are part of
20 other islands, were included with those islands, so this
21 is going to be Angel Island block, which is incorporated
22 with Tiburon. And the Alameda city block, which is with
23 Alameda city.

24 The WESTSF district then comes down into Daly City,
25 Colma, and splits south San Francisco. This line has not

1 changed, so the Westborough and Buri Buri neighborhoods,
2 which requested to be together and with Daly City, are
3 still intact in this plan.

4 Coming down to SMATEO. This map keeps the North
5 Fair Oaks census designated place, as well as North Fair
6 Oaks COI together with this larger area of Redwood City,
7 as well as the three Redwood City area COIs that exist
8 right in here. The line that you're seeing is -- that
9 you're seeing up here -- is El Camino Real. So areas
10 towards the hills were kept together with Woodside, and
11 areas which were more toward the railroad tracks were
12 kept together with the North Fair Oaks area. This
13 allowed no change to be made to GATOSCRUZ, and that was
14 what allowed most of the balance of SOUTHPEN. You'll
15 remember, is that a negative 8-point-something when we
16 left it last night. And so that's one change.

17 And then the other was just a very slight line
18 change to clean up this line between SUNNYTINO and
19 SOUTHPEN, which is a little bit straighter now along the
20 street, which results in SUNNYTINO and SOUTHPEN being at
21 a negative 3.92 and negative 3.93.

22 One other thing that we looked at was the COIs in
23 the Oakland split and the line that was there; so this
24 just keeps one more COI together that wasn't together
25 before. And that is all that we worked on.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Tamina.

2 Commissioner Yee.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Thank you, Tamina. It's a
4 pleasure working with you on these.

5 If we can zoom back into Redwood City, please. So
6 of course, the discussion yesterday was how to keep
7 Redwood City whole, and Tamina and I worked all different
8 possibilities to try to do so, but found that it
9 multiplied the splits in other COIs and cities, and so we
10 decided to make this split hills versus bayside of
11 Redwood City. Although an important split for Redwood
12 City, it solved all those other problems, so we decided
13 to make that split. This line through Redwood City does
14 respect all the different COIs that we have received
15 information on, and that includes that little corner of
16 North Fair Oaks that goes into Atherton; that's why that
17 line is there, to respect a COI that we received.

18 I think we did make a small change in San Jose as
19 well on the outside to pick up another -- just a little
20 bit of another COI. Yeah. So still, a little bit more
21 population up the peninsula in San Francisco than we had
22 hoped to be able to push down, but nevertheless, all the
23 deviations are more comfortable now. So that's what we
24 did.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.



1 We will take comments.

2 Commissioner Akutagawa.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Commissioner Yee and
4 Tamina, thanks for the work that you did. I think
5 generally speaking, I think the Redwood City split seems
6 to work. I did read another COI testimony that said if
7 Redwood City split that El Camino Real would be a good
8 place to split because then it would keep at least the --
9 particularly the Pacific Islander COIs together.

10 Was just curious, in your exploration, did you
11 find -- did you find a path -- a potential path to
12 incorporating in Belle Haven, as well as East Palo Alto,
13 or was that just going to throw everything off
14 completely? And then just to the south of that, I also
15 want to note that we heard quite a bit of recent
16 testimony about keeping Saratoga, Campbell, and
17 Cupertino, I believe, together, too. So I was just
18 curious as to, you know, any efforts around there or what
19 the implications were going to be.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: I believe, Tamina, you can speak
21 to the Belle Haven situation.

22 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sure. So Belle Haven is right here
23 in Menlo Park. It would cause a split in Menlo Park and
24 give kind of the rest of this area nowhere to go. I did
25 try to take in East Palo Alto and Menlo Park, but it was

1 just a lot of population that I would have to shift out
2 of Redwood City and other areas. So we did keep it
3 together and did not split Belle Haven, so it is intact
4 with East Palo Alto, it's just not with the rest of
5 Redwood City.

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: And all the Pacific -- Asian
7 Pacific Islander COIs in Redwood City are whole and kept
8 together.

9 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: The --

11 MS. RAMOS ALON: All of the rest of them are
12 together in this -- in SMATEO with the greater Redwood
13 City and San Mateo-based district, as they had requested.

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: And then the Saratoga question.

15 MS. RAMOS ALON: And then the Saratoga -- I was -- I
16 actually did not look at this one.

17 Would you please repeat what that was, Commissioner
18 Akutagawa? Is Saratoga with?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Well, we received recent --
20 quite a bit of recent testimony about Saratoga, Campbell,
21 and Cupertino being together. I guess they call
22 themselves the West Valley -- I guess the West Silicon
23 Valley cities, and they felt that they had more in common
24 then, I guess, Cupertino being attached elsewhere, but
25 those were the ones that are -- the cities that I recall

1 hearing quite a bit about. Although, it does -- okay,
2 I've seen another one that also includes the City of
3 Santa Clara, as well as Sunnyvale in West San Jose. I
4 think there's similar COI testimony that's speaking to
5 the same thing, but it looks like the deviations would be
6 off if you were to try to incorporate all of them into a
7 single district.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, and I think there was other
9 COI testimony about Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Cupertino
10 also, so I guess everybody likes Cupertino.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Great. So let's zoom out. Let's
12 zoom out, and then let's get hands raised, comments.
13 Let's start off with just general commentary and let's
14 keep it to a minute if -- all right. Let's start with
15 Commissioner Ahmad.

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair.

17 Just generally, I wanted to highlight the deviations
18 in this area, particularly the peninsula going down;
19 they're all in the negatives. However, the geography in
20 this area kind of explains that a bit, right? So there
21 is mountain ranges; there's only a certain geographical
22 area where that is inhabitable by large populations. So
23 when I was looking at this, trying to figure out how we
24 can get those numbers up more and closer to zero, it's
25 just difficult with the geographic landscape in this

1 area, so just wanted to highlight that.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.

3 And can we have the terrain layer just so we can see
4 that? So we can see the mountainous areas.

5 Any other comment on this area, Commissioner Sinay?
6 I think you had your hand raised a couple minutes ago.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I like this, I -- you know, and
8 I wanted to make sure that we weren't only looking at the
9 Asian and the Black, but there was also some Latino COIs,
10 and I think they're all in there. I would love to see it
11 with East Palo Alto, that southern part of Redwood City.
12 And I was trying to figure out -- originally in my notes
13 I had written that could we swap San Car -- you know,
14 move San Carlos to the southern district, but I don't
15 know if that works anymore. So that was my old notes.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I do believe the priorities we set
17 yesterday were to try to get -- to try to get all of
18 Redwood City together, Menlo Park, and East Palo Alto. I
19 don't believe that was possible, Tamina, based on not
20 being able to bring down enough population --
21 Commissioner Yee, and maybe you can both speak to some of
22 the challenges in trying to keep San -- Redwood City
23 Whole and potentially connect them to the Menlo -- I
24 believe it's East Palo Alto, and was it, East Menlo Park
25 area, I believe, was the COIs? But so I'll turn it over

1 to Commissioner Yee and Commissioner -- and Tamina to
2 give some of the highlights over some of the challenges
3 that they experienced while doing that. And then after
4 that, we'll go to Commissioner Turner and Akutagawa.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. So I mean, as
6 Commissioner Ahmad mentioned, it's just geography, you
7 know? You have water on two sides and a narrow peninsula
8 with an even narrower band of highly-populated areas, so
9 you know, that line between SMATEO and SOUTHPEN just has
10 to go somewhere. So I mean, if we moved it up to take
11 San Carlos, maybe we could, I don't know, do something
12 else, but unless there's strong -- a strong desire to do
13 that -- I mean, we can explore it, but you know.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's hear from the Commission:
15 Commissioner Turner, Commissioner Akutagawa, and others.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I see the area
17 that we're working on, San Mateo, SOUTHPEN, but in the
18 explanations, Tamina also mentioned Oakland. I just
19 wanted to name when we get ready for that conversation, I
20 have some changes I'd like to make there.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So I know we're planning to
23 move to Southern California after this, but at some
24 point, we will need to go back.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, I'm planning to continue working



1 on all of Northern California. So I want to be done with
2 all of California, and then move into Southern
3 California, so that is the plan. So yes, you'll have --
4 we'll also have an opportunity to work on Alameda County,
5 Contra Costa County, and that portion of the Bay Area.

6 Commissioner Akutagawa.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Just to follow-up on
8 Commissioner Sinay's question, is it possible using the
9 same El Camino Real as maybe the kind of the dividing
10 line for, let's say, San Carlos and maybe even up into
11 Belmont? Would that be enough to be able to bring in
12 Menlo Park and East Palo Alto? I guess I am -- I mean, I
13 understand that, you know, East Palo Alto is, you know,
14 is just a -- you know, they're surrounded by some extreme
15 wealth, and yet they're the only one that really has that
16 more working class immigrant and it's in -- and of
17 multiple ethnicities there, and they're kind of the only
18 one in that district there, and I'm just kind of thinking
19 if there's a way to maybe combine them with the other
20 COIs that have similarities if that might just benefit
21 all of the people there in that area a little bit more.
22 But that's a question.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
24 Commissioner Kennedy.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I hear the

1 difficulties in bringing population down without
2 splitting communities of interest. I'm just interested
3 in hearing a little bit more because we started out with
4 EASTSF and WESTSF between them having something around 70
5 to 75,000 thousand people that potentially, we could have
6 brought down, and yet we still seem to have that same
7 number. The lines have shifted, and so there's a little
8 bit of population that moved from EASTSF to WESTSF, but
9 as I see it, little to no population moved down the
10 peninsula from San Francisco itself -- or those two
11 districts -- East SF and West SF -- as a single unit, so
12 I just wanted to hear a little bit more about the
13 obstacles to that. Thank you.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy. And
15 I think I'll speak a little bit of that.

16 So what I'm seeing in this map and -- and it
17 certainly is areas of great wealth and great disparities.
18 So we have communities like Daly City, South San
19 Francisco, where certainly large numbers of essential
20 workers live there. We heard from health care workers in
21 Daly City -- largely Filipino, we've heard from -- and
22 certainly the industrial workers and all kinds of
23 essential workers in that area, and then we hear -- then
24 we have Brisbane and other communities to the south that
25 are wealthier, and so there -- and the challenge is, I

1 think, in keeping essential workforce communities and
2 lower income communities together and balancing those two
3 is what I'm seeing in this map; and I'm just raising it
4 up because I think it is an issue that we probably need
5 to check in about.

6 Commissioner Sinay.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm going to say something
8 unpopular, but did we try crossing the bridge and if that
9 helped with that whole need to bring population down?
10 Because we keep saying that Marine is so different from
11 East -- this part of East -- anyway, I just wanted to see
12 if that was --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner --

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- tried, because --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Sinay. And we did explore that
16 up --

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- the possibility. And in fact,
19 we -- the difficulty is not so much that there is --
20 there is already enough population in San Francisco to
21 bring down, and we actually did a whole data analysis;
22 we're overpopulated in San Francisco. It's the
23 challenges of the -- I mean, I'm just going to call it
24 out: it's a bottleneck in the San Mateo area to get the
25 population down in a compliant manner. Thank you.

1 Any other comments? Just want to hear from
2 everybody if we're comfortable with these districts and
3 these changes.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Tamina has a comment.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Tamina.

6 MS. ALTO: Thank you. Just wanted to point out to
7 Commissioner Kennedy's question, the one thing that I did
8 not explore was SMATEO does come right up to EASTSF.
9 Technically, we could link Brisbane with the southern
10 areas -- southeastern areas of San Francisco, adding this
11 valley -- Excelsior or Bayview to that area; that was not
12 explored and is an option if you would like to explore
13 it.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: There's a potential option to try to
15 draw down -- bring down population from the southeastern
16 portion of San Francisco. Any thoughts on that? There
17 doesn't seem to be strong opinions on these, so it seems
18 like we're all comfortable with these maps.

19 Commissioner Sinay.

20 And I just want to speak that I am comfortable with
21 these maps; these maps appear to be aligned with our
22 priorities.

23 Commissioner Sinay.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm comfortable with the maps;
25 I'm not comfortable with taking that kind of east -- the

1 southeast part out and putting it with Brisbane. We've
2 had this conversation before. That's a lot of, you know,
3 traditionally disenfranchised communities in San
4 Francisco, and putting them with San Mateo, it feel -- it
5 doesn't -- it just doesn't feel right.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: And that's exactly my point, that
7 there's a lot of disparity, there's a lot of -- and a lot
8 of wealth in this area and it's -- it is concentrated in
9 areas that make it difficult to unite communities of
10 interest.

11 Any other comments?

12 Commissioner Akutagawa?

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm just wanting to back to
14 the San Carlos Belmont question. Are we willing to --
15 are we then not willing to split those cities so that we
16 can try to -- to try to bring East Palo Alto in with more
17 aligned cities? Or -- It's just -- I've only seen it
18 because East Palo Alto's just kind of hanging out there
19 on their own, along with Belhaven.

20 But more East Palo Alto is -- is, as you've said,
21 you know, in this kind of grouping of very affluent
22 areas. And a lot of them are those essential workers, as
23 well as, you know, other low income communities, renters,
24 and others.

25 And so -- I -- and I mean, I -- I could live with

1 this, but I am concerned. I will say, I am very
2 concerned that they're just kind of out there.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa --

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And so I'd rather split,
5 so.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, yeah. Let's -- let's ask
7 Commissioner Yee.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: You know, it would be possible.
9 I wish that East Palo Alto were on the other side of
10 Menlo Park. That would make it so much easier.

11 But if we're taking East Palo Alto, and then, we
12 have to take in Menlo Park. And we split it, or not.
13 And then, you know, the splits just multiply. Then
14 splitting San Carlos, splitting Belmont. Yeah. You
15 know, it just seems like a high price.

16 And the same is true for the questioning from Mr.
17 Kennedy about moving population down. I know we tried to
18 explore every possibility. Of course, it would be
19 better. But on the other hand, you know, the splits
20 would just multiply, COIs and cities.

21 And you know, as it is, we're still within our --
22 our acceptable deviations. So it seemed like an
23 acceptable price to pay to maintain the -- the
24 communities and cities that we do.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

1 Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Turner?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

3 Tamina, can you go south a little?

4 And I think we might have talked about this
5 yesterday, so I apologize, Commissioner Yee -- not so
6 far. Oops.

7 If we -- I know it would not be popular, but maybe,
8 like, moving Half Moon Bay to the Gatos, and then moving
9 up Palo Alto. So I'm just trying to -- I'm trying to
10 think of, like, swaps. But I think we might have talked
11 about -- it's all kind of blurring, so I apologize for
12 being repetitive, if I am.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. We did talk about potentially
14 swapping. I believe -- believe it was Commissioner
15 Sadhwani who brought up the potential of -- potentially
16 swapping Half Moon Bay area into -- bringing that down.
17 If memory serves me.

18 Commissioner Yee? And then, Commissioner Turner.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. I mean, it is a
20 possibility. But then, you know, then you have
21 Pacific -- maybe Pacifica with these. Palo Alto or
22 Pacifica with way down -- you know. And way South Bay.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's go to Commissioner
24 Turner.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair.



1 In trying to bring alignment to some of the like
2 socioeconomic communities, we talked about perhaps having
3 more splits. But cities and COI, I think they're all on
4 the same level. And so I -- if we know -- and since we
5 have them identified, I would really like for us to
6 consider splitting cities in order to keep like
7 communities together.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I think the greater harm would
10 be in pairing communities that are much more affluent
11 with those that are not --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- as opposed to trying to
14 keep the city together.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

16 Any specific thoughts about that? Is it
17 specifically East Palo Alto and some of the -- I believe
18 it's Eastern portions of Menlo Park that are within
19 the -- and Commissioner Yee and Tamina probably have COIs
20 identified a little better than I do.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Just a note, Chair, on the
22 socioeconomic areas here. So looking at the option of
23 East Palo Alto and part of Menlo Park in to the S. Mateo
24 District, it's either going to be -- just from where it's
25 situated, it's either going to be with Stanford in

1 Atherton, or it's going to be with Brisbane in
2 Burlingame.

3 So I'm not exactly sure which is poorer of those two
4 areas, but -- or -- just thinking about, kind of, the --
5 the trade that would need to be made. Because this
6 Pacifica to Half Moon Bay area, even if you were to move
7 all of that population, it would literally move, like, a
8 line in Redwood City, just because of the way that the --
9 the density of the population in those areas are.

10 So happy to look at those, but that's what we are
11 looking at when we're trying it out yesterday.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: And that's -- thank you for the
13 reality check, there. This is --

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: This is an area of great wealth and
16 great disparities, and the disparities are -- I mean, a
17 lot of these areas of -- with essential workers are
18 changing and evolving quite quickly because of
19 affordability, as well.

20 Commissioner Yee?

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm sorry, I didn't have anything
22 more.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So with that, we'll consider
24 that -- we'll consider that.

25 And then, in the meantime, I do want to go into

1 closed session, given that our varied counsel is going to
2 be less available over the weekend. So I just want to go
3 in for a quick check-in for about 30 minutes, and then,
4 we will be back. So anticipate we will be back by 12 --
5 by 12 o'clock.

6 So you should have a link to join the closed
7 session. We'll join the closed session, and we'll
8 continue on where we are today in Northern California
9 when we come back.

10 Thank you. We are in recess.

11 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 11:30 a.m. until
12 12:16 p.m.)

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
14 Citizen's Redistricting Commission. We were in closed
15 session under the pending litigation exception. We are
16 back.

17 Working on Northern California. No action was taken
18 in closed session. We are back working in Northern
19 California.

20 Tamino -- Tamina, can you please take us back to
21 where we were?

22 And I believe Commissioner Sadhwani had had her
23 hands up before we left on -- left to closed session. So
24 if you had a comment, Commissioner Sadhwani, let's start
25 with you.



1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, thank you.

2 So where we had left off, I think Tamina had made a
3 comment about taking Half Moon Bay, and that the
4 population on that side of the peninsula wasn't much
5 to -- in order to offset -- offset -- what do you call
6 them? You know, the entirety of Redwood City and East
7 Menlo Park.

8 But my understanding was that we were focusing -- we
9 were thinking more -- and someone please correct me if
10 I'm wrong -- San Carlos, and the one next to it is not
11 San Bruno, but begins with --

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: Belmont.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Belmont, thank you.

14 I thought -- my thought around this was, what if we
15 were to put San Carlos and Belmont down into the
16 Gatos/Cruise (sic) district? Would that be enough to
17 open up opportunities to keep the entirety of Redwood
18 City, and/or bring in East Palo Alto and portions of
19 Menlo Park?

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Tamina, can you speak to that?

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: Happy to try it, if you'd like.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, go ahead.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I would be interested,
24 if other Commissioners want to --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, let's --



1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- investigate that --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- try it.

3 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes. So just so I'm clear, the
4 direction is to take Belmont and San Carlos into South
5 Pen, and then, the trade is to take in the Menlo
6 Park/East Palo Alto area toward the bay? Is that
7 correct?

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: I believe we're rotating the
9 population. Belmont, San -- if I'm understanding this
10 correctly, Commissioner Sadhwani, Belmont and San Carlos
11 would come into the South Pen District, and we'd be
12 rotating the population of East Palo Alto/Menlo Park up
13 into the San Mateo regions. We're just doing --

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- a rotation.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes --

17 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- thank you. I misspoke,
19 yes. The South Pen, not the -- not the Gatos.

20 MS. RAMOS ALON: All right, sure. Let me try that.
21 Give me one moment.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: And Commissioner Sadhwani, can you
23 speak to the -- to the COI's that we've -- and
24 Commissioner -- I know Commissioner Yee can, as well, and
25 others.

1 But the COI's that we've received from this area?

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I think since our
3 draft map came out, we've definitely had a lot of folks
4 calling in asking for Redwood City and East Palo Alto to
5 be kept together.

6 I believe even last night, in our public comment, a
7 caller had specifically identified Belmont and San Carlos
8 as possible swaps in this area. So I certainly don't
9 want to take credit for it, but -- I don't even know if
10 it'll work, but I figured it's worth just exploring
11 before we -- before we settle.

12 And I'm sure Commissioner Yee will have more in
13 terms of the hills of Redwood City. I know he had
14 mentioned that. I would be curious to hear more about
15 those hills.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: So yeah. I mean, if Redwood City
18 were to be split, the hills versus the base side seem the
19 best split. But, of course, to keep Redwood City
20 entirely whole is even better, so.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fornaciari?

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. What I -- what I'm
23 grabbing -- Pacific down -- I'm grabbing the whole West
24 San Mateo --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.



1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- West of Skyline
2 Boulevard. And I'm getting, like, 70,000 people.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I mean, there's -- you
5 know, I mean, that's -- rather than splitting cities, if
6 we move those South, and do -- well, I don't know if we
7 can do that rotation, actually. Okay. I'll retract my
8 statement.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Well, let's do this rotation,
10 and then, if there's other options, we can employ those.

11 Commissioner Akutagawa?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Do we have to take
13 all of that portion of Menlo Park that goes along
14 Atherton and Stanford? It -- it just seems like -- just
15 that part that keeps Menlo Park continuous with East Palo
16 Alto is all that's needed.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. So we'd be doing a split for
18 Menlo Park, yes? I see consensus on that, so it's split.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah.

21 And just wanting to make sure. It's been a long
22 time since I've lived in this area.

23 Is that -- the area that we're splitting, does that
24 have more in common with East Palo Alto, or with the Palo
25 Alto area?

1 Does any of the Commission members know?

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I believe it has a lot more
3 in common with Palo Alto and Stanford than it does with
4 East Palo Alto.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner --

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: When I've driven through
7 there.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

9 Commissioner Ahmad and Commissioner Andersen?

10 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair.

11 Not related to what you were asking, but can we zoom
12 in on where we are splitting Menlo Park? I just want to
13 see where 101 runs down.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: And while we're doing that, let's
15 hear from Commissioner Andersen.

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I have a slightly
17 different idea, guys. Why don't we do South Pen expand
18 up to get Redwood City, and have San Mateo jump from,
19 like, Belmont, Carlos, to Emerald Hill -- you know, have
20 it -- have it go that way.

21 Essentially -- like, right now, we're having the top
22 scooped at the Bay side and the bottom scoop up the
23 ridge. Why don't we switch that? See how we -- Southern
24 Penn right now has Belmont, San Carlos, Emerald Lake.
25 But we really want to put Redwood City in Southern Penn.



1 So why don't we not do that, grab the other way, and
2 then -- and giving, let's say, Woodside, Emerald Valley,
3 over to San Mateo?

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's hear from other
5 Commissioners. Commissioner Akutagawa, and then
6 Commissioner Sinay?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I would just
8 disagree with that, because I think moving East Palo Alto
9 in -- you have more, kind of, like, middle class, working
10 class communities in that San -- S. Mateo District. If
11 you moved Redwood City -- I mean, again, you're creating
12 some communities that don't have a lot in common with
13 these uber-wealthy areas that we're looking at in South
14 Pen and Gatos/Cruise.

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: But we'd take those out.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: One second.

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: It would go with San Mateo.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. But places like
19 Burlingame and San Bruno are not, like -- they're not,
20 like, super affluent, like the S. Pen communities.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So Commissioner Sinay?

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I guess, I was -- my answer was
23 going to be very similar, but I want to -- you know, I
24 would want -- let me just stop there.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. And just curious for the

1 Commission -- I just have a question for the Commission.
2 Do we want to keep all of -- or sorry, not Rona Park --
3 Redwood City together? Do we want to -- at this point,
4 we split Redwood City.

5 Are we comfortable with the split? Or do we want
6 the whole of the city to -- to make the city whole?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I thought we were making it
8 whole.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I'm curious, because right now, we
10 still have it split.

11 Commissioner Fernandez?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Commissioner
13 Akutagawa talked about the wealthy communities in the
14 South Pen. And then, we are considering moving in
15 Belmont and San Carlos.

16 Are those wealthy communities? Are we moving them
17 from a community they should be in, versus now into a
18 wealthy community? I guess that was my concern right
19 now.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think they are less
21 wealthy than the current district, but the gap between
22 them, versus Palo Alto and where -- leaving Palo Alto
23 where they are is, I think, more extreme. So I think
24 it's just a matter of which might be better.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: There's a lot of wealthy disparities

1 in this area, and it's actually dispersed throughout.

2 All right. So let's see Commissioner Andersen. Did
3 you have --

4 Or Commissioner Fornaciari, you have your hand up?
5 Nope?

6 And then, Commissioner Andersen?

7 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, this was about the same.

8 Yeah, the only -- you know, like, East Palo Alto
9 versus Palo Alto, okay? That's definable.

10 Where the actual bits of working class, not as
11 wealthy is spread through the area. Belmont and San
12 Carlos are not that different than a lot of Redwood City.
13 Where, like, say, Atherton, Palo Alto -- you know, those
14 are -- and Woodside -- are pretty much exclusively
15 wealthy.

16 But trying to just make a community out of just
17 those is going to be very hard.

18 Yeah, I was hoping we were going to do this. But I
19 kind of hope we back off and go, now what in this
20 particular area do we want to get -- get together? Like
21 Redwood City, da, da, da. Like, this, and this, and
22 this. And then work, as opposed to trying piecemeal
23 here, and fixing one, but not addressing the whole big
24 area.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.



1 And we will -- we are addressing -- we will be
2 addressing the bigger area in a second.

3 Commissioner -- okay, Sinay's hand is down.

4 So let's -- let's zoom out when you have an
5 opportunity.

6 So let's take a look at the numbers for the
7 deviations. We're a little bit over, it looks like, in
8 South.

9 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes. The deviation of S. Mateo
10 is -5.53.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: Deviation of South Pen is -0.51.
13 As was suggested, I could look around the -- the line in
14 Menlo Park to bring that below 5 percent, if that's -- if
15 that is what you would like.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I guess the question becomes, are
17 we comfortable moving in this direction, with these --
18 with this makeup of the cities? Or do we think we have
19 mismatches in cities? Because that's really going to
20 determine our direction here.

21 It sounded a couple -- right before the break that
22 we were comfortable with -- for the most part,
23 comfortable with the districts as they were. But I want
24 some feedback.

25 Commissioner Yee?

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. To balance the population
2 more, let's try putting Redwood City back together.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: I think generally speaking, you
5 know, if we weren't considering anything else, Belmont,
6 San Carlos would probably be better going North. But
7 it's -- you know, it's not horrible.

8 So if that allows us to get East Palo Alto with the
9 Northern District and then put Redwood City back
10 together, then I think that's an acceptable cost.

11 MS. RAMOS ALON: So you would like Redwood City and
12 San Carlos in Belmont? Because you'll be stranding them
13 if you reunite Redwood City. Redwood City comes all the
14 way down here. It's this whole little area.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: So the question is, do we want to
16 bring inasmuch as we can of Redwood City, or -- or if we
17 want to leave the cut here. Because it's essentially
18 now, where are we going to make the cut in Redwood City.

19 And Redwood City is a large city, and sometimes, we
20 have to make cuts in larger communities.

21 Lots of hands up, so I'm going to go down the line.
22 Remember, one minute.

23 Akutagawa?

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: What about trying to bring
25 inasmuch as Belmont? Or else, bringing it down to El

1 Camino. Because I know El Camino is a -- is a main
2 thoroughfare there. And it could be the dividing line
3 between -- you know, the -- I guess as Commissioner Yee
4 said, the amount -- or foothill, versus the other --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: So do you have an opinion on whether
6 to leave the line in Redwood City there? Or whether to
7 split it?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think we might be better
9 off just leaving the line in Redwood City as it is, and
10 then, perhaps trying to bring in a little bit more
11 Belmont --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay, let's --

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- and part --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- ask other folks.

15 Commissioner Sinay?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think I would -- I would
17 rather take population from Menlo Park. You know, have
18 as little of Menlo Park as possible in the South San
19 Mateo.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Commissioner Andersen?

21 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry. Which was -- you want
22 as little of Redwood Park --

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: At this point, the dividing line in
24 Redwood Park -- sorry --

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Redwood City.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Redwood City is that we -- we were
2 trying to make the city whole. It doesn't look like it's
3 possible for contiguity reasons, so our -- the question
4 becomes, are we -- do we leave the split there? Do we
5 try to incorporate more of the city without --

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Do you have an opinion on that?

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'd actually take --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: I can come back to you.

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- give -- give Belmont back
11 to San Mateo.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Belmont back to San Mateo.
13 Commissioner Fornaciari?

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Let's see. What I was
15 going to initially say is, is we could move the line at
16 Belmont and San Carlos to the other side of 280, to the
17 West. And that would enable us to try to keep Redwood
18 City whole, and still be contiguous.

19 And then, I do like Commissioner Sinay's thought.
20 You know, we could move the line in Menlo Park to Highway
21 84. But I don't know what the higher priority is:
22 putting Redwood City whole or making more of Menlo Park
23 whole.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay, let's set the priority.

25 Commissioner Fernandez?

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I thought the reason we
2 started this was to keep Redwood City whole.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: So is that your priority?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Well, I mean --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- that was the whole
7 purpose of it, I thought. And also, we -- then, we threw
8 in the East Palo Alto. So --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- I guess I'm just getting
11 confused on our --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: So the priority is to keep Redwood
13 City whole from Fernandez.

14 Sadhwani?

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I mean, I think that
16 the testimony has been keep whole, if possible. And I
17 think, as Commissioner Yee has uplifted, that there is
18 a -- there's a difference between Redwood City and the
19 hills.

20 So I think --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Right.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- to me, if we're moving
23 in this direction, my preference would be to ask Tamina
24 to take our priorities, which is keeping most of Redwood
25 City together with East Palo Alto and Fair Oaks, and

1 trying to balance out that population.

2 I don't think we can keep Redwood City whole, given
3 the shape of it, if we're going to have Belmont and San
4 Carlos in play. So to me, it's about -- it's about
5 balancing the population, at this point.

6 And -- and I would feel comfortable having Tamina go
7 back and figure out how to best do that, while
8 maintaining this priority of most of Redwood City to the
9 hills, Fair Oaks, and East Palo Alto.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

11 Commissioner Turner?

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. To be additive, I
13 agree. And if we are going to look towards Menlo Park, I
14 would want to see the heat maps. I like the direction
15 we're currently in with trying to keep Redwood City
16 whole, unless we split it around El Camino.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

18 Commissioner Sinay?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The part -- the original --
20 well, there's different testimonies. But part of the
21 reason to bring -- yeah, to make sure Redwood City was
22 full, or -- it was an and. It was Redwood City whole,
23 and with these communities. The south side of Redwood
24 City. And it included Woodside, Palm Park, Roosevelt,
25 Eagle Hill, Farm Hill, Belhaven, North Fair Oaks, and



1 East Palo Alto. They were all in that -- in that kind of
2 request, because it was kind of -- and this is bringing a
3 lot of different input that we've gotten from different
4 communities in that area.

5 But that includes the API, the -- you know, the
6 Latino, African American, black. And so it was about,
7 you know, kind of looking at if it was possible to bring
8 in those -- those different communities that are more
9 working class, than the very, very wealthy, uber wealthy,
10 as we've been talking about.

11 So it was -- it was an and. It was Redwood City and
12 this.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

14 Let's see. Commissioner Turner -- Commissioner
15 Kennedy?

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

17 I apologize if I missed anything, but have we
18 considered continuing right there at the south end of
19 Woodside, where Highway 35 is going north. If we -- if
20 we extended the South Pen district up to Highway 35, and
21 then took it to where 35 hits 92, and then brought it
22 back down to Belmont.

23 We've resolve our contiguity problem with Redwood
24 City. But I mean, have we created other problems by
25 doing that? Thank you.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And we'll check in with
2 Tamina to see if she's explored that.

3 Tamina, have you explored that option?

4 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm sorry, would you repeat that?

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sure. If where the green
6 line of South Pen is touching Highway 35 at the southern
7 end of Woodside, like there at Portola Valley -- yeah,
8 right there.

9 So if we -- if we moved the green line north of
10 that, along highway 35, all the way up to highway 92, and
11 then brought it back down to where it hits Belmont, then
12 I think we've resolved our contiguity problem with
13 Redwood City.

14 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, that would allow Woodside to
15 be connected in this way, if you'd like to do that.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right, I'm just --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- wondering if we've created
19 any other problems if we do that. Thank you.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And Commissioner
21 Akutagawa, Andersen, and Yee, and -- just getting -- I'm
22 trying to figure out what our priority is right now. But
23 I'm trying to figure -- trying to gauge the consensus of
24 the group.

25 So if you could help me with that. Akutagawa,

1 Andersen, and Yee?

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I'll say, my
3 understanding of what we're doing right now is not to
4 keep Redwood City whole. I think we were comfortable
5 with the split.

6 I think it was to try to bring more of East Palo
7 Alto in with other similar cities. Again, I would
8 just -- instead --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- of trying to make
11 Redwood City whole, I would -- I'm seeing COI testimony
12 that also speaks to splitting Belmont and San Carlos.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you're in agreement with
14 Commissioner Sadhwani, as was Commissioner Turner.

15 Commissioner Andersen, are you in agreement with
16 that -- the balancing at this point? You're okay with
17 the split, and we're moving towards balancing population?

18 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. That -- but I'm sorry.
19 So does that mean -- which one -- because there have been
20 several different options, here. Which --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: So -- right --

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- one are we saying that we
23 all agree on?

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're all -- so I don't know if
25 we're all saying this, but -- that's why I'm gauging

1 this. It's essentially that we are comfortable with the
2 split where it is now in Redwood City --

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: In Redwood City.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and that we would, at this point,
5 be trying to balance population, and doing that in the
6 way that -- that honors the -- the socioeconomic
7 community -- keeping socioeconomic communities together.

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Just -- I don't know --
9 you've given what Commissioner Sinay said. And she
10 mentioned -- you didn't mention Woodside, did you?

11 But there were other small areas in that -- in that
12 area.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we'd be --

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Other small cities.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- balancing those areas, yes.

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Would -- are those also
17 included in this, or not?

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: The socioeconomic COIs that were
19 listed would be potentially areas that we would try to
20 keep together in balancing.

21 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, I understand that. I
22 understand --

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- that's the goal, but I
25 don't understand where those are. We know East Palo

1 Alto. We want North Fairfax, we want Redwood City. And
2 then, Commissioner Sinay mentioned several other little
3 ones. Except, I thought she said Woodside, which, of
4 course, is not -- that Woodside is very wrong.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's hear from Commissioner Yee,
6 because I think he's been looking at these COIs very
7 carefully.

8 Commissioner Yee?

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Just wanted to add a vote to move
10 Belmont north. I think that will balance out the
11 population.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Yee. So that
13 would be moving towards balancing.

14 And Tamina, can you just highlight Belmont and see
15 if we can -- what that'll do.

16 Commissioner Fernandez?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And whichever way
18 you go, I'm actually okay with. I just want to, if
19 possible, Tamina, as we did note earlier that all of
20 these districts are negative. If there's some way to try
21 to balance it throughout, that'd be great. Like push --
22 push some of the population up, please.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So it looks like we'd be pushing
24 population up, not down.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right, but then --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: We get this --

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- you've got your other --
3 you have --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- your other districts, as
6 well.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: So what I'm saying is, this change --
8 if we go with the change with Belmont, we'd be pushing
9 population up. When we -- and what your statement -- it
10 wants us to -- well, we actually, at this point, need to
11 push population down.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. And then continue
13 down, in terms of --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, actually --

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- some of the negative --
16 yes.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Actually, we would get us into
18 compliance if we put population up at this point. But I
19 do see your point, in terms of trying to get population
20 down in the peninsula.

21 So Belmont is -- is everybody comfortable with
22 putting Belmont -- Belmont has how many people? 28,000
23 people -- into the San Mateo district?

24 MS. RAMOS ALON: Resulting deviations to S. Mateo
25 would be 0.21 percent. Resulting deviation to S. Pen

1 would be -5.89 percent.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fornaciari? Are you
3 comfortable with that?

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: How are we going to fix an
5 excessively negative outcome?

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you explain this excessively
7 negative outcome?

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, it -- South Pen's
9 going to be -6 percent. So I mean, we would have to --
10 so we would --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we'd --

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- split them --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- have to balance the population.
14 So at this point, given that this is something that we
15 can have Tamina work on off-line, let's see if we can
16 come --

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- come to a consensus. I --

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- yeah. I have
20 suggestion, actually.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's hear your suggestion.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: We could move Belmont
23 north, and then -- and then move more of Menlo Park back
24 into South Pen.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: And that seems like a fair

1 compromise. That would be what Commissioner Sadhwani and
2 Commissioner Sinay had suggested earlier.

3 Let's hear from Commissioner Andersen, and then,
4 let's make a decision.

5 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I agree with
6 Commissioner Fornaciari.

7 The other thing, though, I want to have a look at,
8 if we go a little further south, is we've got quite a bit
9 of testimony about Los Gatos and Sunnyvale and --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we're going to be moving into
11 that direction --

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- in that direction --

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: But they're in --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Do you want to look at it now?

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: But they're in South Pen. The
17 Campbel --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- Saratoga, Los Gatos -- they
20 all want to be with Cupertino, who they share a width,
21 and north.

22 And so I'm just wondering, how do we do that?

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're going to be getting down
24 there in a second.

25 So let's go back to the region that we're at.

1 Because we have to make a decision there, and then, we'll
2 come down and make decisions down there.

3 Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So my question -- what did
5 you say, men -- what did you say, Neil? You said --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fornaciari, can you
7 repeat your -- your recommendation for direction?

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sure. If we -- if we make
9 the move to move Belmont into S. Mateo, then we can make
10 up some of that population by moving the border of Menlo
11 Park maybe up to Highway 84, and putting more of Menlo
12 Park back in South Pen.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I guess my -- so if
14 we moved Belmont, we're going to get -- that district
15 will be at about zero. So then, it'll go back to
16 negative if you move Menlo -- is that right? Am I going
17 the wrong way with that?

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right. They're -- but
19 they're all going to be negative.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And I guess that was my
22 concern. I was trying to fix all the negatives.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, but you can't --

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: There's --

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- without pulling --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- there's no way --

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- all that population
3 down from San Francisco. And that was --

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- that was something we
6 were struggling with before.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're --

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: We're kind of getting there
9 if -- all right.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: So do we want to shift more
11 population from San Francisco? Is that a direction that
12 we want to continue to give? Or are we -- are we
13 comfortable with --

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: My -- my point with having
15 that entire side of negative means that there's going to
16 be some other sides that have to take in that additional
17 population somewhere. So then, you're going to have
18 these -- these offsetting. Be it in Contra Costa, or
19 these other areas, will have to be positive.

20 So I was -- what I was trying to do is just balance
21 areas as we go through. But that's fine, if everyone
22 else is fine with it.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So the question becomes whether we --
24 the difficulty in bringing down population in San
25 Francisco, which we've discussed, given that there are

1 some -- some communities up there that are challenging to
2 draw down population from.

3 Commissioner Turner, and then, Akutagawa?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

5 Tamina, can we drill in on Menlo Park? We've
6 mentioned moving a line there. Can you add heat maps for
7 first the Latino -- okay. Well, just -- can we use that
8 to determine where we're looking at splitting? Because
9 we're talking about moving Menlo Park into a very
10 affluent area right now. So I'm just trying to get an
11 idea of who we were moving.

12 So maybe someone else has a different way of doing
13 that. Okay. Well, then -- okay.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I mean, my -- sorry to
15 just jump in, but, you know, Menlo Park is the affluent
16 area, in and of itself. And I was -- I was moving it out
17 to keep -- you know, East Palo Alto would still be with
18 Redwood City.

19 But I was just trying to figure out a way to balance
20 population by reducing the split of Menlo Park.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, we might be able -- well --

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Audio interference) --

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen -- or

25 Commissioner Fernandez?

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So just -- Commissioner
2 Fornaciari, so -- so if we move Menlo Park into South
3 Pen, so then, East Palo Alto would still be connected to
4 the Redwood --

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And not all --

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So you kind of go --

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- of it, just --

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- you kind of go around?

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- go to -- just go to 84.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And then, there'd still be
12 the area around.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I was -- I was
14 getting confused, because for some reason, I thought
15 everything was going to move back down. Including East
16 Palo Alto.

17 Okay, thanks.

18 MS. RAMOS ALON: Did you want me to try taking these
19 blocks to the 84?

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa?

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just a reminder that
22 Belhaven neighborhood is in that area that -- where -- it
23 would make sense, but I believe that's where the Belhaven
24 neighborhood is -- up to -- around the 84. That little
25 triangle, or -- I don't know what shape it's officially

1 called.

2 But it connects to East Palo Alto. And that's a low
3 income area, too. Yeah, just where -- where -- yeah.

4 But I do have a question/comment. It does look
5 like, you know, there's some -- perhaps some readjusting
6 that's going to be happening on east-based side, and I
7 noticed that there's some higher deviations on the east-
8 based side. Perhaps it's just a larger counterclockwise
9 move, so that it might also enable some of the other
10 adjustments that people are asking for on the east-based
11 side to also occur. Without having to try to do it all
12 on the -- on the peninsula side.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So we have to make some
14 decisions. And I believe -- let's hear from Commissioner
15 Turner and Yee, and then, we will move on.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. So Commissioner
17 Andersen earlier was looking at the southern part of the
18 same district. And I don't know that she was necessarily
19 going to go to a different district --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: No.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- but a southern portion of
22 South Pen. I'm wondering if there are opportunities
23 there to move population into South Pen.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can we look -- can we zoom out and
25 see if all of these are -- they're negative? Yeah,



1 they're all negative. So we have negative 5, negative 2,
2 negative 3, negative 1. Alum Rock has a little bit.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sunnyvale, Sunny -- Sunny Tino has --
5 Sunny Tino has a 3.92 negative.

6 Commissioner Ahmad?

7 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair.

8 Just to go back to that piece on balancing these
9 populations.

10 So we made a commitment -- or we wanted to honor not
11 crossing the bridge, right? So that puts a hard boundary
12 for us on our starting point.

13 Working our way down the peninsula, it's going to be
14 negative. I don't see a way that we can get closer to
15 zero or in the positive without breaking up communities
16 of interest and cities, moving down the peninsula. It's
17 just the way that the population is distributed in this
18 area.

19 And like, Commissioner Yee, you mentioned earlier.
20 It's a narrow strip down the peninsula, with the more
21 concentrated areas that are populated.

22 So I don't know -- as long as we're in the
23 acceptable range of deviations, I think we should move on
24 to the other criteria --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: -- on our list.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: I would agree.

3 And so -- and we do have a sufficient population in
4 San Francisco. We have positive population in San
5 Francisco. It's just the difficulty of bringing that
6 down. So we could bring it down, but it would be very
7 difficult without breaking up communities of interest up
8 there.

9 So it's -- at this point, we're dealing with --
10 we're prioritizing COIs.

11 Let's see. Commissioner Yee, and then Commissioner
12 Andersen.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I'd like to propose giving
14 direction to move Belmont north, and then, to adjust the
15 split in Menlo Park, to move it to 101.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: And while doing so, getting us --
17 balancing the populations, getting us into appropriate
18 deviations, acceptable deviations, and also respecting
19 socioeconomic communities.

20 Which at this point, I am comfortable, as long as
21 the Commission is, that Commissioner Yee will work with
22 Tamina on -- on getting those deviations to an acceptable
23 level, and we will move --

24 And I see a consensus in the room, and also across
25 the zoom. They'll work on that off-line. And if -- if

1 you have any feedback on that, please send it through
2 staff, so that the consultant can -- so that Tamina is
3 able to -- to have it. But it would go through staff.

4 Thank you. Let's move on to the next district.

5 Commissioner Sadhwani. Andersen -- I think Andersen
6 had her hand up first, and then, Sadhwani second.

7 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. I -- so which district
8 are we supposed to be talking about now?

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Now, we're in the district right
10 below that. So this the district you were talking about,
11 I believe.

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: South Pen. So -- okay.
13 Because actually, what we heard from communities of
14 interest, several of them -- Los Gatos, Campbell,
15 Saratoga, which is the red right below Cupertino -- those
16 are all, actually, totally related to Cupertino, and up.

17 And so they -- you know, they all said, well, can we
18 please be put together? And not -- you know, Los Gatos
19 is in with Santa Cruz. And they're like, we really don't
20 want to do that. We'd like to be with our sister
21 communities. It was quite --

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Do you --

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- I don't know --

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Do you have --

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- if they --



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- a suggestion and a direction on
2 how to do that?

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Um-hum.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: And then, while you're thinking about
5 that, let's go to Commissioner Sadhwani.

6 Or we can go back. If we can just -- do you have
7 the COIs, or access to the COIs, Commissioner Andersen?
8 COI --

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I don't.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- testimony?

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I don't right now. I'd have
12 to try --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: I can also ask staff to look through
14 the COI testimony and bring it back to us. Because I
15 think you're right. I think it's Los Gatos and other
16 communities.

17 Commissioner Sadhwani?

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I think that's right,
19 also.

20 I just wanted to make a note before we move into a
21 deeper conversation about the next district. I'm
22 actually going to have to take off in, like, 1:15-ish.

23 But I just wanted to say it out there that
24 yesterday, we were working in the Sacramento area. We
25 were trying to get Vineyard in. We were, like, in this

1 process of shifting all of this -- this -- all of the
2 population around to create a more rural district.

3 A caller had called in last night saying, don't give
4 up on Vineyard. Please, please keep trying to -- I
5 wanted to see if there's agreement from the Commission.

6 It seemed like there was generally agreement
7 yesterday, and then, we kind of let it go. But just to
8 give Tamina the direction to try and work on that, to try
9 and get Vineyard back in, so it's not with a rural
10 district, and to create a more rural area.

11 And I don't think that's something we have to
12 necessarily work on now, if --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: That -- that would impact Sacramento.
14 I think, yesterday, what we agreed on was that we could
15 live with that. If now -- if we're changing our minds,
16 and we can no longer live with that, then -- then we have
17 to have -- that's a decision point. And I think because
18 it impacts important areas in Sacramento, that would lead
19 to some potential contentious issues. I think we'd have
20 to work on trying to do it live line drawing.

21 So it's -- it's not something we can send -- Tamina
22 to come back, and then end up having a larger
23 conversation afterwards. Because we are running out of
24 time.

25 But I do intend to bring that conversation to the

1 floor. Once we're done with the Bay Area, then, we'll go
2 back up to Sacramento for that very brief conversation.
3 And hopefully, it's a quick swap. I didn't see a quick
4 swap last time, though.

5 Commissioner Fernandez?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I actually worked on
7 that last night, and I was able to get Vineyard in. But
8 the second piece of it was the Stanis. So I'd have to
9 work on the Stanis part to bring --

10 So I was able to bring Vineyard in, and just work
11 with those districts within Sacramento, and not have to
12 shift something out. But I'm going to have to continue
13 to work to bring something in with Stanis. I was able to
14 do it. I just had to find a different -- I was trying to
15 minimize cutting different COIs. Thanks.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And hopefully, you'll
17 continue to be able to work through that and draw down
18 appropriate deviations. And then, we'll be able to have
19 a conversation about it in a -- hopefully, in a few
20 minutes.

21 Commissioner Akutagawa?

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I just wanted to note, we
23 received some additional testimony. I do want to
24 acknowledge that I mentioned a guy from Rancho Cordova.
25 He is the one. My apologies, Mr. Terry (ph.).

1 But he did send some input in it. He did note that
2 part of being able to bring Vineyard in -- and also,
3 retain other COIs in the Sacramento areas would mean
4 splitting Sacramento. So I just wanted to point that
5 out.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we -- and that'll be later. And
7 we did discuss any impact to Vineyard impacts Sacramento.
8 We -- we know that. It's a big enough space. So
9 reopening Sacramento is an issue.

10 But we'll get to it. Let's keep going.

11 So we were with Commissioner Andersen. She was
12 talking about COIs in Gilroy.

13 Commissioner Andersen, were you able to get
14 additional information on Gilroy? I think we lost
15 Commissioner Andersen. There she is.

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I wasn't talking about Gilroy.
17 Gilroy is --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, Gilroy.

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I mean, we're -- that's
20 not here. Gilroy is --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Tamina --

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- to the South.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- can you -- can you head down to
24 Gilroy? Sorry. I meant Los Gatos.

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Los Gatos --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm sorry.

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Los Gatos. Okay. Yeah, so I
3 was talking about that one.

4 And --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right, so --

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- there were --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- were you able to figure out the
8 COIs?

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: You mean, like, to be able to
10 read from that COI?

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Or were you able to figure out which
12 COIs, you know, wanted to be together?

13 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, yes, I know. Yes.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay --

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Saratoga --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- excellent. Let's --

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, Saratoga --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- hear them.

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- Campbell, and Los Gatos --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sure --

21 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- wanted to be with
22 Cupertino.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. Saratoga, Cupertino, and Los
24 Gatos. So it's the three communities there.

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct. And they had -- they



1 share water systems, they -- you know, of course, it's
2 neighborhoods and schools. But I didn't catch the
3 school. It's their shopping usual --

4 And they -- but they didn't -- they don't really
5 have that much in common. They used to go to Cupertino,
6 then they'll go up and around into Mountain View and Palo
7 Alto.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: So given the -- given that we have
9 negative deviations in all of these areas, combining
10 these three would be -- do you have any suggestions on
11 how to shift -- or we can ask Tamina if she has any
12 suggestions on how to keep these three communities whole
13 while balancing the deviations.

14 It looks very --

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, yeah --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- difficult.

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, the issue is --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Almost impossible --

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- we're taking --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- given the last --

21 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- is the pivot. So many --
22 remember how many of them said it's Cupertino, Sunnyvale,
23 Santa Clara, Milpitas, Fremont, which -- that --

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, there --

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- or have, and --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- there may be a way to rotate
2 population, but I'm not seeing it.

3 Tamina, do you see any ways to rotate population to
4 be able to unite these three communities?

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: To unite Los Gatos with Saratoga
6 and Campbell, adding Monte Sereno? I think that's
7 possible. Adding in Cupertino would be more difficult.

8 I think you could take Los Gatos and bring it into
9 South Pen and adjust the line in -- over here in San Jose
10 to bring more of that in.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's zoom out and go back and --

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yeah, no. We can't do that --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: For the most part, I want to hear
14 from the -- from the Commission.

15 Are we comfortable with this -- with this district?
16 More or less -- is it more or less where we want it? We
17 can't keep all the COIs together. We know that we were
18 doing our best, and certainly, we've done a great job, I
19 think, of these -- these visualizations are based on all
20 the COI testimony we received over the summer and to the
21 last couple of weeks.

22 We're now having to make difficult decisions, and we
23 do have some splits. And so I just want to hear from the
24 Commission. Are we comfortable with this map, as is? Or
25 are there any minor refinements to the map that would

1 make it -- that would get us to be comfortable with the
2 maps?

3 Commissioner Sinay?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We're just talking about this
5 one right here, correct?

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're talking about this one, but if
7 you have general, then let us know.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, we haven't gotten into
9 East Bay yet.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: No, we haven't. We will be going
11 next.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Or further south.

13 But I think one of the challenges I'm having, as
14 well as, probably, others are having is that we created
15 these maps -- the visualizations. We created the
16 visualizations based on communities of interest. And
17 then, those visualizations took -- we took the six
18 criteria, and we created our draft maps. We knew that
19 they weren't perfect, and that there was going to need to
20 be some tweaks.

21 And then, we've received some new -- new communities
22 of interest, because new people are learning about the
23 maps, and some new things are coming up. And I feel
24 like, on the whole, it might be good for us sometimes to
25 stay focused on what -- I mean, if we trust that we

1 created the visualizations based on the first 10,000 COIs
2 we received --

3 I just feel like we keep going back and forth, back
4 and forth. Like we've made a decision, and I do believe
5 that we will constantly get new information, and we may
6 need to tweak, or we might not.

7 But I think as we -- different ones of us have said
8 it different times. We can all find a COI -- we're
9 always going to find something that's wrong with our
10 maps. We can always find a COI to tell us that we
11 haven't gotten it right.

12 So as you were saying, Chair, we need to just be at
13 a place where we're comfortable.

14 And remember that we have limited time, and we've
15 only looked at a portion of the map, and we can't -- you
16 know, that's one of my stressors.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And I think -- and this
18 whole -- the whole map -- all of the maps we have are
19 based on COI testimony. That's where the foundation is,
20 the COI testimony. And now we're having to make
21 difficult decisions, because we have incorporated the --
22 the other aspects of it.

23 Commissioner Andersen, and then, Akutagawa, then --
24 at this point, I am seeing general consensus that we're
25 all comfortable with this map and with the deviations.

1 So we're going to move on, unless there's something
2 that you can't live with.

3 Commissioner Andersen or Akutagawa?

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. On this note, I thought
5 we were trying to move some population down. And we're
6 still messing with the ones that are all negative.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we --

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Where we know the East Bay has
9 almost -- there's lots and lots of positives. And I
10 believe we will be pulling some population down from
11 there, which we can then shift into these areas.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Good point. And we're going to be
13 going to the East Bay very soon.

14 Commissioner Akutagawa?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I'm not so concerned
16 about South Pen. I do agree with Commissioner Andersen
17 just said.

18 I do want to note, specifically, though, Alum Rock.
19 I remember that we received quite a bit of testimony. On
20 this particular one, the testimony -- several testimonies
21 say that we're cutting a Latino and Filipino community in
22 half, and they've asked us to move that line up, it looks
23 like maybe a couple of streets, or a couple of
24 intersections.

25 So I don't know if we could --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa, if you have
2 that COI, can you please send it to Tamina? Because she
3 has access to all of them, and she's based her maps on
4 that. So if you have access to that COI, or we can get
5 staff to get that COI, so that that could --

6 Tamina, you probably already have that COI?

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: Just a note on that, there are
8 several overlapping COIs in that area, and it is
9 difficult. If I do that with Alum Rock, I will be
10 splitting Berryessa.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. And that's in the East Bay
12 area --

13 MS. RAMOS ALON: But happy to explore it.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Having the --

15 MS. RAMOS ALON: So I just wanted to put that out
16 there.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: So if you have that COI information,
18 then Tamina can look at it as she tries to balance all
19 the deviations that she's working through. But I do
20 sense that the general consensus is that we're
21 comfortable with these maps, and we have charged Tamina
22 and Dr. -- or actually, it is Dr. Yee -- but Mr. Yee --
23 Commissioner Yee, to continue refining.

24 Commissioner Fornaciari?

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I kind of feel like we're

1 pushing a lot of decisions off that we could make --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So what decisions are -- do we
3 need to --

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, we want --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- make? Because we want to make
6 decisions.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- you know, I mean -- so
8 Commissioner Akutagawa just brought up a COI. Tamina
9 said if we -- if we make that change, we're going to
10 break another COI.

11 Let's make a decision on which COI we're going to
12 pick and move on.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: So my understanding is that what
14 we're prioritizing is the deviations at this point, not
15 so much the COIs, so --

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, but --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- okay. I'm sorry.
19 We're -- okay.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: But let's -- but what is -- what are
21 the COIs?

22 So Tamina, tell us what the COIs are, and we can do
23 some prioritization.

24 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sure. How much time do you have?

25 So this area is actually rich with a lot of

1 different COIs. So there is a Latino community COI
2 that's right underneath this line, which separates it
3 from the Berryessa COI, which is this purple area up
4 here.

5 There's another Asian American COI, which is in this
6 little area, and connects to Berryessa.

7 There's a downtown one that's over here. And then,
8 the Punjabi-Sikh COI comes across this way.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So Tamina, what I -- what I
10 read is that if you move it up to Berryessa, it does look
11 like -- there seems to be agreement between the different
12 communities that if you move the COI -- that line dot
13 over to Berryessa -- and it looked like it's about a
14 couple intersections up, that it will -- it will balance,
15 I think, community interests in that way.

16 And that's the way I read through -- I -- there's
17 several testimonies, and they're similar, but that's what
18 I'm reading about that particular area.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let -- let's zoom back out, and
20 let's come back to are we comfortable? Can we live with
21 these districts as are in this count in this general,
22 because, yes, we're at this point we're picking and
23 choosing COIs. And so I don't want to get into that --
24 that's not an argument, but into that that area. I want
25 to -- if we're comfortable with this -- these -- these --

1 the general direction, it's more about refinement, and
2 getting and balancing population, and trying to keep
3 deviations whole.

4 Now, if there's a minor devi -- a minor refinement
5 that we can make, then that would be acceptable. But
6 anything more than a minor refinement that would shift
7 and then cause other problems, we wouldn't want to do is
8 in my opinion. So I'm -- I'm -- that's where I'm at.
9 And let's hear what the rest of the Commission is at.
10 Commissioner, let's hear from Fornaciari, down to Ahmad.
11 Ahmad?

12 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you. I just want to hear
13 it out loud. The South Penn District visualization, that
14 deviation is acceptable as it currently is shown,
15 correct? Sitting in.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: It looks acceptable to me.

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay. Generally, I'm okay with
18 this region. I get it at this point, we are picking and
19 choosing between different COI testimony, because we have
20 met the other criteria on our list. So now we're at
21 cities, counties, communities of interest. So I'm okay
22 with where this currently sits.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa, then
24 Commissioner Fernandez.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry, I -- I -- it's okay.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I -- I -- you are
3 correct we're at the refinement, but it sounded like the
4 COI that -- communities of interest that Commissioner
5 Akutagawa was talking about, I don't believe that's a
6 conflicting COI. It has to do more with boundaries. So
7 I would be open to looking at that, because that -- I
8 would consider that a refinement.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: And that's what I thought it was,
10 until -- if it is -- if it's actually a refinement and
11 it'll keep deviations aligned, that's why I was saying,
12 can you please send it to me? And if it actually is a
13 refinement, it's not going to cause other deviation
14 problems, I -- I would be okay with that. Given that it
15 comes from COI testimony. If it has other implications,
16 then we probably should maintain our deviations as -- but
17 that would be something that Tamina could look at either
18 now, in line drawing, or later. So that's where I was
19 at, and I'm hoping the rest of the Commission is -- I'm
20 looking around. It seems like for the most part,
21 everyone is okay with that.

22 Let's see, Commissioner Ahmad?

23 Okay. So it looks like -- Tamina, do you have that
24 area in front of you?

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes. I'm taking a look at it now,

1 and I believe this is the line which Commissioner
2 Akutagawa suggests to move. And I'm sorry, which --
3 where are we moving it to?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It says to move that line
5 going north to Berryessa Road or Avenue, I think. Yeah,
6 right there. And it seems like this is a mixed community
7 there. The COI testimonies are speaking to Filipino,
8 Latino, and Vietnamese communities. What they share in
9 common is that they're all working class and low income.
10 It seems like the COI testimonies do acknowledge that the
11 Berryessa would still be okay -- the Berryessa
12 neighborhood, but that -- that should remain to the north
13 with Milpitas.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: So if -- Tamina, if -- do you think
15 this would be a refinement, or would it cause issues with
16 other deviations?

17 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm happy to try right now. If we
18 go all across Berryessa, I believe we're going to go over
19 the negative five percent for Fremont, but I'm happy to
20 look at it.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. Let's see how much
22 population is there. If it's going to be more than --
23 than -- then -- if it's going to push us -- if it's going
24 to change the deviations in a way that is not in
25 compliance, then we'll probably hold off.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It should decrease it,
2 because you're taking away from Fremont and you're adding
3 to Alum Rock.

4 MS. RAMOS ALON: Exactly. Fremont's already
5 negative, and --

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But you might go above --

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, sorry.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, you're right. I was
10 thinking the other way around.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's just -- let's just get the
12 math, and then we'll move forward. And let's remember
13 that the Bay Area is very populated and very dense.
14 Especially in the peninsula, and in San Francisco, and in
15 the East Bay. This is thirty-three thousand people.
16 There's no way; so let's move on. It's going to impact
17 our deviations too much. We'd love to keep those
18 communities of interest together. We just can't figure
19 out a way to do it at this point, based on all of the
20 other quotes that we're keeping together. We're moving
21 on to the next COI. Or the next district, rather.

22 All right, so let's see. Tamina, where are we
23 headed next? You're the line drawer.

24 MS. RAMOS ALON: We can either go up into the East
25 Bay, or we can go south along the coast to Mid Coast.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Lots of decisions. Commissioner
2 Andersen?

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I would like to go up in the
4 East Bay and I have --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's go to the east bay. Let's go
6 all the way to Contra Costa County. And we're going to
7 go down, and make sure -- we're going to make sure
8 everything's okay --

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- with Contra Costa, and then we're
11 going to go down to the East Bay.

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually. Hang on. Could I
13 jump in here, though?

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sure.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- because I have one which --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: But let's make sure everyone --

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: (Indiscernible, simultaneous
18 speech) --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- let's just let's just hear from
20 the whole Commission on whether we're okay with the
21 current districts that we haven't agreed upon yet.
22 Because it's Solano. Have we all agreed on Solano?
23 Let's move up a little bit.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: No.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: And that's why you may have issues

1 with this, and that's the right place to voice this. So
2 we have the Solano County, the Solano district, and let's
3 get feedback on Solano. Andersen?

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. We've got two very
5 specific Hercules, Pinole, Vallejo, it -- they said,
6 well, I guess for Vallejo and Benicia want to go with
7 Solano, okay, but the rest of them don't. It's the
8 very -- it's exactly the same argument about Albany being
9 the one -- the one little area in the entire of the
10 county.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: So right now, we have Pinole, Rodeo,
12 as part of with -- there with Vallejo, and you're saying?

13 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: They want to be with Contra
14 Costa. They want to be with their neighbors Eastridge
15 Heights.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So they want to be with Contra
17 Costa County.

18 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's hear from Commissioner
20 Fernandez.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, that was -- that was
22 basically what I was going to say to you, and that I
23 believe I tried to do it off-line, and it -- the
24 population was pretty high. But --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: This is a dense population.



1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay, and Commissioner
3 Turner?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Would it be okay to give a
5 bigger picture, versus just -- I think the idea here --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sure.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- can we zoom out a little
8 bit, please? And I know I'm going to sound like a broken
9 record. Yeah, That's perfect. We've talked about this
10 before, not too much more, because then I won't be able
11 to -- go in a little. Sorry. And then --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: And you only a minute, so.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Zoom --

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, the idea here is to keep
16 the East Bay, Oakland, that area together at kind of a
17 whole circle around bringing in Vallejo and Benicia all
18 the way to Antioch.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Mm hmm.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And that all, you know, it'll
21 be different districts, but all of that is the working
22 class, diverse, lower income communities. And then pull
23 in like into the Contra Costa, Concord, and some of the
24 other wealthier communities. So it's -- so it's a bigger
25 picture, but I just wanted to share that. So then we

1 can --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: And I think we're all alignment with
3 that. That -- I think that's been our conversation.
4 Commissioner Turner?

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. So along the same lines,
6 my idea would be to bring in a Pinole, Hercules, and
7 Rodeo into East Bay. And then for Vallejo, Benicia, and
8 Martinez to have it in East Contra Costa.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Turner, can
10 we -- so your -- your -- your -- your specific direction
11 is -- or request is? Because I'm not remembering which
12 communities.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm sorry.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: My specific was the Pinole --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Pinole.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- Hercules --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Hercules.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- and Rodeo.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Rodeo.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Coming down into the East Bay.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Come -- Tamina, can you tell us how
23 many people are in Rodeo -- Rodeo, Pinole, and -- and
24 Hercules area?

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sure thing.



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Because we'll look at the date and
2 see if it's how we can, or if we can. And while we're --
3 we're trying to figure out data, Commissioner Andersen,
4 did you have your hands up? Yeah, okay.

5 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, I do. I really like what
6 Commissioner Sinay said. Can we sort of back out of here
7 just a bit, and everyone sort of say, what are our ideas
8 in this area? So agree on those, and then work on
9 draw -- drawing them, because right now we're doing sort
10 of piecemeal, because we -- there are ideas in the whole
11 area, which I think we should -- we should address. So
12 we can -- if we need to do some restructuring, we can do
13 that.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let me -- let me ponder that in my
15 brain for a minute, and then for now, let's look at how
16 much -- and I do -- I do hear you, Commissioner Andersen.
17 Commissioner Sinay? Okay. No. So we're talking about
18 how many thousand? Fifty-four thousand people.

19 MS. RAMOS ALON: Fifty-four thousand, seven hundred
20 and eighty-eight people.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: What would be the impact if we
22 shifted that population to the East Bay? There at .22;
23 point two-two.

24 MS. RAMOS ALON: Right, so you shifted it, the
25 resulting population to East Bay would be eleven-point

1 three one percent. The resulting population in Solano
2 would be negative, 8.57 percent.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: So at that point, we would be
4 shifting population down, and we'd have to shift
5 population. And we'd have to get population into this
6 Solano district, which would mean pulling population
7 either from Sacramento, Yolo, or -- or Napa counties.
8 Commissioner Fornaciari?

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, I mean, or from
10 Contra Costa North.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Or pushing some Contra Costa
12 population into -- you're right. Absolutely.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right. But we -- but
14 we -- but then we'd have to rotate this all the way
15 around.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: So there would be --

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: We'd have to go through
18 Oakland or -- you know, down through Oakland. And then
19 we've got that Hayward, Tri-Valley thing going on, so I
20 mean, in order to do this, we've got a ton of rotation to
21 do around here.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: So if we wanted to do this, we would
23 have to rotate population through Solano, from Contra
24 Costa, into Solano. It would achieve a couple of goals
25 to do this. And that would be that we'd be rotating

1 population downward. It also is -- it's quite complex.
2 Commissioner Andersen?

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. I -- because I have an
4 idea which would require some of that. Because in San
5 Leandro, Hayward, the part of Union City, they make that
6 an area. So then we -- we need to rearrange and shift.
7 That's -- you know, the Cherry -- the Cherryland area.
8 Ashland, Cherryland, and all that. Which we -- and --
9 and it -- that's -- that's causing the problem on the
10 other side, so that's why we talked so general so we can
11 sort of see what everyone is thinking, and how to be --
12 of doing it.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: So what I'm going to do is I'm going
14 to ask every Commissioner to give me one, their top
15 priority for -- for this area there. Just their top
16 priority. And then so that we have a sense of -- of
17 where we're moving to. If they have a -- a change, it's
18 a priority for a change. And so that might be, you know,
19 the Cherryland area for you, Commissioner Andersen. I
20 don't know. I'm just making things up.

21 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: No.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: But --

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: That is. Yes.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh. I was guessing. Well, it's
25 actually a very contentious area, so I figured it might

1 be. But -- but so we'll ask one question from one -- one
2 priority area for everybody, and that will help to focus
3 the conversation. So let's go down the line. I'm going
4 to go start with the Commissioner Andersen.

5 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. I'd like to do the
6 Cherryland of the San Leandro to the Afghan part of
7 Fremont, including Union City. And then that --I -- that
8 would have some rippling through Oakland, which would
9 allow us to -- require us to get Hercules, Pinole in
10 there.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
12 Commissioner Turner?

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: It would be what you have
14 highlighted currently. The --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Hercules, Pinole, El Sobrante --

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Hercules, Pinole, El Sobrante.
17 All of that into the Richmond.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Perfect. So that is the priority for
19 Commissioner Turner.

20 Commissioner Sinay, do you have any priority changes
21 for this area?

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: For the -- for East Bay, I mean,
24 anything in the East Bay, because we're just in general.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can you hear me or not?



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, we can --

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- (indiscernible) hear you.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Antioch, Pittsburgh, all the
5 way to, if possible, Mission Vallejo, including Martinez.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: So shifting population up to the
7 north. All right, so Commissioner Yee?

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Uniting San Leandro, San Lorenzo
9 Hayward, and separating that from the Tri-Valley.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Would that include Cherryland,
11 because that's the same area --

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- as Commissioner --

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- okay. Commissioner --

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Uniting San Leandro, San Lorenzo,
17 and the unincorporated areas there. Fairview, Ashland,
18 Cherryland, and so forth, and Hayward, and then
19 separating that from the Tri-Valley.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Great. And so we -- it sounds like
21 we're -- we have a cluster. All right.

22 So Commissioner Sadhwani? Okay, so --

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: She said she agreed with
24 Commissioner Turner.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay, so Commissioner Turner.

1 Commissioner Vazquez? And I'll come back if I don't hear
2 from you in the couple seconds.

3 Commissioner Fornaciari?

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I -- I -- I'm with
5 Commissioner Yee, and I think with --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Andersen.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- or Andersen, but I --
8 I think it's also consistent with Commissioner Turner's
9 desire to -- if we're going to go shift in that way, I
10 think we can all get to the same place.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm hearing that we all want to --
12 that the general sense is the rotation of population
13 through Solano County. And through Yolo and Sacramento.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, no, no, no, no, no,
15 no, no. No.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Absolutely not what I'm
18 talking about.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay, so what are you. So tell me
20 what I'm -- what I'm hearing?

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: What -- what I -- what I'm
22 saying is if we were rotating population, Hercules,
23 Pinole, down, and -- and -- and then uniting San Leandro,
24 San Lorenzo, Cherryland, the unincorporated areas with
25 Hayward, then we could, you know, put the Tri-Valley

1 together with Contra Costa County. But we're still going
2 to have to have to move some of Contra Costa County north
3 into Solano to balance that out.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes. There'd be a rotation --

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Not go further, not go
6 further north.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: No. We're not moving anything north.
8 I'm just saying we --

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- would be rotating population into
11 Solano as well, right?

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right. But -- but just to
13 make up for it, and not -- but not going to Yolo or
14 Sacramento.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: No, we would be adding population to
16 the north. It would just be different Contra Costa
17 populations instead of Hercules, Pinole, it'd be adding
18 some other population to that area. And -- and likely
19 the only way up that I'm saying at this point there is
20 through Sacramento County, right?

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think we can look at
22 Martinez --

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- you know, Pittsburgh --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're getting into the details,

1 but -- but -- we're -- so then just making sure that we
2 have -- that we know what we're looking at. All right.
3 Let's keep going.

4 Commissioner Ahmad?

5 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you. A lot has been
6 said. I'm ready to watch this happen.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you're -- you're ready for
8 exploration. You're such an adventure.

9 Commissioner Akutagawa?

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I -- I would also say I
11 agree with what Commissioner Fornaciari and -- and others
12 have said.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: This is sounding like a consensus.
14 So let's keep --

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yep.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- going with -- with Kennedy.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. I'm -- I'm generally
18 with Commissioner Turner in -- and hopeful that what
19 Commissioner for Fornaciari has as laid out can satisfy
20 everyone. And I see, you know, combining Martinez with
21 Benicia as -- you know, how we might get there. So
22 without going through Sacramento. Thanks.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sounds like you're -- you're
24 interested in exploration as well.

25 Commissioner Taylor?

1 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah, I -- I would agree. You
2 know, I'm -- I'm -- well, I'm willing to see what --
3 to -- to lean towards Commissioner Turner's suggestion
4 based on COI testimony. I want to see exploration.
5 Thank you.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much, Commissioner
7 Taylor.

8 Commissioner Le Mons? Okay. So it sounds like we
9 have a consensus on -- oh, Commissioner Fernandez. Of
10 course. Of course. Missed you on the list.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I am chopped liver. Pardon
12 me.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm sorry. It's Zoom.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Wow. I am willing to go on
15 this adventure with Commissioner Ahmad, too. I just am a
16 little concerned that we just did some work up north, and
17 we're trying to minimize that as much as possible.

18 Although, I guess Lake Napa is a little low. So that
19 could be a possibility. But other than that, if we can
20 minimize how much is going north, that'd be great. Thank
21 you.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're -- we're trying to minimize
23 the -- the population going north. Okay. Let's go on
24 the adventure. Tamina, take us to Rodeo and Hercules?
25 The population that you've highlighted, let's bring it

1 down. And I know what the goals are. I know what the
2 goals are. We all know what the goals are. We're going
3 to try to minimize the impact into --

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think -- I think Crockett
5 should be included in that, too, or not.

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: If you do that, you can't get
7 to Martinez.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, we can't do Crockett, because
9 otherwise we're going to not be able to push population
10 up unless we go through Sacramento. Oh. There's another
11 bridge. Yeah. The Carquinez. Is that right? The
12 Benicia bridge, okay.

13 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: The Benicia bridge.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So do we want to include
15 Crockett as well?

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, so please.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's include as Crockett as well.
18 It's a small population. And while we do this, I just
19 want to hear from Commissioner Fernandez, because I think
20 we're -- it's around the -- if we move population through
21 the Benicia bridge up to Benicia, some portion of
22 Martinez County or some portion will be in the City of
23 Martinez or a surrounding area. Would you be okay with
24 that? Because ultimately, that is what we're looking at.
25 The end result is we're going to move population all the

1 way down, and it's going to have to come all the way up.
2 And I don't want to end up in Benicia and not being able
3 to cross the bridge. So is this a bridge that is
4 crossable is what I'm asking.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It -- it is crossable.
6 It's just the -- it's going to be a very odd line.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: I want to have the conversation now,
8 because I don't want to have it an hour and a half from
9 now.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: So tell us, this is something that
12 you can live with? Because -- because if you can't, then
13 I don't want to go on this journey. Or we have to figure
14 another journey to go on.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. It's just an
16 interesting -- I'd have to look at it, but it'll be an
17 interesting looking downgrade.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I -- let's start from there.
19 Let's -- let -- Tamina, can you highlight --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can you zoom out a little
21 bit?

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you -- can you -- let's add
23 population to Solano County. So we can get the right
24 population up there. It's going to be minimal, because
25 it's -- we're already at -- at five. How much -- how

1 much of the -- can you take in some population in Contra
2 Costa to get us into -- and move it up and tell us how
3 much you'd have to move up to Solano? Just because I
4 want to make sure that the rotation will get us to --
5 that we actually are going to be able to finish our
6 rotation.

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: So I just selected the City of
8 Martinez. The resulting deviation to Solano is negative
9 one-point seventy-two percent, and to 680 CCC is negative
10 four-point one four percent.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: So if we try to minimize the -- are
12 you -- so what I'm trying to gauge, Commissioner
13 Fernandez, are -- are you -- would you be comfortable
14 with a district that includes this area? Could you live
15 with this; could you live with this?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Do you know what,
17 honestly --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Do you want to minimize this impact,
19 or -- it is I will say, and I just want to get this up
20 before -- before you give your answer, Benicia does have
21 refineries. I don't think we captured the refineries
22 yet, but because they're right outside of city limits.
23 But this would allow the refineries to have -- to have a
24 voice. I don't know if we want to -- if that's a goal of
25 his Commission, but there was in there -- there was

1 testimony that keeping the refineries --

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- was together from these
4 communities of importance. So you're -- I'm just --

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can you

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: And I'm not. And I'm not in favor
7 or opposed. I'm actually --

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- I have no horse in this game. And
10 so -

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, and if --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- other than unfair math. So unfair
13 math. So it's all -- and that's what -- so I just wanted
14 to see if we can cross this bridge, and do you need a
15 couple of minutes?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I -- let me look at
17 some more COI.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's give you like five
19 minutes --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- while we look at this other stuff.
22 And then because if we can't cross this bridge, I don't
23 know --

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Excuse me, Chair. Can I ask a
25 question?



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh. Yes, Commissioner Sinay.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You know, it's my -- my
3 recommendation was to add a little bit more than just
4 Martinez. And I'm --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- just -- I'm just. Yes,
7 thank you.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: I mean, what other communities --

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh. Hold on.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm sorry.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Hold on, Chair. I'm having a
12 really hard time right now, because you keep asking
13 Commissioner Fernandez, and we're fourteen people. And
14 so I want to make sure that we're constantly looking at
15 the full state of California, and that we all have forces
16 in every single game. And that it's a fair map. So I
17 think if one -- if one Commissioner is having -- is going
18 to have a hard time, we will need to find a way to -- you
19 know, we never discuss are we working on consensus, or
20 are we working on being unanimous or whatever. But I'm
21 not -- I was very uncomfortable with -- with one -- one
22 Commissioner being asked if we can make this move versus
23 all of us. And so I want us to be careful. And I've --
24 I've said this before throughout the map.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Remember, one minute, Commissioner

1 Sinay.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Let's keep going.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We call you on it too, then?

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: You can certainly call me on it.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Thank you. But I was

7 chair

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: But as Chair I -- I get to the
9 reverse. I can make the decision myself. Commissioner
10 Andersson? Do you have a comment on this?

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, I do. We can't --
12 remember, the -- the reason why we want to put this back
13 is because it was tutelarius stuff within the entire of a
14 county. So we can't just do that again. And I
15 understand also if we're -- if we're thinking the -- the
16 communitive interest here that we're trying to put
17 together, is the refineries and that -- that sort of
18 thing more than manufacturing? It is Vallejo,
19 Crockett's, you know, across there. Because that's where
20 the refineries are, and that an area that we actually
21 are -- but with that whole area, that was an idea that we
22 did indeed talk about. It goes all we have to Antioch,
23 and not just Pittsburgh. And so it's either that way, or
24 the other way is Oakley West, those either with
25 Stanislaus or with the tail of Sacramento, and part of

1 Solano. Those are our options in that area, unless we're
2 just going to again --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you're saying you wouldn't be
4 comfortable with the rotation if it didn't include more
5 of the Contra Costa area; the eastern Contra Costa area?

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct. Correct, because
7 otherwise it's sort of been -- they've been grabbed for
8 population.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So -- so you would be in favor
10 of adding significantly more population into Solano
11 County?

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Or -- well --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Or?

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- or pulling, you know,
15 doing -- doing a little bit, you know, how we did things
16 up north. Solano might have to grab a little bit more in
17 some place.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: You know, to make this
20 balance.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Also, could we please get
23 the -- the Pinole, Hercules, the Crockett. What was --
24 what percentage did we take out of Solano? What -- what
25 number --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: We have a negative deviation of five
2 point two three. If -- if I'm looking at it correctly.
3 I can't really see it. Can you --

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's negative eight.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh. Nine point two three. Thank
6 you. So we would need to take a minimum, at least the
7 City of Martinez. And there is a proposal on the table
8 to add much more than that. So I think this -- and maybe
9 it wasn't Commissioner Sinay's original proposal. Maybe
10 I just didn't understand her original proposal. But
11 Commissioner Sinay, Commissioner Andersen, Commissioner
12 Kennedy, and Turner. Taylor and Turner. Commissioner
13 Sinay, did you have a comment?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, you had asked, was it in
15 the original -- my original --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- proposal. Yeah. My
18 original proposal was to take the -- the --the crest from
19 Antioch all the way to Martinez, and connect that with
20 Benicia and Vallejo. Which might -- and then you might
21 pull out Fairfield, and build in back of it, some of the
22 others to go to other places that need it.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So this is the difficult
24 conversation --

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I'm not sure --



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- we'd have to have, right, this is
2 the -- this is the decision point. Whether -- whether
3 the Commission, and you're right, Commissioner Sinay, it
4 is the fourteen of us. The Commission is comfortable in
5 moving in this direction. Commissioner Kennedy.
6 Commissioner Taylor. Commissioner Turner. Let's hear.

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. To me,
8 the -- the issue is not so much combining the refineries
9 in one district, as combining the communities impacted by
10 the refineries in a single district. Just want to make
11 that clear. Thank you.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Oh, absolutely. Mr.
13 Taylor?

14 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah, just as a point of
15 process, I absolutely agree with Commissioner Sinay. We
16 should be working towards consensus -- consensus in that
17 individual visualization. So I appreciate the path that
18 you're going to, Commissioner Toledo.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm always -- I'm always looking for
20 general consensus. Commissioner Turner?

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. What I'm hoping to
22 achieve in an East Contra Costa district is that we're
23 in -- and it's much like, if not exactly, what
24 Commissioner Sinay says. So it's Vallejo, Benicia, going
25 to -- oh, we got too small for me to see. We're going

1 down into -- thank you, Pittsburgh, and Antioch's. So
2 it's Antioch, Pittsburgh, going up this way. Bay Port --
3 Point -- Bay Point, Benicia, Vallejo. It's this
4 direction.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's exactly what I was saying.
6 Sorry, I wasn't being as clear.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No. I'm in agreement with
8 you.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: So can you repeat that one more time
10 so that we also get the -- because we're trying to take
11 notes at the --

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Our outreach staff is trying to take
14 notes.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. So it is starting
16 Vallejo, Benicia, then going into the -- I lost it again.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Vallejo, Benicia, and Martinez?

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Martinez. Yeah. It got
19 small. Every time it changes, my eyes got to wait to
20 catch up. Sorry. So Bay Point.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think Bay Point.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. Bay Point, Pittsburg, Antioch,
24 that --

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Brentwood area all are similar
2 populations. All right. So let's have that
3 conversation. Commissioner Yee, Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: I want to support Commissioner
5 Turner's idea just now, but I'm not -- I just can't see
6 how the population's going to work out. Because we need
7 Martinez for the bridge, to make this happen, but once
8 you add Martinez there's very little room left to add
9 additional cities. You know, we can take a look. See if
10 Bay Point, Pittsburg, Antioch, whether we're in anywhere
11 close to deviations, but I suspect we'll be way over.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Wouldn't you be supportive of putting
13 just Martinez over? I'm trying to find a consensus here,
14 because it doesn't sound like we're getting --

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. We want to go from Vallejo
16 to Antioch.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: We have to include Martinez, I
19 believe, right?

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Because of the bridge.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Because of the bridge.

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: We do that, I think Solano gets
24 way too many people. Maybe there's a way to do it. If
25 there is, let's try it.



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you're interested in just
2 balancing the populations at this point. All right. If
3 I'm understanding correctly; yes, that is correct. I got
4 affirmation.

5 Commissioner Fernandez?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Thank you, Chair.
7 Vallejo and Benicia they -- that's, like, 150,000. And
8 plus it's part of Solano county. So right now the Solano
9 is keeping Solano County whole. So that's one community
10 of interest. And so what we're looking at is a different
11 communities of interest. So my preference would be to
12 keep Solano County whole. And if we want to pursue the
13 Hercules through Dayo Crockett, splitting that out, I
14 mean we can pursue that as well. But again, that would
15 be challenging.

16 In terms of Martinez, I think I'd be open to having
17 them go with Solano if we do move out Hercules, Crocket,
18 and -- or Dale.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
20 Any other comments on this? We do need to get to
21 consensus. I'm not hearing consensus at this point. And
22 that's where I'm -- we need at least general consensus.
23 Commission Andersen, can you get us to general consensus?

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm thinking, you know, more
25 the -- just -- Commissioner Yee is absolutely correct.

1 In terms of population. And now, unfortunately, the Bay
2 Area has been left blasted. Cut it all up. And so
3 rather than trying to do that and grab Vallejo, because
4 we're -- only a few -- the people in Vallejo, a lot of
5 them, that's where we're getting exploits. People want
6 to stay in Vallejo, they don't want to be in Contra
7 Costa. And few are the other way.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: So are --

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: But if we add --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: I guess a quick question for --

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm thinking of going with the
12 Antioch, Biron, Bethel Islands, through that tail of
13 Sacramento, which doesn't have a lot of people. So it
14 shouldn't affect Sacramento very much. But up into that,
15 which for the -- trying to create that kind of Delta.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: So the last time we journeyed and
17 ended up in the tail of Sacramento it did not go well.
18 That's why I'm trying to -- that's why I'm --

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: But this isn't going to go
20 well either.

21 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- that's what I'm trying to
22 avoid. So not avoid going up through that tail. I'm
23 just trying to make sure that we have consensus. That
24 we, as a group, that we're all comfortable moving in that
25 direction. And it is as a group. Let's go Commissioner

1 Andersen, you were saying?

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sorry.

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm saying you can't just take
5 one little city and put it with another county.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So you're not okay with
7 moving --

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm not okay with that.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- with just adding either Vallejo
10 down or Martinez up; is that what you're saying?

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. Well, Vallejo down,
12 that's a huge change. You have to add more. Yes. And
13 Vallejo down is what we were all talking about. But we
14 didn't consider that -- rearranging --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you are okay with Vallejo down?

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I would do Vallejo down with
17 the -- to reunite with all the other ones. Yes.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. All right.

19 So Commissioner Sinay?

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I agree that taking just
21 Martinez and putting in Solano is not -- would not
22 achieve the vision that we have. I would say Martinez
23 would go in east Contra Costa and then take Concord and
24 Clayton out. You know, again, trying to keep Martinez
25 connected with Clyde, Bay Point, Pittsburg, Antioch.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. I think I understand where
2 you're at.

3 Commissioner Fornaciari?

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I don't know.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: But where are you at? Because that's
6 important. Because I'm trying to understand where the --
7 where the consensus. Are you okay with just Martinez?
8 Are you okay with breaking down Vallejo or going through
9 the --

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, no. I mean, so --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Or what are your comfort levels?

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here's where -- here's --
13 okay. Here's where I'm at.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Tell me where you're at.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: You know, unless we just
16 figure out how to fix the Solano shortage only, we have
17 to redo the north state. Okay? And so I'm just trying
18 to grapple with that and what that might look like.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: And I think that's important for all
20 of us to understand. That if we do these major changes,
21 it will impact the maps in the north that we just did.
22 And so just shifting some population up would not require
23 that type of architectural change. But this
24 architectural change -- larger scale architectural
25 change. One, doesn't mean we couldn't do it, just means

1 we have to have consensus that we want to.

2 Commissioner Turner, and then Fernandez, Kennedy,
3 Sinay?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. So another thought or
5 opportunity would be to include the Vallejo, Benicia, you
6 know, that Martinez, all -- Bay Point, Pittsburg,
7 Antioch, and shifting it and including -- bringing up
8 into Solano these areas over here. Bethel Island,
9 Oakley, Brentwood --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- Discovery Bay, Byron, and
12 bringing them up into Solano.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So that would be shifting
14 some -- and I believe the -- Commissioner Andersen had
15 mentioned that as well. That potentially we could go up
16 through the Sacramento tail. It would mean including the
17 Sacramento tail. Let's hear from Commissioner Fernandez,
18 then Kennedy, then Sinay.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I guess this is one of
20 those situations where I would recommend that in the
21 Senate and the Assembly -- Senate and Congressional, this
22 is something that we can do. But right now we are
23 talking about breaking up Solano, that's already whole,
24 and then bringing in areas from a different county to try
25 to balance it out. And I feel that it's something

1 that -- I guess I do have an issue with moving Vallejo
2 and Benicia out of a county that's whole, and then
3 bringing in other communities from a different county,
4 into Solano. So breaking -- basically breaking up
5 Solano, and Solano is a community of interest as well.

6 Again, I feel in the Senate and the Congressional,
7 this is something that we can definitely work on because
8 you have higher populations.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Mr. Kennedy?

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I mean,
11 the fact is we have to bring population from outside
12 because Solano, in and of itself, does not have
13 sufficient population to be an Assembly District. It is
14 slightly short. I am okay with bringing in Martinez. I
15 think that minimizes ripple effects. I'm not opposed to
16 looking at moving some Delta communities, but if we were
17 to move Delta communities I think that's going to involve
18 a lot more architectural change. I think if we're going
19 to start moving Delta communities, you know, I had
20 previously advocated in favor of a Delta District, and I
21 don't see that coming out of this. So I am happy with
22 moving Martinez to get Solano population where it needs
23 to be. And then we just have to rotate our excess
24 population out of east Bay, around in Alameda and Contra
25 Costa. Thank you.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

2 Commissioner Fernandez? Okay.

3 Commissioner Kennedy just went.

4 Commissioner Sinay?

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I hear that -- I hear what's
6 been said. I would -- if it was possible, I would like
7 to see -- yeah. Martinez -- again, swapping Martinez and
8 Concord, and then -- well, to go into Solano, go
9 Martinez, at least Clyde and Bay Point, and keep
10 Pittsburg and Antioch together. I don't want to see
11 Pittsburg and Antioch split.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: So -- thank you, for that,
13 Commissioner Sinay. Tamina, can you please highlight --
14 and I'm hearing the direction from Commissioner Sinay,
15 it's to highlight Mountain View, Clyde, and Bay Point.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Martin -- Martinez.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. Martinez. Sorry. Martinez,
18 Clyde, and Bay Point.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: That area. Can you highlight that?
21 And let's see if we can get general consensus that this
22 is something that would be acceptable to the group. To
23 the whole Commission at this point. Or if this is not --
24 okay.

25 Commissioner Andersen, Commissioner Fernandez,

1 Commissioner Turner.

2 General consensus?

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Martinez is the capital of
4 Contra Costa County. So to take it and put it in another
5 county would be like, well let's take -- you know, think
6 of all the different counties. If we take the capital
7 city, and put it with another county. That's just not
8 going to fly. No. And that's because Martinez is the
9 entire -- that's the capital for Contra Costa County.
10 And part of the issue is here is, we did create a new
11 district that now contains the outskirts of the -- you
12 know, outside of Sacramento. And so -- remember, we --
13 and that's kind of has brought a lot of all these
14 negatives in. Yep. Somewhere else has to get shrunk.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you Commission
16 Andersen --

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: So I don't know -- I don't
18 think we can do that.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you Commissioner
20 Andersen. And at this point we're trying to come up with
21 something we can all live with. It doesn't have to be
22 perfect. It doesn't have to be -- but it's what we can
23 live with.

24 So Commissioner Fernandez and then Turner.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And there is quite a bit of

1 communitive interest with Martinez saying they want to
2 stay with Contra Costa. So it's not like we can just
3 arbitrarily move them and there's no affect do that
4 communitive interest. Again, my recommendation would be
5 to keep it as it is now. As how the districts are. And
6 then in trade-offs.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you're saying -- your
8 recommendation is not to accept Rodeo, Pinole, and --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: My recommendation is to
10 keep the districts as they are right now, before you make
11 any adjustments. Because if you make adjustments, it's
12 pushing -- it's having to push something from Contra
13 Costa up and --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: So at this -- with this, we currently
15 have a negative deviation because we added Pinole, Rodeo,
16 so we would have to push that back. So you're saying
17 reverse all the changes is what you're advocating for?
18 Okay. I know what you're advocating for. And let's see,
19 Commission Sinay and Commission Turner.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. I guess I do have -- I
21 was going to say I don't, but I do have something. This
22 is where the map got priority based on what we did first.
23 And so you know, and I've been saying that from the
24 beginning. Because San Diego always -- yeah. The very
25 southern part of California gets kind of pushed. And I

1 don't feel like we're sharing the pain at this point. I
2 feel like, and from the very beginning, this was one of
3 my top priorities, and I mentioned it as one of my top
4 priorities when we were asked to put our top priorities
5 on the map. And it was to try to help this community,
6 this working class community in Contra Costa be more
7 together. So I do feel that we need to think through at
8 the -- there's bare minimum, which would be swapping
9 Martinez and Concord. But I do feel that we need to
10 really think this -- that -- you know, I don't think that
11 there's any sacred red cows.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you Commissioner Sinay. And
13 Commissioner Turner? And I appreciate you saying that --
14 the compromise. That you're willing to compromise here.

15 Commissioner Turner?

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. So I would like for us,
17 at a bare minimum, to consider what we currently have
18 highlighted and split Martinez so that we are at least
19 keeping a portion of Martinez into the east Bay. And
20 then the top part of it. Still broader, would like to
21 have the communities of interest really, because
22 Hercules, if we go back, we have it outside of a county
23 that it's part of. It's part of, I believe, Contra
24 Costa. So what I'm looking for, ultimately, and perhaps
25 it can be done in a different map, would be the

1 Vallejo/Benicia that I've talked about before. But if we
2 leave it here, I'm thinking Martinez -- a split in
3 Martinez that will allow for the -- keeping Pittsburg,
4 because I'd like to still go as far as Pittsburg.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And again, I think these
7 areas, Bethel Island, Oakley, Knights, and I think they
8 are actually in like communities that would not be
9 disserved by being in the Solano Community -- Solano
10 District.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you Commissioner Turner. We do
12 need to take a break. So I'm going to ask Tamina to try
13 to find a cut in Martinez that minimizes the amount of
14 the Martinez that is taken, then. And to try to bring in
15 more of Pittsburg, so we can visualize it when we come
16 back from break. We are on a fifteen minute break.
17 Thank you.

18 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 1:50 p.m.
19 until 2:04 p.m.)

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much. Welcome back.

21 We are in -- looking at the Martinez, Solano, Contra
22 Costa area.

23 Tamina, were you able to highlight the areas around?

24 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes. So what I did here is balance
25 Solano by creating a Martinez split as requested. This

1 split goes along Highway 4. Unfortunately, it did not --
2 it would be the wrong direction to add from -- to add
3 Pittsburg in, because we are already underpopulated here.
4 Instead, it would be needing to go this way to add
5 population.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So that's helpful. So we
7 were able to keep Bay Point, some of the unincorporated
8 areas around -- is that the -- no. That's not Antioch.
9 But the surrounding area around Martinez, and then
10 portion of Martinez, and then in through the Benicia
11 Bridge, it looks like. Is that the Benicia Bridge? Or
12 Carquinez?

13 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Benicia? Benicia Bridge. Okay.
15 Reaction from the floor?

16 Commissioner Fernandez, Andersen -- and we are
17 looking for a compromise or a general consensus from the
18 Commission.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I mean, you're trading
20 Hercules, Crockett, and Rodeo for Bay Point, Martinez. I
21 mean, it's okay. Do I love it? No. But it's okay.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you live with it?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And we're going to hear --
24 we're going to hear from Martinez. I'm just letting you
25 really know.



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: But can you live with this?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I probably could. I would
3 prefer to keep the -- keep it the way it is though.
4 Thank you.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So your preference is to keep
6 it the way it is, but could potentially live with this.

7 Commissioner Andersen, Commissioner Yee?

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. I believe the
9 population that we took out of, you know, the -- it was
10 Crockett, Rodeo, Hercules, and that's -- was it under --
11 just under 35- to 40,000? In which case, I'd really
12 rather find that in another area, to put into Solano.
13 I'm not happy with --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: What other area would you be looking
15 at, Commissioner Andersen?

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, Yolo wanted to be with
17 Solano. And now it -- you know, that was its number one
18 thing. And now none of it is with Solano. And I'm, you
19 know -- I -- unfortunately, I don't have the areas up
20 north that we modified. Because that's the modified, and
21 it's not anywhere. Yeah. Because now Lake Napa,
22 those -- it has -- it doesn't have Glenn and Colusa? Or
23 does it just have Colusa, now?

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Just Colusa, at this point,
25 Commissioner Andersen

1 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Just Colusa. Okay. And so it
2 could actually use a bit more.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: So Commissioner Andersen, would you
4 be -- could you live with the map as it looks like now, I
5 guess is the question?

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Not really.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: At this point --

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Not really.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you can't live with this?

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: No.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Commissioner Yee?

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. These cut through
13 Martinez, through the middle of Martinez, is really
14 painful. I'm wondering, if we have to do this, whether
15 we can cut higher. Maybe get -- making it with a little
16 more deviation in Solano.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Except at this point we don't have
18 much deviation in Solano. So maybe less of Martinez,
19 maybe? Maybe that would make it a little more -- is
20 there anything we can do, Commissioner Andersen, to make
21 it more acceptable to you?

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: What if we -- you know,
23 American Canyon? You know, something like that? Put in,
24 you know, all around Winters, Davis, you know, I'm just
25 trying to get like an actual city --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you're looking at -- you're not
2 interested in adding --

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm looking someplace else.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: You're not interested in adding
5 populations from Contra Costa?

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Unless we could do the Vallejo
7 across. Which was a real community of interest that we
8 did start off with, right at the very beginning. I'm not
9 interested --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's 100,000 -- 150,000 people.

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. We would have to do
12 some restructuring on some things. Yes.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner Yee?
14 Oh. I think you already went. Commission Akutagawa?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I know this may be small,
16 but can Crockett be put back into the Solano District?
17 Because all the COIs that I've read -- Crockett's not
18 really necessarily mentioned as a must-have with Hercules
19 and Rodeo. Hercules and Rodeo and Pinole were mentioned,
20 but would that help if you moved some of that back, so
21 that you could try to, you know, grab more from Martinez
22 so it's not as split?

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: I believe it's under 5,000 if I
24 remember correctly, Tamina. Do you know how many people
25 live in Crockett and do we need it to cross the bridge?

1 Yeah.

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: 3,251.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. That's what I was thinking.
4 That's why I said under 5,000. And do we need it to
5 cross the bridge, Tamina? We don't need it? So we could
6 potentially put it back.

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: There are two bridges, and it
8 connects one and not the other.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. But we wouldn't need it to --
10 we would need it to cross Carquinez; we wouldn't need it
11 to cross the Benicia?

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: Correct.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you. I note
14 Commissioner Turner had wanted to -- had suggested we add
15 that. Let's see. But when she comes back we'll be able
16 to see that. All right. Commissioner Fernandez,
17 Fornaciari, and Akutagawa are still trying to get a
18 general consensus. It doesn't look like Commissioner
19 Andersen is in consensus with this map. But we'll
20 continue to see if there's any more refinements that we
21 can make.

22 Commissioner Fornaciari?

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I need to think some more.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Akutagawa?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Can I just ask? I think



1 there was one other big change that was requested.

2 Including Emeryville together with Oakland?

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm wondering if we're just
5 better off maybe, just, leaving this for right now and
6 then going to Emeryville and Oakland and seeing, you
7 know, is there a reverse circle that we can make?

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: So my understanding, and correct me
9 if I'm wrong Commissioner Fornaciari and Commissioner
10 Yee, and others who have been looking at this, is that
11 every rotation that we have at this point would require
12 some population being shifted north through the Solano
13 District, that we've visualized thus far.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: That's correct.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. So that -- I'm getting yes
16 from both Commissioners. Which is why we're going to end
17 up -- if we're going to end up here, we have to solve
18 this before we go on a journey through the Bay Area,
19 fixing all the Bay Area issues, and creating a bottleneck
20 here. That's why we're -- that's why we're here.
21 Because otherwise, we can't solve other issues if we
22 can't come to a consensus here.

23 Commissioner Fernandez and this Commissioner
24 Fornaciari?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, sorry. I forgot to put

1 my hand down, but I just wanted to remind everyone,
2 regarding the COIs, with the Yolano -- Yolo County, they
3 said keep Yolo whole first, and then combine with Solano.
4 So that was the priority order. Thanks.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yep. And we would need, of course,
6 to rotate population in order to achieve that. Otherwise
7 we're going to create a bubble. So Commissioner
8 Fornaciari, have you some suggestions for us?

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I've done a little
10 thinking.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, good.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: If you can zoom into
13 Emeryville? So technically Emeryville is with Oakland
14 right now.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: But I think the ask is for
17 Emeryville to be with the other side of Oakland. The
18 west side of Oakland. And so that would -- that change
19 would just be an Oakland swap.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. If we go back to
22 northern Contra Costa, so -- let's see. This community
23 of interest, Vallejo, Benicia, Martinez, Bay Point,
24 Pittsburg, just want to throw it out there, because it
25 was -- it was brought that we've kept that together. Not

1 with Antioch, but we've kept the rest of it together in
2 our current Congressional Maps. And I imagine we can
3 keep it together or figure a way to change it with our --
4 in our Congressional maps to include Antioch, which was
5 the ask.

6 One last thing, you know, somebody brought up Bethel
7 Island, Oakley Knights, and Brentwood. If we -- if we
8 take Bethel Island, Oakley, Knightsen, and a little bit
9 of the tail there up into Solano, that would -- that
10 would -- you know, and not do this Martinez-Bay Point
11 thing, that would -- that would get the Solano deviation
12 down to around zero, but, you know, I'm just throwing it
13 out there. I'm not sure how much support that has.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: So since we don't have much support
15 for -- or since we don't have consensus on the Bay Point-
16 Martinez area, I'd like to hear about support for -- for
17 this suggestion that Commissioner Fornaciari just made.
18 Let's hear from Andersen, Akutagawa.

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I would support looking at
20 that because that -- that area currently is with the --
21 goes all the way out to Stockton, you know, for that Bay
22 Area. So that isn't -- isn't -- hasn't been, right
23 now -- last ten years hasn't been part of, you know,
24 Contra Costa.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So we have two in favor of

1 going through the tail.

2 Commissioner Akutagawa.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I'm in favor too.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: So that's three in favor.

5 Commissioner Turner.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I am in favor.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm just looking for general
8 consensus, so.

9 Sinay.

10 Okay. I'm just looking around the room at this
11 point. Anyone not in favor, let's hear you.

12 Commissioner -- let's see. Who's in the line? Who's in
13 the queue at this point? Commissioner Akutagawa just
14 went. Turner just went.

15 Let's go with Commissioner Fernandez.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thanks. That would be
17 splitting up Sacramento County again into another county,
18 but can -- Tamina, can you zoom out, please? More. And
19 then up. Okay. Hold on. I'm just trying to -- I'm
20 trying to look at this real quick. I'm just looking --
21 I'm going down the delta right now.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Is there a portion -- and I'm going
23 to --

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I know. That's what I'm
25 looking at right now. I'm looking at --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- that doesn't have any population?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- the portion. Yes. I
3 think --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can we have Tamina put the --

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- the layer on that has the
7 population, you know, where is says zero people live in
8 this --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- district?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: 'Cause right now, Rio Vista
12 is on the delta, and it's in Solano. So I was going to
13 recommend moving up maybe to Isleton.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Now, you can see how many people live
15 in these areas, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner --

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Fornaciari, and the rest of the
18 Commissioners.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Maybe to Isleton. Can we
20 take -- but then that would be so weird, but we are about
21 weird right now, unfortunately. If we take it up all the
22 way to Sacramento, it's going to be about 5,000, I
23 believe. I think we did this last time.

24 Can -- can you zoom out a little bit more? I just
25 need to see where it goes all the way up, please. Thank

1 you so much. Zoom out a little bit more. A little bit
2 more. It's hard, because right now, it's split into two
3 anyway. I would -- so let -- Tamina, let's try to go up
4 to Isleton, if everybody is okay with that.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: I see nod heading, so yes. We're
6 all --

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- okay with that.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

10 MS. RAMOS ALON: So give me one second to reverse
11 the Martinez piece that we were at, and then I will start
12 taking that.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I think that would
14 be okay.

15 Or even if you just went up to Isleton, 'cause I
16 think that will give you enough to cross over.

17 What's the population number that we need?

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: If I remember correctly, Tamina,
19 would the population that we're looking for is around
20 40,000 people; is that correct? That would be shifting
21 up.

22 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm sorry. The --

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Actually, Tamina, if you
24 can take all the way to 12. You see where Highway 12 is?
25 That might be a good boundary right there. Thank you.

1 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. So I am adding this area
2 up -- up to 12 from SSAC-STANIS into ECCC; is that
3 correct?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, it's going into Solano.

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: Oh, going into Solano.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Sorry. And it should
7 have minimal impact on SSAC.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: And let's -- let's highlight it.
9 Let's highlight the whole area. The -- the little
10 portion of the Sacramento tail.

11 (Pause)

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: This area is 1,161 people.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: And how are we looking at -- in terms
14 of deviations, what do we -- what does it look like?

15 MS. RAMOS ALON: We are at negative 8.99 percent in
16 Solano and negative 2.67 percent in SACC-STANIS.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So now we try to
18 grab Bethel Island.

19 Is that what we were doing, Commissioner Fornaciari?

20 We're going to grab Bethel Island to go into Solano,
21 please. And if you can zoom out just a --

22 Pardon? Oh.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's just try to figure out what
24 the vision here is.

25 So Commissioner Fornaciari, can you tell us what the

1 vision is?

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sure. The vision would be
3 move that part of the tail into Solano, and then look at
4 Bethel Island, Oakley, and Knightsen into Solano. And
5 that's your balance population. And then -- then we
6 could --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So we're balancing population
8 with Bethel Island, Knightsen, and Oakley; is that
9 correct?

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right. And then we can go
11 back to the vision of swapping Martinez and Concord and
12 Contra Costa.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Got it. So I see Commissioner
14 Sinay's suggestion as well. So this is how we're going
15 to -- general --

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can I just --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- general consensus on this before
18 we move on.

19 Commissioner Fernandez, yes, of course.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I'm sorry. No,
21 one -- one of our visualizations, we actually had
22 something like this that went to Solano. And we did
23 receive input from the Bethel Island, Oakley, Knightsen
24 community that said that they see themselves more aligned
25 either with Contra Costa or with San Joaquin, not with

1 Solano. So I'm just making sure everyone is aware of
2 that. We are breaking up another COI of interest.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. We -- this is -- I mean, this
4 is a difficult conversation. We're going to have to
5 breakup COIs, either -- either cities, COIs, all of that.
6 So let's see who -- who's in the queue?

7 So Andersen, Kennedy.

8 Commissioner Andersen? Okay. No?

9 Commissioner Kennedy.

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I'm just checking with
11 Commissioner Fornaciari.

12 Were we going to go all the way down to Byron and --
13 and the corner -- the southeastern corner of Contra Costa
14 on this?

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can we give you a minute to think
16 about that and ponder that?

17 In the meantime, we're going to go to Commissioner
18 Turner.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: That was the vision that I
20 had, down to Byron, Discovery Bay, Brentwood, and move it
21 up into Solano, but it was -- I had to step away for a
22 minute. So I'm not sure what we did with the other part
23 and if we still need that much of population.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think it's -- I think it
25 would be too many people, but we can definitely look at

1 it.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's look at it, but we might
3 have to cut -- we might have to cut -- we might have to
4 up. So let's -- it was Brentwood, Discovery Bay, Byron
5 adding that to the -- this population.

6 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. So just so the Commission
7 knows before I do that, the resulting deviation, it's
8 into Solano, with this area currently highlighted is 0.75
9 percent, and SACC-STANIS is at negative 6.5 percent.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

11 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm sorry. Negative 2.65 I meant
12 to say.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: It looks like negative 2 --
14 yeah.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Negative 2.65. If we add Brentwood,
16 Discovery Bay, and Byron, what would the deviations look
17 like at that point? I believe that was the -- I'm
18 thinking that was a suggestion from Commissioner Sinay.
19 Please correct me if I'm wrong. I know the rotation was
20 in Concord, and Martinez was also -- yeah. So I'm trying
21 to balance all the different COIs in my head, and there
22 just too many.

23 MS. RAMOS ALON: Well, the resulting deviation after
24 adding Discovery Bay and Byron is 4.22 percent in
25 Solano, negative 2.65 percent in SACC-STANIS, negative

1 13.35 percent in ECC, and negative point -- oh, sorry.
2 Let's ignore that. That's a spread that I'm going to
3 clean up right now.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Turner wants to explore
5 Brentwood too. Let's try.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think it's -- let's see. Okay. So
8 Solano goes up to 17.25 percent deviation. 64,000 people
9 in Brentwood. So that is way too much.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: What did we --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're at -- at this point, we're
12 talking about 131,000 people. So Brentwood, it was --
13 was it 65? I can't remember how many thousand. About
14 64,000 people in Brentwood alone. So that's about half
15 of that change. Without Brentwood, that's about 67,000
16 people that we'd be changing, and would be within
17 compliance requirements; 4.3, negative 2.65 in
18 Stanislaus.

19 Commissioner Sinay -- or Yee and Sinay. Sorry.
20 I'm --

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I'm truly in favor of
22 this. If we do this, do we put that bit of East Contra
23 Costa between Martinez and Crockett?

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: That is my understanding is that we
25 would be going back to that change.



1 Commissioner Sinay.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry. I'm in favor of this
3 change, and I'm in favor of what was just -- what was
4 just said. I just wanted to remind people that Vallejo
5 is very different than the rest of Solano. And yes, we
6 did hear that Solano wanted to stay whole. A lot of
7 times, it was politicians and also people -- we've also
8 heard from people in Vallejo that they wanted to be with
9 the others. So I just want us to remember, you know, who
10 said -- you know, that we do have all sorts of different
11 COIs at this point.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate your comments.

13 Commissioner Turner.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I didn't look as close to see
15 exactly who said what, but we do have COI testimony
16 coming in as we're visual -- doing our current
17 iterations. And so I love what we've done. And once we
18 commit this, I would like to go back again and see what
19 was the size of Vallejo to see if swapping it out with
20 Brentwood, and I know it's probably a different
21 population, but to see what that does with the deviations
22 as well.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So -- so Vallejo is 150,000 people.
24 So we would have to add -- it would look like to me that
25 we would have to add Brentwood, Antioch, Pittsburg into a



1 swap, but I'm not 100 -- I -- so we'd have to add more of
2 the Contra Costa area to get to the hundred -- more than
3 150,000 we would need.

4 And is that something that you're interested in
5 exploring, Commissioner Turner?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No, I don't want --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- Antioch, Pittsburg.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's -- let's see. Where
10 are we? Andersen, then Fornaciari. Then we can -- we
11 will -- after this, we will commit to this if that's the
12 general consensus. And I'm seeing a general consensus at
13 this point, but just want to validate that.

14 Commissioner --

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Andersen --

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I would --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and Fornaciari.

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. I would like to
20 add this. And at the same time that I also want to put
21 back Contra Costa County because their numbers were not
22 looking the same. They aren't correct. So we put
23 back -- you know, right now, Solano has that extra little
24 bid in it. So --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, that's the plan.



1 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. So --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- please do that. And I also
4 would like to look at the swap. If Brentwood goes in,
5 are we almost at enough people that Vallejo could come
6 out? What else do we have to do there?

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. It won't work.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. It didn't work.
10 Commissioner Fornaciari.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I just -- I want to
12 repeat something I said earlier because Commissioner
13 Turner wasn't in the room.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: On the Congressional map
16 that we have right now, we've got Vallejo, Benicia,
17 Martinez, Pittsburg. We don't have Antioch in there,
18 but, you know, we have more -- I think populate, you
19 know, with our Congressional map, we have more population
20 of flexibility. So maybe that's -- we can accomplish
21 that goal in the Congress. I'm just --

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're in the State Senate where --

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- a comment.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- we have a million too. And I
25 think we do achieve some of it in the State Senate.

1 All right. So let's commit to this. I see general
2 consensus on this. And then we will give Tamina some
3 direction so that she can work through -- while we're on
4 lunch break, she can work through some of these changes
5 that were -- that we've been asking for. So she's --
6 yes, please.

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: So Chair, you'd like me to move
8 this section back with 680CC; is that correct?

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Yee, can you please --
10 can you please give the direction?

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's correct. Thank you.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, please. Move it back.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: What is this area?

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: This area is right next to Crockett.
15 And we're just adding it back to the -- putting it -- we
16 had made the couple of changes to try to get -- go
17 through the -- go through the Benicia Bridge, but we
18 don't need to go through the Benicia Bridge wherein doing
19 some of these changes. Crockett, Rodeo, Pinole is still
20 fine and within the East Bay district. And this is for
21 population purposes for the note takers.

22 We do want to take lunch in a couple minutes. So if
23 we want to give directions to Tamina so that she can work
24 through some of the architectural changes that we are
25 exploring, in particular, the swap that's being proposed

1 between con -- is it Martinez and Concord is my
2 understand? That is the proposal on the table.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: You want to include
4 Clayton with Concord?

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: I believe the -- so the
6 recommendation was to include Clayton, Concord, and do a
7 swap with Martinez. So let's give general direction to
8 Tamina to do -- to do -- to swap Concord and Clayton for
9 Martinez, and to take in enough population so that the
10 deviations are balanced. And she can certainly do that
11 during break.

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: So Concord and Clayton, they're
13 already in a district that is negative 13. So just
14 making sure that you know that that's going to happen.
15 Martinez coming back will take up maybe this part of
16 Concord. So you're looking at coming down the 680
17 corridor. Would you like me to split into Walnut Creek
18 or into Lafayette?

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: So the adding or swapping would mean
20 going down into Pleasant Hill and other communities
21 around Concord.

22 And is the Commission okay with giving Tamina
23 discretion to move sufficient population in order to get
24 the deviation into alignment? Commissioner Fernandez,
25 Andersen, and Akutagawa. I see some nod heading. So

1 some yeses. So let's hear if you're -- if it's a no, let
2 me know -- let's know.

3 Fernandez, and Andersen, and Akutagawa.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Actually, I do not have
5 direction. I just wanted to go on record that I do not
6 agree with any of this, and I prefer the maps. It's --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: We're breaking up
9 communities of interest.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So there's communities of
11 interest that are essentially being -- COIs that are
12 being broken up.

13 Commissioner Andersen, Commissioner Akutagawa.

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. I would like us to, you
15 know, do what we did with Solano, but then rather than
16 trying to work on balancing these, there is going to be
17 some reconstruction if -- down the San Leandro way. So
18 it will --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- require rearranging things.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: So I'd rather start looking at
23 it (audio interference). Also though, I think Crockett
24 would -- should be with Martinez.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Doesn't sound like we have consensus

1 on the swap, but let's keep going.

2 Akutagawa.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I guess my question
4 would be instead of going down into Walnut Creek, that
5 seems like a odd mix with this grouping, especially
6 because the COI testimony says their working class should
7 we be looking at including Benicia. And I would agree
8 with Commissioner Andersen to move Crockett back in
9 there. The other COI testimony did not say that Crockett
10 had to be with Rodeo, or Hercules, or Pinole.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

12 Commissioner Sinay.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I wouldn't agree going into
14 Pleasant or Walnut Creek as we're moving Concord and
15 Clayton down there --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- because there's so much of
18 pleasant -- yeah, Pleasant Hill and Walnut and stuff. I
19 would go with the way that Commissioner Akutagawa was
20 saying. Is Martinez going to Benicia or towards Vallejo?

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So the recommendation here is
22 to swap Benicia and Martinez; is that correct? Am I
23 understanding this correct, Commissioner Fornaciari? I
24 might not be understanding that.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think the recommendation

1 is to bring Benicia down, but I'm kind of going where
2 Commissioner Andersen is going.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: I am, too.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: If we start in East Bay
5 and kind of march down, you know, the changes we were
6 looking at making, we're going to have to go through the
7 gap here and come back around and fix this.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's correct. So let's give
9 everybody a lunch break including Tamina.

10 So Tamina, don't take any direction at this point.
11 Let's go have lunch. Enjoy lunch. We'll come back after
12 lunch, and we'll start working in the East Bay. Thank
13 you.

14 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 2:36 p.m.
15 until 3:20 p.m.)

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
17 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We are visualizing
18 the Bay Area at this point. And we're shifting gears and
19 moving towards the Alameda County -- going -- we're going
20 to go through Alameda County and down into the South Bay.

21 So let's go, Tamina, to -- let's see. What's the
22 next area we're in? Let's go to East Bay. Take a look
23 at that district and see if we're all comfortable with
24 it. East Bay includes Rodeo -- actually, Crockett,
25 Rodeo, all the way down to Emeryville, Piedmont area, and

1 portions of the hills, the Oakland Hills if I see that
2 correctly.

3 Any concerns, Commissioner Yee?

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Actually, I was going to start
5 with Crockett and oppose moving it to 680CC.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: We have a proposal on the table to
7 move Crockett to the Contra Costa district, Commissioner
8 Andersen?

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Community of interest with
10 Martinez.

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Any opposition to that? No
13 opposition. Let's add Crockett to the Contra Costa
14 district. And this aligns with community of interest
15 testimony we -- that we received that Crockett wants to
16 be with --

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Martinez.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Martinez. Thank you.

19 All right. We have united Crockett with Martinez.
20 Any other changes for this area or proposals for this
21 area's request?

22 Ms. Andersen, Yee.

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Go ahead.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. I --

25 Oh, sorry. Mr. Yee, were you going to go?

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: No. Go ahead.

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I would like to add to the --
3 I'm sorry. Which one are we talking about? We're always
4 certainly talking about --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're in East Bay right now. Just
6 East Bay.

7 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Because mine involves
8 taking San Leandro out, in which case, Oakland -- the
9 Oakland one will be much smaller (indiscernible,
10 simultaneous speech) --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're -- we're not -- we're not --

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: But we -- if we were to
13 then --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're going to next. If you're
15 comfortable with this, we're going to be right there.

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right now, I'm comfortable
17 with it.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. You're comfortable as of right
19 now.

20 Commissioner Yee, then Commissioner Sinay.

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Well, obviously, we need to
22 shrink the East Bay district. So --

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So what is your proposal to bring it
24 down to an appropriate deviation?

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: So we need about 50,000 people.



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: So that would probably be the Oakland
2 Hills --

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Oakland Hills, yes.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and Piedmont. Or -- yeah. That
5 would -- that would be it.

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: Well, let's see. We want to get
7 Emeryville in with West Oakland.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, okay. That's also an option.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: So let's start with that.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Although Emeryville, if I remember,
11 is how many thousand people, Tamina? Do we have a sense
12 of how many people are in Emeryville?

13 Commissioner Yee.

14 He has his handy reference guide.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: 12,911.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So only 12,000 people. So we
17 will need more population than that. Any other -- should
18 we look at the hills and Piedmont? And we have hands up.
19 So I will be doing hands.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. I'm open to suggestions.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Open to suggestions. Let's
22 see if we have suggestions from the floor.

23 Andersen, and Sinay, and then Turner.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. I do want to get --
25 could we -- so we're trying to make -- we're doing --

1 we're only doing -- pulling East Bay stuff out?

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Correct.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: You know, and we need to get that
4 down to five percent deviation or less. We need to take
5 out --

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- this district.

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Then can we ex -- let's
9 see.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we're looking at potentially
11 Emeryville with Oakland, as that is a COI that we've
12 heard about. Potentially, also the Oakland Hills in
13 making Oakland whole, and potentially with Piedmont,
14 obviously, because it's -- for continuity reasons.

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. I -- I would draw --
16 I -- I would -- this is not the way I want to go, but
17 okay. I would add Emeryville, but then I would go -- you
18 would go -- a point -- I'd go right -- let's see.
19 Because we need how many people, 50,000?

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: About 40,000 now.

21 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: 40 --

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: 40,000.

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Let's see. Because I'm
24 trying -- I'm trying to get like neighborhoods.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's see if people are okay

1 with --

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Can we do --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Emeryville, and then we can --

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's see if everyone's --

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- okay with Emeryville.

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sure.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Everyone -- I am seeing everyone say
10 yes to Emeryville, so let's add Emeryville with Oakland.

11 Okay. And then your proposal, Commissioner Andersen?

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: To --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: We can come back.

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: It would be, actually -- okay.

15 Can we go to -- well, that is San Pablo. Okay. How
16 about if we go -- I'd like to take the portion from, say,
17 Mills College -- ope. Sorry. Do you want to take --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Similar areas but
20 they're all up in the hills. We want to stick with the
21 flats? In which case it would be -- what's that one?

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: So okay.

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Go to Sacra -- go past
24 Stanford. Why can't I -- go to Sacramento, the street.
25 Sacramento Street. Take that same line of Emeryville and

1 move it east to -- we'll see -- not quite that far.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Move it to -- yeah.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we'll try to find some population
5 in that area, and let's continue to try to get some
6 feedback from folks. So we'll be right back.

7 Commissioner Turner and then Commissioner Fernandez.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I'd like to add more of
9 Oakland and using Alcatraz west of College and Broadway
10 into the -- Oakland.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So adding additional Oakland
12 population into the Oakland district so -- and expanding
13 the footprint of Oakland. Commissioner Fernandez.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. That's where I was
15 going to go, too -- also -- was to add more Oakland.
16 Piedmont if necessary, but I don't think we're going to
17 need to go to Piedmont.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: So Commissioner Andersen, are you
19 suggesting that we keep the hills out of the -- out of
20 this, or what's your suggestion?

21 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm trying to --

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually, what they're saying
24 is similar to my suggestion. I wasn't quite --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

1 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- as much.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Are you in alignment --

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: (Indiscernible, simultaneous
4 speech) --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- with the Commissioners to add
6 additional of the flat space.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: And do we have exact -- I'm looking
9 for a direction so that Tamina has exact -- okay -- exact
10 place to cut so --

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Alcatraz is there.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: So Alcatraz. Let's go to Alcatraz.

13 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry. Don't we need an east-
14 west line, like one that runs north-south?

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. We need one that goes --

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I was going to say Broadway.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- north --

18 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Or Shaddock.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Shaddock? Let's go to Shaddock
20 because --

21 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Shaddock is a little bit out --

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Go west, please. Don't take
24 that area but take -- you'll see the Broadway and
25 Shaddock. That. Correct. Take that --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: So that would be the Oakland -- is
2 that Koreatown as well? No?

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: No.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's further down? Korea -- or
5 the --

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. That's --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- coast?

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. That's --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: (Indiscernible, simultaneous
10 speech) --

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: No. This is -- this north
12 Oakland. This is Bushrod.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Golden Gate.

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh yeah. It says Bushrod
15 there.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. I just see the Children's
17 Hospital.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right.

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: So this area would go in with
21 Oakland, and that seems to make sense to me.

22 Does it make sense to you, Commissioner Akutagawa?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I just had a question.

24 There some COI --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Absolutely.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- there's some COI
2 testimony about the KONO area, and it runs up into
3 Temescal, and it's home to many Korean restaurants as
4 well as Ethiopian and Middle Eastern stores in that area.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: So my understanding is that the
6 Koreatown, which is that -- the Kotown -- I'm not --
7 KONO, I believe.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: KONO.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: KONO.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: KONO area is already in the Oakland
11 district.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Okay. Thank you. I
13 thought maybe it was this corner -- that corner that --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's not too far from there, but
15 further down.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: It's next to it, yeah.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, it's next --

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- to it. Let's see. Commissioner
20 Turner?

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I was actually wanting
22 to go over to Broadway a little bit further.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So we're only looking at
24 12,000 people at this point, so yes, let's keep going
25 towards Broadway.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: If we go to Broadway we will cut
2 that KONO district.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So going into Broadway does
4 cut the KONO district, which is the Koreatown.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And there's also many
6 Ethiopian immigrant refugee communities in that area,
7 too.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: But does it split it, or does
9 it just move districts?

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: It splits it. It splits right
11 along the freeway there.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Is there any way to not split it and
13 add it into this population, Commissioner?

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. So like what Tamina's
15 doing right now, to go no further south than 51st Ave.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: So this would keep it whole?

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we're looking at right now
19 18,800 -- almost 19,000 people now. And we're --

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: So --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Our goal is --

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right. Let me just go
23 on --

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- another twenty. So we need
25 another 20,000 people.

1 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Can we add more from the --
2 you know, not in this North Oakland area, but in the --
3 further in the southern area.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's see if everyone is
5 comfortable with this addition, and then we will -- we'll
6 keep moving and looking.

7 So Commissioner Akutagawa, Commissioner Turner.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Oh. Commissioner --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Akutagawa --

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- already went.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Turner?

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: College? Where's College,
15 Tamina, on the map?

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: She's using College as that --
17 is the road.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. It's right there.

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I don't see it.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's College.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: (Indiscernible, simultaneous
22 speech) College.

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: And the KONO area is right in the --
25 right in where the space -- that gap right there.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: I believe Tamina has the -- the
2 shapefile for KONO.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh. Do you have the shapefile,
4 Tamina? Can you highlight KONO?

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes. One moment, please.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. In the meantime, let's
7 keep thinking about options here because we need another
8 20,000 people. So Commissioner --

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: See? So --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: See? So with KONO down there,
12 you could still go --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. We'll go -- your suggestion,
14 Commissioner Turner, is to --

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I was suggesting over
16 to Broadway, down to College, which may not cut KONO if
17 that's where the shapefile is.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's right. I'm sorry. I was
19 mistaken there.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's go -- let's go down
21 College. Keep going down College and into --

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: That does cut the Rockridge
23 area in half.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Rockridge area is right there, no?

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Um-hum.



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you not -- can you try to not cut
2 Rockridge?

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: College runs right down the
4 middle of Rockridge.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's why I'm saying can we
7 take -- add more of Oakland from the southern areas
8 instead of -- this is -- this area is -- basically, it's
9 almost Berkeley.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Well, any -- Commissioner
11 Turner, Commissioner Fornaciari.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I wanted to see what
13 that looked like if she completed it.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's take a look at it and
15 see how many people are there, and then we can decide
16 whether this a -- something we can live with and how many
17 people are there because -- well, right now we have
18 20,000 people. We need another 20,000. Commissioner
19 Fornaciari.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I've just kind of waiting
21 to see how this turns out.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. We still need 15,000 people.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: As I'm looking at the
24 scoreboard, Chair, I think we're trying to get East Bay
25 first to an acceptable deviation, correct? And then we

1 are going to push -- when we get down to San Leandro, we
2 can fix Oakland.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's right. Okay. Let's do that.
4 So East Bay. Do we want to add this space into the East
5 Bay area?

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Adding this to Oakland
7 from East Bay.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, adding this to Oakland from East
9 Bay which would, of course, increase the deviation.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Any objections to adding this area?
12 Commissioner Andersen, Commissioner Fornaciari.

13 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I would like to look --
14 we're trying to keep similar areas -- similar -- this is
15 all -- it's not "in the hills," but from the Shaddock --
16 Shaddock east --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

18 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- in that area is very --
19 it's very, very gentrified and everything in the
20 Rockridge area. I would rather go make sure -- in the
21 southern area to make sure that because the hills start
22 further east. We have a lot of area in there where I was
23 thinking it's much more similar to the area we're looking
24 for, for Oakland.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's true.



1 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: So yeah. I'd -- I'd rather
2 cut this one at Shaddock and then take more population
3 from the further south -- further south area.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's hear from the rest of the
5 Commission. Commissioner Fornaciari?

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So yeah. Commissioner
7 Andersen, you're talking about moving more from East Bay
8 to Oakland but further south in East Bay?

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: More from -- yes, correct.
10 Exactly. That's correct.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh. Okay. Okay.

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. That's exactly what I'm
13 saying.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So you think --

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: (Indiscernible, simultaneous
16 speech) --

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So you think we should
18 just be from Shaddock west --

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- and move that down, and
21 then there'll be more population further south --

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI:-- in East Bay to go into
24 Oakland. Okay. I just want to understand. Thank you.

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Yee.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: I support that.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Any objections around that?

4 Looking around the table, let's hear Commissioner
5 Akutagawa.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just a question. I've seen
7 some COI testimony about the Glenview neighborhood asking
8 not to be split. Is that in any of these areas?
9 Commissioner Yee, you might know since you're --

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: That is full disclosure my home
11 neighborhood. No, it is not. It's further south.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: I couldn't afford this
14 neighborhood.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. Let's see. Any other
16 questions, objections to what Commissioner Andersen and
17 Commissioner Fornaciari have said? All right. So let's
18 hear, Commissioner Andersen, where would we be? So it's
19 Shaddock, I believe, right? We're going to go --

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Exactly. Yeah. And to
21 me, that's doing -- that's exactly what she's up to.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So it looks like we have to
23 take a required break for our consultants. And so 3:35
24 is what I'm being told.

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Could the map move up

1 so we can have a look at the area just, like, in this so
2 we can have a look so when we get back we can, you know,
3 give a good idea.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I'm going to clarify with
5 Kristian. Kristian, when's our next required break? I
6 have 3:35 here.

7 MR. MANOFF: You're absolutely right, Chair.

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, no. Ask her --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Didn't we just come back from lunch?

10 MR. MANOFF: Oh. Yeah. 4:45 is --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yep. Tamina, I meant so we
13 can see that southern portion --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- of East Bay.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's continue on until 4:45.
17 4:45 is our required break.

18 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: At a bigger scale so we can
19 give you exact directions. Perfect. Thank you.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So we have Shaddock, and I see
21 consensus on bringing this area into the East Bay. Let's
22 bring it down. And then we'll be looking at other areas
23 to add in. We need about 20,000 additional people.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Are we continuing or are we
25 taking a break?

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: We are continuing until -- till 4:45.

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Then in that southern
3 area there, Tamina, I would take the Redwood Heights.
4 Yes, that block right there.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's see if there -- let's see if
6 there's consensus on that. Commissioner Yee?

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure. We can go to 35th Ave.
8 there.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: So 35th Ave.

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right there. Yeah.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're looking at 9,000 people. We
12 need another 10,000 people at least.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: So where -- suggestions on where to
15 get another 10,000. Commissioner Andersen. Commissioner
16 Yee.

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I would -- well, Commissioner
18 Yee, do you think -- see where it says Lower --

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Diamond?

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's a good idea in through
21 that area?

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: We could cut it right at the 580.
23 I --

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Actually, no. I believe it's



1 already there. Above that, that is the MacArthur
2 Boulevard.

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. And we cut at
4 MacArthur or --

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: No. That divide is really --

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: No.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- 580.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: No. And we do have -- it's pretty
9 dense area on the lower end. Might just be adding a
10 couple blocks here.

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I see. Yeah. Could we
12 go -- this scale is great.

13 Thank you, Tamina. Could we go a little further
14 west? So look at this same area but look further west --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: So wait. Before we go west, can --
16 do we have consensus to add this 10,000 people into the
17 district?

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm saying consensus. So yes, we
20 have general consensus. So let's add this and keep
21 moving forward, and we need another 10,000, a little bit
22 more than 10,000.

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: And in terms of rationale, this is --
25 do we have community of input? Is it contiguity? It's

1 definitely population deviation. I want to hear from --

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm considering economic --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: These areas are economically similar,
4 socially --

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and otherwise. Perfect. Thank
7 you.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: If we came down Lincoln instead
9 of 35th, that would be about the same kind of cut.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. Let's look at the
11 Oakland, Temple, all the way down to -- and the rationale
12 for this? Commissioner --

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: We're trying to build --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Andersen and --

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Yee, is this a similar -- I
17 believe -- I mean, having lived in this -- near this
18 area, it's similar in terms of --

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- of --

21 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Housing --

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- socioeconomic --

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: every -- yeah.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- housing, transportation systems,
25 but also do -- you guys are maybe more familiar with the



1 COIs.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. So we're just trying to
3 make a cut somewhere that makes sense.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: So it's deviation.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. For deviation.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you.

7 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Mostly deviation. Oh. That's
8 10,000.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: 10,000. So how are we with our
10 numbers, Tamina?

11 MS. RAMOS ALON: This creates the East Bay deviation
12 at 2.04 percent, and --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

14 MS. RAMOS ALON: -- Oakland's deviation will be at
15 10.83 percent.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's take feedback here.
17 Commissioner Andersen, your hand is raised. And Yee and
18 then Akutagawa.

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I'd say unless we were
20 to take something a little bit further west, but I'd
21 probably do this.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Commissioner Yee?

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm comfortable with this.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Andersen? I mean, Akutagawa?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Could I see the

1 whole thing? I did read about one COI that they've asked
2 to ensure is not split in half. It's at the 580 --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Which way is that --

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- (indiscernible,
5 simultaneous speech) --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Commissioner?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's a -- I guess it's a
8 Korean -- a small Korean community COI in the area.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Is it --

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: They said that --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- the KONO?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I don't know. It said it's
13 along -- it didn't say KONO. It just said along
14 Telegraph. It's cut --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. That's the KONO.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- at the 580? Is that
17 KONO?

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's KONO. That's KONO.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's KONO. Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And could you remove --

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Good.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- the would you like --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we already put it --

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- to plan?

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: We kept -- we preserved that.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Tamina, can you get rid of
5 would you like to plan so we can see more of the map?

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. Let's take -- let's get down
7 and see the map.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: It's the plan management -- is
9 that on mines?

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. It's not ours.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh. All right.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: You're special.

13 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm sorry. What -- would you
14 like --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Just on hers.

16 MS. RAMOS ALON: I don't have that on mine.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: No, this is good. You can -- you can
18 put it back, though. We can -- all right. So it looks
19 like at this point, we do have consensus to move forward
20 with this change, general consensus. So let's make --
21 let's go forward with this change so we can move on to
22 the next area.

23 Okay. So East Bay is now within acceptable
24 deviations. Let's move into the Oakland district which
25 is now overpopulated and needs less population. So I am

1 open to suggestions on potential cuts in the Oakland
2 district. So Lorenzo's not in the Oakland area? We are
3 looking at Emeryville, portions of Oakland, West Oakland,
4 East Oakland, the City of Alameda -- full disclosure,
5 that's where I -- my hometown -- Bay Farm Islands, San
6 Leandro. Commissioner Andersen, do you have suggestions
7 on where to cut?

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. I'd like I should take
9 San Leandro out since I'm trying to put that with
10 Ashland, Cherryland, all that.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you see how much population is in
12 the City of San Leandro, Tamina? It's a pretty dense
13 population.

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm up to 50,000.

15 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yeah. 90.

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: 90?

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: 92,000.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're looking at 92,000 people in
19 the City of San Leandro. That would bring us to a
20 negative deviation of 7.61 and a positive deviation of
21 22,000 -- or 22 percent rather in Alameda.

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So it's too much.

24 And Commissioner Andersen?

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. Then what I was trying to

1 do is actually add to this area to make -- once we take
2 San Leandro out --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- expand. We're not going to
5 get a lot, but I would expand all the East Bay Parks
6 should be in Oakland and --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can --

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- Berkeley.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can we see how many people are in the
10 East Bay Parks area? So that's the white space above --
11 yes, Tamina. There's not many people living in that
12 area, Commissioner Andersen, so --

13 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, correct. But I --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- let's look and see how many are
15 there. In the meantime, let's talk -- let's get down and
16 get some more feedback from Akutagawa and Yee. And if we
17 have direction, we can give general direction to Tamina
18 as well. Commissioner Yee?

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I'm thinking that we're
20 going to have to split San Leandro --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- somewhere painfully. Sorry,
23 San Leandro.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: We got 437 people in the Parks area,
25 Commissioner Andersen. It doesn't really give us much

1 population.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Rugged people.

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, I know. But then there's
4 some areas just on the other side --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh. Okay. I see.

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- because it goes all the way
7 up and down.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh. Okay. So I see what you're
9 saying.

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, because a lot of them,
11 they don't actually go -- it's easier to come back over
12 into Oakland or Berkeley to do their shopping.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: It's not a lot of people,
15 though.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: So do we have any concerns about
17 adding this area to the Oakland district? Let's hear
18 from -- hands raised. Yee, Turner.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, that's all good. And then,
20 when we get to San Leandro, I'm wondering about that
21 split at Davis.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Davis is -- might be a good
23 place to split. Tamina, can -- do we have any opposition
24 to adding this basin to the Oakland district? No?

25 General consensus is here, so let's add this to

1 Oakland. And then let's look at the Davis Street split.

2 And this is for deviation, but also the population's
3 within the -- that would be the western part.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: It's the 112 there.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah.

6 Commissioner Yee, do you have just the
7 rationale for the split? Deviation?

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: So we're just trying this for
9 deviation, yeah.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: For deviation purposes. We prefer to
11 keep these areas whole, but we're recognizing we may need
12 to split for deviation and trying to find the most
13 appropriate line. So Davis Street?

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Which is the 112. There we go.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. And then above 580, I
17 guess it would be a jog over to Estudillo a little bit
18 south.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: So Tamina, can you highlight the area
20 around Davis closer to the Oakland area so we can start
21 seeing how much how much population we have to take in?
22 And we're looking at this point to get this to a -- to
23 get Oakland down to an appropriate deviation, so shifting
24 population up.

25 Commissioner Ahmad.



1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I am also looking at COI
2 testimony that is speaking to an Asian American community
3 of interest that reside in San Leandro just south of
4 Davis Street. So Commissioner Yee's suggestion is
5 respecting that COI as well.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So we will --

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: May I ask if -- so I'm moving Davis
8 Street and south in San Leandro into the Alameda
9 district?

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you would be -- so if you're
11 highlighting the area closest to the Oakland --

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Moving Davis Street and north to
13 the Oakland district.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. We're trying to --

15 MS. RAMOS ALON: They're already --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- get pop --

17 MS. RAMOS ALON: -- in the Oakland district. This
18 is in --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh. Sorry.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Oh.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oakland. This is already in the
22 Oakland district.

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm sorry.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're moving population down, or
25 shifting down. You're right. Thank you, Tamina.



1 COMMISSIONER YEE: This would have assumed that we
2 had moved San Leandro into Alameda already, which we did
3 not actually commit to yet.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Got it. So let's --

5 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. Oh. So the ten percent
6 is not correct.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: No. So let's do that. Let's move
8 San Leandro into the -- and then we'll work backwards.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. But when we looked at it,
10 I think it was too much. That was the problem.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: But then we can go back and just --

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- add the portion. Or what's your
14 thought on how to do this, Commissioner Yee?

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Let's start by adding San Leandro
16 entirely to Alameda.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's what I'm thinking. Okay.
18 Let's add San Leandro into Alameda and then we'll be
19 taking portions of San Leandro back into Oakland. So
20 Davis Street and then add --

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. Claw that back.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're going to claw back Davis Street
23 and onward to Oakland. Tamina, can you show us how much
24 population we need to get into appropriate deviations?

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: One second. Into Oakland? You

1 need -- we are under by 5.61 percent.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum. So keep going. That looks
3 good.

4 (Pause)

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: So Tamina, that southern border
6 right -- correct -- is along Davis up to East 14th and
7 then jogs southerly to Estudillo for the remainder.
8 Yeah.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Perfect. So this gets us to
10 acceptable deviations.

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. A little bit more of
12 Estudillo, down to Estudillo.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Looking at the floor and seeing if
14 there's anyone in opposition to this change. No
15 opposition, so we will accept this change --

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. A little bit more.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and get it finalized.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. Perfect. Okay.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So it looks like we are
20 in acceptable deviations for the Oakland district. We
21 will be moving down -- we will be adding that. It has
22 been added, and now we will be moving to Alameda -- the
23 Alameda district. And Alameda district -- can you scroll
24 down to it? And the Almeida district contains the City
25 of -- portions of the City of San Leandro, most of the

1 City of West San Leandro, Castro Valley, Cherryland, San
2 Lorenzo -- let's look -- Fairview, Hayward, Union City.

3 So we are looking for places to cut. At this place,
4 we are over by seventeen percent here and we need to --
5 to reduce population. This area also includes Livermore
6 and Pleasanton and portions of the eastern part of
7 Alameda County.

8 Commissioner Andersen, Commissioner Yee.

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: At this point, I would like
10 to -- in this particular area, I want to cut out Castro
11 Valley and Pleasanton on east. Cut that out.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's hear ideas from the
13 floor. So your idea is to cut out Castro Valley and
14 Pleasanton?

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Correct, correct.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you would like those in with
17 Contra Costa or with -- what area would you connect them
18 to? And this is --

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: There's -- I can't see it.
20 It's probably to go with one of the --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: The options would be --

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- which one we have --

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: The options would be Oakland. They
24 would be --

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: No.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- or Contra Costa.

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: It would be the -- the Contra
3 Costas.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. And then we're talking about a
5 lot of population, so let's keep getting ideas and see
6 what other folks are thinking, too. Yee and then
7 Fornaciari.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. I would definitely
9 actually have a different suggestion, which is not take
10 Castro Valley because it's on the other side of the pass
11 there. I would move Pleasanton and Livermore in with 680
12 Contra Costa. That unites the Tri-Valley area. And of
13 course we'll have to balance population between the two
14 Contra Costas.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we already have some population
16 issues on the top, but it might reconcile those.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's -- Commissioner Fornaciari
19 and then we'll go back to Commissioner Andersen and see
20 if there's consensus here.

21 Commissioner Fornaciari? We are talking about
22 potentially adding Livermore and I believe Pleasanton --

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Pleasanton, yeah.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- up to the Contra Costa region.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sorry. My computer just

1 completely freaked out. I'm with Commissioner Yee. Just
2 start with Pleasanton, Livermore, and the rest of Alameda
3 County up into 680CC. And then we can -- because I mean,
4 now we've done the complete rotation. We should be able
5 to balance between the two Contra Costas and come out
6 even.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: I am looking across the floor.
8 Everyone is in agreement. Commissioner Andersen, I just
9 can't -- I can't see if you are. Are you in agreement
10 with this?

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. This is a good step.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Appreciate it. So let's move
13 forward. And with this change. We will be adding the
14 City of Pleasanton.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And just to -- you want
16 some clarity on why we're doing this.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, we do.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: This will enable us to
19 keep the Tri-Valley COI together.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Mm hmm.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And then -- well, yeah.
22 It will stop there. I mean --

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So deviation, population --

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- even pop -- population
25 deviation (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

1 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: But this is also the other --
2 because I started with the COI with Cherryland,
3 Ashland --

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right.

5 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's with also -- they don't
6 have anything to do with Alameda and -- I mean, Livermore
7 and Pleasanton.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right. Yeah. We heard an
9 awful lot about Hayward and keeping Hayward, Ashland,
10 Cherryland, San Leandro, San Lorenzo all together on that
11 side of the hill. So that --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. So let's take a look at
13 what happens when we do this. We have in Alameda -- we
14 would be having a negative 8.79 deviation. In Contra
15 Costa, we're going to have an overpopulation of 30.75
16 percent. So we'll need to split something in order to
17 get it, and I'm looking for suggestions. I'm going to go
18 down to Fornaciari and -- or Andersen, Fornaciari, then
19 Ahmad, and then Hernandez.

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, we're committing this
21 first, right, and then we'll --

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: We could do that.

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. And then --

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: We could commit to this if -- but it
25 may be too much to commit, so that's why I'm raising the

1 question.

2 Commissioner Ahmad?

3 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Just a quick question. What is
4 that -- is that Pleasanton under Dublin that's already
5 split?

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Is Pleasanton already split?

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, it is.

8 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. My recommendation
13 would be to split Pleasanton in order to get the
14 deviation in Alameda. That's what we're going to do is
15 move it in because -- because you can't keep all of
16 Pleasanton --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: So how about we do one at a time?
18 Let's prioritize the COIs that we're going to move into
19 Contra Costa County. So let's undo this and let's just
20 figure out are we going to do Pleasanton first or are we
21 going to do -- then we can cut.

22 Commissioner Andersen.

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Actually, I did want to
24 get rid of it all because Union City and the northern
25 portion of Fremont have the Afghan population, which

1 they -- we got a lot of COIs about that. A lot of people
2 calling in about please add Union City to --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- the temples in the northern
5 part of Fremont.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate it.

7 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- (indiscernible,
8 simultaneous speech) bit of that.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Fernandez,
10 Yee, Turner, and Akutagawa. Okay. We'll go to Yee,
11 Turner, and Akutagawa. And I want to make sure that we
12 are able to move this population and be able to rotate it
13 if we move in this direction.

14 Commissioner Yee, do you have any thoughts about
15 that?

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I would like -- I would
17 like to -- yes, thank you. I would like to commit to
18 this change first and then we can subtract population.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm comfortable with moving and
20 exploring this so let's -- and I believe I have general
21 consensus from the floor, so we will move in this
22 direction. Let's commit this and we will explore.

23 All right. So now our deviations are off.
24 Suggestions for getting the deviations back in line. And
25 let's start with suggestions on where to fix first. I

1 would suggest Alameda first, so let's do Alameda. Is
2 there a split in the Pleasanton or Dublin area or Sunol
3 that makes more sense? Commissioner Andersen, Yee, any
4 suggestions?

5 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. I would like to grab a
6 little bit from the northern portion of Fremont. I don't
7 have the map of the Afghan community in Fremont, but they
8 wanted to be with Union City. So I would grab a bit of
9 that.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I do want to note that if we grab
11 a portion of Fremont, it will impact the City of San Jose
12 if we zoom out. So let's zoom out so we can look at the
13 whole region. So I just want to let the Commission know.
14 And we have negatives all under there, so we will -- if
15 we do, in fact, take from Fremont, we will be impacting
16 San Jose. I just want to make sure everybody understands
17 that. And we're open to all the options. Just want to
18 make sure that we are understanding the options.
19 Commissioner Yee?

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I'm sorry. I have to
21 think more.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's think some more.
23 Andersen?

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I will do that.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: You're interested in taking some of

1 Fremont and then -- and exploring --

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- into San Jose.

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct. Keep that other COI
5 together.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's see what the floor thinks. Is
7 everybody okay with going into Fremont? Commissioner
8 Ahmad.

9 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Just clarifying, are we trying
10 to fix the deviations in 680CC first or --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Alameda --

12 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: -- are we waiting on that?
13 Okay. Alameda.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Because it's a negative 8.79 and the
15 only place to get population would be through --

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Fremont.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Oakland or through Fremont or --

18 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Or 680CC.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's correct. And right now we
20 have a overpopulation in Contra Costa of 30.75, which is
21 a lot. So those are -- we're just looking at options.
22 Commissioner Yee.

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Concerning the Afghan COI,
24 so I believe Union City is already split here.

25 Is that correct, Tamina? If so --



1 MS. RAMOS ALON: Union City is not split.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: It is not split? Oh.

3 MS. RAMOS ALON: No.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Wow. Okay. I would like to see
5 that exact COI before we try to make a change there.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Do we have the shapefile, Tamina, for
7 that?

8 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm not sure --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

10 MS. RAMOS ALON: -- of that. I know that there are
11 COIs take Union City and Hayward into this area, but they
12 come all -- the COI comes all the way down here, so they
13 just don't for Assembly. We can put in Union City. It
14 will split these -- all the COIs that we just talked
15 about, the various Latino, Punjabi COIs, Alum Rock COIs
16 down here at (audio interference).

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. Any split into Fremont is
18 going to impact our COIs in San Jose. So let's --

19 MS. RAMOS ALON: Correct.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- let's keep talking about this. So
21 Commissioner Akutagawa, Commissioner Fernandez, and
22 Sadhwani I know will come up with a great solution for
23 all of us, and I'm just waiting for the great solution to
24 come forward.

25 Commissioner Akutagawa, what's your great solution?

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Actually, I was trying to
2 see if Tamina could scroll up because I'd like to see --
3 no, the opposite way. See the bottom part. Okay. All
4 right. Thank you. I need to think again.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh good. No, no problem. Yeah, it's
6 good to think about these things.

7 Commissioner Fernandez.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Actually, I wanted to
9 scroll the opposite way and zoom in a little bit, please.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Right there. Thank
12 you. Just a little bit higher, please. Maybe just zoom
13 out a little bit. Thanks. Okay. Now, I got to come
14 back --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: We can zoom out a little bit so we
16 can all think about this a little more.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I got to think about
18 that, too.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's zoom out a little bit and let's
20 hear -- see if Commissioner Sadhwani has some suggestions
21 for this area which has a significant amount of COIs,
22 especially as we move down. And so we spent a lot of
23 time working on these COIs. I want to make sure that we
24 are doing this fairly. Commissioner Sadhwani?

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. From what I can

1 tell, we have fairly good feedback on keeping Union City
2 whole. In particular, I think we were told -- oh, sorry.
3 I just had it up. Where did it go? That it was a
4 Punjabi community, I believe, in Union City that wanted
5 to be -- have the city kept whole.

6 In terms of Fremont, we were given some thoughts in
7 terms of possible cuts for the Afghan community, in
8 particular keeping Centerville of Fremont whole. That
9 being said, I think that we're in pretty good shape with
10 the Fremont district. So I wouldn't -- I feel like
11 perhaps we can expand outward where there's already a
12 plus thirty percent deviation as opposed to breaking into
13 the Fremont district where there were so many COIs that
14 we worked to keep together because we've had actually
15 fairly positive feedback about that Union -- about
16 keeping Union City whole, from what I can tell.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And so if we were to split
19 into Fremont, the key piece is keeping Centerville whole,
20 which is the Afghan piece that Commissioner Andersen was
21 raising.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sunol? How many people are in Sunol?
23 Is Sunol a COI with Fremont, Commissioner Sadhwani? Do
24 you know or does somebody else -- Commissioner Yee I'm
25 sure knows.

1 Commissioner Yee?

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It's about 900 people.

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, it is a lot of people.

4 It's the major route with the trains went through. Sunol
5 has a --

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- (indiscernible,
9 simultaneous speech) --

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. It's hilly.

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: It's about 900 people, yeah.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh. Let's put the terrain on. We
13 had a request for terrain, so let's look at the terrain.
14 Maybe that'll help us, too. I don't see as many hills,
15 but the train.

16 MS. RAMOS ALON: So Sunol's only about 900 people,
17 so it's not going to help.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh. That's not going to help too
19 much. Okay. All right. So suggestions from the floor
20 on addressing the deviation issue in Alameda. Okay. We
21 have some ideas from Commissioner Fornaciari. Let's hear
22 them.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. We're going to have
24 to put some of Pleasanton back because we have to have --
25 I mean, you have East Contra Costa at minus 13.5 and --

1 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Seventeen.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- 680CC at 30.75. Those
3 two have to add up to --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Agreed.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- plus or minus ten --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Right.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- and they don't, so we
8 have to move some of Pleasanton back.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Do you have a suggestion where we can
10 cut in Pleasanton?

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So full disclosure, this
12 is where I grew up. Sorry to all my friends --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: And I appreciate for all the --

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- who still live there.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- the transparency. I think it's
16 important for us to provide that transparency. So you
17 probably know this area very well.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I do.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Great.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Can you zoom in a bit?

21 Let's --

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Go ahead, Jane.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: So okay.

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Where 580 goes over, I



1 would take that chunk of Dublin as well because from
2 the -- basically the 680 -- I'm sorry -- the 680 west in
3 both areas. Correct.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Commissioner Fornaciari, is
5 that an acceptable --

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, that's a reasonable
7 place to start.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's do that, Tamina. Let's
9 highlight that area.

10 Commissioner Yee and Kennedy, let's -- any
11 additional feedback?

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I'm just going to say
13 there's still about a plus two or three in the East Bay
14 that we could push down and then that would allow us to
15 reunite -- to make San Leandro whole. Maybe we can get
16 some population that way.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's a potential as well.
18 Commissioner Kennedy?

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I was
20 looking at the north end of this district and wondering
21 if we could shift Pleasant Hill from, I believe, it's
22 this district to the Eastern Contra Costa district, and
23 that would help resolve population on both sides.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's look at this after we
25 look at that. Look at that after we look at this. This



1 is 19,000 people right now. It gets us to an acceptable
2 deviation in Alameda.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I think we need to
4 go a little more because we're at --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: 21,000 people.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: We got to be down to below
7 twenty-six percent.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let get down to below twenty-
9 six percent. We're at 23,000 people.

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: We could take a little bit out
11 in the -- put it into Berkeley. Take those hills and
12 that little section.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh yeah. Oops. Sorry.

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: To help our 30-12 issues.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's clean this up a
16 little bit. We're at -- below twenty-six percent. Okay.
17 Any objection to adding this to Alameda?

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: What's that little bite that
19 keeps not wanting to come out where the "p" is?

20 MS. RAMOS ALON: It's already there.

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. I see no objection. If you
23 do -- okay. So the general consensus is to add this to
24 Alameda. Let's see what it looks like. So we're at
25 negative 3.74 in Alameda, and we now shift over to our

1 overpopulated Contra Costa region with -- it's a pretty
2 large district from Martinez all the way down to
3 Livermore and down to the southern border of Alameda
4 County.

5 We're looking for suggestions on how to bring the
6 deviation down to acceptable levels, and I know
7 Commissioner Andersen has some ideas. One minute,
8 Commissioner Andersen. We're running out of time. We're
9 going to do it for everybody. What's your idea,
10 Commissioner Andersen?

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, I'd add to the East Bay
12 the Tilton Park and all those areas. And there's a
13 little bit -- yes -- a little bit of that as well. A
14 little bit up -- the exact -- that area. I can't think
15 of the -- San Pablo Reservoir.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So do you know exactly where
17 in that area or which roads?

18 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, actually, if I say
19 Tilton, will that come up for you, Tamina?

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Does Tilton help, Tamina?

21 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Tilton Park? Yeah. I take
22 that.

23 MS. RAMOS ALON: Do you want the blocks or what?
24 Yeah. Southern Park's here. Let me see what the blocks
25 look like.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. We're taking a look at that.
2 In the meantime, let's go to Commissioner Kennedy.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Oh yes, Chair. My suggestion
4 had been to move Pleasant Hill east.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, that's right. Okay. So let's
6 look at this and then we'll go back to Pleasant Hill. I
7 don't think there's going to be a lot of population
8 there, but --

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: No. And I'd also take --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- (indiscernible, simultaneous
11 speech) --

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- (indiscernible,
13 simultaneous speech). Put all that in the Oakland one as
14 well because it's East Bay. I'm not sure. Sibley, all
15 the way down there.

16 MS. RAMOS ALON: What? Just --

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Keep --

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's west of Orinda.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So right now we are -- we have
20 eight people, eight individuals. We continue to be at
21 eight individuals who live there.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Those are the park rangers.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Fifteen.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Keep on going to the --
25 exactly. That one. The one below it. That's Orinda.

1 MS. RAMOS ALON: (Audio interference) --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: And then I would go up -- yes.
4 I'm sorry. Go ahead.

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: There you go. Go up where?

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry. You got that right.
7 And then up to -- let's see -- it says Grove Regional,
8 that area up through there.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're at 300 people, Commissioner
10 Andersen, and we're trying to reduce this to get this
11 down to five percent or less. Do you have --

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh no. No, I'm sorry. We're
13 looking for the combo of the twenty-five and the negative
14 thirteen to be less than ten. So yes, we do need -- we
15 did about 10,000 people.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's do this change. Let's get
17 the borders cleaned up a little bit, and then let's move
18 on to the next change. Okay. That looks good.
19 Commissioner Kennedy.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Recommending moving Pleasant
21 Hill from 680CC to East CC.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So let's look at Pleasant
23 Hill and adding Pleasant Hill to Concord area? To the
24 ECC. And how many people are in this area, Tamina?
25 We're looking at --

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Almost --

2 MS. RAMOS ALON: 34- --

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- 35,000.

4 MS. RAMOS ALON: Negative --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: So 35,000. This gets us to a
6 negative 6.48 in the East ECC. Is there any cuts we can
7 make to reduce the cut? Any suggestions, Commissioner
8 Andersen? I'm sorry. You're always in the front of my
9 screen. Go ahead.

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. Sorry.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm taking down your hand.

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I have quite a lot for this
13 area. I would grab everything from Crocket south and put
14 it with ECCC.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's think about that.

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Martinez.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Is there any cuts with Pleasanton
18 that would be helpful, let's -- Commissioner Sinay. And
19 then we'll go to Fernandez , Fornaciari, and then Turner.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can I understand why the move
21 of Pleasanton to Concord?

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. Let's get some feedback on
23 Pleasanton --

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Because --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- to Concord.



1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I'll say, for me, it's
2 always been Concord, Clayton, Pleasanton, Walnut going
3 south with --

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Um-hum.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- Pleasant Hills. Sorry.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. You mean Pleasant Hill?

7 Pleasant Hill with Concord?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can we --

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was just trying to figure out
11 why we were thinking of moving Pleasant Hill --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Rather than?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- over to ECC.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: At this point, we're looking at -- to
15 shift population. So for population purposes but also
16 taking into consideration COIs. So any COI input --

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Because I thought --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- that we want to --

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I guess my thought --
20 okay. So I wouldn't do Pleasant Hill. I would do
21 Martinez and Crocket, that area, and connect it to ECC.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: So another suggestion is to
23 potentially do Martinez and Crocket? Martinez, I
24 believe, has less population than Pleasanton. Let's take
25 a look at how much people -- how many people live in

1 Martinez at this point.

2 So Tamina, let's look at Martinez and see how many
3 people live there.

4 And let's also hear from Commissioner Fornaciari and
5 then Turner.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. That was kind of
7 why we started down this road was --

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Was for Martinez?

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- to get Martinez,
10 Pierpont, Pittsburg, and Antioch together.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's highlight that area. So
12 that's Martinez --

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And I agree with Crocket
14 and the unincorporated areas across there, too.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's Crocket,
16 unincorporated areas, Martinez. Would you include
17 Alhambra -- or I believe that's a little community there,
18 Alhambra Valley. Yes? Okay. And let's hear also from
19 Commissioner Turner and Commissioner Sadhwani and
20 Commissioner Fernandez.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. All I was
22 going to say is -- yeah, that's what we wanted to do
23 earlier. Thank you.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm sorry. Um-hum. Commissioner
25 Turner, what were you saying? Sorry to interrupt.



1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I was saying that's
2 what we wanted to do earlier was to try and bring that
3 into the ECC so that's all. I'm in agreement.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner
5 Fernandez, and then -- well, we have Turner and then
6 Sadhwani.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I guess if we need
8 more population, you can take Pacheco, but I think they
9 might be attached to Pleasant Hill. That might get you
10 under the deviation.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: So it looks like we're close to the
12 deviation now. Commissioner Sadhwani?

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I was just going to support
14 the change. There's testimony that the cities of
15 Martinez and Pleasant Hill have been a part of -- they
16 get services, including healthcare services, from Concord
17 and linking them together (indiscernible) 883.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. The cut here in East CC, it
19 puts us over the acceptable deviations. We're at 5.07.
20 So maybe take out some of the unincorporated areas?
21 Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: If I understood
23 Commissioner Sadhwani correctly, she said to include
24 Pleasant Hill; is that right --

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I mean --

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- with Concord?

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- that's what the testimony
3 suggests, but I think that would put us over deviation.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. It would. I
5 believe. I don't know. We could check.

6 MS. RAMOS ALON: ECC would need more population in
7 order to reduce the deviation because it's at negative.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So at this point, we need to
9 take out some population of the highlighted area, so
10 maybe --

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No, we need to add.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh. We need to add?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: We need to add, so can we
14 maybe look at Pacheco and Pleasant Hill?

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's add Pacheco in. Oh yes. I
16 have the districts mixed up. More of Pacheco, all of
17 Pacheco?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. All of Pacheco,
19 please. Thank you. There we go.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. So now we have Pleasant
21 Hill, this area. Should we include the unincorporated
22 areas next to -- to the West? There's not going to be a
23 lot of population, but just --

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. There's going to be
25 a lot, but we could do it, though.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: And then we still need to cut down on
2 Contra Costa. So if you guys -- if the Commission can
3 start thinking about ideas for that while this is being
4 populated. Commissioner Fernandez, did you have your
5 hand up and do you have ideas for that?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I actually once we're done
7 with this, if we can scroll down so I can -- we can see
8 the entire district that we need to move population out
9 of.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Excellent. And we certainly will.
11 Commissioner Sadhwani, any thoughts around potential
12 areas to be cut up? Nope.

13 Commissioner Andersen?

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Wait. I'm sorry. You
15 specifically asked if we want to go -- if we're doing
16 more cuts where? Into 680?

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: In Contra Costa region, we need to
18 cut and get down to under five percent. We're at 9.17
19 deviation at this point.

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. So we're looking for
21 what to take out of 680.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. So if you think about
23 potential places that you would consider taking out.
24 Commissioner Fornaciari?

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I --



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: We'll come back in a second.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Well, Walnut Creek
3 comes to mind off the top of my head, but I'd want to
4 zoom out like --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So that's fine.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- Commissioner --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's a potential.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- Commissioner Fernandez
9 said.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's a great idea.

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I think there's
12 areas --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're almost there.

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- to the south we'd like to
15 do.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh. Area of the south of Walnut
17 Creek? Okay. So we'll zoom out in a second. We'll go
18 to Commissioner Sinay after that. Let's see. Let's
19 commit this. I think --

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Wait.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- general consensus on this. Okay.
22 We'll wait. Commissioner Sinay is not in agreement with
23 Pleasant Hill.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I just want us to think a
25 second because we're -- we keep adding communities that



1 will work counter to the communities of interest that we
2 were putting together. And so, yeah. I just want to --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you name those communities,
4 please?

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I know that we -- yeah, that
6 there is a COI that says Pleasant Hill and Concord,
7 that's where Martinez goes for services. But Concord,
8 Pleasant Hill, Clayton, Walnut, those are all high-end
9 communities in Contra Costa, very -- professionals. And
10 I also -- most of these communities who -- Antioch and
11 all that specifically said -- and the same with
12 Oakland -- don't put us Lorendo, Lafayette, Morego,
13 Concord. And so --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- it's a compromise, but I
16 just wanted to put it out there so that we all realize
17 that the reason they were saying to go to Vallejo and
18 Benicia is that there was more commonality in working
19 class that way, but now we kind of moved everything
20 around to end up back in a similar --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: And you're certainly right. It's a
22 compromise. So let's see if others have objections as
23 well. Commissioner Yee, Commissioner Fernandez?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: I was going to offer -- suggest
25 adding the Reliez Valley there.



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: What is it? East Valley?

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Reliez. Yeah.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh. Reliez. Okay. And then
4 Commissioner -- I'm going to go with -- Commissioner
5 Andersen is the first on my screen, and then Commissioner
6 Fernandez, and then Commissioner Turner.

7 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I'm sort of going along
8 the lines of what the Petitioner Sinay was -- I'm
9 sorry -- Commissioner Sinay was saying. I wouldn't take
10 quite that much in this area, and I would go, again,
11 further south and take more of ECC -- take more of 680
12 and put it in ECC a little further south than where --
13 what we're looking at right now.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So if you could get --
15 look at the area on your map and then try to identify
16 some areas. In the meantime, I want to hear about
17 whether other folks are in agreement with you and
18 Commissioner Sinay. Commissioner Fernandez?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I'm fine the way it
20 is. I mean, we are swapping one COI for another by the
21 very first move that we did, so it's -- we're breaking up
22 some community of interest to get to whatever our goal is
23 at this point.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you're suggesting a compromise
25 here? Okay. Commissioner Turner?

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I am in agreement
2 with Commissioner Sinay and would like -- would rather
3 see Pleasant Hill and the Valley, Releiz Valley, left in
4 with Contra Costa and perhaps take out Brentwood over to
5 the -- with Discovery Bay and Knightsend. We tried to
6 put Brentwood with Knightsend and we ended up with a
7 deviation problem up in Solano because we're almost at
8 4.23. And if I remember correctly about an hour ago that
9 that was 75,000 people.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: If I remember correctly. 65,000, not
12 75,000. All right. So let's see where we are now. We
13 can take out Pleasanton, but if we take out Pleasanton
14 out of this then we will need to be looking at other
15 communities to put into --

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Can we look further south?

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Well, we'll see. Can
18 we --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. Let's zoom out

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: She never takes her hand
21 down.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: I told her (indiscernible), she's
23 always first. All right. Let's see. Let's take a look,
24 Commissioner. If we can all just take a look at the map
25 and see where we might be able to cut and then have

1 suggestions --

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: (Indiscernible, simultaneous
3 speech) --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- for cuts.

5 And Commissioner Andersen, you're mic is -- you're
6 on.

7 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. I'm sorry. Thank you.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I guess I'm just
10 going to just kind of comment on some of these ripple
11 effects. I did read some COI testimony earlier and I
12 just didn't read quickly enough, but you had moved on.
13 There was a place, and I think someone earlier referenced
14 that there was a place to cut Fremont and move part of
15 Fremont up that would possibly or could possibly take
16 Alameda into a little bit more positive territory, which
17 could then mean maybe you can move some of this other
18 population into this Fremont district.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: We did we did consider that. And
20 what would happened if we took any population out of
21 Fremont, whether it be -- that there would be COI
22 disruption in San Jose area. So we did actually consider
23 that.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Even if you move those COIs
25 into the Fremont district and kept them whole?

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Because of the negative deviations
2 across all of the south, at this point.

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. It's --

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. There's so much
5 there.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: If we had a little more positivity,
7 if there was more positive --

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Looking for more positive.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- if there were more people in the
10 South Bay then, yes, that would work. And unfortunately,
11 we -- there's not enough --

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: We can't push all these --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- concentrated population.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- twenty five --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. So let's go up to where we are
16 and see if Pleasant Hill is a viable option for the
17 Committee. And let's see. Commissioner Yee?

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Then Commissioner Sinay.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm hearing everyone's
21 considerations, but the fact is we need to build Assembly
22 district-sized districts. So if we have to split here, I
23 think this split make sense.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: And potentially maybe this is
25 something we can address in a Senate district and a

1 Congressional district. It's a tough compromise.

2 Commissioner Sinay, Commissioner Turner, thoughts about
3 where else to add if we can't go to --

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm guessing all the
5 unincorporated area wouldn't have that much in it because
6 it's kind of --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: No.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- unincorporated everywhere.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, we're talking about -- we're
10 talking about how many one thousand people?

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Twenty.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: 20,000 people that we're needing.
13 No, we would need a city.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Or 30.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Or a town at least. Commissioner
16 Yee?

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: So I recommend we commit to this
18 change and then move from there because we still need to
19 move some after this.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's see if we have general
21 consensus on a compromise here, the compromise being to
22 shift this population in this map and potentially explore
23 the keeping of Pleasanton in a different area in the next
24 iteration.

25 Commissioners, let's hear from the group.

1 Commissioner Akutagawa, Commissioner Turner, Commissioner
2 Andersen. Oh, thank you. Sorry.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh. Turner, Turner. Thank you.
5 Sorry.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. I just want a name if
7 we commit, we commit, but had we moved Vallejo in and
8 Brentwood out, we would have been able to do something
9 different in this area. And so I just wanted to state
10 that I was still in favor of -- I think we're locked into
11 this space as we are now, but with Vallejo in Pleasant
12 Hill, Reliez Valley, Alhambra Valley, Brentwood out of
13 the area, it may have worked.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: It would have been 150,000 people;
15 Brentwood would have been seventy-five. We would have
16 needed another seventy-five, but potentially.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. We would have maybe
18 just split Vallejo.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. Commissioner Andersen?

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I believe if we pull Rodeo out
21 of East Bay and -- wait, wait. Is that going to be --
22 no.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Wrong area.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Other way around. Sorry.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. Other way around.



1 Commissioner --

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: No. I was looking --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Kennedy.

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- for 10,000.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Mr. Kennedy?

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. This is just a
7 cleanup. That small unincorporated area west of Crocket,
8 do we want to include that as well? Thank you.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's not a lot of people, so we
10 should probably include it if we're going to move in this
11 direction. Sadhwani.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I just want to
13 support and uplift the piece from Commissioner Turner. I
14 know I found it and read off the piece around Pleasant
15 Hill. It was one COI submission that was given. My
16 understanding is that the piece around Vallejo is coming
17 from numerous groups that represent multiple
18 organizations that had many conversations with the
19 communities they serve.

20 I wouldn't really want to split Vallejo if I'm
21 hearing that there was a population change between --
22 that Vallejo's bigger than Brentwood. Does it make sense
23 to bring Vallejo in and -- or a portion of Vallejo in and
24 take out Brentwood and put it with that district on the
25 other side and shift the population around? Does it make

1 more sense to take all of the Vallejo and split Antioch?
2 I mean, I do feel like there's a case to be made for
3 keeping a COI together that has been so strongly
4 advocated for.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Commissioner Fernandez? Then
6 Fornaciari --

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- then Ahmad.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And I'm against that
10 because there's also community of interest to keep the
11 whole county together. And right now, Solano County is
12 together and whole. And as I mentioned before, it's
13 something that we can potentially look at in the Senate
14 or the Congressional.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. And right now, we're looking
16 for consensus on whether to add this to the Contra Costa
17 site. Commissioner Fornaciari. Commissioner Ahmad,
18 you're next. And then Sinay and then who else is in the
19 line? So let's go on to -- is it Fornaciari?

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, so a couple things.
21 I'll just go back to our Congressional maps where we have
22 Vallejo, Venetia, Martinez, Bay Point, Pittsburg. We
23 don't have Antioch, but we can figure out how to -- how
24 to add that and make that whole. I think we've heard
25 testimony in both directions for Vallejo. Some folks

1 don't want it to be south; some people do.

2 I know this is where we're headed is -- is a
3 compromise. We're putting Martinez, Bay Point,
4 Pittsburg, and Antioch together who want to be together.
5 You know, we're putting together with Concord, Pittsburg.
6 We're going to have to add Walnut Creek to make it come
7 out. We're not putting them with Lafayette, Orinda, or
8 Mirada. And you know, it's just at this point a
9 compromise. But you know, I just want to reiterate that
10 in our Congressional maps that we can accommodate that,
11 the COI that wants Vallejo, Venetia, Martinez, and
12 Antioch together.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Let's see here.
14 Commissioner Turner, Andersen, Ahmad, Sinay, and then
15 Sadhwani. Is it on my screen? Commissioner Turner is a
16 no, so Commissioner Andersen.

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: There we go. So we're stuck
18 because we made a lot of things and a lot of great --
19 everyone's happy for the north and the cuts and the pain
20 is pretty much being felt right here.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: And I still like the idea of
23 trying Brentwood, Vallejo. Clearly, there's not enough
24 take on that, so we're going to have to do the best we
25 can. And I would certainly commit to this and then

1 trying to find a little bit more south. I still think we
2 need to get rid of about 10,000 people, though --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- from ECC and 6800C.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's right. So you are in favor of
6 a -- of moving this forward as a compromise?

7 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: So that portion just that
8 right there? Yes. I thought we already did that.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: No, we haven't added it yet because
10 we don't have consensus. We still have a question around
11 the Pleasant Hill area. So Ahmad and Sadhwani.

12 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I'm just
13 trying to understand what part of moving this highlighted
14 area into ECC is a compromise?

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's the Pleasant Hill area.

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: So Pleasant Hill is the point
17 of --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Of this -- yes. It is my
19 understanding --

20 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: So whether to move in --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- is the COI between -- it is my
22 understanding (indiscernible) Commissioner Sinay because
23 I think she raised the issue initially. Commissioner
24 Sinay, and I believe Commissioner -- others as well.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The compromise is a lot bigger

1 than just Pleasant Hill. Originally, we had wanted
2 Vallejo, Venetia, take out Concord and Clayton. Concord,
3 Clayton, Pleasant Hill, Walnut. All of those are
4 predominantly white, professional, high-income
5 communities. And the idea was to create a working
6 class --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- more --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: I will remind the Commission that
10 this is not a VRA area, and that really we're looking
11 at --

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No. I'm --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- socioeconomic --

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- looking at --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- transportation.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're looking --

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And that's exactly --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- at housing.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- what I'm saying --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- We're -- okay.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- is that this is working
23 class, that Antioch, Pittsburg, Benicia, Vallejo. All of
24 that is very working class all -- like you were saying.
25 Anyway, and the other -- it's housing issues. It's

1 school issues. Keeping Concord and Clayton will just
2 keep the issue -- so it's much bigger than just one. The
3 compromise is big.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Ahmad.

7 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah. Can I just -- if we can
8 take a snapshot of this and then see the other proposal
9 that's on the table visually, I think that would help
10 me --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So --

12 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: -- look at population
13 deviations because right now I think that's where the
14 back and forth is. We are trying to --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's do that.

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: -- get to population here.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's take out Pleasanton in this and
18 let's leave out the remainder of the -- I'm sorry.
19 Pleasant Hills. Pleasant Hill. Would we leave in the
20 Reliez -- is it Reliez Valley? I've never been there, so
21 I don't know how to pronounce it.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Let's take it out since it's
23 (audio interference).

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You can kind of keep Pleasant
25 Hill in there because we already have Concord and

1 Clayton.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you would like to keep Pleasant
3 Hill in there?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's a bigger issue than just
5 Pleasant Hill is what I've been trying to say this whole
6 time.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: So are we all in agreement that
8 this -- is there general consensus to add this to the
9 East Contra Costa region at this point? I'm hearing a
10 no. I'm seeing a couple nos, so let's hear about the
11 nos. And you're saying it's not just about Pleasant
12 Hill, Commissioner Sinay, so can you please explain?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's economic and socioeconomic
14 priorities -- different priorities going by Vallejo,
15 Benicia, all that.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So if we didn't move this
17 area, then what area would you move because we need --

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Vallejo and Benicia, and
19 then -- I mean --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- I would do -- I would pull
22 up exactly whatever -- take out Brentwood.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So that's where we're stuck --

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Take out Concord.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- right? Remember we --



1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Take out --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Remember we --

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'll go back to the beginning, right?

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, let me ask a question.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You keep saying, do we have
8 consensus and do we work on -- this is the question I
9 asked way long time ago. Are we working on consensus or
10 are we working on majority?

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, if we do -- it's actually our
12 break time, so I'm going to take a break right now.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Wait. Can I make one
14 comment before the break?

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: You may, yes.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. I just wanted to
17 note we're making a whole lot of compromises here to keep
18 Solano, Yolo, and Sacramento with as few of cuts
19 possible. We have a crazy district from -- from Mono all
20 the way up to the Oregon border so that Roseville wasn't
21 cut. Now, we have this issue here in Solano because
22 Solano doesn't want to be cut and they want to take the
23 vote -- they want to have their voting power come from
24 Vallejo. So I just want to recognize the number of
25 compromises that we are making just for these three

1 counties alone.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And actually, I was just
3 informed that we can go up to 4:50, so we have a couple
4 more minutes before we have to break. And I know we have
5 a couple of hands up, so let's take the hands.
6 Commissioner Andersen, Commissioner Fernandez, and then
7 Commissioner Ahmad.

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I was going to say if we're --
9 can we back out just a little bit or move -- actually
10 move the map up a little bit so we can see what other
11 areas we have to work with? No, no. I'm sorry. The
12 map -- move south of the map, please. There we go. And
13 then expand a little bit, please, so we can see that area
14 so we can determine what --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: There's certainly the Fremont area
16 that we could go to, and that would lead us into San Jose
17 and we could certainly start working on that area as
18 well. So we can certainly move population from Fremont
19 into this region, which would also get us to there, and
20 it's been suggested by a couple of Commissioners --
21 Commissioner Akutagawa, Commissioner -- a couple of other
22 Commissioners.

23 But we also have significant COIs down there as well
24 that would be impacted. And we are -- a lot of COIs down
25 there as well. So we have COIs throughout this whole

1 region and we all need to think about those, and that's
2 why I'm going to take a fifteen-minute break for us to
3 think about all the COIs in the different areas and where
4 we might cut. So let's take a fifteen-minute break and
5 just think through these issues. Thank you.

6 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:40 p.m. until
7 4:55 p.m.)

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
9 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We are looking at the
10 northern part of Alameda County, Contra Costa County
11 areas, and into the Solano region as well. We're looking
12 to transfer population from -- into the East Contra Costa
13 region. We are overpopulated in the southern Contra
14 Costa region, and we are looking for a consensus here.
15 Commissioner Andersen.

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: About this particular one, I
17 understand now we're basically trying to work between the
18 25.6 and the negative thirteen.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: And those two, of course, is
21 positive twelve, so it can't be. We have positive ten.
22 So we've got to take 10,000 people out of the whole area.
23 If we're stuck in these two areas, Bay Point, Pittsburg,
24 Antioch, Martinez, and stuff, half of it's with other
25 areas, and I'm trying to look for something for the south

1 that might be more comparable. But this area right in
2 here, it's not -- it is not that similar. And so I
3 understand exactly where -- why people are having an
4 issue. Accept this as we are right now and then try and
5 see if we can fix it. That's the best I think we could
6 possibly --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
8 Any other thoughts from the floor, Commissioner Sadhwani.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'll say it again. I don't
10 like it, but I think in the spirit of moving on and
11 sharing the pain, let's do it in the Assembly districts.
12 We'll take a closer look when we get else -- to the other
13 maps. I think we're still going to need to transfer
14 additional populations somewhere else, and I don't have a
15 plan for that yet.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. Even with this move, I just
17 want to remember --

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- reiterate that there's still
20 10,000 people we have to sift into -- about 10,000 people
21 we have to shift in this -- to this district, and I'm not
22 sure where we would find it. So if any Commissioner can
23 take a look and -- and I know Commissioners are taking a
24 look at trying to figure out where, but I need some
25 feedback. Commissioner Akutagawa.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I guess I'll --
2 yeah. I'll state the same thing. I mean, I'm a little
3 puzzled as to what we're trying to do here, and I think
4 that's been noted. I think there was somewhat of an
5 effort to try to link similar communities, and we don't
6 have it. I mean, we just have kind of like a -- bits and
7 pieces of different ones, and we're concerned about
8 breaking up other ones. I understand that. I think I
9 would just like us to just say let's just -- yeah. Let's
10 just move on. Maybe we just need to just kind of think
11 it over, maybe even if it's overnight, and then just try
12 to come back and see if we just be open to just maybe
13 trying to fix it because I think we've created a mess, to
14 be honest.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh. I don't think it's a mess. I
16 think it's pretty rational. I think it -- I don't --
17 we've had to split COIs across all of -- all the state,
18 and at this point, it's -- it's a matter of figuring out
19 which COIs we're going to -- prioritization and figuring
20 out which COIs we're going to keep whole and which ones
21 we're going to split.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think that's what's
23 unclear. So I don't know. Maybe it's just me. I think
24 I'm just puzzled right now. So thank you.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: No, thank you. Any other suggestions

1 on how to address the deviation issue here?

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Well, we have to commit --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: So okay. So is there anyone in
4 opposition to commit this change? I know none of us like
5 this change, but it is a compromise. Is there any
6 opposition? All right. Seeing no opposition, I will
7 take it as consensus to move forward. So let's commit
8 this change, Trina -- Tamina. Sorry about that, Tamina.
9 So now this East Contra Costa is now an acceptable range
10 and we can move down and shift population from -- we have
11 overpopulation in the Contra Costa district. So we
12 are -- we can shift population south. We can shift it
13 east, and we can shift it west. And can you zoom out
14 just so -- these communities seem very well-balanced in
15 terms of this is a -- can you just speak to the district,
16 Tamina, where it starts and where it ends?

17 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sure. The 680CC district takes the
18 eastern half of Alameda County. We did go down the
19 freeway here as a dividing line between Dublin and
20 Pleasanton. And we have Dublin, Pleasanton, and
21 Livermore. We go up through the 680 corridor: San
22 Ramon, North Canyon, Danville, all the way up through
23 Walnut Creek. The La Marinda area is kept together, and
24 we have some incorporated areas on both the eastern side
25 and the Oakland Hills side.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Perfect. So we need to -- how much
2 population do we need to shift out of this district,
3 Tamina, to get us to an appropriate deviation?

4 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sure. One second. So we are at
5 8042 percent --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: -- deviation. We're looking to get
8 to five. So deviation is currently 41,000 over. It's
9 41,500. So if we could move 10, 15, we might be able to
10 get there.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: So about 15,000 people. 15,000
12 people, that's what we're looking at. Can you scroll --
13 can you zoom out a little bit? And do you have any
14 suggestions on 15,000 people?

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Chair, is it 15 or 50?

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's one five, correct, Tamina?

17 MS. RAMOS ALON: Let's see. We could look again
18 at --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: I believe so.

20 MS. RAMOS ALON: -- the Dublin/Pleasanton line over
21 here. If we were to move that line up a little bit more,
22 then we would be able to add that to Alameda which is
23 currently underpopulated. We definitely could balance
24 between these two.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Yee. We drew this line

1 here. Do you have any suggestions on -- suggestions on
2 where to shift this line, if that is your prerogative?

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: I defer to the hometown hero,
4 Commissioner Fornaciari.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, that's right. Hometown -- this
6 is Commissioner Fornaciari's hometown.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I don't think they
8 call me hero. Zoom on in. We'll figure it out. I
9 agree. First of all, Tamina, it looked like some of
10 Orinda was in East Bay. So just so --

11 MS. RAMOS ALON: Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- we'll clean up down the
13 road. Zoom in on the border of -- oh, go ahead. I mean,
14 if you want to clean it up now. Just postponing the
15 inevitable.

16 MS. RAMOS ALON: Thank you. That was bothering me.
17 We'll move back down now.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Tamina.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. When you're mapping,
20 you see all those little bumps. Yeah.

21 Go ahead, zoom in a little -- okay. Yeah. Move the
22 map -- pull down on the map. There we go. All right.
23 Yeah. So there's nothing super great here. I think -- I
24 guess it would -- let's grab the area kind of Val
25 Vista -- see where it says Val Vista Park? Go south of

1 Stoneridge down to Hopyard. No, wait. That's a business
2 park. Okay. Go a little further down. See where it
3 says Valley and Hopyard there? Right there. And start
4 grabbing folks there.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can we see how many people we're at?
6 Thank you. So right there, we're at 2,000. And this
7 this will be for population alleviation purposes.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Yeah. Okay. And
9 then go north up into the area of Val Vista Park there.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're at 5,000.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's a science experiment.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: 7,000.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. And then can you
14 scroll the map up to Dublin, please, so we can share the
15 pain? This area west of Village Parkway, that area.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: So -- okay.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I mean, socioeconomically,
18 there -- there's a disparity but -- between this area and
19 Hayward.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. We're at 12,000 people.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. What do we got
22 there? All right. Yeah.

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Could we just do a portion
24 here and try to get like a thousand or so back into East
25 Bay rather than Pleasanton and Dublin shouldn't be the

1 sacrificial to make -- if we added two more thousand up
2 to -- to make that a five instead of a three, then this
3 wouldn't have quite as many people there.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So where would you --
5 where you thinking?

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I would go over to the base of
7 those large --

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Before we go on -- before we go on,
9 can we finish this first? What other -- so can we do the
10 first portion of this and then leave the Dublin portion
11 for later, or what are your thoughts, Commissioner
12 Fornaciari? Which piece of this do you want to commit
13 to?

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, I mean, I don't know
15 what Commissioner Andersen is proposing.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen, are you
17 proposing a large number of people, a small number of
18 people? Because we need --

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm just proposing a bit of a
20 small number all around to come up -- basically we
21 looking for these two areas plus five and --

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: So if it's looking to do refinements
23 around the whole area, then that we could give direction
24 to -- general direction to Tamina to do that off-line.
25 If we're looking at a large portion, then I would suggest

1 we do it now because we still have many pieces of the Bay
2 Area to do. So --

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: So if we're looking at a large
5 portion that'll --

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: (Indiscernible, simultaneous
7 speech) --

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- get us -- that'll fix our
9 deviations, then I'd say let's do it now.

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: They could be. I don't know.
11 All those large unincorporated areas, if they have -- if
12 the population is 2,000 people, that's going to need
13 2,000 people that don't have to come out of Pleasanton
14 and Dublin.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I'd like to hear from Commissioner
16 Yee and see what he thinks as well.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. The North Oakland Berkeley
18 district is overpopulated. We could make that cut a
19 little deeper, push population through Oakland, out San
20 Leandro back together, and that might be the two or three
21 percent we need.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Is that -- is there consensus for
23 that? So to not do these changes and move into Oakland?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: No. I would include these
25 changes also because --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. You want --

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- we still need --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- to include these changes.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- we still need more, yeah.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: So the thought process here is to do
6 the changes in Pleasanton, potentially also Dublin, and
7 then to go on to Oakland for further cuts. Okay. It
8 looks like we have consensus to do this. If there is an
9 opposition, please let me know. Commissioner Sadhwani.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No. I mean, I thought that
11 the whole point was that we try to minimize the cuts in
12 cities. We're already cutting into Pleasanton and
13 Dublin, so just make it one cut, right? We've certainly
14 heard of strong COIs to keep Oakland whole with
15 Emeryville. So we're going to make a cut anyway, so
16 let's make the cut.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: So your suggestion is one large cut
18 that gets us into deviation and move on.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's correct. And I feel
20 like -- I'll be honest, I feel like this is something we
21 can ask -- if we're all in agreement -- ask Tamina to do
22 off-line. It's Friday and we haven't gotten to San Diego
23 yet.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's correct. So let's do one big
25 cut here and let's move on. Let's see. Let's add this

1 area here. Does this get us into acceptable deviations?
2 And then we can always ask for refinements around the
3 other areas in Oakland if that's the desire of the
4 Commission.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'd be happy to work with Tamina
6 on further cutting.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate Commissioner Yee for
8 volunteering. And certainly if other Commissioners have
9 feedback, please send it to the staff and then they can
10 send it to the line drawers. Okay. This gets us to
11 acceptable deviations right here. It's painful, but it's
12 a cut that gets us into appropriate deviations.
13 Commissioner Yee?

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: This is good. when I work with
15 Tamina later and if we can push that population near San
16 Leandro, we may be able to get all -- most or all of this
17 that way and be able to undo at least some of this, if
18 not all of it.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: And then we'll -- if we're able to do
20 that, we will bring it back tomorrow for the Commission
21 for review. Let's make this cut and then let's move
22 down, recognizing that there will be some refinement
23 after -- for now, this is the change that got us into
24 appropriate deviations. All right. Let's keep going
25 south. We're going to be in the South Bay. Why can't I

1 see anybody else there?

2 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm sorry. Where would you like to
3 go, Chair?

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's go to Alum Rock. Alum Rock
5 region. Can you walk us through Alum Rock really
6 briefly, just the overview?

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sure. Alum Rock has neighborhoods
8 of San Jose down through southern San Jose, the eastern
9 areas, and those southern portions. Also, the
10 unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County, and it
11 stretches from the very top of Santa Clara County to the
12 very bottom of Santa Clara County and abuts the VRA
13 consideration district (audio interference).

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And looking at the room,
15 I don't see any hands up. Oh. Commissioner Kennedy.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I just
17 wanted to ask Tamina about that area just above Hollister
18 in very southern Santa Clara County. Is there a reason
19 that that doesn't follow the county line?

20 MS. RAMOS ALON: That was part of Benito, so it was
21 taken for -- because there's a Hispanic LCVAP there a few
22 blocks in there which assist with that.

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Any additional feedback in
25 this area? If not, we will move on to the central coast.



1 We saw this already. We're just -- any feedback on this
2 area?

3 Commissioner Fornaciari.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I was thinking
5 about this a little more.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And if you can zoom in to
8 the north end of Benito. And this probably just kind of
9 off-line work maybe you could look at. I'm wondering if
10 Watsonville is a critical part of this district is what
11 it's called. But I'm wondering about these other
12 little -- like this grey thing above Watsonville. What's
13 that little gray blob there? And then I'm wondering
14 about like Elkhorn, how -- okay. Aptos Hills. That's
15 probably not a critical part of this district. And as we
16 scroll down a little bit, maybe Elkhorn -- I don't know
17 about Prunedale but -- and my general kind of thought
18 would be I'm wondering if maybe some of these northern
19 cities or areas might be able to come out and boost up
20 the MONT COAST deviation. And then if you can go all the
21 way to the bottom. We looked at this yesterday, and
22 there's not a whole lot of -- oop. Not that far. I'm
23 sorry. The bottom of the county. My fault. There's not
24 a whole lot of population down here, but then -- I mean,
25 if you could look at what we were trying to do the other

1 day is continue down the valley to the -- include all
2 those little cities along the river there in the
3 Benito -- and I would -- I think if you move some of
4 those northern cities into the MONT COAST and then you
5 add the southern part back, the population deviations
6 will be okay and we'll get those communities and cities
7 that are in the Salinas Valley in the Benito district
8 where they should be.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you remind us? Is this is a VRA
10 district? It is a --

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- VRA district. So let's --

13 MS. RAMOS ALON: This is. And we tried those
14 before, both of those options, and they didn't
15 (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. Can we --

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: You already looked at --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- also look at --

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- the Latino CVAP here and take a
21 look at Watsonville area.

22 MS. RAMOS ALON: One moment, please.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate it. Thank you. Chair,
24 did you want to look at the heat map on the block level
25 or did you want to see the LCVAP for the different

1 districts?

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can we see the LCVAP for this
3 district and also the heat map?

4 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. Thank you.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Specifically around the Watsonville
6 area. Okay. We're at fifty-six percent. And
7 Watsonville area. High CVAP area.

8 So perhaps -- any feedback on this, Commissioner
9 Fornaciari? Oh sorry. Commissioner Sinay. I'm looking
10 at the wrong screen. Commissioner Sinay and Commissioner
11 Akutagawa.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was just going to say could
13 she zoom out a little bit. It's hard to see. What is it
14 we're trying to do right now? I'm sorry.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fornaciari was
16 suggesting potential changes to the Watsonville area and
17 then incorporating some of the smaller -- smaller
18 agricultural cities, the low Kings cities, if I remember
19 correctly.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I was exploring
21 maybe taking out Rio Del Mar or -- and/or Corralitos, but
22 it sounds like they've already looked at that and
23 maybe --

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Yee.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I'm sympathetic.

1 Wondering if counsel has a comment about the narrow neck
2 there and whether that's a compactness problem.

3 MR. LARSON: No. I'm not concerned with it as it is
4 now.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Sounds like general consensus.

7 Oh. Let's go to Commissioner Akutagawa and then see --

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No. I thought --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- if this VRA area with difficulties
10 in shifting here.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I thought --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: So Commissioners?

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- that the area above --
14 north of Watsonville -- I don't know what the town --
15 yes, that area right in there. I thought according to
16 the CVAP, it didn't have a lot of population, certainly
17 not a lot of Latino population. And so I would think
18 that that would increase the CVAP by adding that to the
19 MONT COAST district, which would make the neck wider.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we'll ask -- we can certainly ask
21 the line drawer to work with VRA council and others --

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Can we just see that right now
23 and see what it -- what that would look like and all the
24 deviations, too? The CVAP deviations, please.

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: So the CVAP goes down to 56.37

1 percent if you move this city out.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. So let's have the line drawers
3 take a look at this and see if there --

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- are any options, but we have
6 explored these opportunities in the past with a VRA
7 council and I have not -- have not found any. But we'll
8 keep looking and we could do it off-line. So let's keep
9 going down. We can have the line drawers do it,
10 actually. All right. Let's see. We have next district,
11 Tamina. Santa Barbara. Commissioner Akutagawa.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Just a quick
13 question. I guess, are we just going to -- are we going
14 to revisit this, some of the northern parts of the state
15 tomorrow? I'm just trying to understand --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh. In --

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- this?

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- process-wise? So from --

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- process-wise, we are -- we have
21 reviewed the areas. We're generally comfortable with
22 these areas. If there's any refinements with the areas,
23 we will -- we're certainly able to work with the line
24 drawers individually and -- of course, individually --
25 through the line drawers. And if you have any

1 suggestions on any refinements, but these would be minor
2 refinements, and any larger change would need to -- would
3 be -- would probably -- we would be looking at those
4 tomorrow, potentially one change in Sacramento at this
5 point. But for the most part, we've been comfortable
6 with most of these districts, not -- I'm not going to say
7 that they were -- that they're perfect by any means, but
8 we've been comfortable in moving forward as a group and
9 there's been consensus to move forward and compromise.

10 So Commissioner Andersen, Commissioner --

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. At the end of the day
12 here, could we get a picture of -- because I don't -- I
13 can't look at what's current. I'd like to be able to
14 look at what's current so I could make suggestions.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: So that's why I'm actually interested
16 in going down to Southern California because if we can
17 get down to Southern California, we would be able to post
18 a picture of all of California with all of the latest
19 data. And so that's why I'm trying to move down to
20 Southern California so that can be possible tonight.

21 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: So that's why we're moving down this
23 way. But for general purposes, what we're looking at
24 right now is general consensus on each one of these
25 districts, that they're -- that they have the right COIs,



1 that they're the right district, that the deviations are
2 correct. And if there are some refinements, we can
3 certainly explore those -- explore those with the line
4 drawers. But they would be minor, minor refinements like
5 the ones we're exploring in Oakland and in Sacramento.
6 All right. So Santa Barbara. Any concern around this
7 district? We've looked at it many times in visualization
8 and through this process. So let's take a look at Santa
9 Barbara. Can you go over it to me, Tamina, just general?

10 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sure. Santa Barbara, the SBARBARA
11 district, keeps the Santa Barbara County intact,
12 including its associated islands, and comes up into San
13 Luis Obispo County taking Oceano south through Los Veros,
14 Nipomo, Blacklake, Woodlands, Callendar along the coast.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much. And I don't see
16 any hands raised on this area, so we're going to keep
17 going south. This is an area where we have worked very,
18 very hard on these COIs and I think it shows.
19 Commissioner -- or Tamina, can you please walk us through
20 VENTURA?

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sure. So the VENTURA district
22 takes the north -- takes Ventura County from the north,
23 western, and southern borders, keeps together the Port
24 Hueneme through Piru COI, keeps this. Does not include
25 the Simi Valley, Moorpark, Thousand Oaks area by putting

1 the split Camarillo. It does include Somis.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much. And this also
3 great work, Tamina. You've kept all of the COIs that
4 were -- that came in through testimony, that came in
5 through public comment over the summer and into this
6 feedback. It looks -- it's looking good to me. I want
7 to see about consensus in the group. I'm getting some
8 head nods. Commissioner Sinay, are you in concurrence or
9 comments --

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- or feedback --

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just a quick --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- suggestions?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- question. Just a quick
15 question. Why did we have to split Camarillo?

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, that's a good question.

17 MS. RAMOS ALON: So if you'll recall, we actually
18 had a split in here before that came in and split Santa
19 Barbara County and we had that claw. And so there was a
20 trade to take Camarillo instead. This also has to do
21 with this MALIEVENT district here which leads into Los
22 Angeles. So that was the -- that was the compromise
23 coming from Los Angeles.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Fornaciari?

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. We had also tried,

1 I think, Moorpark instead of splitting Camarillo and then
2 wanted to keep Moorpark and Simi together, so we decided
3 to look at splitting Camarillo.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: And I just want to thank Tamina for
5 the great work here. It's been pretty impressive to
6 incorporate all of this COI and kind of get it to where
7 it is right now. Can we take a closer look at Camarillo
8 just to make sure that we -- the split is appropriate
9 there? Thank you. Very helpful. Any thoughts from the
10 Commission?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You're not splitting the
12 outlets, are you?

13 MS. RAMOS ALON: No, the outlets are intact. We are
14 coming across the 101 freeway and heading up the 34.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So hearing no concern. This
16 is a great work, Tamina. Let's keep going south.

17 And by going south, we're going to be going -- we're
18 going to be reviewing some of the changes in Los Angeles
19 County. So I'm going to ask a quick change of line
20 drawers so that we can see Los Angeles County. Then
21 we'll be -- it's going to be quick -- so we can see the
22 changes that have been done. They've been pretty
23 conservative, I think, and then -- since yesterday. And
24 then we will be going to southern -- to San Diego.
25 Actually, Orange County, then San Diego.

1 30,000 right now in terms of comments through our
2 public process, and then of course, in person and through
3 the summer. And they've been able to reconcile those at
4 our direction. And this is -- it's tough because the
5 foundation of our maps is the COIs, and now, we're having
6 to make difficult decisions based on all the other
7 criteria.

8 So at this time, I'm going to ask for the public
9 line to be opened. We're going to open -- we're not
10 going to take public comment until we're done line
11 drawing in Southern California, but at this time, we're
12 going to open the line and we're going to give thirty
13 minutes for individuals to join the line. We'll be
14 accepting the line.

15 I anticipate we will be taking public comment around
16 8 o'clock, but we will open the queue now. You have
17 thirty minutes. If we can do it sooner than that, I
18 would -- it depends on how quickly we can get through
19 Southern California. But if we can get through sooner
20 with line drawing in Southern California, we will do it
21 sooner. As soon as -- it depends on how quickly we can
22 get through those and how comfortable we are with the
23 maps as they are being presented.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right, Chair. Would
25 you like me to read the instructions?



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: I do. I would.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.
3 In order to maximize transparency and public
4 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
5 taking public comment by phone.

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21 stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during
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24 turn down the live stream volume.

25 Chair, we'll hand it back to you at this time.



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: I see Jaime has joined us. Jaime has
2 been so busy and has been working so hard to get us Los
3 Angeles County and to try to minimize the impact of our
4 changes yesterday. So let's take a look at this and
5 let's review it and let's go over it for all of the
6 Commissioners and for the public.

7 Jaime, can you walk us through some of the changes
8 that have been made?

9 MS. CLARK: Yeah, absolutely.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: And this is Los Angeles County, for
11 the public.

12 MS. CLARK: Yes.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime.

14 MS. CLARK: Thank you, Commissioners, for the
15 opportunity to present to you again today. I have been
16 very busy, and just wanted to show you briefly what I've
17 been working on, get some feedback about whether this is
18 going in the direction that you would like to move
19 towards, so that if not, I can pivot now.

20 And with that, I'm just going to review some of the
21 changes that I've been working on. There's a lot
22 throughout the county. And if I may, I'd like to start
23 here in the -- where is this -- Los Angeles County-Orange
24 County area. So based on counsel direction, or guidance
25 rather, the direction was to include La Habra and La

1 Mirada in a VRA district.

2 Additionally, yesterday, Commission was unhappy with
3 moving La Habra into the AD 60 Corridor District. So I
4 took that out and put La Habra into the AD 5 Corridor
5 District. For contiguity, East Whittier and South
6 Whittier had to also be included in AD 5 Corridor. As a
7 population trade, Pico Rivera is now in. This is a
8 negative .18 percent deviation with 55.02 percent Latino
9 CVAP.

10 Moving on to AD 5 Corridor, again, La Habra, La
11 Mirada, East Whittier and South Whittier are included.
12 And for population, had to move out Bell Gardens. This
13 is negative .55 percent deviation and a 63.15 percent
14 Latino CVAP.

15 Moving on to the AD Gateway, again, this now
16 includes Bell Gardens for population purposes. Then had
17 to split Lakewood. So now Lakewood and Hawaiian Gardens
18 are with the NOC District. I had received guidance to
19 look into splitting Long Beach instead. With this
20 general structure of your VRA Districts, moving Long
21 Beach into AD Gateway as opposed to splitting Lakewood
22 would increase the Latino CVAP. This is the CVAP that
23 the Commission had worked to generally bring down, and so
24 that's why Lakewood is split as opposed to Long Beach
25 being split in this iteration. Just really high-level

1 overview in this iteration of NOC, again, Hawaiian
2 Gardens and part of Lakewood is in NOC. The split in
3 Fullerton is different as a result of just the population
4 trade there and to get allowable deviation throughout all
5 of these districts.

6 I'm going to move on to what I've been working on
7 more in the City of Los Angeles. I have been trying to
8 incorporate the direction that Commissioner Turner
9 provided yesterday with other direction that I have been
10 provided by the Commission throughout this process.

11 So I'm just going to start with the AD South Bay
12 District. Lawndale was moved out of this district and
13 Gardena is still split for population purposes. West
14 Carson and some of the Harbor Gateway neighborhoods are
15 in the AD South Bay, as well as this part of Coastal San
16 Pedro Neighborhood Council to the very west. The reason
17 that had to go in there is because I was directed to
18 maintain the boundary between Long Beach and San Pedro to
19 keep the ports separate.

20 Moving north, I moved Watts Neighborhood Council
21 into this Compton and Carson-based AD South LA District.
22 105 Corridor; I moved LAX into a district with Inglewood,
23 Lennox-Hawthorne, Lawndale, the northern part of Gardena,
24 West Athens, Westmont.

25 I'm just going to continue north. On this 110 LA

1 District, this includes the part of downtown that is
2 south of Little Tokyo, including South Central
3 Neighborhood Council, includes USC, Florence-Graham,
4 Central-Alameda neighborhoods.

5 Looking at N10, this includes Culver City in a
6 district with Crenshaw, including West Adams, Mid-City,
7 Pico, Koreatown, and Historic Filipinotown. Because of
8 moving Culver City from this West Side District into N10,
9 then Beverly Hills is moved back into the AD West Side
10 District. Moving Beverly Hills from this district last
11 time into the Glenn LA was something that the Commission
12 did not like, and so that's -- or at least some
13 Commissioners expressed hesitation with. So Beverly
14 Hills is back with AD West Side. For Glenn LA, the LGBTQ
15 COI here is maintained from West Hollywood to Silver
16 Lake. Greater Wilshire is intact. Mid-City is in this
17 visualization, Atwater Village, and then Glendale is
18 split for population just north of 134, and Silver Lake,
19 of course, included in this.

20 Boyle Heights is back in the NELA District. It's
21 including East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, El Sereno,
22 Eagle Rock, Glassell Park, Echo Park, Chinatown, Little
23 Tokyo.

24 And then also a change in San Fernando Valley that
25 the Commission was interesting in seeing. This impacts

1 also Santa Clarita Valley, so I'm just going to start up
2 there. This change includes Santa Clarita Valley with
3 Chatsworth, Bell Canyon, Hidden Hills -- and zoom in --
4 and the Woodland Hills areas. This puts the rest of
5 Glendale, the Sunland-Tujunga Foothills Trails, all of
6 Burbank, Studio City, Sherman Oaks and POSO, Encino, and
7 Tarzana all in one district.

8 In the Central San Fernando Valley District, it
9 hasn't changed a ton. It does include Mission Hills,
10 Arleta, Northridge Neighborhoods like Balboa, Reseda.

11 And for East San Fernando Valley, Granada Hills,
12 Sylmar, San Fernando, most of Pacoima Neighborhood
13 Council. Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council
14 is split in this, and it includes Sun Valley Neighborhood
15 Council, NoHo areas, most of Van Nuys, and that is --
16 those are the changes.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Wow.

18 MS. CLARK: Just again, wanted to thank you for the
19 opportunity to present this to you and would love to hear
20 if this is the direction that you generally would like me
21 to go in or if I should pivot now.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime. Our appreciation
23 to you for the hard work. I love it. I'm just giving
24 you my thoughts. I love it. This is our direction.
25 This is what we've been talking about.

1 I want to get some comments from the Commission,
2 starting with Commissioner Turner, then Commissioner
3 Vazquez, then Sadhwani.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, I just wanted to express
5 my appreciation to Jaime. I do love it. I thank you for
6 all of the work that you did.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

8 Commissioner Vazquez.

9 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes, thank you so much. This
10 is great, great work. One, since we're --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

12 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I don't have any feedback on
13 major structural changes. I would just like to note, if
14 possible, for the Culver City change, rather than using
15 the city boundaries, I really would strongly recommend
16 that we use the 405 as a boundary for that district. It
17 makes more sense in terms of communities of interest.
18 The 405 is a really strong demarcation point. But
19 otherwise, at least at this first glance, this is looking
20 really good. Thanks so much, Jaime.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime. And we'll take a
22 look at that refinement in Culver City in a second. But
23 let's hear from Commissioner Sadhwani and then
24 Commissioner Kennedy.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, first of all, amazing.

1 Thank you. In broad strokes, I think it achieves many of
2 the goals that we outlined. Definitely excited to see
3 that COI on the southeastern side of LA County kept
4 together.

5 A few things and questions; these are just general
6 refinements that I want to mention, and we can think
7 about whether or not we want to do any of them. I just
8 want to note the Florence-Graham area. There's been a
9 lot of testimony -- actually, a bunch of people called in
10 last night, but it wasn't the first time they'd called
11 in. So I wanted to uplift that. There was a strong
12 desire to be with the Gateway cities of Huntington Park
13 and Walnut Park. I know we're cut from Huntington Park.
14 Can we zoom in to the neighborhood levels just to see
15 where Huntington Park -- it's inside of there, right?

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum. I think you're frozen,
17 Commission Sadhwani. Yea, you're frozen. Now, you're
18 moving. How about we wait for your internet to
19 stabilize? In the meantime, we'll go to Commissioner
20 Kennedy.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. And yes,
22 thank you, Jaime, for some wonderful work. I just have a
23 couple of queries. First of all, has Koreatown been
24 adjusted to follow the COI boundaries or are we still
25 using the neighborhood council boundaries?

1 MS. CLARK: For this, the neighborhood council
2 boundaries.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. We've had significant
4 input asking us to respect the COI boundaries rather than
5 the neighborhood council boundaries, so I would like to
6 suggest that that be explored. Second of all, it looks
7 like there's a slight incursion into Echo Park just from
8 Silver Lake, the southeastern corner of Silver Lake
9 pushes over into Echo Park, and I was just wondering if
10 there was a specific reason for that.

11 MS. CLARK: Yeah, so -- well, I guess, two
12 questions. So to clarify, you prefer following the
13 neighborhood boundaries for Koreatown and splitting
14 Greater Wilshire, as opposed to using the neighborhood
15 council boundaries for Koreatown. Is that true?

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Now, that I understand that
17 involves breaking the Greater Wilshire Neighborhood
18 Council, I'm not certain. So now, I have a better
19 understanding. And that's why these were queries rather
20 than instructions.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, this is awkward.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay.

23 MS. CLARK: Yeah. And to answer your second
24 question, my belief, in working with the neighborhood
25 council boundaries for quite some time now, is that maybe

1 at one point they were drawn using census blocks. The
2 census blocks currently do not necessarily follow the
3 neighborhood council boundaries anymore. So the census
4 blocks don't exactly follow this. This is following a
5 major road. So I used that for this, and if the
6 Commission would like me to, I can explore changing that
7 boundary and moving it west.

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. No, I just wanted to
9 understand. So now, I understand. And finally, was
10 combining -- well, first of all, cleaning up North
11 Hollywood boundaries so that it's the 171/134 Lankership
12 Boulevard boundaries; and second of all, have we been
13 able to combine Toluca Lake with North Hollywood? Thank
14 you.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And just a reminder for
16 the public, at 6 o'clock, the lines will close and we
17 will take public comment once we are done line drawing.

18 In the meantime, I'm going to ask Kristian to --
19 we're going to do a one minute per Commissioner because
20 it's getting closer to 6 o'clock. So one minute per
21 Commission, starting with Commission Sadhwani, then
22 Sinay, then Fornaciari. And Kristian's going to be
23 helping just keep track of time, because I am bad with my
24 timer.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You got it, Chair.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

2 MS. CLARK: North Hollywood Neighborhood Council is
3 split in this. Part of that is for population. I also
4 hadn't received specific direction from the Commission to
5 include Toluca Lake with North Hollywood. That's
6 something I can definitely explore. Thank you for that
7 direction.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Is there consensus on that -- to
9 explore that? I just want to make sure, before we move
10 on, that there's consensus. I see heads nodding, so yes.
11 Okay. Actually, we have a comment from Commissioner -- I
12 just want to make sure that we have consensus before we
13 move on and give direction. Commissioner Fernandez.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I don't have any issue with
15 it. I just noticed that both of those districts are ones
16 almost at four percent, so I'm not sure what that's going
17 to do -- if it will take you over the deviation. Thanks.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's make sure, as we make these
19 changes, to keep the deviations appropriate. All right.
20 So Commissioner Sadhwani, and Fornaciari, then Fernandez.
21 Okay, Fernandez is out.

22 So Commissioner Sadhwani, I think you had a comment
23 before you froze.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, sorry about that. I
25 can't believe I froze. So the Florence-Graham piece, I

1 think it's complicated, right, because that district is
2 already at seventy-one percent in the Latino CVAP. So I
3 wouldn't want to overpack it anymore, but definitely
4 wanted to lift that. If we can think of any possible
5 solutions there, I would definitely be open to taking a
6 closer look.

7 I wanted to note: by putting Boyle Heights and East
8 LA together, I think we're really bringing together a --
9 I think we could unpack that district, generally
10 speaking, in general terms.

11 And finally, I'm looking forward to hearing some
12 feedback from the San Fernando folks. Glendale to
13 Tarzana is a pretty far distance, actually. So I'd be
14 curious to hear what they have to say. Thank you.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And of course, you can
16 always get back in the queue.

17 Commissioner Fornaciari.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Can you move north a
19 little bit, Jaime, please? And thank you so much for all
20 of your hard work. Yeah, up to the forest up there. So
21 we've heard some desire for this -- you were good. Yeah,
22 over here above -- right where your hand was -- this to
23 be with the south part. Is that -- I think -- what we've
24 heard? I'm pretty sure that's what we heard -- to be
25 with Sunland-Tujunga. Is that something we can explore?

1 Thank you.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Vazquez, and
3 then Commissioner Sinay.

4 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I guess my comment is more of
5 a question to Commissioner Sadhwani. I'm just trying to
6 figure out where -- what could happen. What are now are
7 options for NELA, in terms of especially the Boyle
8 Heights and East LA? Pairing, if we were going to adjust
9 this further, do you have ideas about where Boyle Heights
10 or East LA would go? There didn't seem to be a strong
11 appetite for linking Boyle Heights with South LA, so
12 yeah, that's my question.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I can -- oh, sorry, I won't
14 answer right now.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's respond, and then we'll go to
16 Sinay.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: All right. I wasn't in the
18 queue.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Just to make sure we capture that
20 thought.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, just really quickly.
22 I don't have a great answer right at this point in time.
23 I'd like to take a closer look at it. I think the
24 testimony had been Boyle Heights out to Pico Union and
25 Rampart. Those are areas out along MacArthur Park, et

1 cetera, that are very much connected to historic
2 communities and a lot of undocumented communities as
3 well. So that would be one thought, but that's going to
4 again send ripples through this map. So I want to
5 acknowledge that, and we can think about if there are any
6 opportunities to unpack this area.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

8 Let's go to Commissioner Sinay. Then after that,
9 maybe Jaime has some suggestions on this area, on
10 possible potentials. But let's let Jaime think about it
11 while Commissioner Sinay gives her feedback. And then
12 we'll go to Fernandez and then Jaime. So Sinay.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: This is just a question for all
14 of us, and I don't really -- Angeles Forest. You'll
15 remind me of this. We've had two different ways people
16 have asked. One is to have one good steward of the
17 forest and the other is every city -- go up five
18 kilometers so every city gets to be a steward of the
19 forest. And I didn't know which way we wanted to go.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's a good question. Commissioner
21 Fernandez, and then if folks have opinions on that.
22 Commissioner Fernandez.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Jaime, could you highlight
24 the Boyle Heights and Pico Union area? I just want to
25 see exactly what that is. Thank you.

1 MS. CLARK: So this is Boyle Heights and this is
2 Pico Union. And up here is Rampart area that
3 Commissioner Sadhwani was just talking about.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I appreciate
5 that.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's a good segue. Jaime, do you
7 have any thoughts about what Commissioner Vazquez and
8 Commissioner Sadhwani have been suggesting in this area?
9 Any thoughts on how we might be able to accomplish --

10 MS. CLARK: I think that really depends on the
11 Commission's overall goals and priorities for the map.
12 For example, moving Boyle Heights out of this district
13 may not -- I would say would not be necessarily aligned
14 with, for example, keeping the LGBTQ COI from West
15 Hollywood to Sliver Lake together.

16 And also, I guess depending on the priority of
17 direction I've previously received around Los Angeles,
18 for example, keeping West Side neighborhoods separate
19 from areas like Pico and Mid-City, and yeah. It's a
20 really big puzzle, and I think essentially trying to move
21 Boyle Heights out could, again depending on how firm the
22 Commission feels about previous direction that you've
23 given, for example, potentially splitting some of the
24 Black COI, splitting up the LGBTQ COI.

25 If the Commission is comfortable with Chinatown

1 being separate from Little Tokyo, if the Commission is
2 comfortable with San Pedro being with parts of Long
3 Beach, if East Los Angeles is moved out of the district,
4 if the Commission is -- which is 120,000 people. If the
5 Commission is comfortable with a "no district goes
6 untouched" approach to redrawing Los Angeles County. So
7 it depends on the goals and priorities of the Commission.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime. And thank you for
9 that reminder that we have so many COIs in this area, and
10 any COI that we change impacts another COI. Commissioner
11 Vazquez and Sinay.

12 And before we go to Vazquez, I just wanted to remind
13 the public that our lines are closing at 6 o'clock.
14 Please be in the queue by 6 o'clock to be able to give
15 public comment today. Commissioner Vazquez.

16 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Maybe I am a fool to think
17 that it could be this easy, but -- saying that in
18 advance -- I'm curious, especially given Commissioner
19 Sadhwani's possible suggestion which got my gears going,
20 I'm sure you've tried this. So would it work to put
21 Boyle Heights in with the N10 District? And for
22 population -- to keep the population balanced, moving
23 Culver City back into either probably the West Side,
24 maybe not the 105 Corridor but maybe the West Side
25 District.

1 MS. CLARK: So what that would look like would be if
2 Culver City was moved into the West Side District,
3 Beverly Hills would be back with the Glenn North LA
4 District, and then it would be Boyle Heights, Downtown,
5 and -- I think a way that we -- okay, so it actually
6 involves a lot. So it would 105 Corridor would need to
7 be back similar to how it was before, stretching across
8 this way.

9 And then N10, I think I tried this and it was
10 basically the Ladera Heights, View Park, with Boyle
11 Heights and Downtown and South-Central Neighborhood
12 Council, Central Alameda, and then it was Pico,
13 Koreatown. Actually, maybe that was Downtown Boyle
14 Heights. So it was -- the overall structure of this was
15 just more across, if that makes sense, or east to west.
16 And now, it looks how it does now.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you --

18 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Thank you.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- so much for that. Good reminder
20 about how every COI is -- every minor change is impacted
21 every other aspect, which is even more -- the work that
22 you've done, Jaime, is so impressive that you're able to
23 incorporate all of the direction that we gave you
24 yesterday.

25 Just a reminder to the public that these are -- that

1 what we're doing here today is reviewing the results of
2 our direction from yesterday. The map will be posted by
3 tomorrow morning. The whole map of the state will be
4 posted by tomorrow morning at where we are right now, and
5 then we'll continue to -- of course, continue to working
6 on it, but this is the direction that we gave the line
7 drawers yesterday to implement, and they've gotten it
8 back to us already. It means that they worked all night
9 on it, and we really appreciate their work.

10 Next in the queue. I don't see anyone next in the
11 queue. I do remember that Commissioner Vazquez has
12 suggested one potential change in Culver City, and that
13 was making a minor change on the left side of the city.
14 Can you go to Culver City and tell us what the
15 implications of that might be?

16 MS. CLARK: I that would be possible, and I will
17 explore all of the changes that Commissioners expressed
18 interest in this evening. We'll work on that and we'll
19 work to send all of the files to staff as soon as
20 possible to be posted by tomorrow morning.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: I just want to make sure we have
22 consensus on it, because I see some conflicting testimony
23 and some conflicting direction. So I just want to make
24 sure we have direction that doesn't conflict. So
25 Commissioner Turner, and then we will go through and

1 outline the direction that we all agree to.

2 Commissioner Turner.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'm definitely supportive of
4 the line that Commissioner Vazquez mentioned about Culver
5 City. But Jaime, when you named going back and doing
6 other things, that's where you lost me. No, I'm not sure
7 about that part.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. What Commissioner Turner is
9 saying is she loves the maps. She loves the maps as they
10 are now. And didn't like the potential ripple effects of
11 changes.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Culver City, she said it's
13 doable and easy. That's a straight line.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: But Culver City is potentially easy
15 and may not have as many implications. You'll be able to
16 explore that. I see consensus on that. Let's continue
17 on and see where else we might be able to get consensus
18 in terms of direction for the line drawers. Any
19 additional direction that we want to give to the line
20 drawers? This is for Los Angeles County. Let's give
21 Commissioner Fernandez.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm not sure if this is
23 impacting the Assembly, but I just want to make sure we
24 cleaned up the POSO boundary. It's the north border
25 along Oxnard to Hazeltine down the 405 West along

1 Sepulveda. I hope I pronounced that correctly.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: I believed Commissioner Sinay had
3 also brought up the question. It was a question for
4 discussion about the parks and whether we wanted to
5 include portions of the park in each one of the
6 districts. I thought that was for the federal maps. I
7 didn't think it was for the Assembly, but I just want to
8 make sure that we talk about it because it was brought
9 up. And I believe this is a -- correct me if I'm wrong,
10 I believe this is federal land. I'm not 100 percent
11 sure, but I believe that would be --

12 MS. CLARK: This is Angeles National Forest.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: So yeah, federal jurisdiction. All
14 right. Commissioner Andersen.

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, I like the idea because
16 they said this is essentially the only way in, and I
17 believe there's virtually no population. So I think that
18 it's a very good idea in terms of adding that because
19 they do -- the whole fire zone right through there
20 affects anybody right next to it.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: You're right. There's fire
22 management that may have some state issues. I don't
23 know.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: I actually don't know how much of

1 that is federal and how much of it is state.

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, but Cal Fire ends up
3 having to do quite a bit of the federal land anyway.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So that is an item for
5 discussion, if Commissioners are interested in having
6 Jaime explore including a portion of the national forest
7 in each one of these districts. It doesn't appear that
8 there's much population.

9 Jaime, can you put up the map that shows how many
10 people in each district? Do you know how -- there's a
11 lot of zeroes. I want to see here -- let's just make
12 sure that there's a lot of zeroes here and we're not
13 shifting populations.

14 MS. CLARK: Doing that, I can say from experience
15 that --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh yes, absolutely. Give us your
17 guidance.

18 MS. CLARK: --there's not very much population in
19 here. Right in this area, there is some population. I
20 can look at moving this either in the populated areas,
21 which it's not a ton but it's more densely populated
22 here, can work on adding that in with the East San
23 Fernando Valley Base District and then adding more of the
24 forest itself and the unpopulated areas into South San
25 Fernando Valley Base District if that is agreeable with

1 the Commission.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: How much population are we talking
3 about? And Commissioner Sadhwani.

4 MS. CLARK: I'll put it up.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: This is just to try to get general
6 consensus if we're all in agreement on this. So
7 Commissioner Sadhwani, do you have comments?

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I live literally right off
9 of --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, cool.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- Angeles National Highway
12 there. The squiggly line coming down into La Cañada, I'm
13 not too far from that, a couple blocks. So I don't see a
14 problem with the splits that exist. We definitely do get
15 fires in Angeles National Forest. To me, I don't exactly
16 know a whole lot about fire management but my
17 understanding is that it's a partnership between federal
18 funds and state funds and Cal Fire and federal -- it's
19 all hands on deck when we do have fires. So having
20 additional Assembly members who care about that region
21 makes sense to me. I don't feel like we need to add
22 additional to that though.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. As I look at this, we're
24 really only talking about 9, 17, 27, at most 100 there.
25 So there's not much population in this area. The impact

1 would be negligible, I believe. Jaime, tell me if I'm
2 wrong, at least in this portion that I'm looking at right
3 now.

4 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I think it would be possible to
5 add either to the South San Fernando Valley District or
6 to just include up to the forest. I think either/or.
7 And if the Commission is comfortable with it, if there
8 are larger implications with all the people added
9 together, then I can just balance the districts if
10 needed.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm going to look to the Commission
12 and see if the Commissioners are comfortable with that.
13 Yes? Okay. I don't see anyone in opposition. Anyone
14 opposed? Commissioner Sinay and Commissioner Kennedy.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just for my clarity's sake,
16 would you go up five kilometers, ten kilometers, or
17 you're going see all that and that's what -- let it go?

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Do you have any recommendation,
19 Commissioner Sinay? Okay.

20 MS. CLARK: I understood the direction to be add
21 this part of -- or the direction that's up for discussion
22 to be add this part of Angeles National Forest in with
23 Sunland-Tujunga. So I would try to do that to the extent
24 possible based on population requirements.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Kennedy.

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: My further recommendation
2 would be to add the western part to the East San Fernando
3 Valley District.

4 MS. CLARK: Do you mean just this part or all the
5 way up to Santa Clarita?

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I don't know where the census
7 blocks fall. I would be fine with that east/west line
8 continuing all the way out to the border of Santa
9 Clarita, and then the southwest of those dividing lines,
10 yeah, that segment going with East San Fernando Valley.

11 MS. CLARK: I understand, thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: So some of this would go to the East
14 San Fernando Valley and some of it would go into the
15 other district to the south. Okay. General consensus
16 here? Okay.

17 So we'll ask you to do that as you have time and are
18 able to do that with balanced deviations and not impact
19 the communities too much.

20 Any further direction for the line drawers at this
21 time? Commissioner Taylor.

22 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Sorry got get into this a
23 little late, but services to the Angeles National Forest
24 come from the Santa Clarita Sheriff Station area. So do
25 we want to align them with where they get some of their

1 fire services from? As it is in tax schemes, it makes
2 sense to me according to where they get their emergency
3 services from in regards to fire management.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor. Any
5 suggestions on where the lines should be drawn? Keeping
6 it in Santa Clarita?

7 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I would keep it as is.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. You would keep it as is. All
9 right. Commissioner Kennedy. No comment. So it doesn't
10 sound like we have consensus on adjusting population.

11 Any other comments on this? It really is national
12 forest, so maybe it is a federal issue rather than a
13 state issue. Commissioner Kennedy.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: So I guess my thinking is
15 that part to the northwest of the new cross there in the
16 middle of the forest would be with Santa Clarita, a part
17 with East San Fernando Valley, and part with South San
18 Fernando Valley. So everybody has a part of it. Thank
19 you.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Given that there's not a lot of
21 population, I'm going to suggest we move on in a second.
22 Let's just get clarification as to whether we're going to
23 do this. So I want to hear from Andersen and Taylor, and
24 then we're going to move on.

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I really like that idea

1 because we're talking about representation. I'm sure
2 that some of the firefighting has to come up from
3 Tujunga. But we need three Assembly people on it to make
4 sure it's going to get the proper funds and also be able
5 to work with the Congressmen in this area. I like what
6 Commissioner Kennedy said.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: I would just say that this area does
8 have representation. It's certainly represented. We're
9 talking about more representation.

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Commissioner Taylor. I don't
12 want the public to think this area doesn't have
13 representation. It certainly does. Commissioner Taylor.

14 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Right. Again, one of the
15 things -- I just look at it from a sense of where they
16 get their resources so they can have a vested interested
17 in deciding how their resources are used. So actually,
18 where Commissioner Sadhwani brought up that little line,
19 La Cañada at Montrose, those services are split between
20 Santa Clarita and it goes along the lines that you have
21 now to the other side.

22 Sunland Tujunga technically does not participate in
23 the allocation of the resources. The resources come from
24 Santa Clarita along down to the La Cañada to the 210
25 Corridor. That's where the resources come from when

1 we're talking about fire management. So the Sunland
2 Tujunga doesn't necessarily participate in the same
3 manner in that fire management. Thank you.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor. It
5 doesn't seem like we have consensus here. Again, since
6 the population of the districts do have representation,
7 let's move on to other areas of the map. Other direction
8 we want to give to the line drawers for Los Angeles
9 County? We are looking for consensus on direction just
10 so that the line drawers aren't spending time on
11 conflicting direction. Commissioner Sadhwani.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm generally comfortable
13 with the direction we're moving in here. I would love to
14 get public comment on the maps. For me, I feel like --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Me too.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- it would be helpful if we
17 can have an opportunity in our schedule to revisit this
18 after we've had a chance to post it, people have had a
19 chance to digest, I think that would be helpful. But in
20 generally, I'm generally pretty pleased with the
21 direction we're moving in, maybe some minor refinements.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So certainly, I think we
23 certainly want the public to weigh in on this. And there
24 are certainly opportunities to weigh in either through
25 public comment tomorrow and also if they're in the queue

1 today as well as through only public submission. And
2 we'll take as much public comment as we receive. All
3 right. Any other direction for this area? Commissioner
4 Vazquez.

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Not direction, but just
6 because -- thank you for zooming out. Do we have the
7 same -- where is the data box for the east part of --
8 sorry, the west part of the Antelope Valley? Oh, because
9 it's up in Kern. Got it. Perfect. Okay, thank you.

10 MS. CLARK: Would you like to move on back to
11 Kennedy's area?

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's see. I just want to make sure
13 that there's no other direction for Los Angeles County
14 before we head up to Kennedy's area. Any other comments
15 here on Los Angeles County? We will be going up to
16 Sacramento, and we're going to be looking at the Vineyard
17 area. If there's no other comments here, we'll going
18 back to Northern California. We're going to give Jaime
19 huge thanks, props, and appreciation for all your great
20 work.

21 To the public, the maps you saw today are the maps
22 that we're exploring for -- that we've been working on
23 and visualizing and that we have for you, and they will
24 be posted as soon as we possibly can, either tonight or
25 tomorrow. We're working on that as we speak. And we



1 will be going up to Sacramento area for review of that
2 area. And I think our staff needs a five-minute break,
3 so we're going to take a five-minute break to switch line
4 drawers and then we'll be back in five minutes. And
5 that'll give us all time to --

6 MR. MANOFF: Chair, our next scheduled break is at
7 6:25. Do you want to just take it early? Take fifteen
8 right now?

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's just take fifteen
10 minutes now, because we have a scheduled break in a
11 couple minutes. So let's just take it now. We'll come
12 back. Grab your dinner because this is going to be a
13 working session. Thank you.

14 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 6:17 p.m. to
15 6:33 p.m.)

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Welcome back to the
17 California Citizens Redistricting Commission. We've been
18 visualizing all day and continue to visualize. We have
19 just looked at the changes for Los Angeles County and are
20 very pleased with them. We are now looking at Sacramento
21 County. We worked on this yesterday. We're exploring
22 some possible tweaks in this area.

23 Commissioner Fernandez, I'm going to ask you to --
24 actually, I'm going to ask Kennedy to go through some of
25 these changes. This is a snapshot to the -- of course,

1 this is just the visualization we're exploring here. And
2 we'll see where this visualization goes. You can see
3 where the impacts are in the map. So Kennedy, can you
4 walk us through some of the potential changes here?

5 MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment. Let me pull those up.
6 I wasn't sure what we were starting with, so I moved, but
7 let me put that visualization back up. Thank you,
8 Commission.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you for joining us
10 again today, and for working on this, this morning and
11 this afternoon. So can you go through some of these
12 changes?

13 MS. WILSON: Yes. Thank you also, Commissioner
14 Fernandez for sending this over.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Before we move on to that,
16 Commissioner Fornaciari has a comment. And then
17 Commissioner Fernandez has a comment as well. And then
18 we'll introduce this as -- this is a visualization of
19 trying to get Vineyard into Sacramento and some of the
20 challenges we have, just so the public and the
21 Commissioners can see why it's so difficult to get
22 Vineyard into a Sacramento-based District.

23 Commissioner Fornaciari and then Commissioner
24 Fernandez, and then we'll go back to Kennedy to give an
25 overview.

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Kennedy, I'm sorry, when
2 you were zoomed out, this looked like our draft map and
3 not the map that we wound up with yesterday. But you've
4 just changed it that much. Is that --

5 MS. WILSON: Given the sheet file that was sent to
6 me, I made changes that were on that sheet file, and I
7 still have our version from yesterday too. This is just
8 the changes with the sheet file that was sent over.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let me give some context to this,
10 and this might help us. We are exploring possible
11 changes that Commissioner Fernandez has been working with
12 our line drawers on to potentially move Vineyard into the
13 District. So we're trying to visualize what it might
14 look like if we included Vineyard into this area.

15 Certainly, this has been looked at before, but we're
16 trying to see if there's a possibility of a path forward
17 with this. This is for visualization purposes, and
18 that's where we're at. And certainly, we have very high
19 deviations that we have to work through, but this an
20 exploration. So Kennedy -- actually, Commissioner
21 Fernandez and then Kennedy.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you so much. I'm not
23 sure if everyone recalls, but besides the VRA Districts,
24 trying to get Vineyard in was one of my high priorities.
25 So I went home last night to work on it again. I was

1 having computer issues, and now, it worked out. So based
2 on the information, I moved in Vineyard.

3 I don't know, Kennedy, if you can maybe zoom into
4 that, that would be great. Thank you. And to address
5 Commissioner Fornaciari, some of the neighborhoods might
6 be different up top. I'm not sure from what you did
7 because I was working -- I didn't have the latest
8 information in terms of -- so what I did is I moved in
9 Vineyard plus that section above it just to make it
10 whole. And then what I did in terms of the boundaries, I
11 obviously had to move some of the population from the SAC
12 Elk Grove up to West SAC.

13 And so what I did there was -- if Kennedy zooms in,
14 I brought the western boundary down to 35th Avenue.
15 That's by the -- that draws the line from the airport to
16 99, I believe. And then on the West Side, I went
17 through -- that boundary came down -- yes, thank you,
18 Kennedy, that's perfect. And then on the West Side --
19 I'm sorry, the East Side, right about -- yeah. We went
20 through Broadway to San Joaquin to 14th Avenue, and then
21 just carried that across.

22 And by doing this, I was able to maintain quite a
23 bit of the communities of interest that wanted to be kept
24 together in the SAC Elk Grove community. And I did
25 not -- I don't believe I touched the West Plaster. I



1 might've moved some neighborhoods around, but for the
2 most part, as you can see, the SAC Elk Grove does have a
3 somewhat higher deviation of 4.83. We could
4 theoretically move the boundaries, but I felt that I was
5 trying to respect as many communities of interest as
6 possible, and I felt fine having a 4.83. I do believe
7 it's based on the communities. I don't think they're
8 going to mind having a 4.83 if we can get Vineyard in.
9 But of course, what's going to happen then is the
10 SAC_STANIS now has a negative 10.49. So because I didn't
11 have our updated maps, I wasn't able to work on that
12 piece of it. So we'll have to -- in order for this to
13 work, we're going to have to bring in some population to
14 fill that gap of at least six percent.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for that overview,
16 Commissioner Fernandez, and thank you for drafting a map
17 on the GIS system.

18 Kennedy, can you talk to us about the potential
19 impacts and what we would have to do if we were to
20 incorporate Vineyard into a Sacramento-based District
21 with our current map? And I believe you're on mute.

22 MS. WILSON: So as you can see the surrounding
23 areas, this is also due to Commissioner Fernandez using
24 the older map, so I followed these boundaries that were
25 in the sheet file. However, this impact with the maps

1 that we have now, I do not have.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Maybe if you and Commissioner
3 Fernandez can take this back and start exploring that on
4 your own, and if there's a path forward, I'd like to see
5 it tomorrow. So please take this and we'll see if
6 there's a path forward. It looks very complicated and
7 very difficult to have a path forward, but if anyone is
8 able to do it, it would be Kennedy.

9 MS. WILSON: Can we perhaps just put the new lines
10 on top in the --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sure, let's do that. Let's talk
12 about that. Let's look at the new lines overlapping
13 these lines, and perhaps there's some discussion that you
14 want to have. And then after this, I do want to go to
15 public comments. We'll be going to public comment
16 earlier, given that it doesn't look like we will be able
17 to work through this.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think we can probably
19 take the seat out numbers off so that it's not as
20 confusing. I think that might be helpful, thank you.

21 MS. WILSON: Yes, I will do that now. I am going to
22 make those changes now from this. As you can see, the
23 green lines, I'll make them slightly bigger so they're a
24 bit easier to see. So this would bring in Vineyard. It
25 balances Sacramento; however, it does not balance all the

1 outside districts. So I'm just going to do this really
2 quickly to show you it's not going to take very long.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Do this with the new district
4 configurations?

5 MS. WILSON: Yes, with the new district
6 configurations.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you.

8 Commissioner Fornaciari has a comment.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No, I already barged in
10 and made my comment. Thank you.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, okay.

12 Commissioner Sinay.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can I encourage us to put this
14 at the very end of the agenda tomorrow, so that we can
15 get to the Southern part of California?

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, absolutely.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Because we're going to need
18 more than just a couple hours, and we have spent so much
19 time in this area.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Absolutely. That is the priority for
21 tomorrow is Southern California.

22 Commissioner Fernandez.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, we can definitely --

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we're not doing Southern
25 California today because the line drawers for Southern

1 California aren't here.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- which is why. Otherwise, I
4 would've done Southern California right now. But they're
5 not here. They're going to be here tomorrow morning, and
6 that's when we're going to be doing Southern California.
7 Otherwise, I would definitely have done Southern
8 California tonight.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Kennedy,
10 actually just -- if you move back up real quick --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: So that's why we're doing this right
12 now.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Just for context for the Commission.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I wouldn't want to do it
16 tonight anyway because it would be rushed because there's
17 public comments waiting. So I just --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: I would've wanted to start it, right?
19 But I understand your feelings.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can I go now?

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, absolutely. Go ahead.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I wasn't sure if I was
23 going to be interrupted again. Okay, so notice that in
24 terms of the maps that we had before versus these maps, I
25 believe they -- North Highland and Antelope were, I

1 think, flipped. Is that right, Commissioner Fornaciari?

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No, no cities were split
3 in the county.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, was North Highlands
5 with West SAC? That's what I meant.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I believe North Highlands
8 was with the West SAC --

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh, okay.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- District, but I am not
11 sure. But right now, it's not super important. Anyway,
12 so now, the negative 10.24. So as I mentioned earlier,
13 we'll have to get about six percent. And we do have the
14 Cal Inyo that's over quite about that we could
15 potentially move in some of those areas.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Any feedback from the Commission to
17 give direction to our line drawers on this?

18 Commissioner Andersen.

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. With all the stuff we
20 just did to the Bay Area, then to say, oh but now, we're
21 going to try to fix this but cutting up the whole reason
22 why it shifted that way, I'd like us to revisit that. If
23 we're taking population from Cal Inyo and moving it to
24 NorCal and taking it all the way around, okay. But this
25 seems like --



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: This is an exploration --

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- out of place.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Commissioner Andersen. And it's
4 because we don't have the Southern California map
5 drawers, so we're entertaining it. But right now, the
6 maps are what they were as of yesterday.

7 Commissioner Fernandez.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think a somewhat simple
9 fix might be to bring in the entire Amador County into
10 that SAC_STANIS. I think that would even it out, if we
11 could try that.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: We have hands up from Commissioner
13 Fornaciari and Commissioner Turner.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh, I'd like to see it.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Turner and Commissioner
16 Fornaciari.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'll wait.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Were you in consensus with wanting to
19 see this? No, okay. Commissioner Turner does.

20 So this would get us into the appropriate
21 deviations. Something to think about. Let's hear from
22 the floor.

23 Can you show us what the districts would look like
24 so it would have -- it would go from Rancho --

25 MS. WILSON: Marietta, and then it would take all of

1 Amador County and then go down to Stanislaus where
2 there's Oakdale and Knights Ferry and Lathrop, Manteca,
3 Ripon, eastern farming towns of San Joaquin County.
4 There's Lodi, Galt, Walnut Grove, Isleton.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: I would want to hear community of
6 interest testimony in this area before we move forward.
7 So if Commissioners could bring community input and let
8 us know what's prompting the change. Commissioner
9 Fornaciari. Or it could be deviation too. It could be
10 deviation. It could be -- the reason for this change.

11 So Commissioner Fornaciari, Commissioner -- and
12 we'll go through.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I just had more of a
14 couple general comments about Northern California --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sure.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- and maps.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Absolutely. Go ahead.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Let's see. I guess maybe
19 some of the --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: We can move the map. Is that what
21 you -- would that help you or not?

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: That's fine. I just want
23 to check in with the rest of the Commission. I feel like
24 maybe my reaction stifled some potential path forward,
25 and I want to apologize to everyone for that if it did.

1 Well, either way.

2 I proposed this Inyo to Siskiyou thing because I
3 felt like we were stuck and looking for a solution for
4 that. I haven't seen the public comment on this yet, if
5 we've gotten some, but clearly, it's -- well, we did get
6 one from Chino, right? So clearly, this is a huge
7 district. I guess, in reflecting on it, if I lived in
8 Oramano (ph.) -- I don't know that we've heard from them
9 yet, but I guess I'd rather be in the Cali Inyo District
10 if I had to choose between the two. And I heard other
11 feedback about it.

12 So I just want to say, I'm open to whatever outcome
13 the Commission decides. I'm not married to this. I just
14 want to bring that back because Commissioner Andersen was
15 making a suggestion and I had a reaction to it, and I
16 feel like I shut her down and that wasn't appropriate.
17 So I want to apologize to her, first of all, for that.
18 And secondly, just say that I'm open to outcomes.

19 The second thing I want to say is that I received an
20 email directly with a suggestion for modifying the border
21 in Santa Rosa, and I forwarded that to our BordersFirst
22 email so it'll be -- and Ravi got it. But that was one
23 person with one piece of input on how to modify it.
24 That's input we've received and we'll take in, but I
25 think it's appropriate to not react to that --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: I saw it too, and I wasn't supportive
2 of that change.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. So I just want to
4 say that -- I want to acknowledge that we got it -- that
5 I got it and I sent it to you all, and that we'll look at
6 all the public feedback that we get and go from there.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's hear from Commissioner
8 Kennedy, Turner, and Fernandez. Then we will go to
9 public comment once we hear -- oh, and Sinay. So let's
10 go through all the queue, and then we'll go to public
11 comment. Fornaciari just went, so Kennedy.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Looking at
13 a relief map of California, specifically Amador and
14 Calaveras County neighboring this area, Amador,
15 Calaveras, and Twilane (ph.), to me, it would make more
16 sense to take the really Valley Flora areas of those
17 counties, so pull west from the eastern boundary of
18 Amador County and take the population from along the
19 eastern boundary of that South SAC_STANIS, because I'm
20 looking at a relief map on my computer -- Kennedy has
21 brought up the relief map, and it just to me, seems to
22 make more sense to have Valley communities rather than
23 going all the way up the mountain in one county. Thank
24 you.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

1 Commissioner Turner.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I would be in
3 support of that, and perhaps cut down through Jackson and
4 coming down all the way into Calaveras, down that way.
5 But however Kennedy works it out. I think if we pull
6 population going straight down, we run into where it's a
7 whole bunch of little highways and things there. But
8 maybe not all the way for all of Amador. I was in
9 support of that. I'm like, okay, because at this point,
10 I just want us to be able move forward in this area. And
11 I think these areas make sense on both sides of court --
12 is that 50?

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: I believe it is.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. We can zoom in a little
16 bit to make sure.

17 Commissioner Turner, then Fernandez, then Sinay.

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh, another minute. No.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right.

20 Commissioner Sinay and then Andersen.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry, I know I'm upset. I
22 just want to understand process. We have been able to go
23 back to every map on multiple days. We have not even
24 viewed the far Southern California. So I want to
25 understand the process of how we're going to have time to

1 go back and try to recreate a map or try to think about
2 something or come back, since we're supposed finalize --
3 not finalize, but we're supposed to be pretty comfortable
4 with Assembly. So what's the process now for Southern
5 California? The Southern part of Orange County,
6 Imperial, parts of Riverside, have not been looked at.
7 We keep coming back to the same parts of the state, and
8 we're ignoring the rest of the state.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: To respond to that, we were -- the
10 plan was to do Southern California today. We do not have
11 line drawers for Southern California today. If we had,
12 we would've done Southern California. We will have the
13 line drawers tomorrow, and they're scheduled to be here
14 all day tomorrow. We will do it until we have Southern
15 California. Tomorrow is dedicated to Southern
16 California.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can I just ask a follow-up
18 question?

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sure.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We're not going to get that
21 breather time like we've had with every other part when
22 we go back and say, okay, now let's look and see how it
23 works.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: If we --

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I know that tomorrow, we're

1 going revisit some of the parts that we talked about
2 today. So I'm just -- I've said this from the very
3 beginning of visualizations. Somehow or the other -- San
4 Diego was supposed to be on Tuesday or something, and it
5 kept getting pushed off and kept getting moved. So I
6 would really like a commitment that we don't go back to
7 parts of the map that we've already all said looked good
8 and we've already looked at the VRAs and all that and
9 really stay committed to looking at the whole state of
10 California.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: We are committed to -- of course,
12 we're committed to fair amounts across all of California,
13 Commissioner Sinay. If we need to, we will be working on
14 Sunday, and into Monday if we need to. So that is our
15 commitment. We will take the time that's needed to get
16 these maps right. And right now, we're focusing on this,
17 but certainly, we will make sure that we have fair
18 amounts for all of California.

19 So right now -- let's see. This is what we're
20 looking at. Our deviations are looking quite good.
21 Comments from the floor. At this point, Commissioner
22 Andersen, you had raised some concerns, so I want to hear
23 from you. And then there's others who potentially this
24 would achieve a couple of things, and I want to hear what
25 those are from the floor as well.

1 Commissioner Andersen, Commission Fernandez,
2 Commissioner Yee.

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. This is not part
4 of the Valley. This is really -- from Camanche on up,
5 this is the heart of Gold Country. Jackson is the
6 capital of Amador. Inyo is also elevated. This is what
7 they call The Flatts -- not The Flatts. This is The
8 Hills. This the Gold Country Hills. I understand
9 talking about adding Central Valley, but that's down
10 until you hit Tuolumne where you have a little bit before
11 you go up to Chinese CAM. And this is, for one COI, one
12 area, we're destroying how many others? I do have a
13 problem with taking this.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: We haven't made the decision to take
15 it, so that's --

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I would say it's not
17 consistent --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- in our thinking.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

21 Commissioner Yee.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: I hear what the Commissioner has
23 been saying. At the same time, I think one can make an
24 argument that these are connected to the Valley in ways
25 that other areas aren't. So I'm open to this.

1 I also want to follow up on Commissioner
2 Fornaciari's comment earlier about the huge NorCal
3 District. This might open up opportunities to rework
4 that. I would welcome that.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen and then
6 Kennedy. And I do want to express that we are -- we do
7 need to make sure that we address all of California,
8 including Southern California, within -- that Southern
9 California will take priority. But we want to hear from
10 Andersen and Kennedy and Turner. But we certainly can
11 work on Sunday, if there's time, to come back to this.
12 And Monday.

13 Commissioner Andersen.

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: These counties -- Amador has
15 36,000 people, and we're going to cut it? Then we better
16 start cutting some other countries around here, and on
17 the other side I'm talking about. This is -- it's not
18 consistent. No, these counties -- the whole Gold Country
19 is that. And to cut those up is literally -- we're just
20 completely ignoring that whole portion of the state for a
21 town. I have a real problem with it.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner
23 Turner, and then Fernandez.

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. If the
25 turning layer can come back on, that is much farther into

1 those counties than I had in mind when I initially
2 suggested this. The idea was really to focus on the
3 parts that were the flattest, and I think we -- as
4 Commissioner Andersen said, we've gone up into the Hills.
5 And I don't think we need this much population. Both of
6 them -- South SAC_STANIS can be further negative than it
7 is right now without causing problems. Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I think
9 that wherever Kennedy cuts at this point into this area,
10 I am absolutely in support of having this area be part of
11 SAC_STANIS.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: I do want to raise the point that
13 Commissioner Andersen, Commissioner Sinay, and others
14 have raised -- I believe it was Sadhwani as well -- that
15 if we do cut here, then why not in other places? I want
16 to just bring it up because it is a discussion point and
17 I just don't want to -- I'm not conflict-averse. I think
18 the Commission knows that I am not conflict-averse.

19 We just want to air it out and have that
20 conversation and resolve it and move forward. We just
21 need to come up with something we can live with. It
22 doesn't mean it's going to be perfect. And we have
23 something right now that we can live with. It's the map
24 that we approved yesterday for this area. We all said
25 that we could live with it. This is just exploration at

1 this point.

2 Kennedy and Fernandez. Oh, Kennedy already went.
3 Fernandez.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, I just wanted to
5 respond that Vineyard is not just one COI. It's actually
6 multiple COIs. We have COIs from the Black community,
7 the Asian, the Punjabi, the Mong, all of those. And
8 relating to this COI was the schools, family, college,
9 and business. So I don't want people to think that it's
10 just one COI that's driving this. It's actually multiple
11 COIs. Thank you.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And no, I don't think --
13 I think we all know that there's so many COIs everywhere
14 at this point. The foundations of the maps were the VRA
15 and the COIs. In this area, there would be the COIs
16 because there is no VRA. But you're right. There's COIs
17 everywhere, including multiple in every community.

18 Commissioner Fernandez and Turner.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. So the reason for
20 posting iterations and visualization is so that we can
21 receive feedback from the community. And the fact that
22 we stated we can live with something one day --
23 certainly, if we're not going to have opportunity to
24 shift and change after we receive additional feedback,
25 there's no point of receiving additional feedback. So I

1 want to say that.

2 Though, the other day, I didn't see an option as it
3 relates to Vineyard and what have you. Actually, I don't
4 know -- I agreed just because I didn't disagree. But
5 beyond that, now that we've received more feedback for
6 this area, I do think that we should be responsive to the
7 degree that we can and I am not comfortable with ignoring
8 all of those COIs. Thank you.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, which is why we're here,
10 exploring this right now.

11 Commissioner Andersen and then Akutagawa.

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Again, let's find
13 other areas. These areas have already been gone over
14 quite a bit. But Sacramento and San Joaquin, for some
15 reason, are sacrosanct. I really think we need to maybe
16 take part of Stockton. All the COIs, all the people who
17 called about keeping this area together --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner --

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: We're not being consistent.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. And we hear you, Commissioner
21 Andersen.

22 Commissioner Akutagawa and Commissioner Sadhwani.

23 We don't have consensus in this area, so I'm just
24 pointing that out. We don't have consensus at this
25 point.



1 Akutagawa and then Sadhwani and then Turner.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I just wanted to plus-one
3 Commissioner Turner. I agree with her. We're talking
4 about several COIs. I know we're on Cal Inyo right now,
5 but I'm just wondering if this is one of those things
6 where -- and I apologize if I missed this part, but if we
7 could just focus on that Sacramento part and try to just
8 fix that, and then let's try to figure out this.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Right now, Sacramento is fixed. So
10 the question is the deviations and how we're going to
11 address the deviations. We'll go to Commissioner
12 Sadhwani and then Commissioner Turner. Let's think
13 through options and then let's go to public comment.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, I support this change.
15 I would feel very comfortable if we took it forward. I
16 have a feeling we're going to be here on Monday as our
17 "as-needed" day. For me, I feel like we started working
18 through this the other day and we didn't finish it. We
19 stopped halfway. Let's work on it. We can take a look
20 at it on Monday so that we don't continue to spend
21 additional time on this issue. I agree with Commissioner
22 Sinay. We haven't looked at San Diego at all, and it
23 deserves our attention very soon.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Absolutely. I agree with that as
25 well.

1 Commission Turner.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I just want to
3 say, in response to Commissioner Andersen, I'm open for
4 exploring anything. So don't threaten me with a good
5 time. If we need to look at Stockton or any other area,
6 let's do it so that we can have fair maps across the
7 board. This one makes sense for me, and I don't think
8 there should be any sacred cows or any other area that we
9 can't touch. At this point, we're trying to balance
10 maps.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

12 Commissioner Kennedy.

13 MS. CLARK: Commissioner Kennedy?

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Ms. Kennedy.

15 MS. INKARI: Hello. This is Kennedy Inkari (ph.).
16 On these particular changes, we would really appreciate a
17 little bit more guidance because these are some pretty
18 major decisions. And if we just make those off-line,
19 then I feel like there's going to be a lot of back and
20 forth again.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: I had heard you too. So yes, we
22 definitely need a little more guidance if this is
23 something the Commission is interested in exploring. I
24 still don't see consensus here that this is something
25 that we are interested in exploring. So I'm looking for



1 general consensus here, and I'm not getting it at this
2 point. I have a majority, but I don't have general
3 consensus. So I want to hear from Commissioner Andersen
4 what areas -- if there's any portion of this that she
5 would be comfortable in exploring. But before that,
6 while she thinks about that, let's go to Commissioner
7 Fornaciari.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: One of the reasons we're
9 going down this road is because we didn't want to split
10 one of the cities in Sacramento. If you look at the SAC
11 Elk Grove, they're high, so that is another option that
12 we should be open to. But I'm open to exploring this and
13 it exploring a number of ways to work this problem.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.
15 I'm comfortable with us splitting Sacramento if the rest
16 of the Commission is. I just want to ask for general
17 consensus of the Commission if the Commission would be
18 amenable to exploring splitting portions of Sacramento in
19 order to achieve this goal of linking Vineyard to the
20 city. And of course, that can be done off-line. I just
21 want to hear everyone and see if everyone is comfortable
22 with the potential of splitting Vineyard instead of --
23 because that would instead of making this change. It
24 doesn't seem like we have general consensus on this at
25 this point, but that would be a split in Sacramento. I'm

1 going to go through -- I want to hear anyone that is
2 opposed at this point. Opposed to potentially not doing
3 this but potentially making a split in Sacramento and
4 getting population from Sacramento. That was expressed
5 as a potential here from Commissioner Fornaciari. Any
6 opposition? Oh, okay. You're expressing your
7 opposition. No?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I don't want to say
9 opposition, but I do remember saying that Folsom
10 potentially we could move part of Folsom. I didn't have
11 enough time to work on that piece of it, but I also felt
12 that we could like at the STANIS also. There's different
13 options that we have.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: So at this point, what you're saying
15 and what I'm hearing is that there is -- you would be
16 comfortable with making a split in Folsom area of
17 Sacramento instead of this here, so grabbing the
18 population that area. Correct me if I'm wrong, because
19 I'm just trying to understand.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Unfortunately, what
21 that would mean is Folsom either goes to STANIS or it
22 goes to ECA, and then from ECA we have to push around
23 to -- regardless, we still have to fill the STANIS.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. This is a difficult decision,
25 and I want to hear from everyone, because if we're give

1 general direction and we're going to have staff resource
2 spend time on it, I want to make sure that we have
3 general consensus on this.

4 Commissioner Sadhwani.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I had suggested Folsom
6 yesterday. I think if it's not Folsom, then it's
7 bringing West SAC back into play.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you would be comfortable if we
9 looked at Folsom as a split.

10 Commissioner Akutagawa.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I would agree with -- I'm
12 fine with what Commissioner Sadhwani also said. I would
13 also want to point out that perhaps Rancho Cordova -- is
14 that an option to split? And I'm also very comfortable
15 splitting Sacramento too. I think that might need to be
16 done.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. That's helpful. Thank
18 you for expressing your opinion on this.

19 Commissioner Kennedy.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. There are
21 colleagues that are far more familiar with this area than
22 I am. It just seems to me that the area that is
23 highlighted is more similar as far as livelihood and
24 regional interests than Folsom or Rancho Cordova. Thank
25 you.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: I guess the question I would ask is,
2 could you live with a Folsom cut instead of this one?

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Could I?

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, would you -- in terms of
5 opposition, would you be in opposition to a Folsom cut?

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, I could live with it.
7 I don't know how the people of Folsom would feel, and
8 that's who I'd like to hear from on it.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Of course, we'd love to hear from
10 Folsom. If Folsom has opinions on this, we'd love to
11 hear from you, as well as the area in the shaded red
12 area. But at this point, I'm looking at Commissioners,
13 just because I'm looking for general consensus on this.
14 General consensus doesn't mean that we love it. It means
15 that we could live with it.

16 Commissioner Fernandez, then Commissioner Andersen.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would agree with
18 Commissioner Kennedy. Again, I don't think that
19 Sacramento is this sacred whatever you called it. I do
20 get really upset when people say that, so just a warning.
21 But I would agree that the part that is shaded is more
22 similar to what STANIS is. Folsom is -- it's more of a
23 city. It's connected to Sacramento, but we could push
24 that out to Cameron Park and we'd have to find out how to
25 get some of that population back into STANIS. And in

1 terms of Rancho Cordova, that's actually -- that would be
2 my last option because that is connected to Sacramento.
3 It should be part of Sacramento.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: There's a potential for -- a path
5 forward by rotating that placement from Sacramento this
6 way and so that's what we're looking at and that's the
7 direction would be to explore that if we have general
8 consensus.

9 Commissioner Andersen?

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, what if we, you know, in
11 terms of moving around, but the City of Solano has extra
12 population. You can pull some of that in. Trying to
13 create -- because that area -- well, how many people do
14 you need? Pull some from over there and maybe some from
15 the unincorporated areas, those white areas in between
16 Vineyard and I don't know what's above Rancho Cordova.
17 You know, pulling some people out of those. You know,
18 looking at things like that.

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Or even further south. I
21 don't know.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's hear from the Committee to see
23 if there's options around that as well, but we need to
24 get to general consensus and move forward. I will ask
25 Commissioner Andersen, could you live with Folsom? Is

1 that the only way you --

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I mean, until we work
3 something else out, yes.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay, so you would be -- you would be
5 okay with exploring and you would -- if we are able to
6 find a solution through Folsom, you would be okay with
7 that? Okay, thank you. So it does look at this point
8 like we have general consensus on potential split in
9 Folsom. It's not what everyone wants, but that would get
10 some of -- that would potentially get us population from
11 the Sacramento area in order to achieve the goal here,
12 which is to add Vineyard, which is a more urban area in
13 with Elk Grove. And with that, we will -- oh,
14 Commissioner Sinay, and then we'll go with a public
15 comment.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh, I thought you were polling
17 all of us. I'm sorry, Chair.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, sorry. I meant to poll everyone.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I just wanted to say I am most
20 in consensus with that last highlighted area that Kennedy
21 has.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: With the longer area rather than
23 Folsom? Okay, but you would -- if we could do Folsom,
24 you would be okay with that?

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I feel so pressured to say

1 yes.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: You can say yes or no.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay, so you're saying no. Okay.

5 So Commissioner Sinay?

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: This is exploration, again, so
7 we may just go back to what maps were before, correct?

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, we would go back to -- if we
9 don't have consensus here, we'll go back to the --

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would like -- where I would
11 feel the most comfortable is if localized is possible so
12 the cuts coming from as close, you know, from Solano or
13 from Sacramento. You know, I just -- as localized if
14 possible since we tried to do some things that had
15 multiple COIs in it earlier today and that --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yep, so we will ask Kennedy if
17 there's any Solano population that we might be able to
18 bring up or other areas.

19 Commissioner Fernandez, it doesn't seem like we have
20 consensus on Folsom.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. Can you just go
22 down really quick, Kennedy? I was just trying to see if
23 there was something down below that we could potentially
24 do. No, I would, preference wise, I would not want to
25 touch Solano. I do have a problem cutting into Folsom,

1 but I -- I think that with direction we can go back and
2 look at it and I do prefer what we initially were doing
3 with the Amador and Calaveras.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay, so we'll go back to
5 Commissioner Fernandez -- I mean, Fernandez just spoke,
6 so Turner.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And what I wanted to end with,
8 in my last twenty seconds, was to say that rather than
9 lose the change that we're attempting to make with
10 Vineyard, I will concede to anything else.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay, so with that we do have a
12 general consensus that we will add population from
13 Folsom. We'll explore the possibility and at this point,
14 I heard that everyone could live with this, and so we're
15 going to look at pushing population from the Sacramento
16 area, Folsom in particular, to get us across the
17 population to be able to make this rotation. Kennedy and
18 then Jane -- Commissioner Andersen, rather.

19 MS. WILSON: So I just quickly did that, brought it
20 to a negative for taking as little as possible. I'm not
21 entirely sure where a split directed by the Commission
22 would go, but this is a split that gets you to a negative
23 4.23 in SAC_STANIS.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: So that's the split that potentially
25 could get us into appropriate deviations for the

1 district. So I'm looking to the Commission to explore
2 that.

3 Andersen and then Fernandez.

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, thank you. I actually
5 just had a -- had a question in terms of for what will
6 get posted for tomorrow. So first to look at the whole
7 thing. So I certainly would really like to make sure we
8 have a PNG file or something that we can blow up and have
9 a look at so we can --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's the plan.

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: If there's just shape files, I
12 don't know how much -- how helpful that's going to be.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: That is a point, so the Commission
14 and also the public can -- can see it, and we want the
15 public to be able to see it too and be able to provide
16 public comment tonight -- tomorrow night.
17 Commissioner --

18 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm sorry. So on this
19 particular area, there -- I'd kind of rather stay south
20 of 50 if possible and go to those other little areas. I
21 don't know if there's any population though. But
22 otherwise, this is (audio interference).

23 MS. WILSON: And just - I did, you know, that block
24 of the 50. There is not much population here and that
25 block of the 50 is not enough people.

1 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you, Kennedy.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Kennedy. You're -- you're
3 doing great. We appreciate all the hard work that you're
4 putting into this -- put into this all day.

5 Commissioner Fernandez?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I was going to say,
7 also, to go 50 and if we have to then go the other way
8 towards Eldorado.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

10 And then Commissioner Yee?

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Of course we don't like to split
12 cities, but if we do the split in Folsom, the City of
13 Folsom will still have representation in Sacramento and
14 we'll also gain representation in the valley.

15 MS. WILSON: So does that mean to not go this high
16 in Folsom and take the 50 out to Eldorado as well? Is
17 that --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. Commissioner Fernandez and
19 then Commissioner Yee.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, if you can grab that
21 piece of 50 from before you get to Gold River, whatever
22 that is, Prairie City. If you can grab that section as
23 well, between Rancho Cordova, yeah. And then if
24 additional population is needed then we could go into
25 Eldorado. And I want following the 50.



1 MS. WILSON: So do not go above the 50?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right, right. Thank you.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And with that, it looks
4 like we're going to be getting some more population and
5 then we will see if we can live with it, then we'll
6 commit it and then we will incorporate it into our maps
7 that will be posted tomorrow.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: We're -- we're breaking the
9 county line? Is that what's happening? I thought we
10 didn't want to break --

11 MS. WILSON: Oh, sorry. I was going to say to go
12 into Eldorado, that's in Eldorado County.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner
14 Andersen, did you have comments?

15 And Commissioner Sadhwani, as well?

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I do have comments. This is,
17 you know, from this point forward, it's actually 50 is
18 going up at this point. Eldorado, you know, Eldorado
19 Hills -- we're pushing it to say, you know, Folsom south,
20 but now we're talking about let's grab some of the hill
21 country and put it also south and we're also crossing the
22 county line. Wait a sec, why are we doing that? I would
23 rather look, still, in Sacramento.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I think that was, yeah, I think
25 the general consensus was to get population from



1 Sacramento, but let's see if we still have general
2 consensus on going into Eldorado.

3 Commissioner Fernandez and then Commissioner
4 Sadhwani.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: We can go into Folsom. I
6 just, at this point, I have to have you zoom in to see
7 where to cut because it's too far out right now.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you zoom in so we can see where
9 in Folsom we can pull population? And I am sensing that
10 folks are having difficulty with -- actually,
11 Commissioner Andersen, didn't give an impression that she
12 did actually, so let's take it out.

13 And then Commissioner Sadhwani, did you have
14 comments?

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I just, I mean, I was
16 under the impression that we were trying to minimize cuts
17 of Sacramento County because it was so sacred. So to me,
18 I thought it --

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, not anymore, because
20 they took a little bit more of it to another county.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're not -- nothing is sacred here.
22 Nothing is sacred.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Where Folsom, you know,
24 maintains the county border, right? Isn't this the
25 county line here in black?

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: I don't believe so.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so what I was saying
3 was that we went ahead and moved another part of Sac
4 County into Solano that wasn't there before. So that's
5 another cut into -- oh, can you grab the part below?
6 Thank you.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: So are we -- are we cutting into
8 Sacramento County or Stanislaw County? This is all
9 Sacramento, okay. And what's the population that we need
10 here?

11 MS. WILSON: About 26-, maybe 25,000.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay, and we're at 15,000. Okay, so
13 let's just do this off-line, because we do need to get a
14 public comment. So I'm going to ask that Commissioner
15 Fernandez work with the line drawing getting -- well, you
16 have 27,000 though. A minimum of 25,000 people to shift
17 and to get into appropriate deviation from the Sacramento
18 side, Folsom area, to be able to reach the deviations.
19 Commissioner Fernandez, did you have comments?

20 It looks like we have the population now; is that
21 correct, Kennedy?

22 MS. WILSON: That is correct.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: It looks a little haphazard, but
24 maybe we can refine the lines out? Okay, so at this
25 point I do want to see what the Commission -- if the

1 Commission is comfortable with -- we will refine the
2 lines around the borders, but comfortable with this
3 change. Anyone that is not comfortable, please speak up
4 now. We are exploring the possibility of adding this
5 area to the ECA district. Sorry, the South Sac district.
6 Sorry, I apologize. I have too many districts in my
7 mind. And can you please zoom in so we can take a look
8 at it, so that we can see the roads up above?

9 MS. WILSON: Yes, and I can read them too, as well.
10 It goes up to East Natoma Street, comes down by Folsom
11 Lake College, goes to Oak Avenue Parkway along Riley
12 Street, down to Natoma Station Drive, and then runs along
13 Folsom Boulevard out to the border of Rancho Cordova into
14 this -- this is the prairie land underneath.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's look at the eastern border of
16 this map, and then let's also look at the southern
17 border. Let's just go around the borders and make sure
18 that -- and can you please zoom out so we can see them?

19 MS. WILSON: The eastern border here is along the
20 county line between Folsom, Sacramento, and Eldorado
21 Hills. We'll zoom out a little bit more. This is, I
22 believe, it says White Rock, this street here down on the
23 southern border, but that would dissolve into South
24 SAC_STANIS district.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can you grab the rest of

1 that Prairie City, just to at least make it -- thank you.

2 MS. WILSON: So I'm pushing this border up to --
3 it's not going into Rancho Cordova, but touches just at
4 the border of Rancho Cordova.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm looking to the Commissioners and
6 making sure that we are comfortable with this change. If
7 we are, we're going to commit this and this will become
8 the new border, replace the district that was in here
9 before, and this is for deviation purposes, but primarily
10 to add Vineyard into Santa -- into Sacramento. And in
11 the room I'm seeing a lot of consensus around this and
12 I'm looking at the Zoom windows. I'm not seeing any
13 opposition. Let's hear from Commissioner Fernandez.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, after all this, I
15 would prefer to just keep Vineyard out. I know we went
16 through a lot, but it's -- it is what it is.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you're willing to go with the
18 consensus? Let's see what the consensus of the group is.
19 So let's see -- let's just go through the lines.

20 Commissioner Sadhwani?

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'd like to commit the
22 change.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner -- if you're not -- I'm
24 not going to go through everybody. If you're not
25 comfortable with this, just let me know. And I've heard



1 from Commissioner Fernandez. Is there anybody else who
2 is uncomfortable with this? Commissioner Kennedy?

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I am happy combining Vineyard
4 and Elk Grove. I feel that taking a thin slice from the
5 area in Amador, Calaveras, and Tulare to make up the
6 population in South SAC_STANIS is the best way to go
7 because those are the communities that are most similar
8 to the communities in South SAC_STANIS. Thank you.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: And I do want to say that this is why
10 we do it in live line drawing, because if we had sent
11 this to visualization, we would have spent a lot of time
12 and it would have come back and we would have gotten a
13 no.

14 So Commissioner Andersen, would you be comfortable
15 with these possibilities in Amador County, as suggested
16 by Commissioner Kennedy? I think that's the area we had
17 highlighted previously and I believe you were not
18 thrilled about those.

19 Is that something you would consider?

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm more than not thrilled
21 about cutting two counties up to do this. Yes, so I'm
22 more than not thrilled.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So if we don't have consensus, we're
24 reverting back to our previous map. I just want to go
25 through one more time.

1 Commissioner Fernandez has her hand up.

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm sorry, I thought we were
3 going to do this -- we're talking about committing this
4 change.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's right. We're committing a
6 Folsom change. So right now we're talking about the
7 Folsom change.

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I could live with that.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay, so you can live with Folsom,
10 and I believe Commissioner Turner she could live with
11 Folsom as well, but let's hear from her and Fernandez.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: But I think your preference was the
14 Amador.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Absolutely. That is the
16 priority. That is my preference and this just might be
17 an area we eventually may have to get to a vote on.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. This may be an area where we
19 all have to vote on.

20 Commissioner Fernandez?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, and I also agree with
22 Commissioner Kennedy and Commissioner Turner.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay, so this may be an area that --
24 so we will leave this to end and if we need to get to a
25 vote on it, we will get to a vote on it. So for now,

1 this change -- we're going to snapshot, we're going to
2 take a picture of it. We're going to take a snap of this
3 area and at the end, once we're done with Southern
4 California, because we're going to spend enough time to
5 get the Southern California maps done adequately -- not
6 just adequately, done fairly, and give them the
7 appropriate time that they need and then once we get
8 through that then at the end we will come back to this
9 area and explore the possibility of a vote.

10 Commissioner Turner?

11 Fernandez, Turner, and Kennedy.

12 So for direction to Kennedy, we are not committing
13 this. We're going to snap -- we're just going to -- and
14 we're not -- we don't have any direction from the
15 Commission on this and so we're not committing it. We're
16 just taking it -- we know what it is. It's the Folsom
17 area, 25,000 essentially shifting. This may be an area
18 where we will need to take a vote on it at the end once
19 we're through since we don't have general consensus. I
20 just can't find general consensus of the Commission here.

21 So at this point, we are moving forward with public
22 comment, so we will be going to public comment now and
23 until we're done with -- oh, sorry, Ms. Kennedy. I
24 missed your hand, and then Akutagawa.

25 MS. WILSON: I was just going to ask. So I will

1 screenshot putting Vineyard in and having this negative
2 ten percent, but go back to the map that has Vineyard.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, the maps right now we have --
4 we looked at this and this is something we will continue.
5 We will have a conversation at the end of this.

6 In the meantime, Commissioner Fernandez will work
7 with line drawers just looking at her particular other
8 options that they may have. We will take a vote at the
9 end of this process on this area if we can't get general
10 consensus.

11 Commissioner Akutagawa?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I think I'm just
13 looking for some help in understanding. I guess, for me
14 I'll just say my preference would be to include Vineyard,
15 because to put them in the SAC_STAN just worse than
16 taking out a portion of Folsom, but I'm also curious as
17 to understanding -- I hear what was said that it's a
18 suburb of Sacramento County. How is it different from,
19 say for example, Roseville, which I understood it to be
20 also a, I guess, in a sense a suburb of Sacramento? So
21 I'm just trying to understand and I don't even know if
22 that's something that separately I could just have
23 somebody help me understand, so.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think that's a good question and I
25 think at the end once we get to -- we're going to come

1 back to this area at the end because it may
2 potentially -- it may potentially require a vote, and so
3 we'll need clarification on all of this, and that will be
4 at the end once we're done with Southern California and
5 Southern California gets the attention it deserves.

6 So right now, let's go to public comment.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we'll be
8 getting the caller 3241, and up next after that will be
9 caller 6725.

10 Caller 3241, if you'll please follow the prompt to
11 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. I'm calling in
15 just to say that adding Irvine to a coastal district in
16 Orange County is a terrible decision because Irvine
17 should be one of those anchor cities that you want to
18 keep full and within their own district because they have
19 nothing in common with the coastal areas. So keeping
20 them separate would be a great idea and so that's just
21 all I have as input for today.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
23 now we have caller 6725, and up next after that will be
24 caller 3358.

25 Caller 6725, if you'll please follow the prompt to



1 unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller
2 with the last four digits 6725, if you'll please follow
3 the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

4 I do apologize, caller 6725. There appears to be
5 some type of connectivity issue for you at the moment,
6 but I will come back to you.

7 We're going to caller 3358, and up next after that
8 will be caller 3995.

9 Caller 3358, if you'll please follow the prompt to
10 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, everyone. I'm
12 calling on behalf of the Community of Florence Graham.
13 I've lived here for a number of years and I'm calling
14 regarding the 105 draft map. You'll be putting us with
15 the Inglewood/Hawthorne area. Those communities we have
16 nothing in common with. We have been neglected in all
17 levels to include the State Assembly, and I believe that
18 this new proposed map, it detaches us from the
19 communities that we have a lot in common with in other
20 words. So I'm asking on behalf of the Florence Graham
21 area that you stop the injustices of our communities and
22 place us, the Florence Graham community, with the Gateway
23 corridor map that includes Huntington Park and Walnut
24 Park. Thank you very much.

25 MR. MANOFF: Also, I just wanted to interject. I'm



1 not sure if we have announced this or just as a reminder,
2 we will be enforcing a time limit of a minute and 30
3 seconds tonight.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: If I over spoke, I apologize.

6 MR. MANOFF: No, you were within your time. Thank
7 you so much.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we'll be
10 going to caller 3995, and up next after that will be
11 caller 0649.

12 Caller 3995, please follow the prompt to unmute by
13 pressing star six. The floor is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Good evening,
15 Commissioners. I'm calling from San Bernadino County to
16 express my disappointment with the new districts that are
17 being done in the Assembly. It's very disappointing that
18 you've decided to split up the Cities of Victorville,
19 Hesperia, and group them with Los Angeles County. We
20 share a familiar community of interest with San Bernadino
21 County, and it's very disappointing that in the eleventh
22 hour you could choose to do this as we're getting close
23 to the conclusion of this process. Please consider
24 changing it back and grouping our cities in San Bernadino
25 County district as opposed to grouping us with Los



1 Angeles County. Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
3 right now we'll have Caller 0649, and up next after that
4 will be caller 6625.

5 Caller 0649, if you'll please follow the prompt to
6 unmute by pressing star six. And one more time, caller
7 0649, if you'll please follow the prompt to unmute by
8 pressing star six.

9 Caller 0649, I do apologize for the connectivity
10 issue for you at the moment. I will come back to you.
11 Right now we'll have caller 6625 and up next after that
12 we'll have caller 5755.

13 Caller 6625, if you'll please follow the prompt to
14 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

15 MR. MARTINEZ: Good evening, Commissioners. My name
16 is Jerry Martinez. I'm calling from San Bernadino
17 County. I actually live out in Hesperia. I really want
18 to express my deep disappointment that we're splitting
19 apart Victorville and Hesperia. I've been here my whole
20 life. These two communities are interlocked and
21 together, yet we're just saying to split it to make what
22 looks like a VRA district, which I really hope you spend
23 as much time as was spent in Sacramento down here on our
24 area to make sure that we get our interests covered.
25 There isn't even a corridor that goes across the proposed

1 district that is being formed, so it feels almost like
2 you're gerrymandering to get a VRA district into here,
3 and it really doesn't represent what we'd like.

4 Anyway, thank you, Commissioners.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
6 right now we'll have caller 5755, and up next after that
7 will be caller 4201.

8 Caller 5755, if you'll please follow the prompt to
9 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

10 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. Thank you for
11 taking my call. My name is Kat and I live in Santa
12 Clarita. Your current draft Congressional map for Santa
13 Clarita that includes a portion of the north San Fernando
14 Valley is right on the money. It represents a fair
15 district by including communities of interest. Some
16 folks are asking for Simi to be tacked on, which makes
17 zero sense. Simi is not a community of interest for the
18 Santa Clarita Valley. We do not share resources with
19 Simi that are unique between us and we are in two
20 different counties as well. Politically motivated people
21 calling in, asking for Simi to be hitched on to our
22 district, never left actual common interest connections,
23 but instead listing that all of California deals with,
24 such as wildfire risk. Please leave the current draft
25 Congressional map of Santa Clarita as is. You nailed it



1 on the first try and truly should be proud. It is a fair
2 and representative district. Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now we'll have
4 caller 4201, and up next after that will be caller 7331.

5 Caller 4201, if you'll please follow the prompt to
6 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

7 MR. WALDMAN: Hi there. Stuart Waldman from VICA.
8 I appreciate the opportunity to speak. Lots of changes
9 in the San Fernando Valley. I took some screenshots so I
10 really can't tell in terms of detail. I do appreciate it
11 does appear you were able to do two Latino Assembly
12 seats. Looking at the others, still trying to figure it
13 out. It does look like Grenada Hills should probably be
14 switched with Woodland Hills. Grenada Hills in the
15 north, Woodland Hills in the south, but I'm looking
16 forward to the opportunity to see the shape file and kind
17 of be able to play with it and make sure communities and
18 councils are kept whole. But largely, I appreciate all
19 that you've done there and will make more comments, I
20 guess, tomorrow.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
22 right now, we have caller 7331, and up next after that
23 will be caller 4599. Caller 7331, if you'll please
24 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The
25 floor is yours.



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello again, and thank you,
2 Commissioners. I'd like to speak about the great beach
3 City of Santa Monica again on the Maps for Congress. And
4 I want to urge the Commissioners to take the advice of
5 the Santa Monica City Council who this -- earlier this
6 week unanimously agreed that they should not be joining
7 the valley district. Santa Monica would like to return
8 the coastal district, and they have sent a letter and
9 this has been sent upon the city council's request.
10 Moreover, the Commission has also received a proposal
11 from VICA, which accomplishes all of this through an even
12 balance ship; it doesn't spill over to any of the rest of
13 Los Angeles. The VICA map units West Hollywood and
14 connects it with other cities in the west side council of
15 governments. The VICA map puts Northridge back together
16 into one district, which it should be. It puts almost
17 all the San Fernando Valley people back north of
18 Mulholland Drive, and most importantly, the VICA map puts
19 Santa Monica back into the coastline district with our
20 beach next door sister city, Venice. The VICA map solves
21 a lot of issues. Thank you. And please check -- please
22 check those out. Thank you for your time.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
24 right now, we have caller 4599. And up next after that
25 will be caller 5038. Caller 4599, if you'll please



1 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The
2 floor is yours.

3 MR. QUINONES: Good afternoon. My name is Steve
4 Quinones (phonetic). I live in the Florence-Graham
5 community. I have lived here for over fifty years. I'm
6 here to talk about the 105 draft map. For many years,
7 our Florence-Graham community has been neglected on all
8 levels to include the State Assembly. This new proposed
9 105 map has the tax slips from all the communities that
10 we have common in interest. We have been added to the
11 map that contains Inglewood, Hawthorne, two communities
12 that are completely opposite our community. People
13 twenty-five and older with high school diplomas,
14 Hawthorne and Inglewood, is seventy-seven percent, while
15 Florence and Graham is less than forty-five percent.
16 People with ambassadors over age of twenty-five is
17 Hawthorne and Inglewood over twenty-three percent, while
18 Florence-Graham we have only five percent with bachelor's
19 degrees. These examples are just to show you the
20 difference of what priorities these very different
21 communities would have. I am asking you to stop the
22 injustice to our communities and place the Florence-
23 Graham community with the Gateway Corridor map that
24 includes Huntington Park and Walnut Park. Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And



1 right now we have caller 5038. And up next after that
2 will be caller 7175. Caller 5038 if you'll please follow
3 the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is
4 yours. Caller 5038 double-check your telephone and make
5 sure you are not on mute. You are unmuted in the
6 meeting.

7 Caller 5038, you are unmuted in the meeting. Please
8 double-check your telephone. Make sure you're not on
9 mute.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi Commissioners. Good
13 evening. I was already on the line when I heard the new
14 changes to the SCV map. I was originally calling to say
15 that I Agua Dulce and Acton in the High Desert areas in
16 LA County should be connected to the SCV map, and that
17 would reinforce communities of interest and resolve your
18 overpopulation issues in the Victor Valley, High Desert
19 Valley. My solution of adding those areas to SCV makes
20 so much more sense than extending SCV to Woodland Hills.
21 It's at minimum, an hour from Santa Clarita to Woodland
22 Hills, and there's no way to drive between the two while
23 staying in the district. So please remove Woodland
24 Hills, West Hills, Northridge and add Acton, Agua Dulce,
25 Gorman, and Lake Andrews to the SCV map. This will make



1 SCV more compact, protect millions of interests, and
2 resolve your population issue in the Victor Valley High
3 Desert district. I hope you'll listen to me and other
4 like-minded callers. So have a good evening. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Okay,
6 right now we have caller 7175. And up next after that
7 will be caller 3812. And as a reminder to all those
8 calling in to please take your time with the names, names
9 of cities for our interpreter. Caller 7175 please follow
10 the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is
11 yours.

12 MR. PAYNE: Thank you. Good evening, Commissioners.
13 This is Jeremy Payne (phonetic) calling on behalf of
14 Equality California. I wanted to call in and thank the
15 Commission for your ongoing work with the Glen LA
16 Assembly district in Los Angeles and for the robust
17 discussions about how best to unify our LGBTQ2+
18 communities and the neighborhoods from Silver Lake to
19 West Hollywood in the Fairfax, La Brea, Larchmont,
20 Miracle Mile, and Melrose areas and neighborhoods. By
21 bringing in all these communities, we have one of the
22 most empowering districts for Los Angeles LGBTQ2+
23 community now. And there's a historic significance for
24 us as well. This district brings in Silver Lake, which
25 was the site of one of the first demonstrations of



1 LGBTQ2+ liberation in the United States, the 1967 black
2 cat riot, and ties of history with a district that
3 includes the City of West Hollywood, the first city in
4 the nation to have a majority openly gay governing board
5 in 1983. And in present day, the City of West Hollywood
6 is widely considered one of the nation's most prominent
7 LGBTQ2+ hotspots with locations for nightlife, as well as
8 just having many members that live in this community.
9 And so I want to thank the Commission once again for
10 creating a district that truly unifies and empowers our
11 local LGBTQ2+ community, and this was one of the
12 strongest considerations of this district that we have
13 seen to date. So thank you so much for your work. And
14 we look forward to seeing the final map for this area.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
16 right now, we have caller 3812. And up next after that
17 will be caller 8743. Call 3812, if you'll please follow
18 the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is
19 yours.

20 MS. VOGEL: Hi, I am Gail Vogel (phonetic), and from
21 the Santa Clarita Valley, and I am really, really pleased
22 with your Congressional district map that you've that
23 you've drawn the first time. And because we -- these
24 communities share -- we're mostly residential commuter
25 cities and it's contiguous, and it has -- all these

1 communities have the same interests. And they -- the map
2 respects the county borders. Now, I have heard that some
3 people want to annex the Simi Valley, but it doesn't
4 really have anything in common with us other than the
5 other communities in overall the state.

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 MS. VOGEL: Okay. And we don't share water
8 resources with Simi Valley or any other resources that I
9 know of. And thank you so much for all the work you've
10 done. And I appreciate everything. And thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, and
12 right now we will have caller 8743, and up next after
13 that will be caller 9747. Caller 8743, if you'll please
14 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The
15 floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
17 I'm calling from San Bernardino County High Desert. I
18 believe this is political manipulation and gerrymandering
19 at its worst. We're disappointed with the proposal to
20 split up the cities of Victorville and Hesperia. We all
21 share similar communities of interest in San Bernardino
22 County. In the past, we have been represented by
23 population centers in LA County, which disenfranchised
24 the voices of smaller communities like mine. In the
25 eleventh hour, the Commission has drawn a VRA district

1 that disenfranchised our voice in Sacramento. Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
3 right now we have caller 9747. And up next after that
4 will be caller 4527. Caller 9747, if you'll please
5 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

6 MS. SQUELO: Can you hear me?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

8 MS. SQUELO: Yes, hi, how are you? Thank you for
9 all the work that you're doing. My name is Marta Squelo
10 (phonetic). I'm calling from the community of Florence-
11 Firestone-Graham, and I've lived here for the past forty-
12 eight years. I'm here to talk about the 107 draft map
13 regarding our Florence-Graham community. This new
14 proposed 105 map has the barriers from our community that
15 we have in common. We are asking you to stop the
16 unfairness into our communities and (indiscernible) the
17 Florence-Graham community with the Gateway corridor map
18 that includes Huntington Park and Walnut Park. The
19 Florence-Graham community has nothing in common with
20 cities like Gateway or Harvard. (Indiscernible)
21 identified with Southeast Los Angeles communities.
22 Please make these small changes to the Gateway map. It
23 will make a positive impact to our community. And I also
24 have another thing too. Are you doing presentations from
25 a different language besides English for the meeting?



1 Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. So
3 right now, we have caller 4527. And up next after that
4 will be caller 9048. Call 4527, if you will please
5 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The
6 floor is yours.

7 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. Good evening,
8 Commissioners. My name is Tammy (phonetic), and I'm
9 calling from Stanislaus County. I would like to thank
10 you for all the hard work you have done and the work of
11 those that have been drawing the maps and the people
12 behind the scenes. The time and effort is really
13 appreciated by many. At this time, myself and others
14 understand that some would like to see vineyard lines
15 being moved north. And my question is, is it really
16 worth moving vineyard lines after all the work you have
17 done to this point and then having to move more lines to
18 fill the population void for Stanislaus and San Joaquin?
19 With that being said, I understand all places cannot be
20 kept whole. And if you have to move vineyard out of the
21 Central Valley district that you would please keep the
22 lines you've currently drawn as intact as possible,
23 because the districts that are drawn for Stanislaus and
24 San Joaquin counties meet our communities of interest and
25 expectations. I know this has been challenging and



1 exhausting probably more times than not, with all the
2 time and work involved. And I think the current map
3 shows that. So I say thank you again and have a good
4 evening.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
6 right now we have caller 9048. And up next after that
7 will be caller 7592. Caller 9048, if you will please
8 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The
9 floor is yours.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Thank you so much. I'm
11 Mike (phonetic) from North Hollywood. Thank you so much,
12 Commissioners. I cannot tell you what it meant to my
13 friends and neighbors to hear you all nod and to give
14 direction to unify our community with Toluca Lake --
15 huge. Thank you so much. This is what the process is
16 about. And just thank you for taking the time to hear
17 us. The maps are totally new, though, so not to be a
18 mouse looking for additional milk or additional cookie
19 here, but having said that, thank you. And if you're
20 going to draw North Hollywood and Toluca Lake, which
21 again, are like twin communities together, just asking
22 that, again, you draw us into the northern district. We
23 are really a below-the-line community. North Hollywood
24 really is the hub of renters in the San Fernando Valley.
25 And that ties with Valley Glen and Van Nuys and other



1 northern valley communities a lot better than these more
2 foothill-based communities, like Studio City, Burbank, et
3 cetera. So, again, drawing us north keeps our
4 socioeconomic groups together.

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Toluca Lake certainly
7 has more homes but really is culturally tied to North
8 Hollywood. So again, keeping that kind of poor, working
9 class below the line (indiscernible) entertainment,
10 Armenian communities together I think is really critical
11 moving forward. Again, thank you for hearing us. And
12 then as you update, please draw us north; don't draw us
13 south. Thank you so much, again. San Fernando Valley.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
15 right now we have 7592. If you will please follow the
16 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is
17 yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, so I've heard
19 some of -- a lot of your presentation today, and so
20 I've -- I've -- I've been working on some -- some
21 modifications to the current -- the November 10th plan.
22 So my South San Mateo version would have both North Fair
23 Oaks and East Palo Alto in the San Mateo Assembly
24 district. The South 10 p district would have four of the
25 West Valley cities, and the Sunny-Tino district would



1 have the Asian majority, Sunnyvale and Cupertino, along
2 with Santa Clara and portions of San Jose. And I also
3 tweaked the Bonito district, as well. So I sent -- I
4 sent a file, and I guess I'll be sending an updated file
5 later today. In regards to -- goodness, I can't quite
6 recall the names of that, but I guess I'll address that
7 at another time. But yeah, I guess --

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thirty seconds.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. And as far as
10 Berryessa goes, if you were to divide it at Berryessa
11 Road, you would definitely be dividing the Berryessa
12 community. Thank you so much. I hope you'll see my maps
13 soon. Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
15 right now we have caller 7365, and up next after that
16 will be caller 2515. Caller 7365, if you will please
17 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me okay?

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just making sure. Perfect.
21 Thank you. I am calling because I'm calling for CD 25,
22 as well as SCVAD, and I want to voice my concern. I
23 would love to see those districts maintained and stay
24 intact. Part of the reason is you're not hearing that
25 those -- both of those communities are geographically



1 segmented. You have on the Simi Valley, you've got the
2 118, you've got the 23, and then on Santa Clarita, you
3 got the 14 and the 5. Both of them are suburban
4 communities, as well as bedroom communities. You've got
5 commuters, and so they have similar needs in terms of
6 transportation, similar shared resources in terms of
7 water, fire, as well as you're looking at being supported
8 with it. Also with the Antelope Valley, Southern
9 California Edison, and the rolling blackouts. And one of
10 the other things is that when you have similar
11 populations that are similar in density --

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- as well as socioeconomic,
14 you are also not getting allocated resources in terms of
15 education. And so we've already seen the absence in
16 terms of the Senate with the Santa Clarita Valley being
17 split. You've got one senator that only owns a portion
18 of the Santa Clarita Valley, and one Senator --

19 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- that only owns the
21 southern portion. And so we are not supported
22 appropriately. So I'd like to see our AD, our Assembly
23 district, as well as Congressional district.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 right now we have caller 2515, and up next after that



1 will be caller 5719. Caller 2515, if you will please
2 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

3 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, my name is Sage
4 (phonetic). I'm calling from Santa Clarita, and I'm
5 calling because I -- I really like the Congressional map
6 for Santa Clarita that combines Antelope Valley, Santa
7 Clarita, and also San Fernando Valley. Simi Valley has
8 nothing to do with Santa Clarita. And I want to make
9 sure that they stay with Ventura County. I'm a disabled
10 veteran, and I can tell you that I know disabled veterans
11 over in -- in the Simi Valley that don't get the same
12 services because, you know, they're just an odd addition
13 to the current Congressional district. So it'll be
14 better for them and for, you know, not even just
15 veterans, but anyone in Simi Valley politically to be
16 with other communities in Ventura County and also
17 manufacturing. I work in manufacturing in Santa Clarita
18 and in San Fernando, and they are very much linked
19 economically. There's factories in Santa Clarita that
20 service other factories in San Fernando. There's a
21 factory in San Fernando

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- that makes vitamins
24 and packages those vitamins in Santa Clarita. You know,
25 there's a factory in Santa Clarita that makes autoclaves



1 for aerospace in San Fernando Valley and elsewhere. So
2 please no Simi Valley with --

3 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

4 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- Santa Clarita. And
5 thank you for your time. Goodnight.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
7 right now, we have caller 5719. And up next after that
8 will be caller 4149. Caller 5719, if you will please
9 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

10 MS. ROSEBERRY: Thank you so much. My name is Karen
11 Roseberry (phonetic), and I'm a resident of
12 (indiscernible) Valley, and I'm calling about the recent
13 iteration changes to the outlet map and (indiscernible)
14 Valley High Desert map, and the Santa Clarita Valley map.
15 And it's my understanding that there will be some
16 additional changes, and that there is still work to be
17 done on the Southern California area, and I really hope
18 that there's a lot of work to be done because the current
19 iteration of the (indiscernible) Valley just being
20 butchered. To use the 14 freeway as part of the boundary
21 line is just literally dividing our community in half.
22 It should not be a boundary line for dividing the
23 Assembly districts that are there. It's cut school
24 districts in half where you've got schools that are in
25 the same school district that would be represented by



1 different Assembly members. And this is just doing a
2 radical disservice to an area of Los Angeles County that
3 is already underserved in so many ways --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MS. ROSEBERRY: -- especially in light of the
6 population that's there. The Eureka Valley High Desert
7 map goes from Lebec all the way to the state line. It
8 incorporates communities that do not have communities of
9 interest, and it excludes communities that actually do.
10 So please --

11 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

12 MS. ROSEBERRY: -- rework those maps. We need to
13 get them closer to what the (indiscernible) for. Thank
14 you very much for your time. Have a great rest of your
15 night.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
17 right now, we have caller 4149, and up next after that
18 will be caller 8037. Caller 4149, if you will please
19 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good evening,
21 Commissioners. Thank you for taking more of our comments
22 and weighing all of this important feedback. My name is
23 Kevin (phonetic). I'm calling from Long Beach. I'm a
24 Long Beach resident here in Cambodia Town off of Junipero
25 and PCH, 15th and Stanley to be specific. And I'm

1 calling in response to a number of calls that I hear come
2 in to the Commission like almost every night about
3 keeping Long Beach whole. It's really a strange thing
4 for me to hear living in Long Beach, because, one, I
5 don't really hear any reason why they want to keep Long
6 Beach whole. It seems like a real strong, concerted kind
7 of political effort. But when I actually think about the
8 community of Long Beach, and particularly where I live
9 here in Cambodia Town, which is very working class, my
10 building is black, brown, Asian, working class, you know,
11 the housing, homelessness issues, you know, violence and
12 also the other things that we deal with in our
13 community --

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- and then I look at
16 places like Naples where they have beachfront property --
17 not only beachfront property, they have property on
18 canals with boats. We don't -- we can't afford boats
19 here on the East Side or in North Side Long Beach. You
20 know, we can barely afford our rent. Our issues that
21 we're dealing with are very different. And it would make
22 more sense to, you know, have -- have pairings of parts
23 of Long Beach with other more urban communities of color
24 that have --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And



1 right now, we will have color 8037. And up next after
2 that we'll be doing a re-try of caller 0649. Caller
3 8037, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute.
4 The floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, Commissioners. As a
6 resident of Laguna Niguel, I feel it's necessary to be in
7 a district that is closely connected with the rest of
8 Orange County cities west of the SR 73 toll road and the
9 405 freeway. Residents in this area share more interests
10 in inland Orange County cities like Irvine. Also, the
11 rest of the southern region of Orange County is currently
12 excluded from the Orange coast and has been drawn in with
13 San Diego cities. Cities like Dana Point should be
14 together with Laguna Niguel and Laguna Beach. It should
15 be the Commission's top priority to create one succinct
16 Orange -- OC coastal district that goes from Seal Beach
17 to San Clemente. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
19 right now, we will re-try caller 0649, and then up next
20 after that, we will have caller 3135. Caller 0649, if
21 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is
22 yours.

23 MS. O'BRIEN: I'm here. This is in regards to
24 Sonoma County. Good evening, Commissioners. My name is
25 Molly Curly O'Brien (phonetic). I grew up in Sonoma



1 Valley. I live in Santa Rosa's Bennett Valley now with
2 my husband and children. I'm actively involved in my
3 community and work for an organization that both supports
4 communities, navigate post wildfire destruction, and
5 encourages more resilient communities in anticipation of
6 the next wildfire. I bring up my work because when
7 discussing Santa Rosa, your map, unfortunately cuts
8 out -- off some of the neighborhoods most devastated by
9 wildfire and most vulnerable to future fires. I'm
10 talking about Spring Lake, Howarth Park, Annadel Park,
11 just below Highway 12. This is where I live. Howarth
12 Park is where I take my daughter to play. When we split
13 away these regions, we duplicate for our stewardship
14 services, fire suppression efforts, government services,
15 and elected official leadership attention when the next
16 catastrophic fire inevitably comes our way. This is --
17 this is not efficient nor effective. My suggestion is
18 that the following communities should be reconfigured
19 with the North Coast district --

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 MS. O'BRIEN: -- communities below Spring Lake
22 between Summerfield and Hoen Avenue, as well as
23 neighborhoods above Annadel, like Spring Lake Village
24 Retirement Community, Stonegate, and Oakmont Community.
25 Thank you.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
2 right now we will be going to caller 3135. And then up
3 next after that will be the re-try of caller 6725.
4 Caller 3135, if you will please follow the prompts to
5 unmute. And one more time. Caller 3135, if you will
6 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six
7 if you wish to give comment this evening. The floor is
8 yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Justice
10 (phonetic), and I'm calling because I'm really concerned
11 about how the Vallejo is being taken out of the Contra
12 Costa map. You know, the black -- our community, the
13 black community, we don't really have the political
14 power. In Yolo, our voices will be muted because there
15 are very few black people. And then also I feel that my
16 Filipino friends, their voices will be muted if they're
17 taken away from Hercules, and the Latino community will
18 also have a difficult time. So I just really feel that
19 it's unfair to take the black community out of -- the
20 Vallejo black community and put us in Yolo County. We
21 can't, you know, we have problems with brutality, and
22 we --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- feel really alone. A
25 lot of us, a lot of us work in Contra Costa County, and



1 we go to school in Richmond. And thank you for all --

2 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- of your help. Thank
4 you so much. Bye.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
6 at this time, I'd like to re-try caller 6725. If you
7 will please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is
8 yours.

9 MS. GARCIA: Hi, Commissioners. Good evening. My
10 name is Heather Garcia (phonetic). I'm calling from up
11 in the High Desert, San Bernardino County. I just wanted
12 to kind of call in and express maybe some disappointment.
13 I'm a little unhappy. A proposal to split up Hesperia
14 and Victorville. It doesn't make whole lot of sense to
15 me, especially given that all of these rural areas up
16 here share like innumerable similar common interests.
17 Also, it's already super difficult to travel across this
18 district. Immensity, right? You only have the one major
19 connecting road. And when there are accidents, I mean,
20 it's just not functioning contiguous or efficient. Even
21 more so, I know that in the past we've been represented
22 by population centers in LA County, which kind of put all
23 of us on the back burner, and it's ignored our voices of
24 all these small communities. And it was all done in the
25 eleventh hour. It just doesn't feel this is very well

1 considered. So I think I'm just kind of imploring you
2 guys to rethink this and accept my remarks and concerns
3 as a lifetime resident all throughout the High Desert.
4 You know, this is my home. So thank you so much --

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 MS. GARCIA: -- Hope everyone has a great evening.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
8 at this juncture, that is all of our callers this
9 evening.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much, Katy, for working
11 down the queue. And thank you for the public for calling
12 in this evening and for the Commissioners for the
13 conversation and the discussion and our work through the
14 State of California. Tomorrow, we will be working on
15 Southern California, focused on Orange County, San Diego
16 and all of the southern Cal County, southern portions of
17 the state.

18 And in terms of the maps, the Los Angeles maps
19 should be ready. They're about to be posted if they
20 haven't been already, and they will also be on the
21 district viewer. So just to let the public know that
22 those maps will become available tonight at, hopefully
23 tonight, hopefully right now, and if not tomorrow
24 morning. But our intent is to post them tonight. We
25 have we have received them, and with that, we will be

1 starting with starting with San Diego or rather with
2 Southern California, Orange County, San Diego area
3 tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, and we will be going
4 until we need to, to get those maps where we want them
5 and to get them as fair as possible and to work through
6 Southern California.

7 And with that, we are in recess for tonight. And
8 thank you all for you for everything and for all of your
9 discussion and conversation. So thank you. And see you
10 tomorrow.

11 (Whereupon, the 2021 Citizens Redistricting
12 Commission (CRC) meeting adjourned at 8:13
13 p.m.)

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