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1:02 p.m.

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2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome to the California Citizens
3 Redistricting Commission. We are finalizing our maps for
4 the Assembly. Very exciting. We are -- we have some
5 refinements to look at for various reasons of the state.
6 They should posted -- all proposals should be posted up
7 by now. We will be also looking at next steps, after we
8 finalize the Assembly. And then -- so I'll be checking
9 in with -- Commissioner Andersen will be leading that
10 discussion. And with that, let's go to roll call.

11 MR. SINGH: Thank you, Chair.

12 Commissioner Turner.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

14 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez.

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

16 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

18 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad.

19 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

20 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

22 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen.

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Here.

24 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez.
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1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

2 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

6 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

7 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

8 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

10 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Aqui.

12 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor.

13 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Aqui.

14 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Toledo.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: And I am here, as well.

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

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we have a quorum. Thank you.

18 With that, we're going to begin by just checking in
19 with our next chair. So after I -- after we complete the
20 Assembly, we're going to move forward with the
21 Congressional maps, is my understanding. And so I want
22 to check in with Commissioner Andersen to -- as she and
23 Vice Chair Kennedy will be leading the next phase. And
24 then also, so we can have a discussion about where we're
25 headed.

1 Commissioner Andersen.

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. And yes,
3 I'll be -- I'll be the chair starting tomorrow and for
4 the rest of the week. And so today is Assembly.
5 Tomorrow we jump into Congressional. And tomorrow we'll
6 actually give you the full, sort of how the week's going
7 to lay out. But basically, there'll be a summary
8 tomorrow of what's going on and we will then jump into
9 the entire Southern California. So we'll review what's
10 going to happen and you'll get all the details at that
11 point. So please keep on tuning in.

12 Anything else you want to say, Commissioner Kennedy?

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No.

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, great. So thank you
15 very much, Chair. That's just a very short and we'll
16 jump into everything tomorrow.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And I do know that, I
18 think, the final maps committee is also working on a plan
19 and with -- with the chair and that was part of the
20 discussion that maybe we'll have tomorrow, Commissioner
21 Andersen, or as you work through your process.

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. It -- yeah. It won't
23 be necessarily a full, you know, blown presentation. But
24 there'll be some changes and things. So we'll give the
25 whole sort of rundown and what happens on -- try to give

1 you an idea of what's going to happen each day, realizing
2 that's -- depending on how things move, the timing of it,
3 it might either move up or move back. But we'll give the
4 whole rundown this next week. But we will start in the
5 South and then move progressively North.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you Commissioner Andersen.

7 So with that, I did hear from Commissioners and from
8 the public that, as that we -- that we would like to hear
9 more public comment. So I am going to open up the lines
10 for thirty minutes and we are going to hear public
11 comment from the public on our maps before we hit the
12 road and start working on our iterations -- or rather,
13 refinements for the iterations and hopefully, that will
14 help to give us some additional feedback on these maps.
15 We did receive over -- actually, hundreds and hundreds of
16 written testimony over the last couple of days -- over
17 the weekend. Those have been posted on the Airtable.
18 Commissioners have been reading them all weekend and it's
19 a lot. It's a lot of feedback from all over California.
20 We appreciate it; keep it coming; we will continue to see
21 it. I know staff is posting it as quickly as they
22 possibly can onto the Airtable. But we also want to hear
23 people throughout public testimony form. So we are going
24 to pen the lines for thirty minutes.

25 Kristian, and let's start hearing public comment.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: So we will -- just to
2 clarify, Chair. We will be taking calls until what time,
3 please?

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're -- we're going to be closing
5 the lines in thirty minutes, so the people can get into
6 the queue in the next thirty minutes can -- will be
7 heard.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: At what time would you
9 like me to close the lines, please?

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay, 1:37.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: At 1:37, we will close
12 the lines. Understood.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

14 So we're giving the public an opportunity to provide
15 public comment on our iterations that we made public
16 yesterday and that we worked through on Saturday. And
17 with that, we will -- we want to hear from California and
18 hear what they have to say. Also, if -- if there's any
19 public comment on our schedule for the next couple of
20 weeks, that would be appreciated. As well as, I have
21 been seeing quite a bit of com -- public comment coming
22 in from community groups asking for -- to be able to
23 provide comment on the schedule, as well.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Just a moment, I will get
25 ready for public comment here. Stand by.

1 In order to maximize transparency and public
2 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
3 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the
4 telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is
5 877-853-5247. When prompted, enter the meeting ID number
6 provided on the livestream feed. It is 884-6542-9407 for
7 this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID,
8 simply press pound.

9 Once you've dialed in, you'll be placed in a queue.
10 To indicate that you wish to comment, please press star
11 nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When
12 it's your turn to speak, you'll hear a message that says,
13 "The host would like you to talk; press star six to
14 speak". If you'd like to give your name, please state
15 and spell it for the record. You are not required to
16 provide your name to give public comment. Please make
17 sure to mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent
18 any feedback or distortion during your call. Once you're
19 waiting in the queue, be alert for when it is your turn
20 to speak and again, please turn down the livestream
21 volume.

22 And just double-checking, Chair, are we doing one
23 and a half minutes for public comment?

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're doing one and a half minutes,
25 yes.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

2 We have a plethora of public who would like to
3 comment. We will be enforcing a one-and-a-half minute
4 time limit, with a warning at thirty seconds and fifteen
5 seconds remaining.

6 Up first, we've got caller 0569, and after that will
7 be caller 7952.

8 Caller 0569, please follow the prompts to unmute by
9 pressing star six. Go ahead.

10 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, thank you. Hi,
11 Commissioners. I am extremely -- my name is Nancy, and
12 I'm extremely upset to see the Assembly map for Santa
13 Clarita. It makes absolutely no sense. Santa Clarita is
14 the third largest city in the county and it deals with
15 issues distinctly different from the City of Los Angeles,
16 like wild fires and public safety power shutoff. Santa
17 Clarita is surrounded by national forest and it should be
18 in an Assembly district with its neighboring communities,
19 and those who share similar characteristics. Putting
20 Santa Clarita with a white affluent area in this -- of
21 the City of Los Angeles I believe to be -- will delete
22 the unique concerns and be -- and we would be ignored,
23 because they will be focused on a wealthier neighborhood
24 that is almost over an hour away. Please put Santa
25 Clarita in its own Assembly district with its neighbor,

1 and not put Santa Clarita with a wealthy -- the
2 wealthiest neighborhood of -- of Los Angeles that will
3 drown out our voices.

4 In addition, I want to add that there -- doing this
5 will cause an influx of crime, fires, and chaos with the
6 current Assembly map. We can't be properly represented
7 against a large, independent --

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- municipality of Los
10 Angeles. The families, businesses, and residents here
11 will suf -- will suffer with this map and I only hope
12 that you understand that you guys would be the ones to
13 live with this for making this decision. Thank you so
14 much.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Up next, we've got caller
16 7925, and after that will be caller 1965.

17 Caller 7925, if you could please follow the prompts
18 to unmute. Go ahead.

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, good afternoon. My
20 name's Ulysses (ph.) and I'm calling today to ask the
21 members of the California Redistricting Commission to
22 please protect the voices of our Latino families in
23 California by restoring the two Latino communities in Los
24 Angeles representing, in particular, the communities of
25 East Los Angeles and Boyle Heights. (Indiscernible) with

1 the latest maps of iteration there's -- it would,
2 essentially, suppress the voices of communities that have
3 fought for so long to make sure that the voices of the
4 families that are within those communities have been
5 heard. I believe that restoring those two
6 (indiscernible) -- those two Latino (indiscernible) would
7 be an insult to the Latino leaders who have fought for so
8 many years to overcome historic gerrymandering efforts
9 that were guided by racist principles to ensure that the
10 voices of these families were not represented in our
11 branches of government, preventing Latino families from
12 making their voices heard on important issues that impact
13 their quality of life, such as environmental justice;
14 access to affordable, sustainable housing; and access to
15 quality education. The Latino --

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- community deserves
18 representation to be in place and we ask you, the
19 Commission, to have the power today to help preserve
20 those voices and help empower those families whose voices
21 need to be heard in Sacramento. And I thank you for your
22 time.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Up next, we've got caller
24 1965, and after that will be caller 0141.

25 Caller 1965, please follow the prompts. One more

1 time. Caller with the last four digits 1965, if you
2 could please unmute. Go ahead.

3 MS. WALTON: Great. Am I unmuted?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You are. Go ahead, the
5 floor is yours.

6 MS. WALTON: Can you hear me, folks? Great,
7 fantastic. Hello, Commissioners. My name is Stephanie
8 Walton and I've been a resident of Oakland's Rockridge
9 neighborhood for seventeen years. I proudly serve as the
10 president of the Rockridge District Association. We
11 represent and advocate for the small business owners in
12 our district. Unfortunately, in your adjustment for a
13 COI in Emeryville, you split another COI, the Rockridge
14 neighborhood.

15 Rockridge has deep economic connections from our
16 retail district along College Avenue. Rockridge has its
17 very own media market, the Rockridge News, which is hand-
18 delivered to 5,500 homes in our designated neighborhood
19 boundary. Rockridge shares transportation, via the
20 Rockridge BART station, plus bike lanes and bus lines
21 that stretch to Berkeley. Rockridge residents associate
22 themselves as North Oaklanders, meaning our preference
23 would be to stay with the following neighborhoods:
24 Piedmont Avenue, Temescal, Golden Gate, Longfellow,
25 Bushrod, and Santa Fe. These neighborhoods are nestled



1 between Emeryville and Piedmont, and along the Berkeley
2 border. Most importantly, we want to stay unified as
3 North Oakland and we appreciate you taking our request
4 into consideration.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

6 MS. WALTON: Thank you so much.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Up next, we've got caller
8 0141, and after that will be caller 3241.

9 Caller 0141, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

10 MR. SANCHEZ: Good morning. My name is Thomas
11 Sanchez, and I am a concerned resident from North
12 Hollywood. My community has been continually been split
13 for years and it was looking like the Commission was
14 going to unify us in one district. The Commission gave
15 directions to do that and it was ignored. The North
16 Hollywood community is made up of three LA city council
17 neighborhoods, NoHo West, Hollywood -- sorry -- NoHo
18 West, North Hollywood, NoHo Northeast, and NoHo North M-
19 C. We have asked to be put in Toluca Lake and you split
20 our community to a CVAP that serves the community being
21 put with Toluca Lake. We should be with other
22 communities, like Van Nuys and Sun Valley, and I ask that
23 you please unite us and all of our community.

24 Just a note of caution to please be wary of the
25 group VICA that purports to speak for the San Fernando

1 Valley. It is a collection of corporate businesses and
2 it does not represent the will of our voices and
3 marginalizes the immigrant communities. Their maps are
4 made with no public input and no community engagement.
5 They do not represent the valley.

6 Please use the November draft maps as a base for
7 refinement and don't use the current utilization --
8 visualizations which irrevocably wreck the valley and our
9 community ties. Thank you for your time.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
11 we've got caller 3241, and after that will be caller
12 2711.

13 Caller 3241, if you could please follow those
14 prompts. Go ahead.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We can hear you.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, there. I'm just calling
18 in on the Congressional maps for Orange County,
19 especially the coastline. It doesn't make any sense to
20 split Orange County's beautiful Cities of LA or San
21 Diego, because none of those communities have anything in
22 common with Orange County. Because LA and Orange County
23 are like two different worlds when it comes to how those
24 communities are operating and how their economies and
25 tourism go. And the same thing with San Diego. I mean,

1 San Diego's not even right there at the border. There's
2 Camp Pendleton and then the San Diego -- the next San
3 Diego city after San Clemente. So keeping Orange County
4 together, especially the beach cities, and keeping inland
5 cities, because I mean, what does an inland city have in
6 common with a beach city? And so we just want the beach
7 cities to stay together. Thank you for your time.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And up next,
9 we've got caller 2711. After that will be caller 4201.

10 Caller 2711, the time has come to press star six.
11 Go ahead.

12 MS. SONG: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name
13 is Eunice Song, and I'm the executive director of the
14 Korean American Coalition - Los Angeles. It's a
15 nonprofit organization in the heart of Koreatown that has
16 advocated for civic and civil rights interests of the
17 Korean American community since 1983. KAC is a member of
18 the Koreatown redistricting task force, as well as a
19 member of the Asian Pacific Policy and Planning Council,
20 which is part of the AAPI and AMEMSA redistricting
21 collaborative.

22 Currently, Koreatown, Lost Angeles, is not kept
23 whole but rather, we are split at every single state
24 level of redistricting. Please unify Koreatown, as
25 referred to in the shape file previously submitted by the

1 AAPI and AMEMSA state redistricting collaborative. The
2 COI of Koreatown needs to be kept whole and the community
3 has overwhelmingly supported this, as evidenced by nearly
4 5,000 signatures to unify Koreatown. Even Los Angeles
5 city redistricting has recognized Koreatown, and the
6 council will vote to finalize it this week. We request
7 the same at all state levels.

8 Koreatown is made up of, predominantly, of renters,
9 while the neighboring areas are homeowners, and residents
10 have shared socio and economic --

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

12 MS. SONG: -- characteristics, and have cultural
13 similarities. They go to the same churches, schools, and
14 same shopping centers, and restaurants. Importantly, the
15 AAPI community of the area share policy concerns.

16 Koreatown deserves a single elected official --

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- as it traditionally has at
19 all state levels. As one of the densest neighborhoods,
20 it does not want its political voice diluted. Please
21 protect our COI by keeping Koreatown whole. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
23 we've got caller 4201, and after that will be caller
24 3447.

25 Caller 4201, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.



1 MR. WALDMAN: Hi. Stuart Waldman from VICA,
2 representing all of the San Fernando Valley, except that
3 one guy, I guess. We'd like to suggest some changes,
4 which we've submitted. Woodland Hills and Tarzana are
5 part of the Ventura Boulevard Specific Plan and should be
6 in the same district as Encino, Sherman Oaks, and Studio
7 City. So we'd like to see that part moved into the South
8 SFB district. Granada Hills North and South neighborhood
9 councils have a lot in common with Porter Ranch and
10 Chatsworth. We'd like to see those moved into the SFSCV
11 district. Someone in Tujunga neighborhood council is
12 split. We'd like to see united in the East San Fernando
13 Valley district. As well as for population purposes,
14 you'd need to take some population from NoHo and put that
15 in the East SFV. And then, I'm not sure about the
16 iteration in T-1, because it says that it's
17 Congressional, but I think it's Assembly, and I don't
18 know what the population is. But we'd like to see more
19 of Glendale in one district and we thought that you could
20 add another 40,000 Glendale residents into GLENLA.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

22 MR. WALDMAN: I'm not sure if that's the case (audio
23 interference). But these small changes are consistent
24 with previous maps that you've drawn and serve the valley
25 well. And you know, they're minor and just a -- I think,

1 a four-district change that would serve people well. So
2 you don't have the weirdness --

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

4 MR. WALDMAN: -- that was going on in the current
5 iteration. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
7 we've got caller 3447, and after that will be caller
8 9157.

9 3447, if you could please follow the prompts. Go
10 ahead.

11 MR. FLORES: Good afternoon. Thank you all for your
12 service to California. My name is Victor Flores. I'm a
13 long-term native resident of Oakland. And just looking
14 at the new iterations of the map, it is concerning to see
15 North Oakland being added into the -- what is currently
16 the Assembly district 18. For those of you that are not
17 familiar with Rockridge, Temescal, Golden Gate, all of
18 the North Oakland neighborhoods have far more in common
19 with Berkeley. For example, Rockridge is very similar to
20 Claremont and Elmwood in social and economic interests,
21 while the rest of the Northern Oakland neighborhoods are
22 similar to South Berkeley. In fact, there is a long-term
23 tradition of BIPOC folks living in North Oakland and
24 South Berkley, so you have, essentially, one large
25 geographic area with inter-connected families and social

1 networks. You also have transit corridors that run along
2 those neighborhoods that are inter-connected, as well as
3 USC Berkeley students that either live as under-graduates
4 or graduates --

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

6 MR. FLORES: -- in these neighborhoods and remain
7 there. I think Oakland has done -- is doing good work to
8 build housing and a strong regional economy, so it makes
9 sense to have multiple Assembly members that can take a
10 holistic approach to legislation. So please don't box us
11 in and --

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

13 MR. FLORES: -- take away our voice. Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
15 we've got caller 9157, and after that will be caller
16 5825.

17 Caller 9157, if you could please follow the prompts.
18 Go ahead.

19 MR. PEREZ: Thank you, Commissioners, for your
20 service. My name is Ruben Perez, and I am a delegate for
21 the 56th Assembly district. And as a resident of the
22 Coachella Valley, I urge you not to divide our
23 vulnerable, under-served Latino communities. The areas
24 of Desert Hot Springs and Cathedral City belong together
25 with Indio, Coachella and the unincorporated areas

1 further East all the way down to the Imperial Valley. In
2 addition to our natural geographical connection, we share
3 the same community demographics, as well as the economy,
4 access to jobs, housing, schools, and other essential
5 resources. It makes no sense to pair us with areas of
6 the mountain, which -- with no geographical or cultural
7 connection; or La Quinta, which is entirely different.
8 Please correct this mistake and give our communities our
9 best chance to thrive.

10 Thank you for your work and consideration of
11 community input.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
13 we've got caller 5825, and after that will be caller
14 1486.

15 Caller 5825, the time has come to press star six.
16 Go ahead.

17 MR. NAGLE: Hi, my name is Nico Nagle. I'm a
18 resident of Oakland, calling in to just quickly comment
19 on the latest map. I think, as other folks have said, it
20 doesn't really seem to make a whole ton of sense. First
21 of all, in the North Berkeley area, it's breaking up a
22 major COI and you know, it makes those areas of North
23 Oakland. As I said before, have a lot more in common
24 with South Berkeley and Emeryville.

25 In the Southern part of the district, there's also a

1 breaking up of San Leandro. That's a major community
2 that -- you know, one relies heavily on having their
3 voice together. They rely on things like
4 transportation --

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

6 MR. NAGLE: -- in the area. And the current
7 drafts -- or the most -- the latest draft seems like it
8 would really dilute those voices in those communities --
9 communities of color down there, as well. So you know,
10 basically -- but I would urge you to look back on this
11 and --

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

13 MR. NAGLE: -- as long as you divide Oakland that
14 keeps North Oakland COI and San Leandro together. Thank
15 you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
17 we've got caller 1486, and after that will be caller
18 9503.

19 Caller 1486, if you could please follow the prompts.
20 One more time for caller 1486. If you could please press
21 star six to unmute. We are ready for your public input.
22 Go ahead. One more time, caller 1486. Please press star
23 six. Go ahead.

24 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Good afternoon. Thank
25 you to the Commission for all your hard work. My name is

1 Leanora C. (ph.). I was born in Rockridge and I'm a
2 long-time resident. I'm urging you to refer to comment
3 33192 that provides a specific geography of the Rockridge
4 boundaries. I'm a signer on that letter, but the
5 comments I'm going to make right now are strictly my own,
6 as a resident.

7 Rockridge and our communities of interest should not
8 be split. Our economic ties, we have a thriving retail
9 district, we have a BART station and many bus lines. We
10 have a community newspaper published monthly, so we have
11 a major media -- well, minor media outlet, but a media
12 outlet in the neighborhood. We're delivered to 5,500
13 homes and that's about 11,000 people. Our preference is
14 for you to go back to draft map 10, the -- of November
15 10th. It keeps our neighborhood whole and it also
16 maintains our --

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

18 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- connections with
19 our vicinities. The neighborhoods Temescal, Elmwood,
20 Piedmont Avenue on. So we ask you, please, to go back
21 and consider that map again and keep Rockridge whole --

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

23 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- as a community of
24 interest.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,

1 we've got caller 9503, and after that will be caller
2 7331.

3 Caller 9503, please press star six. Go ahead.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good afternoon,
5 Commissioners. My name is Chris, that's spelled
6 C-H-R-I-S, and I live in the garden neighborhood of Santa
7 Rosa. I'm also a new dad, so you may hear my little guy
8 in the background. But thank you for your ongoing
9 efforts for applying the Assembly district boundaries in
10 Sonoma County. I'd especially like to applaud
11 Commissioner Neal for his thoughtfulness about our
12 beloved Santa Rosa.

13 Unfortunately, Plan F has a problematic split, which
14 I hope can change. Highway 12 provides a clear and
15 appealing shape but unfortunately, using it as a dividing
16 line creates two highly problematic splits of the city.
17 First, Santa Rosa is still recovering from the
18 devastating Tubbs Fire. These fire risks have not gone
19 away and the communities need unified representation.
20 However, they're currently split in Plan F. The risks
21 are most acute in areas East of Highway 101 and on both
22 sides of Highway 12 East of Farmers Lane. Please keep
23 the following together: the areas located just below
24 Spring Lake and Howard Park, and the many senior living
25 communities above Annadel State Park. Fire risks in

1 these portions of Santa Rosa are shared with
2 communities --

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- to the North, so
5 please connect the areas I've just shared, with an end
6 coast district to the North. I urge you to look at the
7 map submitted by commenter 33047, which shows the exact
8 wildfire risk I'm speaking about.

9 Second, the Latino and POC communities of Santa Rosa
10 are most --

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- heavily concentrated
13 in the areas West of Highway 101. Unfortunately, Plan F
14 divides this diverse area and will, thus, dilute our
15 voting power by pairing us with these areas East of
16 Highway 101, which are significantly less diverse. If
17 Santa Rosa must be split, please use the fire risk and
18 cultural --

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And I'd like
20 to thank everybody for speaking at a steady pace, and
21 taking your time with county names, city names, and
22 numbers.

23 Up next, we've got caller 7331, and after that will
24 be caller 5107.

25 Caller 7331, if you could please follow those

1 prompts. Go ahead.

2 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, this is Kim (ph.).
3 And I've actually called before about Santa Monica, and I
4 just want to thank you guys so much for your service to
5 California. Much appreciated.

6 So right now, in the Congressional district, Santa
7 Monica has been put together with Poway. So I'm calling
8 to urge you to please, please put us back with Venice in
9 the coastal district. So last week, the Santa Monica
10 city council voted unanimously to please put us back with
11 Venice in the coastal district.

12 I think I just heard Stuart Waldman just called in
13 and I'm urging you to look at his VICA map that offer a
14 sound solution that fixes this and actually, a bunch of
15 other things. I, you know, it puts West Hollywood back
16 together, it puts the valley people back in the valley.
17 Please know that Santa Monica agrees with these VICA
18 maps. I can absolutely email those to you guys, if you
19 want to see them, because I'm sure you're very busy with
20 other things.

21 So however you decide to do it --

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

23 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- it's cool, but I'm
24 urging you, please, please, please just put Santa Monica
25 back with Venice in the coastal district. Have a great

1 day, guys. Thanks.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
3 we've got caller 5107, and after that will be caller
4 6250.

5 Caller 5107, if you could please follow the prompts.
6 Go ahead.

7 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello. Thank you for
8 the opportunity to give some feedback. I've been living
9 in Laguna Beach and Newport for many years. There's a
10 lot of synergy amongst the beach cities. The problems
11 and issues are mostly the same. I've lived in Orange
12 County a long, long time and I had offices in Irvine, so
13 I'm familiar with the commute from Laguna Beach to
14 Irvine, and from Newport to Irvine.

15 It's a varied residential and commercial lifestyle
16 of inland versus on the beach would be difficult for one
17 supervisor to handle. The coastal Commission makes a lot
18 of the decisions on housing and commerce on the beach
19 cities, while the issues in Irvine are far different and
20 have no such restrictions. The traffic, the parking, the
21 policing, even the types of commerce differ. When
22 there's, like, some part of the mammal rescue center in
23 Laguna Beach, and when there's, like, rescues, all the
24 cities kind of work together with the beach cities. They
25 understand the beach issues. Our coastal towns --

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

2 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- often they do not
3 understand what goes on inland, nor have any involvement
4 with the issues that the inland communities have. To
5 have one supervisor handle the same issues makes sense.
6 To ask a supervisor to deal with an inland --

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

8 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- Irvine versus beach
9 makes zero sense. The communities inland are vastly
10 different.

11 Anyway, thank you so much for giving me a minute and
12 have a good day.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
14 we've got caller 6250, and after that will be caller
15 5181.

16 Caller 6250, if you could please follow the prompts.
17 One more time, caller with the last four digits 6250, you
18 can unmute by pressing star six, please.

19 Again, caller with the last four digits 6250, if you
20 could please press star six to unmute your phone. Go
21 ahead.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. Can you hear me
23 okay?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Go ahead.

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Great, thanks. My name



1 is Ben (ph.). I actually called in a few nights ago and
2 being a little bit long-winded, I wound up taking too
3 much time and got cut off. So I wanted to just call back
4 and sort of finish what I was saying, which was, at the
5 time, I was mentioning that I thought that the draft
6 Congressional maps, which at the -- which seem to have
7 split West Hollywood into two different Congressional
8 districts. It really didn't make sense to me as a Los
9 Angeles resident and long-time West Hollywood resident.
10 And it seemed like doing so really sort of harms the
11 political voice of a particularly, you know, under-
12 represented community that has, you know, its own
13 identity in the City of West Hollywood. And as a result,
14 I just wanted to kind of add my voice to what seems like
15 a growing chorus of --

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- opinions that would
18 support keeping West Hollywood together, using solutions,
19 such as the one that's been put forth in the VICA maps.
20 And so was just hoping you guys would please --

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- consider that, and
23 wanted to get back in. Thank you so much.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
25 we've got caller 5181, and after that will be caller

1 3270.

2 Caller 5181, if you could please follow the prompts.

3 Go ahead.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.

5 This may run to you as conventional wisdom, but the City

6 of Santa Clarita is actually a majority minority city.

7 It's the third largest city in the County of LA, and it

8 deserves to anchor its own Assembly district with

9 neighboring communities like Acton and Agua Dulce,

10 instead of diluting our power by including us with

11 overwhelmingly white and affluent areas of the City of

12 Los Angeles like West Hills and Woodland Hills and

13 Chatsworth.

14 Please protect our communities of interest by

15 including us with our neighbors, and Woodland Hills with

16 their neighbors. Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,

18 we've got caller 3270, and after that will be caller

19 6628.

20 Caller 3270, if you could please -- oh, just a

21 moment, my bad. All right. Let's try this again.

22 Caller 3270, if you could please follow the prompts to

23 unmute by pressing star six. Go ahead.

24 MS. MEDINA: Hello. My name is Martha Medina. I'm

25 part of the Latino community member from Van Nuys and I'm



1 really concerned about these recent maps. I have nothing
2 in common with the communities of San Fernando and
3 Granada Hills. We do most of our shopping, as a family
4 and community, within the Victor -- Victory Boulevard
5 corridor, and our dining. And that's where we do a lot
6 of our shopping.

7 I urge the Commission to revert to the draft maps of
8 central San Fernando Valley and put our shared
9 communities, like Balboa -- like Balboa, Valley Glen, and
10 all of North Hollywood, and Toluca Lake, which connects
11 our community. We are not a wealthy or well-connected
12 community, and we ask that you listen to our voices in
13 the community of San Fernando. I have talked to many of
14 my neighbors from other valley communities and we're
15 shocked and surprised by these maps.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

17 MS. MEDINA: We feel like the politicians are
18 gerrymandering, not the maps that are good -- we want the
19 maps that are good for our community. San Fernando is a
20 very diverse community with large Latino and Filipino and
21 Armenian communities, and all these communities --

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

23 MS. MEDINA: -- are split. This area needs our
24 attention. And the last-minute nature of these maps has
25 thrown our community into disarray. Please remedy this

1 and use the draft that was created in November as a base
2 for those fixes.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
4 we've got caller 6628, and after that will be caller
5 5277.

6 Caller 6628, if you could please follow the prompts.
7 Go ahead.

8 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Good afternoon,
9 Commissioners. While we thank you for keeping our
10 Imperial Valley whole, I am deeply concerned about
11 dividing us from our strongly linked neighboring
12 Coachella Valley Latino communities. We have a natural,
13 well-built connection to the Coachella Valley communities
14 of Mecca, Thermal, Coachella, Indio, Cathedral City, and
15 Desert Hot Springs. Our priorities align and we share
16 the same culture, economic opportunities, and other vital
17 demographics. I would like to respectfully ask that you
18 please keep Imperial Valley together with these
19 communities we resemble, instead of forcing us together
20 with areas up in the mountain that are both
21 geographically and culturally remote from us.

22 The proposed map would further disenfranchise us in
23 one of California's most vulnerable, under-served areas.
24 Please, do not make this mistake. We urge you not to
25 separate Desert Hot Springs and Cathedral City from the

1 other Coachella Valley Latino communities.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

3 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: And we ask that you
4 please keep our Imperial Valley together with them.

5 Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And again, to
7 those who have called in, if you could please press star
8 nine. This will raise your hand and get you into the
9 queue.

10 Up next, we've got caller 5277, and after that will
11 be caller 0815.

12 Caller 5277, if you could please follow the prompts
13 by pressing star six. Go ahead.

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.
15 My name is Brian (ph.) and I'm currently residing in the
16 Santa Clarita region. I don't think San Fernando Valley
17 and cities like Encino and Hidden Hills should be
18 together. Those places are almost an hour away and the
19 residents of Santa Clarita would have to drive to
20 another -- other Assembly districts to even get to the
21 Southern part of that district. Instead, I would
22 recommend that Simi Valley and Santa Clarita should be in
23 the same district, so we can protect our rural and sparse
24 communities from wildfires and power shut-offs.

25 So yeah, Commissioners, I would recommend you put

1 Simi Valley with Santa Clarita, not only for the
2 protection of wild -- from wildfires, but also the
3 aerospace industry. Our economies are interlinked. And
4 yeah, thank you for your time, Commissioners, and have a
5 great day.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And we do
7 have quite a few callers; we see your hands. Thank you
8 for your patience, everybody. We will get to everybody.

9 Up next, we've got caller 0815, and after that will
10 be caller 9835.

11 Caller 0815, if you could please follow the prompts
12 to unmute. Go ahead.

13 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Are you able to hear
14 me?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We can hear you. The
16 floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Perfect. My name's
18 Alyssa (ph.) and I come from an immigrant family of dairy
19 workers from Portugal, and we live on a dairy East of
20 Oakdale. I wanted to take a moment of your time and ask
21 you to please go with the suggested plan from Friday.
22 That would remove Vineyard from South Sacramento to the
23 Stanislaus Assembly map plan. I agree with the public
24 comments that I've read from people who live in the
25 Vineyard. They deserve to be put with their neighbors in

1 Elk Grove. I also agree with the public comments that I
2 have read from people who live in Folsom. They deserve
3 to be kept together, as well.

4 We should be kept together with our neighbors who we
5 share so much with, just over the county lines to our
6 East. I ask that you go with the plan that would draw us
7 in stretch of West Amador and Calaveras Counties, to be
8 included with South Sacramento to the Stanislaus Assembly
9 map. This would be a near perfect compromise that would
10 make most common sense to those who live here, and also
11 the people live in the Vineyard and Folsom happy. We
12 have far more in common with the West edges of the
13 foothills than we do with either Vineyard or Folsom. By
14 doing this, you keep all the communities of interest
15 together --

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

17 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- as well as the --
18 as well as the farming and ranching immigrant populations
19 together, who live in-between the lakes and the East
20 central valley. We should be considered -- we should be
21 considered a combined community of interest. Thank you
22 for your time.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
24 we've got caller 9835, and after that will be caller
25 3889.

1 Caller 9835, you know what to do. Go ahead.

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. I am calling about
3 the SCV iteration and the South SSV iteration. Putting
4 any portion of the San Fernando valley in with the Santa
5 Clarita district is less than ideal. But if it needs to
6 be done, then it should be the portions of the San
7 Fernando valley that actually have similar interests with
8 the Santa Clarita. I think the Sunland-Tujunga area is a
9 better match with Santa Clarita than are places like
10 Woodland Hills and Hidden Hills. The two areas are
11 connected by the 210 freeway, but the existing iteration
12 doesn't actually have any sort of transportation corridor
13 connecting Woodland Hills and Santa Clarita, for example.

14 You can do a population swap within the SCV district
15 and then have South SSV district, putting some of Tujunga
16 in with the SCV map. Then putting Woodland Hills in with
17 the rest of the 101 corridor in the South SSV map. This
18 makes both districts more compact, it reinforces
19 transportation corridors, and it protects communities of
20 interest. It would also not impact the rest of the map
21 in any way. It's a simple swap in two districts and it
22 just makes sense. Thanks.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
24 we've got caller 3889, and after that will be caller
25 8174.

1 Caller 388 -- caller 3889, go ahead.

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. I'm calling about
3 the Santa Clarita Valley and South San Fernando Valley
4 iterations. Since Santa Clarita Valley has so much of
5 the Angeles National Forest, I think it would make
6 perfect sense to add Sunland and Tujunga into the Santa
7 Clarita valley map. And then to add an equal number of
8 population from Woodland Hills into the South San
9 Fernando Valley district. The simple population swap, I
10 think, strengthens the 101 corridor community of
11 interest, and it also strengthens the wildfire-risk
12 community of interest between Sunland and Tujunga and
13 also Santa Clarita Valley. I think, again, this makes
14 both districts more compact, protects communities of
15 interest, and I think it would be a viable solution.
16 Thanks so much.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
18 we've got caller 8174, and after that will be caller
19 1886.

20 Caller 8174. Go ahead.

21 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Hi. My name is Sonja Rodriguez
22 (ph.) and I work for Coalition for Humane Immigrant
23 Rights, CHIRLA. I want to express my gratitude to the
24 Commission and the staff for creating opportunities for
25 public engagement for our residents in California. Today

1 I will be speaking about state Assembly iterations for
2 12/6/21 in San Fernando Valley. We want to underscore
3 the importance of low-income immigrant communities in the
4 San Fernando Valley around Pacoima.

5 We appreciate the Commission's efforts to create two
6 federal Voting Rights Acts districts at the Assembly
7 level in San Fernando. We love ADESV, that is no longer
8 with Santa Clarita. This map better represents the
9 communities in East San Fernando Valley who will now have
10 a better opportunity to elect candidates of choice.

11 In order to try to respect as many neighborhood
12 council boundaries, we suggest adding more of Pacoima
13 into AD_CENTRALSSC. This can be done by adding from Glen
14 Oaks Boulevard South to the San Fernando Boulevard, and
15 East San Fernando towards Oxford Street.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

17 MS. RODRIGUEZ: This will strengthen the voice of
18 the communities of interest in Pacoima, as they share
19 many things in common with Panorama (indiscernible).
20 Additionally, for Orange County map ADNOC, please
21 consider moving Fullerton dividing line back up to
22 Chapman.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

24 MS. RODRIGUEZ: (Indiscernible) any further South
25 than West Commonwealth Avenue, because this area is

1 experiencing environmental hazards across the line from
2 Chapman South into (indiscernible).

3 Thank you for your consideration and all the hard
4 work. Again, thank you for receiving input.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
6 we've got caller 1886, and after that will be caller
7 9287.

8 Caller 1886. Go ahead.

9 MS. ROTH: Thank you, Commissioners. My name is
10 Shannon Roth (ph.), a San Pedro resident and coastal San
11 Pedro neighborhood council board member. I'm concerned
12 with the new iterations. On the previous map, San Pedro
13 was in one district, now we are divided into two separate
14 districts. San Pedro is a port community. We would like
15 to keep San Pedro in one district as we previously were,
16 for the best interest of our port community. Please take
17 this recommendation into consideration. And thank you
18 for your work.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
20 we've got caller 9287, and after that will be 9009.

21 Caller 9287. Go ahead.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, thank you. My name
23 is Omar (ph.) and I'm calling from the bay area. And
24 first of all, I'd like to say thank you to the
25 Commissioners for all the work that they've done. I know

1 it's a difficult job having to balance all of the various
2 needs.

3 But I'm calling about the proposed Assembly maps in
4 the most recent iteration, because they divide Redwood
5 City. And I think it's vital to keep the city unified
6 and to keep it all in one district.

7 But I'm also calling to say that I support the
8 comments that have come in from some of the community
9 members in Redwood City proposing alternative lines.
10 Because if the city does need to be divided, then it
11 should be along the lines that the community has come
12 together about. On top of that, Redwood City is a
13 majority minority city, and so dividing it really puts
14 all those communities at odds and takes away all of the
15 influence that they have worked hard to have within their
16 own county. So I hope that the Commission looks into
17 those and thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
19 we've got caller 9009, and after that will be caller
20 3761.

21 Caller 9009. Go ahead.

22 MR. CARROLL: Hi. Can you hear me okay?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We can.

24 MR. CARROLL: Oh, great. Thank you so much. Hey,

25 Commissioners, my name is Mike Carroll. I'm a member the



1 Irvine City Council.

2 First, Commissioners, I'd like to thank you for your
3 service. I know exactly what you're going through with
4 these important deliberations, and I know very well what
5 it means to consider the amount of public comment
6 testimony that you're considering. I know it feels like
7 a thankless job and you're unable to meet and address the
8 views that are being stated here today, no question. I
9 am actually here to thank you. You're performing
10 critical, critical work for a state that would,
11 basically, be the fifth largest economy in the world. So
12 in many ways, it's really not a state.

13 Recently, our city council in Irvine passed a
14 resolution in full support, keeping as one united city,
15 Irvine, when it comes to state and federal electoral
16 districts. We are really happy that the Commission has
17 left our city -- my city -- whole and inland, and no
18 merged it with our neighbors at the coast, particularly,
19 with the state Assembly district that has recently been
20 published. We're grateful for that and many
21 Commissioners, especially Linda, your Commissioner
22 colleague who resides in Orange County, California, here
23 with us, who specifically for the importance of a coastal
24 Assembly district --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.



1 MR. CARROLL: -- and a district that kept the City
2 of Irvine whole and not severed as a community. Irvine
3 is the third largest city and the sixth largest county in
4 the United States --

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

6 MR. CARROLL: -- and we really appreciate your help
7 in keeping our community together for the benefit of --

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
9 we've got caller 3761, and after that will be caller
10 6065.

11 Caller 3761. Go ahead.

12 MR. VILORIA: Yes, hi. My name is Michael Viloría.
13 I'm a long-time resident of Sonoma County. And I'm
14 calling about the Santa Rosa area in the Assembly
15 district region up here. So the split for Santa Rosa is
16 what I'm calling about. I believe it can be done better
17 to represent communities affected by fires, that I
18 believe are -- have been reference in the map that's
19 submission number 33047. A minor adjustment that I
20 support would be a proposed division -- to the proposed
21 division along Highway 12. That some of the areas
22 they -- around the edges -- should be in the North coast
23 district. And that area of communities on both sides of
24 Highway 12 have common interests, including the risks
25 that are also been mentioned in public input we've --

1 again, referred to as --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

3 MR. VILORIA: -- ID 33047. Thank you. I appreciate
4 the Commissioners' work.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And again, we
6 do have a plethora of callers. We appreciate your
7 patience. We will get to your comments. If you have
8 called in to give public comment and you can hear the
9 sound of my voice, you are in the right place. If you
10 could please press star nine, that'll get you into the
11 queue.

12 Up next, we've got caller 6065, and after that will
13 be caller 6082.

14 Caller 6065. Oops, I did it again. All right.
15 Caller 6065. Let's try this again. There you go.

16 MR. JONES: Yes. Thank you, Commissioners. This is
17 Douglas Jones. I'm a long-time resident of about thirty
18 years of the City of San Leandro in the East Bay. San
19 Leandro in the -- in this century has been buffeted back
20 and forth on the legislative maps, you know, between the
21 districts North and South. The current formulation of
22 the maps of Senate district 9 and Assembly district 18
23 have San Leandro as the southmost city in each of those
24 legislative districts. In my mind, that makes the most
25 sense and provides some stability.

1 We do have concerns that San Leandro looks like it
2 may be placed as the northernmost City of the legislative
3 districts to the South. It's just really important that
4 we not get buffeted back and forth like this from decade-
5 to-decade. In this way, it dovetails with the concern
6 that you've heard from a number of residents of North
7 Oakland, that they don't wish to be moved into a new set
8 of legislative districts, as well; particularly, the
9 Assembly district. So we would ask that there be a
10 reconsideration of --

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

12 MR. JONES: -- the layout of the legislative maps
13 here, and particularly, on Assembly district 18,
14 maintaining San Leandro in -- within the --

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
16 we've got caller 0682, and after that will be caller
17 0177.

18 Caller 0682. Go ahead.

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.
20 As a resident of the Antelope Valley, I'm upset that we
21 were separated in the latest iteration of the Assembly
22 maps. With that being said, as a Latino, I have to
23 support it because we deserve representation in the
24 Antelope Valley and Victor Valley. If this is what it
25 takes for us to have an Assembly member who supports our

1 values and interests, then I'm happy that, at least, some
2 of us will get to enjoy that.

3 I would like to say, given your schedule the next
4 few days, that we in the Antelope Valley support your
5 current draft of ABSDV. When I hear people speaking
6 publicly about the district, it's always about Santa
7 Clarita, our sister community; or Simi Valley, a wealthy
8 Ventura County community; but what about us? Why are we
9 always the ones who are ignored and on the chopping
10 block? We are a military and defense community that has
11 been separated in order to appease people in Simi Valley
12 for a decade. We're the home of Lockheed, Northrop,
13 Boeing, and a large hospitality industry that services
14 defense contractors. Why is this always forgotten?

15 Putting Simi Valley --

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- with us would mean
18 separating the Antelope Valley yet again. Simi Valley
19 doesn't belong with us. They are not a majority minority
20 community like the Antelope Valley and Santa Clarita
21 Valley are. Your map drafts and visualizations haven't
22 really --

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- changed much the last
25 two months. I'm really hoping that you don't change them

1 at the last minute. Please leave them the way they are.
2 They're cut perfectly along the North LA County line.
3 Thank you so much for your hard work and happy holidays.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
5 we've got caller 0177, and after that will be caller
6 9747.

7 Caller 0177. Go ahead.

8 MR. MARQUEZ: Hello. My name is Jesse Marquez
9 (ph.). I am a seventy-year-old resident of Los Angeles
10 Latino community of Wilmington. And our family has over
11 fifty registered voters in fifteen different cities in
12 California. I submitted my public comments on Saturday
13 and I do not see my comments posted on your website.

14 I do not support any proposed district change if it
15 eliminates an existing district located in a majority
16 environmental justice disadvantaged low-income community
17 of color or ethnic minority community in Los Angeles
18 County. We have fought for decades to have Latino social
19 equity representation in our legislatures. Assembly
20 district 58 is one of those examples.

21 We also do not support any district change if it
22 eliminates an existing representative who is an ethnic
23 minority -- who is Latino, Asian, Black, Native American,
24 or Pacific Islander. A good example is also
25 Congressional district 33 in our area. And I thank you

1 for this time.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
3 we've got caller 9747, and after that will be 1874.

4 9747. Go ahead.

5 MR. MARQUEZ: Oh. Thank you for moving Florence-
6 Graham into the LA -- 110 LA map. Although changes are
7 not perfect, we thank you for listening to the community.
8 Very important, but we think there is a need for one
9 cleanup in this area.

10 As you have heard, the mayor of Huntington Park and
11 countless other community members from Walnut Park, we
12 want, like the RR3 (ph.) communities, to remain together.
13 By moving Walnut Park and Huntington Park, even if it's
14 only a part of Huntington Park, together with Florence-
15 Graham in the 110 corridor map. Please see the Latino
16 equality representation map that was submitted today, as
17 this map --

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

19 MR. MARQUEZ: -- will accomplish our request. These
20 minor changes will help to have a unit -- unified voice
21 for our community. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
23 we've got caller 1874, and after that will be 1960.

24 Caller 1874. The floor is yours.

25 MR. TRIGLIA: Hello. I'm calling from northeast Los

1 Angeles. My name is Vito Triglia. And I'm concerned
2 that the proposed Assembly district N10 (ph.) will shrink
3 the voice of immigrant families in Sacramento. Immigrant
4 families face unique challenges and need their interests
5 protected and I think that the proposed map from ID
6 number 29056 would do that. I support the map from ID
7 number 29056, because it complies with the Voting Rights
8 Act by ensuring that there's two Assembly districts that
9 exceed fifty percent Latino voting-age population,
10 instead of shrinking them into one. Thank you for your
11 work.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
13 we've got caller 1960, and after that will be caller
14 1528.

15 Caller 1960. Go ahead.

16 MR. MELENDREZ: Hello. My name is Alex Melendrez.
17 I'm a member of the San Mateo County Latinx Dems. I'm
18 in -- located in Assembly district 22. I'm asking (audio
19 interference) that Omar mentioned earlier, I would ask
20 that you would include (audio interference) city whole
21 (audio interference) in order for the Latino population
22 of Brentwood City to have proper representation. As a
23 Mexican American, myself, the importance of a voice for
24 the Latinx community is pretty big. And Brentwood City
25 has been home to the largest concentra -- one of the

1 largest concentrations of Latinos in San Mateo County.
2 Proper representation for our growing community requires
3 representation and for the community to be whole. So I
4 thank you for your service and consideration.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
6 we've got caller 1528, and after that will be caller
7 5410.

8 Caller 1528. Go ahead.

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello. I am calling
10 to speak on northwest Los Angeles. I am a community
11 health worker at clinic. I'm a community health worker
12 at (indiscernible) located in Boyle Heights. Thank you,
13 Commissioners, for all your hard work.

14 I am calling to urge the Commission that you protect
15 the voices of our Latino families in California, by
16 ensuring that two Latino seats in Los Angeles
17 representing, is Los Angeles and Boyle Heights. What you
18 have done with the latest map (indiscernible) is suppress
19 the voices of our communities that have fought for too
20 long to have its voice heard. I, once again, voice my
21 support to keep two Assembly district 51 and 53 of
22 representing central Los Angeles and East Los Angeles.
23 Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
25 we've got caller 5410, and after that will be caller

1 5276.

2 Caller 5410, please follow the prompt. Go ahead.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, thank you. So I'm an
4 educator who has lived in Eastern Stanislaus County for
5 over ten years now. And before you take a vote to
6 complete the State Assembly maps, I really want to urge
7 you guys to just consider making a change. Because I've
8 heard that you're trying to figure out what to do with
9 Vineyard, and I agree that it should be with the
10 Sacramento area. I also agree that it wouldn't be fair
11 to the people who live in Folsom to be put in a district
12 with those of us who live in the East valley, because
13 we're -- with the agriculture and rural areas. I'd like
14 to ask that you go with the compromised plan that would
15 combine the lake country to the immediate East of
16 Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties. And that would
17 still allow you to keep the higher elevations whole.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: While I live in Eastern
20 Stanislaus, I have many friends who live in the mountains
21 and I agree that the higher elevations should be kept
22 together. My friends who live in El Portal and Mariposa
23 and Sonora, they all have a common interest.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

25 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: But my family and

1 friends, who live in San Pedro, Lake McClure, they also
2 are separate combined interest that's closer to Eastern
3 Stanislaus County. We even have students from those
4 towns here in Eastern Stanislaus County. So please
5 consider this change.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
7 we've got caller 5276, and after that will be caller
8 1634.

9 Caller 5276.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello. Can you hear me?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Go ahead.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Thank you so much
13 Commissioners. I want to, once again, by thanking you
14 for all the hard work you have done in drawing the
15 (indiscernible) and trying to create an equitable
16 distribution of them. To that point, as a resident of
17 Coachella Valley, I am deeply concerned about the divide
18 of our Coachella Valley Latino communities. It would be
19 a mistake to split Desert Hot Springs and the City of
20 Cathedral City from -- away from Indio and Coachella, as
21 many of these communities share a strong bond.

22 These areas belong together and we are entire -- we
23 are entirely different from La Quinta and the mountain
24 areas to the West that are proposed in the current
25 Assembly maps. Please do not prejudice and

1 disenfranchise our under-served areas. This would undo
2 years of concentrated efforts throughout the region.
3 Please keep our Latino communities together in Coachella
4 Valley and give us our best shot at equitable
5 representation. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
7 we've got caller 1634, and after that will be caller
8 8984.

9 Caller 1634. Go ahead.

10 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Hi. My name is Rocio Rodriguez, and
11 I'm a resident of Sonoma County. I did use to live in
12 Santa Rosa and no longer live there, but I do want to
13 give a comment as to a neighborhood where I did use to
14 live, very close to Howard Park and Spring Lake. There
15 have been already several other comments around this.

16 I do want to state that I was a Commissioner for the
17 advisory district committees for Sonoma County and have
18 had many conversations and deliberation around even the
19 equity -- the question of equity around drawing lines off
20 of highways. Because of our racial inequities and the
21 reasonings behind why some highways have been built. So
22 using Highway 12 is already questionable for me, but in
23 the interest of, what I understand, is where you are in
24 your decision-making and how tough it is to draw these
25 lines, especially down to streets. I just want to voice

1 support for the comment for 33 -- I'll say it slower --
2 33047, with putting Howard Park and Spring Lake --

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

4 MS. RODRIGUEZ: -- with the North coast area. And
5 that is for the same reasons that others posed, as well,
6 of disaster response and disaster preparedness that
7 happens in these areas of interest -- or communities of
8 interest. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
10 we've got caller 8984, and after that will be caller
11 9975.

12 Caller 8984. Oops, let's try this one more time.
13 Caller 8984. There you go.

14 MS. JESTER: Hi, thanks so much. And thanks to the
15 Commissioners for your commitment to the redistricting
16 process. My name is Amy Jester, and I work with the
17 Humboldt Area Foundation and Wildlife Risk Community
18 Foundation, which serve Del Mar, Humboldt, and Trinity
19 Counties. And we regularly partner with the Karuk Tribe
20 and the Yurok Tribe. Particularly, it looks like the
21 Assembly map was redrawn to address some of the things
22 I'm going to talk about here. But just wanted to
23 reiterate the importance of my comments specific to the
24 Congressional map and the Senate map, as well. And I'm
25 commenting on the North coast area and the far northwest

1 region of California.

2 So I'm calling today to support the plea from the
3 Yurok Tribe, which is the largest in the State of
4 California, to ensure that its entire territory remain in
5 District 2, as opposed to dividing it into two
6 Congressional districts --

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

8 MS. JESTER: -- which as -- what the map -- the
9 draft map entails. Dividing ancestral territory of the
10 Yurok reservation will harm the relationship between --
11 further harm the relationship between --

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

13 MS. JESTER: -- tribes and the State of California.
14 And would be an affront to the Voting Rights Act, as well
15 as the various criteria that the Committee has set before
16 it. We also encourage the committee to --

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Up next, we've got caller
18 9975, and after that will be caller 1212.

19 Caller 9975. Go ahead.

20 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon. My name is Susan Smith.
21 I'm a Fullerton resident and a retired educator in the
22 Fullerton district. I just want to begin by thanking the
23 Commissioners for the attention being paid to Fullerton,
24 and all the extra time I know you guys are putting in on
25 our behalf.



1 I have recently submitted to you a proposal, number
2 34032, and just want to thank you for considering
3 possible ways to help unite, rather than divide our
4 community. Thank you, again, for our time and
5 consideration of this issue.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next is
7 caller 1212, and after that will be caller 7477.

8 Caller 1212, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

9 MR. BARTZ: Good afternoon, Commissioners. This is
10 Don Bartz, in Phelan Pinion Hills Community Services
11 District. Our organization, as well as Phelan Chamber
12 and several community members have sent you multiple
13 letters and emails concerning our community. We feel
14 strongly that putting in our community in districts with
15 Los Angeles County would cause us to be left behind. We
16 know this from history. Although we have stated in our
17 letters, even though we are on the county border
18 boundary, we feel we cannot be further apart from
19 Antelope Valley or Los Angeles County.

20 We think this way for several reasons. Primarily,
21 because our residents also do not travel to Antelope
22 Valley for any essential services, which is why there is
23 no major transit corridor linking the San Bernardino
24 County High Desert area to Antelope Valley. There are no
25 cooperative agreements between local governments or

1 corroboration to solve needs, because our needs are
2 different. We work with agencies in San Bernardino
3 County for public safety, public health, and education
4 issues. Given that you're obligated to look at the
5 community of interest testimony and the respective county
6 lines for districts not under Voting Rights Act
7 consideration, I would ask that you listen to the voices
8 from our area who have been asking to keep separate from
9 LA and Kern County, and the voices from Antelope
10 Valley --

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

12 MR. BARTZ: -- who have said they would be with
13 Santa Clarita. This could be done with the non-VRA
14 Assembly seat, as well as in Congress and the Senate.
15 Thank you very much.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
17 we've got caller 7477, and after that will be caller
18 9387.

19 Caller 7477. Go ahead.

20 MS. MCDONALD: Hi, good afternoon. My name is Robin
21 McDonald and I live in the community of interest of
22 Rockridge, within the City of Oakland. I'd like to speak
23 in favor of the draft map which keeps the community
24 intact within a single Assembly district. I refer to the
25 comment number 33192, of which I am a signatory for

1 details. My comments today are my own.

2 Rockridge is a distinct community defined by its own
3 BART station and transit hub, its College Avenue retail
4 district, and its pedestrian-friendly state. My sense of
5 identity is reinforced by the Rockridge Community
6 Planning Council, which has been active for over forty
7 years and distributes a community newsletter by hand to
8 over 5,500 homes. We also would prefer to be in the same
9 district as our neighboring and similar communities of
10 Elmwood, Piedmont Avenue, and Temescal. Keeping
11 Rockridge intact will allow for the most effective
12 representation of our community of interest. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
14 we've got caller 9387, and after that will be caller
15 0515.

16 Caller 9387. Go ahead.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. The floor
19 is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Santa Clarita Valley in
21 the South San Fernando Valley looks like an afterthought
22 drawn from leftovers of the two Voting Rights district in
23 the San Fernando Valley. These Voting Rights seats must
24 exist, but South Santa Cruz -- but Santa Clarita Valley
25 and South San Fernando Valley needs more of your

1 attention. Assembly district South San Fernando Valley
2 map ought to include more communities in the South San
3 Fernando Valley to include more territory in the -- more
4 territory and less territory that is not. Woodland
5 Hills, Sherman Oaks, Encino, and Hidden Hills belong
6 together. They are the South Fernan -- South San
7 Fernando Valley. The 101 goes straight to the heart of
8 these communities, so please put them back together and
9 take out -- take them out of the district that includes
10 Santa Clarita.

11 Frankly, combining any portion of the San Fernando
12 Valley with Santa Clarita is far from ideal, and there
13 has been ample testimony along these lines. However, if
14 the Commission feels compelled to do it, the similar
15 Sunland-Tujunga areas much better --

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- is a much better
18 match with Santa Clarita than are areas like Woodland or
19 Hidden Hills. Sunland-Tujunga is tied to Santa Clarita
20 by the 210 freeway, so if there is a natural
21 transportation corridor --

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- there is no -- there
24 is no transportation corridor from the Santa Clarita to
25 Woodland Hills or Hidden Hills.

1 In fact, there is no freeway or even combinations of
2 freeway connecting these communities. That would
3 discourage visits from the Assembly member.

4 Like Sunland-Tujunga, Santa Clarita has
5 (disconnected).

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
7 we've got caller 0515, and after that will be caller
8 3859.

9 Caller 0515. Whoa, go ahead.

10 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. First of all,
11 thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion here.
12 I live in Grand Terrace. The CTJRC map places my city
13 with the four set of communities of interest that have a
14 very different set of needs to be addressed at the state
15 level. Of particular concern to me is that the map
16 ignores the fact that everything about our city -- its
17 police, fire protection, school districts, health care --
18 are served by governing bodies in San Bernardino County,
19 not Riverside County where we have been placed. The
20 needs of the San Bernardino governing bodies present to
21 the state a quite different set of needs from those by
22 Riverside, Moreno Valley, Corona, (indiscernible), et
23 cetera. Also, our school district serves three
24 communities; Colton, Bloomington, and Grand Terrace. The
25 map splits the state representation we can expect for our

1 school district. This is neither helpful for our
2 students or wise --

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

4 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- for the effective
5 administration of our school district. Putting Grand
6 Terrace in a different county, splitting our school
7 districts, will not work well as representation for our
8 community. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And as a
10 reminder to those who have called in, please mute your
11 livestream audio. This will prevent echo during your
12 call. And another reminder for those who have called in,
13 if you have not yet done so, please press star nine to
14 get in the queue. This will raise your hand.

15 Up next, we've got caller 3859, and after that will
16 be caller 1001.

17 Caller 3859. Go ahead.

18 MS. JONES: Hello. I'm Pam Jones from the Belle
19 Haven neighborhood of Menlo Park, and a resident for over
20 forty-eight years. We are in Southern San Mateo County,
21 bordering Santa Clara County, and next door to Redwood
22 City. You've separated our community of Belle Haven from
23 the rest of our city. Please keep Menlo Park whole.
24 Don't separate our community from the rest of the city.

25 It's also important to keep communities of interest

1 unincorporated North Fair Oaks, City of East Palo Alto
2 with all of Menlo Park. These communities share common
3 historical interest with the Belle Haven neighborhood --
4 grocery stores, churches, health care to name a few
5 shared interests. Note that the map proposed by Veronica
6 Eskamsey (ph.) keeps Menlo Park whole in the South county
7 district. Also, the Assembly district map -- draft map
8 of 11/10/21, as well as the Congressional district map,
9 keep all of these communities together, and particularly
10 important, is keeping Menlo Park together.

11 Thank you for your commitment to drawing the
12 lines --

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

14 MS. JONES: -- for California.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
16 we've got caller 1001, and after that will be caller
17 1681.

18 Caller 1001.

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello, can you hear me?

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Go ahead.

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: All right. Thank you,
22 Commissioners for your time today and for taking public
23 comments. And I hope you'll take a citizen's word as a
24 primary source of consideration.

25 As a life-long resident of the Coachella Valley and

1 someone whose entire immediate lives in the Coachella
2 Valley and as Latino, the separation of Eastern Coachella
3 Valley communities all the way to Imperial, from the
4 extremely similar Desert Springs and Cathedral City is
5 deeply concerning. We share the same community
6 demographics, as well as economy, access to jobs,
7 housing, schools, and other essential resources. It
8 makes no sense to pair Eastern Coachella Valley areas
9 with areas of the mountains with no geographical or
10 cultural connection, or La Quinta, which is entirely
11 different.

12 Please correct this mistake and give our communities
13 our best chance to thrive. Thank you for your work and
14 consideration of community input. Please do not
15 disenfranchise our under-served area further. This would
16 undo years of concentrated efforts to uplift our own
17 region. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
19 we've got caller 1681, and after that will be caller
20 4199.

21 Caller 1681. Go ahead. Caller 1681, can you hear
22 me? We cannot hear you. Could you please double-check
23 to see --

24 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Bueno.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hey.



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We can hear you. Yes, go
3 ahead. (In Spanish, not translated).

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (In Spanish, not translated).

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: (In Spanish, not
6 translated).

7 Up next, we've got caller 4199, and after that will
8 be caller 9334.

9 Caller 4199. Go ahead.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, there. Thank you,
11 Commissioner. Can you hear me?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Go ahead.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, all. So good
14 afternoon. Thank you, guys, so much for your service to
15 the State of California and we do appreciate all the hard
16 work you guys put in.

17 The Commissioners' draft Assembly map is missing a
18 Latino-majority district that is required to be drawn by
19 the federal Voting Rights Act. I do believe the Assembly
20 district map called ENPENN (ph.) should be redrawn to
21 able to be (indiscernible) Latino-majority district.
22 Instead the draft diagrams parts of too many different
23 communities of interest, which has the effect of
24 splitting our voices that could be better served in
25 adjacent districts.

1 Additionally -- sorry, excuse me -- we have separate
2 two communities. Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles, as
3 one is in the City of LA and the other in the County. We
4 ask that you connect immigrant communities in Boyle
5 Heights, Pico-Union, and Alameda, and Penn. We ask that
6 you keep rapidly transitioning neighborhoods of East LA,
7 Eagle Rock, Highland Park, and Echo Park together, as
8 they are vital consequences of gentrification in GLENNLA.
9 We also ask that you comply with the Voting Rights Act by
10 ensuring that two of these four districts, in the GLENNLA
11 and the ENPENN that exceed fifty percent Latino citizen
12 voting age population, not just one. We also ask that
13 you --

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- strengthen Black
16 representation in the 110 LA district. Thank you so much
17 for your time and I hope you all have a wonderful day and
18 happy holidays.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
20 we've got caller 9334, and after that will be caller
21 6652.

22 Caller 9334.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. I'm calling because
24 the split up in Santa Rosa can be done better to
25 represent the communities that were affected by the

1 fires, as exemplified by the map referenced in the
2 submission ID number 33047. I support a minor adjustment
3 to the Commission's proposed division using Highway 12.
4 Some of the areas around the edges should be in the North
5 coast. In that area, communities on both sides of
6 Highway 12 have common interests, including the fire
7 risks that are mentioned in recent public input ID 33047.
8 Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
10 we've got caller 6652, and after that will be caller
11 9119.

12 Caller 6652. One more time. Caller 6652, if you
13 could please follow the prompts. Caller 6652, you can
14 now unmute by pressing star six. If you could please
15 press star six to begin your comment.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hey, sorry about that.
17 Can you hear me?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Go ahead.

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. Thank you for
20 taking the time to listen to my comments. I just want to
21 express an opinion on the Boyle Heights district map. I
22 think the Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles area should
23 be separated, seeing how East LA has been an
24 unincorporated and Boyle Heights is in the City of Los
25 Angeles. I strongly believe they should be separated, as

1 both communities have different needs. Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next is
3 caller 9119, and after that will be caller 0362.

4 Caller 9119. Again, caller with the last four
5 digits 9119, if you could please press star six to
6 unmute. Go ahead.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello. Thank you and
8 thank you very much for your service. I'm calling
9 regarding the area in Southern California, in the Santa
10 Clarita area. I'm asking that you please consider
11 keeping Santa Clarita with the Simi Valley on the draft
12 map. It's so important that you look at this, even on a
13 Google map, to see the topography is so much similar with
14 each other versus merging it with Woodland Hills, which
15 is in the valley. So you're, basically, mixing and
16 matching mountainous areas with valley areas. And by
17 considering doing that, in essence, you're -- it's a
18 forty-five-minute drive, and that's on the freeways --
19 that's on the 405 freeway South and the 101 -- just to
20 get to both ends of those two cities which you're
21 considering. So again, please keep Santa Clarita with
22 Simi Valley on the map -- on the draft map, and keep San
23 Fernando Valley together and not connect it with Woodland
24 Hills. They're completely different topographies and
25 distances from each other, and they overlap. We want to

1 make sure that --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- the Assembly districts
4 don't overlap each other.

5 Lastly, I want to mention that it's really important
6 that the San Fernando Valley remains together in all
7 legislative districts --

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- and -- oh. Thank you
10 so much for your time.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
12 we've got caller 0362, and after that will be caller
13 7590.

14 Caller 0362. Go ahead.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. Thank you for the
16 Commission, for this tremendous job on the redistricting
17 process, especially to Commissioner Kennedy. Because he
18 highlighted the adding La Quinta to the district ADSECA
19 is not recommended. And I agree with that because La
20 Quinta is full of golf courses and people -- white
21 people, wealthy people with pools in their backyards, and
22 that's nothing related to the West -- I mean, East
23 Coachella Valley in Imperial County. So please don't add
24 La Quinta to the district because there's nothing in
25 common, and this will reduce the potential Hispanic

1 voters from the district. So thank you very much for
2 your attention and just hope you can listen to the -- to
3 our voices. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And I think
5 we've got time for one more caller before the break.
6 That'll be caller 7590.

7 If you could please follow the prompts. Caller with
8 the last four digits 7590, you can now unmute your phone
9 by pressing star six, please. We are ready for your
10 input. Again, caller with the last four digits 7590, if
11 you could please press star six to unmute. (In Spanish,
12 not translated).

13 So sorry caller 7590, we will come back to you.

14 Let's try caller 4527. Go ahead.

15 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.
16 Thank you, again, for taking my call once more. I have
17 called in. I also want to thank you for continuing to
18 hear those of us who live in the East San Joaquin and
19 Eastern Stanislaus Counties. You have heard our voices
20 throughout this process to keep the East sides of our
21 counties together as like communities of interest. I
22 know I speak for many who appreciate this.

23 In the last meeting where you were debating what to
24 do with Vineyard, there appeared to be three
25 possibilities you were discussing. And one was to keep

1 Vineyard with the East side of San Joaquin and
2 Stanislaus. Two, to remove Vineyard and split the City
3 of Folsom. Three, remove Vineyard and add portions of
4 the lower foothills in Amador, Calaveras, and Tulare
5 Counties. I strongly urge you to consider option three,
6 which was Commissioner Fornaciari's plan. It seemed this
7 is where the majority of the Commission was considering,
8 and with the utmost respect to Commissioner Andersen, who
9 I believe is right to try to keep the motherload
10 together.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

12 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: The Eastern
13 agricultural rural areas of Stanislaus and San Joaquin
14 share much with the lower foothills. My hometown of
15 Waterford, literally, is flat coming in from the West and
16 foothills going out to the East. We have much in common
17 with the lower foothills.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

19 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: We are sharing
20 watersheds and vital industries and farming and ranching.
21 Our kids play sports together, go to school together, and
22 we depend on each other for tourism and retail. Please
23 consider this, and thank you, again, for your time.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And with that
25 we are up against a break.

1 Vice Chair Andersen, can we please go to break?

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Thank you very much,
3 Kristian, for reminding us.

4 And all callers in the queue, we will be getting
5 back to you. We will take our fifteen-minute break right
6 now, so be back at 2:45. Thank you.

7 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 1:28 p.m.
8 until 2:45 p.m.)

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Welcome back to the California
10 Citizens Redistricting Commission meeting. Thank you
11 very much for all the public who's been calling in to
12 give us their valuable input. We really appreciate you.
13 And at that point, I'm going to turn it over to Kristian
14 to continue on with our public comment.

15 Kristian.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.

17 Again, if you've called in to give public comment
18 and you can hear the sound of my voice, you are in the
19 right place. If you have not yet done so, please press
20 star nine. This will raise your hand and get you into
21 the comment queue. We will be enforcing a time limit of
22 one minute and thirty seconds.

23 First up will be caller 0303, and after that will be
24 caller 2537.

25 Caller 0303, please follow the prompts.



1 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, can --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

3 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, can you hear me?

4 Oh, yes, thank you. I just wanted to say that the
5 current Assembly maps in the San Fernando Valley are too
6 far broken to repair. And the last Senate Assembly map
7 in the valley just needs to be scrapped. The communities
8 in the San Fernando Valley are inter-dependent upon each
9 other culturally and economically, and the current maps
10 breakup these long-standing ties. They do not have
11 public support.

12 The previous Assembly map visualization preserved
13 working neighborhoods and existing alignments better than
14 the current visualization, and we ask that all the
15 working communities of Studio City, Toluca Lake, and all
16 of North Hollywood, Valley Glenn, and Van Nuys be united.
17 Thank you so much. Hello?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
19 we've got caller 2537, and after that will be caller
20 0805.

21 Caller 2537. Go ahead.

22 MR. AL-DABBAGH: Yeah, hi. My name is Rashad Al-
23 Dabbagh and I live in Orange County. I work for the Arab
24 American Civic Council, which is a member of The People's
25 Redistricting Alliance. I want to, first, thank you all

1 for your work.

2 But I was concerned to hear mention of the
3 Commission considering dividing the Arab, Middle Eastern,
4 Muslim, and South Asian community of interest that
5 crosses county line between Orange and Los Angeles County
6 by moving the City of Cypress into a different district.
7 As has been mentioned, the AMEMSA community of interest
8 includes Buena Park South of the 5 freeway, La Palma and
9 Cypress in Orange County, and Cerritos and Artesia in LA
10 County. As part of their daily lives, the AMEMSA
11 communities in Buena Park, La Palma, and Cypress cross
12 into Los Angeles County to shop in ethnic markets, dine
13 in restaurants, worship, and access social services in
14 Artesia and Cerritos. This community of interest should
15 be kept whole in an Orange County-based district.

16 You're almost there. Please don't divide our
17 communities, and please keep Cypress in the district in
18 North Orange County. Thank you for your consideration
19 and all your hard work.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
21 we've got caller 0805, and after that will be caller
22 6403.

23 Caller 0805, please follow the prompts to unmute.
24 Go ahead.

25 MS. COHEN: Hi, there. My name is Molly Cohen. I'm

1 a resident of North Hollywood. And I just want to say
2 that the North Hollywood community stretches from Roscoe
3 down to the 101, and we are really unhappy with the way
4 that you guys have chosen to draw these new -- these new
5 district maps. The current Assembly map that we have
6 seen for the San Fernando Valley are just far too broken,
7 and these last-minute changes have been extremely
8 unacceptable. I was trying to call in all Saturday and I
9 couldn't stay on the line that long. It was really
10 unacceptable.

11 I think you really have to go back and look at the
12 old map that we were able to call in and give public
13 comment about. I know that my neighbors and I, who are
14 all renters in the San Fernando Valley, have put in a lot
15 of public comment. And I really think that you need to
16 retake a look at the San Fernando Valley. Thank you very
17 much.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
19 we've got caller 6403, and after that will be caller
20 0968.

21 Caller 6403. Go ahead.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, good afternoon. I'm
23 calling about AD NELA iteration map. I'm a resident of
24 the East side and I'm asking you to restore the two
25 Latino seats in Los Angeles. Please protect the voices

1 of Latino families in California, like my own. The
2 latest map addition -- renditions do not support the
3 voices of our communities that have fought for so many
4 years to be heard and represented. I'm asking that the
5 maps reflect representation of two Latino seats, which
6 are currently represented via AD 51 and AD 53. In
7 failing to restore the two Latino seats would be
8 devastating to our community who has really come a long
9 way around overcoming historic gerrymandering efforts.
10 And the Latino community of Los Angeles deserves
11 representation. And so thank you very much for your
12 consideration.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
14 we've got caller 0968, and after that will be caller
15 7312.

16 Caller -- again. Up next, we'll have caller 0968,
17 and after that will be caller 7312.

18 Caller 0968, if you could please follow the prompts
19 to unmute. Go ahead.

20 MR. STAPLES: Thank you. My name is Chris Staples
21 (ph.). And I'm calling about the intersection between
22 the Assembly districts for Berkeley, Richmond, and for
23 Oakland. First, I want to thank the Commission and their
24 staff for doing an incredible amount of work after the
25 census was completely messed up by the pandemic and by

1 President Trump.

2 My community of interest is the Piedmont Avenue
3 neighborhood in North Oakland, which goes from Oakland
4 Avenue to Broadway, and Highway 580 to Mountain View
5 Cemetery. You've kept us together and that's great, and
6 I hope you will continue to do that. You've done some
7 strange things around us, however.

8 We are in the rich Berkeley neighborhood. You've
9 reached an arm of the Oakland neighborhood around us to
10 our North, and taken a half of the Rockridge neighborhood
11 and put it in the Oakland district, and you put the other
12 half in the Richmond-Berkeley.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

14 MR. STAPLES: I think you can fix that by taking the
15 Piedmont Avenue neighborhood and perhaps, the City of
16 Piedmont, putting them with --

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

18 MR. STAPLES: -- the Oakland district. And then
19 having Rockridge go -- lower Rockridge and upper
20 Rockridge, which is to the South of Broad (disconnected).

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Up next, we've got caller
22 7312, and after that will be caller 1258.

23 Caller 7312. Go ahead.

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: (In Spanish, not
25 translated).

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: (In Spanish, not
2 translated).

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: (In Spanish, not
4 translated).

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: (In Spanish, not
6 translated).

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: (In Spanish, not
8 translated).

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: (In Spanish, not
10 translated).

11 Up next, we've got caller 1258, and after that will
12 be caller 2738.

13 Caller 1258. Caller with the last four digits 1258,
14 you can now unmute by pressing star six, please. Again,
15 for the caller with the last four digits 1258, you can
16 now unmute by pressing star six, please. So sorry,
17 caller 1258, we will come back to you.

18 Up next, we've got caller 2738, and after that will
19 be caller 3940.

20 Caller 2738, if you could please follow the prompts.
21 Again, that's caller with the last four digits 2738, you
22 can now unmute your phone by pressing star six, please.

23 We know everyone has been on the phone a long time.
24 If you could please be alert for when it is your turn to
25 speak.

1 Caller 2738, we will return to you.

2 Up next, we've got caller 3940, and after that will
3 be caller 9517.

4 Caller 3940. Go ahead.

5 MR. GONZALEZ: Good afternoon. Thank you very much,
6 Commissioners and everyone involved in this important
7 public process. My name is Isaac Gonzalez. I'm a life-
8 long resident of the City of Sacramento and I live in the
9 Tahoe Park community. And while I appreciate your
10 efforts to help out the community of Vineyard and some of
11 the rural districts, I think you have really done a
12 disservice to Assembly mem -- Assembly district 7 in
13 reducing our community in half.

14 We have much, much, much more in common with the
15 communities of Elmhurst, Oak Park, West Sacramento, and
16 mid-town South Natomas -- Natomas than we do with the
17 residents in Elk Grove and Vineyard. And I believe by
18 cutting our district in this fashion, you are doing a
19 disservice to us.

20 So while I appreciate all of your efforts to date,
21 I, please, implore you to restore previous drafts of
22 Assembly district 7 to the way that connects it with all
23 the areas around the UC Davis Med Center, West
24 Sacramento, mid-town, downtown, and South Natomas,
25 especially with Tahoe Park and Elmhurst.

1 Thank you very much for all your important work.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
3 we've got caller 9517, and after that will be caller
4 0762.

5 Caller 9517. Go ahead.

6 MS. VO: Hello, Commissioners. First of all, thank
7 you for all your hard work. My name is Vanessa Vo, and
8 I'm calling from Huntington Beach, our Little Saigon
9 community. And I was at the senior center this morning
10 and I was told that you are not hearing our collective
11 voices to help our Little Saigon representation in the
12 State Assembly.

13 I want to call in and hopefully, you will be able to
14 hear me and help our community. Please, please, since
15 today is your last day to work on the Assembly map adding
16 in Cypress and keeping Stanton included in Saigon makes
17 no sense to us, who live here. We don't have any
18 community of interest with these two cities. Stanton has
19 a majority Latino community, and they belong with
20 Anaheim. We do not celebrate Cinco de Mayo of sir and
21 madams. I don't know anyone from Little Saigon would go
22 to Cypress for anything that is Vietnamese-related.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

24 MS. VO: Our community has met and have told you
25 that our community of interest lies North of Huntington

1 Beach, where hundreds have majority Vietnamese American
2 residents. The border between Huntington Beach,
3 Westminster, and Toluca Lake was shared --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

5 MS. VO: -- (indiscernible) of this -- of Beach
6 Boulevard and the 45 freeway, and shares a school
7 district for our children. Please make sure you include
8 the inland part of Huntington Beach on the North of
9 Garfield Street in Huntington Beach, to Little Sai --

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next will
11 be caller 0762, and after that will be caller 2080.

12 Caller 0762, please follow the prompts. Caller with
13 the last four digits 0762, you can now unmute your phone.
14 Go ahead.

15 MR. NORRIS: Hi. This Patrick Norris in North
16 Hollywood. Can you hear me?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Go ahead.

18 MR. NORRIS: State Assembly districts, and
19 particularly here in the San Fernando Valley, I don't
20 know what has happened to this map. I was looking at
21 it -- I've been following this process. The last month
22 you had it and it looked pretty rational. I'm sure
23 people had, you know, nits to pick with it, but the
24 district was reasonable. And the map, as it now stands,
25 it does not seem to meeting any criteria of compactness

1 or respect for political boundaries, or natural
2 geography, or anything. Glendale and Burbank are two
3 incorporate -- large, incorporated cities that are all
4 split up with parts of the valley. The South San
5 Fernando Valley district is bizarre looking. I don't --
6 the only person I've heard that seems to have expressed
7 any interest in this map was the Mr. Waldman of the
8 Commerce Association. Maybe he benefits from it in some
9 way, but I don't think that those of us that live here
10 do. I would urge you, please relook at the San Fernando
11 Valley and make it something that reflects the people
12 that actually live here.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

14 MR. NORRIS: The San Fernando Valley would be North
15 Hollywood, Valley Glen, Valley Village, maybe Van Nuys;
16 those naturally go together. You could do North
17 Hollywood with Valley Glen, Valley Village, Toluca Lake;
18 that would be a reasonable East San Fernando Valley
19 district. But respect the boundary of a city like --

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

21 MR. NORRIS: -- Burbank and let it be apart. Thank
22 you very much. I hope you'll be able to fix this. Bye-
23 bye.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next will
25 be caller 2080, and after that will be caller 4599.



1 Caller 2080, if you could please follow the prompts
2 to unmute. Go ahead.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (In Spanish, not translated).

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Si.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (In Spanish, not translated).

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Muchos gracias.

7 Up next, we've got caller 4599, and after that will
8 be caller 2494.

9 Caller 4599, if you could please follow the prompts.
10 Go ahead.

11 MR. MORENOS: Good afternoon. My name is Danny
12 Morenos (ph.). I've live in the community of Buena Park
13 for over forty years. Our community leaders of Buena
14 Park like the modifications that you have done, but would
15 like to recommend some minor cleanup.

16 In order to fix your high population in the Gateway
17 map and accomplish our continued request of keeping our
18 communities together, we would like to request a cleanup
19 by keeping Florence-Graham, Walnut Park, and Huntington
20 Park, even if it's only part of Huntington Park together
21 in the 110 LA map. This cleanup will help decrease the
22 excessive four percent deviation of the Gateway maps and
23 will also help balance the Latino numbers. Please treat
24 the Latino equal representation map that was submitted
25 today. This map will accomplish this request.

1 Thank you once again for your time and consideration
2 of this minor change. Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And as a
4 reminder to those calling in, if you could please mute
5 your livestream audio, this will prevent echo during your
6 public input call.

7 Up next, we've got caller 2494, and after that will
8 be caller 6968.

9 Caller 2494. Go ahead.

10 MS. GUTIERREZ: I am calling to speak on northeast
11 Los Angeles. Hello. My name is (indiscernible)
12 Gutierrez (ph.). I am a community health worker at
13 clinic (indiscernible), located in Boyle Heights. Thank
14 you, Commissioners, for all of your hard work. I am
15 calling to urge the Commission that you protect the
16 voices of our Latino families in California by restoring
17 the two Latino seats in Los Angeles, representing East
18 Los Angeles and Boyle Heights. What you have done with
19 the latest map visualization and suppressed the voices of
20 our community that have fought for far too long to have
21 their voices heard.

22 I want to, again, voice my support to keep two
23 Assembly districts 51 and 53 representing Central Los
24 Angeles and East Los Angeles. The Latino communities
25 deserve representation and it is your responsibility to

1 protect it. Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next will
3 be caller 6968, and after that will be caller 8264.

4 Caller 6968. Caller with the last four digits 6968,
5 you can now unmute your phone by pressing star six,
6 please. Again, that's caller with the last four digits
7 6968, if you could please press star six -- (in Spanish,
8 not translated). Go ahead, the floor is yours. Call --

9 MR. BARSOUMIAN: Hi, can you hear me?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can, go ahead.

11 MR. BARSOUMIAN: Wonderful, wonderful. My name is
12 Edward Barsoumian, and I'm reaching out on behalf of the
13 Armenian National Committee of America Western Region.
14 And I'd like to respond to a few unfortunate mistakes on
15 the map, focusing specifically on the fracturing and
16 removal -- separation of the communities of Glendale,
17 Burbank, and La Canada Flintridge, as well as La
18 Crescenta.

19 Now, looking at the past two iterations of these
20 maps, we found that these are the densest Armenian-
21 populated areas and yet they are being separated. This
22 separation, unfortunately, has tremendous, you know,
23 problems, you know, with what will happen to this
24 community because, ultimately, they share a fire
25 department, police department, and they all attend the

1 same school district. So on behalf of the Armenian
2 community-at-large, we would really like to request that
3 these three communities be returned and reunited under
4 one Assembly district.

5 Thank you. That's all I got.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
7 we've got caller 8264, and after that will be caller
8 2782.

9 Caller 8264, if you could please follow the prompts.
10 Go ahead.

11 MS. OLIVEIRA: Good afternoon, Commissioners. I'm
12 Claudia Oliveira, president of the Downtown Los Angeles
13 Neighborhood Council. I'm here speaking in my private
14 capacity on the changes to the Assembly district 53. I,
15 personally, have worked extraneously on resident
16 retainment, because it seems as the rest of the city and
17 the state have a hard time understanding the downtown Los
18 Angeles Latino community.

19 When I saw my district split into three, especially
20 with the visual going right through the middle of 6th
21 Street, my heart dropped. Not only this is dividing the
22 Neighborhood Council in half, but it's also dividing the
23 biz district. I'm sure that you can imagine, by looking
24 at the state of downtown Los Angeles today, how
25 challenging it is for us to advocate for our needs. This

1 division will make us have to jump through hoops every
2 time we need to work with our representatives to meet the
3 needs of our community. I am urging you to please keep
4 downtown together as a whole, and district 53 the way it
5 is currently.

6 Thank you for your hard work. I'd like to yield the
7 rest of my time.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
9 we've got caller 2782, and after that will be caller
10 6089.

11 Caller 2782, if you could please follow the prompts.
12 Go ahead.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Ryan
14 (ph.). I work in Santa Rosa, and I was calling about the
15 North Coast Assembly district. While we appreciate all
16 the work that you have done, and listening to public
17 comments. I share the other thoughts of the commentators
18 about Santa Rosa, and to keep the communities that are
19 more impacted by the fires, and also just natural
20 community lines intact. So if you look at the map, we
21 would like you to add the area North of Sonoma Avenue,
22 North of Stonehedge Drive, back into the North Coast area
23 and that community and those neighborhoods. So please
24 look at that fix for Santa Rosa plan S.

25 Again, thanks for all your work and thank you for

1 taking public comment on this.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next will
3 be caller 6089, and after that will be caller 3583.

4 Caller 6089, if you could please follow the prompts.
5 Go ahead.

6 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Commissioners, I'm
7 calling to ask you to please form the same hard beliefs
8 you have about not crossing the Golden Gate Bridge,
9 except into Salton Sea and La Quinta. The Salton Sea and
10 the communities that surround it are some of the poorest
11 communities in the region, so do not tie them to one of
12 the more affluent communities in the region.

13 La Quinta, what am I talking about? For example,
14 the median household income for La Quinta is \$77,839,
15 while it is \$53,669 in Indio. Over thirty percent of the
16 population in Indio are on public assistance, while only
17 eighteen percent in La Quinta. Common sense tells you
18 that, more than likely, the residents in La Quinta will
19 be heard, while the poorer communities in Indio and
20 around the Salton Sea will find themselves second fiddle
21 when it comes to their voices being heard and a fair and
22 legitimate representation. La Quinta is a hard no when
23 it comes to the Salton Sea and Indio. Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
25 we've got caller 3583, and after that will be caller

1 8514.

2 Caller 3583. Go ahead.

3 MS. SALLAS: Thank you, Commissioners, for taking
4 comment tonight. Okay, my name is Chelsea Sallas (ph.)
5 and I live in Newberry Springs. I want to urge the
6 Commission to keep our San Bernardino County and High
7 Desert whole and together. At the Assembly and Senate,
8 you split us up and combined us with Los Angeles County.
9 And I believe, at the Assembly level, you could get us
10 out of Kern and LA County by joining the Morongo Basin
11 with the rest of the High Desert.

12 While we seem far away, our High Desert community
13 has one water master, who ensures our communities are
14 conserving enough water. And we also have one air
15 quality management in the district that monitors our air
16 pollution. These allow our communities from
17 (indiscernible) the Echo Valley to work together on
18 important public health issues. We don't have any
19 overlap with Kern or Los Angeles communities in the
20 visualization for any essential services.

21 Those communities should be kept with the
22 communities they're similar to, and not with our
23 community. At the same time, it is not beneficial for
24 our community to be sucked into Los Angeles County,
25 because they have very different priorities than us, and

1 oftentimes, we are not in alignment. Please consider
2 keeping our San Bernardino County High Desert together
3 and not with Los Angeles County. Thank you for
4 listening.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
6 we've got caller 8514, and after that will be caller
7 5178.

8 Caller 8514, go ahead.

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. Good afternoon,
10 Commissioners. Thank you for all the work that you're
11 doing with the redistricting maps. I'd like to ask you
12 to please keep all of Fullerton area together with its
13 current North Orange County district. It is home to
14 Fullerton College and Cal State Fullerton, which serves a
15 large Hispanic community. Many of the students live
16 North of campus and should be included with the entire
17 city, instead of being broken apart. I would like to see
18 that the Latino demographic is not diluted in the area of
19 Fullerton. This can be accomplished by putting all of
20 Fullerton together as we know it currently.

21 Keeping Cypress, also, with the Garden Grove
22 district will allow for the numbers to balance with
23 keeping Fullerton in where it is currently. This will
24 help better serve Cypress, as well, and the Garden Grove
25 district, as it is a large veteran community, and it is

1 in --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

3 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- close proximity to
4 the Los Alamitos Base. Also, the Korean community is
5 vital to the North Orange County area, and to the
6 communities of Fullerton and Buena Park. The best way to
7 keep this Korean community together would be to keep --

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- all of Fullerton and Buena
10 Park together. Fullerton is not just Korean community on
11 the westside, it is throughout the entire community.

12 Thank you so much for your work on the maps.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
14 we've got caller 5178, and after that will be caller
15 6223.

16 Caller 5178. Go ahead.

17 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. Thank you. My name
18 is John. I am a resident in North Oakland, in the small
19 micro-neighborhood of Chester, between Temescal and
20 Rockridge. I agree with earlier callers, in that the new
21 visualization -- I do want to thank Commissioner Yee for
22 really trying to put Emeryville next to our neighbors
23 right here North Oakland. But in doing so in this new
24 visualization, as a people correctly noted, you have
25 split us with our (indiscernible) neighbors to the North

1 in Elmwood and then South Berkeley, especially in the
2 area that's kind of known as, like, the North Oakland-
3 Berkeley-Emerlyville area, and New York-San Pablo Avenue.
4 I do -- I agree with other callers in making a switch.
5 Perhaps, moving that East Bay boundary in North Oakland
6 South to 580. And with other callers with the
7 recommendation to switch it and perhaps --

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- do a swap where
10 Oakland takes up, perhaps, Piedmont Avenue, Glen Lake --
11 sorry -- Grand Lake, which is connected to other, like,
12 their communities -- Piedmont, Diamond. And because the
13 Oakland --

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- Assembly
16 visualization also has some of the hills, perhaps even
17 going up to the hills if you need to swap out population.
18 But please keep North Oakland whole with Emeryville and
19 South Berkeley. Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next will
21 be caller 6223, and after that will be caller 0563.

22 Caller 6223. Go ahead.

23 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. Hi. My name is
24 Maria (indiscernible). I'm calling with the Black
25 Alliance for Just Immigration. I live in the Merk Park

1 (ph.) community, but also our communities are located
2 throughout all of the sort of South LA neighborhoods.
3 And I just wanted to acknowledge that, you know, while we
4 see improvements in most of the iterations that have been
5 released, the community of interest pairings that have
6 been created have reduced Black political voice by
7 packing Black voters in only one of four South LA-based
8 district. This is creating only two Black opportunity
9 districts in South LA, rather than the four that has
10 historically been there. And that can be drawn there if
11 these districts are drawn at twenty-nine to thirty-three
12 percent Black CVAP. I just -- I can't stress or
13 emphasize enough the need for four Black-influenced
14 districts at twenty-nine to thirty-three percent Black
15 CVAP. And that the Florence and Graham needs to be in a
16 South LA district, not with Englewood.

17 Too, I wanted to speak on the 110 LA district and
18 recommend bringing in Manchester Square, Vermont Knolls,
19 Vermont Vista as --

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

21 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- part of Gramercy
22 Park -- and part of Gramercy Park into this district and
23 out of the 105 corridor, to unpack and better balance
24 that Black CVAP. Also, this district could extend
25 more --

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

2 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- into Downtown LA,
3 as far as up to 3rd, but should exclude Little Tokyo.
4 Just remember Black lives matter in redistricting, as
5 well. It's not exclusive to the --

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
7 we've got caller 0563, and after that will be caller
8 7682.

9 Caller 0563. Go ahead.

10 MR. WOODSON: Hi, Commissioners. This is James
11 Woodson calling from The California Black Census and
12 Redistricting Hub. First of all, I just wanted to say
13 thank you for your hard work over the last several
14 months, and particularly over the last several days, as
15 you work to refine that, based on public comment and
16 public input. I especially want to thank you for the
17 shifts you made in the IE in San Diego to protect under-
18 represented communities to ensure that they were paired
19 together, and not grouped with dissimilar areas.

20 However, I did want to call and raise concern about
21 your South LA maps. The Black Hub is concerned that the
22 Englewood district in your latest iteration -- AD 105
23 corridor iteration -- may be unlawfully packing Black
24 communities in violation of the Equal Protection Clause
25 of the United States Constitution, which is on par with

1 your equal population criteria, and trumps even your VRA
2 obligations. We strongly urge you to unpack that
3 district. We submitted ways that you can do that and
4 hope you consider the recommendations and ensure your
5 Assembly map is not at risk --

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

7 MR. WOODSON: -- of being in violation of federal
8 law. Again, thanks so much for your time, and we look
9 forward to the rest of your work.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
11 we've got caller 7682, and after that will be caller
12 3995.

13 Caller 7682, you know what to do. Go ahead.

14 MR. IBRAHIM: Hi, Commissioners. My name is Rami
15 Ibrahim. I'm with the Partnership for the Advancement of
16 New Americans, and I've been living in San Diego for
17 twenty-one years. I'll be speaking on adjustments to the
18 Assembly maps for San Diego. I'm calling on behalf of
19 Black African and Middle Eastern and Muslim refugee
20 communities in San Diego, in the neighborhoods of City
21 Heights, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, Southeast San Diego,
22 Spring Valley, and El Cajon.

23 Many families, who have historically called
24 communities in City Heights and Encanto home, have been
25 pushed East into El Cajon, Rancho San Diego, and La Mesa

1 in search of more affordable housing. And communities
2 continue to worship in southeast San Diego, mosques in
3 City Heights, maintaining community ties in mom-and-pop
4 shops in their old neighborhoods.

5 Concerning the maps, in the La Mesa and Spring
6 Valley map, please bring La Presa, mid-city Normal
7 Heights into this district, as well as the rest of
8 Skyline-Paradise Hills, and a small portion of
9 southeastern San Diego by the 94 that was split.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

11 MR. IBRAHIM: In the CDSY map, take out El Cajon and
12 move into central San Diego. In the central San Diego
13 map, please bring El Cajon whole --

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

15 MR. IBRAHIM: -- into the district to pair with Mesa
16 communities. And take out uptown Elbow Park (ph.), and
17 greater Golden Hills and pair with downtown. Thank you
18 so much.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
20 we've got caller 3995, and after that will be caller
21 2313.

22 Caller 3995. Go ahead.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. Good afternoon,
24 Commissioners. I'm calling to ask that you please keep
25 San Bernardino County's High Desert whole and together.

1 We want to be able to have adequate representation. And
2 of course, one of the things that we uphold is trying to
3 keep communities together, particularly communities in
4 the same county. Whether that be by putting -- keeping
5 Victorville out of (indiscernible) and Hesperia whole,
6 because we don't want to cut through those cities in
7 half; we want to keep those cities together. And then
8 also, try to move some of them around the basin into
9 EVHD. It's, again, important that this community has
10 adequate representation, and we please ask that you keep
11 San Bernardino County's High Desert together. Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
13 we've got caller 3434, and after that will be caller
14 1535.

15 Caller 3434, please follow those prompts. That's
16 for caller with the last four digits 3434. You can now
17 unmute your phone by pressing star six, please. One more
18 time.

19 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, go ahead.

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello? Yep, thank you.
22 Okay. So thank you to the Commission for extending the
23 time for this to -- for the deliberations for the
24 redistricting of the Assembly districts. Hello, my name
25 is Chito (ph.). And the San Fernando Valley maps, I

1 believe, are getting better, but they do have a vital
2 flaw. The San Fernando Valley is not being kept
3 together. The communities of Belle Canyon, Hidden Hills,
4 and other San Fernando Valley areas do not belong in a
5 seat with Santa Clarita.

6 These communities do not have the community
7 interests with Santa Clarita. Our education, economic,
8 and lifestyles are different. We would have our
9 interests ignored in favor of Santa Clarita's issues.
10 The Commission can make this right. We're asking that
11 the Commission remove these communities from the district
12 SCV and add them to the seat called South SSV. There
13 they will be with other San Fernando communities that
14 share values and interest.

15 Since this will over populate the South San Fernando
16 Valley district, the Commission can take Sunland-Tujunga
17 and place these communities with the Santa Clarita Valley
18 district. Santa Clarita and Sunland-Tujunga are part of
19 the transportation hub, including the 210 freeway, and
20 this would make that area more represented.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: And adding -- and it
23 would be a sensible move, because it would just be
24 swapping two populations.

25 Thank you so much. This could help my community and

1 others be more fairly represented with the new
2 redistricting process. Thank you so much for your time
3 and have a great day.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
5 we've got caller 1535, and then we will have caller 7223.

6 Caller 1535. Go ahead.

7 MR. MALDONADO: Hi. Hello. My name is Tony
8 Maldonado, I'm Latino. Regarding the Santa Clarita
9 Assembly maps, why do you want to silence the residents
10 of Santa Clarita and make them irrelevant? That is what
11 will happen if you take the third largest city in Los
12 Angeles County and force it onto the San Fernando Valley.
13 Santa Clarita is a thriving city and valley that borders
14 into our county. We're a very diverse, inter-connected
15 communities, and no community is segregated by ethnicity
16 or race. I think the San Fernando Valley, which is home
17 to numerous racially and ethnically segregated
18 communities, and with whom we do not want to be connected
19 to.

20 Santa Clarita is the anchor and largest city between
21 itself and sister Cities of Simi Valley, Fillmore,
22 Moorpark, Acton, Agua Dulce, Gorman, Lebec, and Frazier
23 Park, with whom we want to be associated with. If the
24 area were a county, Santa Clarita will be the county
25 seat. Santa Clarita and our sister cities share many of

1 the same interests, concerns, and services, and our
2 residents transverse our cities on a regular basis for
3 employment, commerce, and recreation --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

5 MR. MALDONADO: -- purposes. Santa Clarita connects
6 to Lake Piru and to all the other areas we are connected
7 on freeways.

8 Regarding public services, we share nothing with the
9 City of Los Angeles. Therefore, please listen to our
10 voice. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
12 we've got caller 7223, and then we'll have caller 4047.

13 Caller 7223. Go ahead.

14 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Renee
15 (ph.) and I'm calling from the San Fernando Valley. I'd
16 like to call attention to the fact that -- that you guys
17 have done a great job in considering racial diversity in
18 drawing these lines. But given the current iteration of
19 the San Fernando Valley maps, you have drowned out and
20 diluted the voices of lower-income families and for
21 tenants, who will have to compete for their Assembly
22 members' time in a backdrop of more wealthy, affluent
23 communities in which you have mixed in
24 disproportionately.

25 I know this is not your intention, nor was it

1 intentional. I believe it's part of the systemic problem
2 inherent with the Voting Rights Act that hasn't taken
3 into consideration socioeconomic factors. Assembly
4 district 38 is directly impacted when you bring in
5 Calabasas and Woodland Hills, which are wealthy
6 homeowners, and dilute that against the voices of tenants
7 and those who are statistically making substantially less
8 money than anyone on this Commission makes.

9 Please do not dilute the voices of those who
10 struggle financially. Please go back to the 11/10 draft
11 map.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The latest map contorts and
14 strains to meet VRA to the point of the absurd. Keeping
15 communities of interest should mean that the natural
16 shared commuter shopping and commuter employment
17 communities are tied together, such as Chatsworth,
18 Granada Hills, and North Hills. And it means that --

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

20 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: -- Simi Valley stays
21 in Ventura County. It means that Woodland Hills and
22 Calabasas is kept in the Southern valley. Please, not
23 one of you -- there's only two of you that make less than
24 125,000 a year; the rest of you make vastly more money.
25 Remember back to a time when you were less --

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
2 we've got caller 4047, and after that will be caller
3 1302.

4 Caller 4047. That's caller with the last four
5 digits 4047. You can now unmute your phone by pressing
6 star six, please. One more time for caller with the last
7 four digits 4047, if you could please press star six to
8 unmute. We are ready for your public input. So sorry,
9 we will come back to you.

10 Again, for those of you in the queue, please be
11 alert for when it is your turn to speak.

12 Next up, we've got caller 1302, and after that will
13 be caller 2515.

14 Caller 1302, if you could please follow the prompts.
15 Go ahead.

16 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello. Am I being
17 heard?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We can hear you. Thank
19 you so much, go ahead.

20 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Okay. Hello. I am a
21 multi-generational, life-long Angelino and a proud member
22 of the LA Latino community. I have been watching the
23 Redistricting Commission go round and round on how to
24 draw lines at the Senate and Assembly levels. For the
25 life of me, I can't understand why you continue to pack

1 Latinos or collapse Latinos' VRA seats. It doesn't make
2 any sense. For example, I do not understand why lines
3 are being drawn that put East LA together with Boyle
4 Heights. By doing this, you are actually reducing two
5 VRA seats to one. I recognize you have to make choices,
6 but you are constitutionally required to put VRA
7 considerations over keeping together communities of
8 interest.

9 Please do the right thing and protect VRA seats.
10 Draw East LA in one district and Boyle Heights in another
11 district. Thank you for your time.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
13 we've got caller 2515, and after that will be caller
14 6625.

15 Caller 2515, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, I'm calling from
17 Santa Clarita. I'm calling because I want to make sure
18 that the Commission does not add Simi Valley with Santa
19 Clarita Valley. Simi Valley is a separate -- you know,
20 it's separate area that's better off with other
21 communities in Ventura County. They don't share law
22 enforcement, water, fire. You know, economically, we're
23 not -- we don't have a lot, you know, intertwined as we
24 do with San Fernando Valley. So San Fernando Valley and
25 Santa Clarita Valley belong together.

1 And I will comment a little bit on the Assembly
2 districts. I do think Woodland Hills kind of goes a
3 little bit too far to the South, but maybe adjust it so
4 that it combines Santa Clarita Valley with North --
5 Northern San Fernando Valley communities. But please do
6 not put Simi Valley with Santa Clarita Valley. Thank
7 you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
9 we've got caller 6625, and after that will be caller
10 5391.

11 Caller 6625, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

12 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Thank you, Commission,
13 and everyone involved. I just want to say that it's
14 incredibly important that we keep the High Desert
15 together. Not just the High Desert, but San Bernardino
16 as a whole. I believe Commissioner Kennedy worked on
17 doing this, but was slightly derailed by Commissioner
18 Sadhwani.

19 I ask Commissioner Kennedy that you try once more to
20 be the voice for our -- for us and make sure that we get
21 the High Desert together.

22 Commissioner Sadhwani, I understand your points, but
23 I ask that you weigh public opinion and please work with
24 Commissioner Kennedy on making the High Desert whole.
25 It's really important to us. Not only is it all one

1 transportation corridor, we all work together out here,
2 we all live together. It's really important for us to
3 keep together.

4 Thank you, everyone, and thank you for all your
5 work.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
7 we've got caller 5391, and after that will be caller
8 7592.

9 Caller 5391. Go ahead.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, can you hear me?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Go ahead,
12 please.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I'd just like to express
14 my opinion on separating Boyle Heights and East LA.
15 Boyle Heights and East LA are two separate communities.
16 They have different police departments, different water
17 departments; just like the previous caller had said. The
18 two communities of interest that deserve their own
19 representation. They've been doing it for the past
20 twenty, thirty years. We hope the Commission follows map
21 T-1 that was just put up today. It's a good start to
22 keeping those communities in Sacramento with a voice.
23 Thank you. Bye.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
25 we've got caller 7592, and after that will be caller

1 0003.

2 Caller 7592, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. Good afternoon. In
4 regards to state Assembly redistricting, (indiscernible)
5 is split between two districts. And in regards to Santa
6 Clara County, thank you for having the Franklin-McKinley
7 School District all or almost all in the Alum Rock
8 district. However, it still seems to me that all of the
9 Santa Clara County districts should be modified.

10 The Golden Triangle area of San Jose is still
11 divided between two districts, and the West Sally (ph.)
12 communities are still split among three districts. For
13 visualization of my district modifications, based on the
14 November 10th draft Assembly districts, the file had
15 public input 33110 can be uploaded. So that's public
16 input 33110.

17 So I'm working on a -- I'm trying to have the maps
18 for the -- for my recommended modifications based on
19 today or yesterday's draft plan. I hope to have that
20 submitted later today. But yet, I think the state
21 Assembly districts in the latest visualization for Santa
22 Clara County, I think they all -- they all need to be
23 modified. The Alum Rock district, the Fremont district,
24 the Sunny Tino (ph.) district, the Grotous Cruz (ph.)
25 district. I might be forgetting one or two.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: But it seems to me -- it
3 seems to me they should all be modified. So I'll try and
4 send my latest maps later today. Thank you so much.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
6 we've got caller 0003, and after that will be caller
7 7170.

8 Caller 0003, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

9 MS. NIMMERS: Hi, can you hear me?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Go ahead,
11 please.

12 MS. NIMMERS: Okay. Good afternoon, Commissioners.
13 My name is Kristin Nimmers. I'm organizing coordinator
14 with the Black Hub, working with local organizations and
15 coalition members in the Central Valley and Bay area.
16 I'm calling to ask that the Commission map put those good
17 Black communities in the Fresno area around Fig Garden
18 Loop West of the 99, and in Old Fig between Bullard and
19 Shaw. These communities are very different from Clovis
20 and borders surrounding, more rural farm working
21 communities and should all be included in the COI Fresno
22 district.

23 The Hub has submitted an example of small
24 adjustments the Commission can make to its current
25 structure that protect these communities of interest,

1 while also creating the necessary VRA districts. I'd
2 urge the Commission to look at that submission and ensure
3 the protection of Black communities in the Fresno metro
4 area.

5 Additionally, in regards to the Bay area, the
6 Commission is still pairing Vallejo with the rest of
7 Solano, and (indiscernible) Contra Costa communities like
8 Vessel Island (ph.) and Discovery Bay. Vallejo should be
9 in the ECC district, paired with Bay Point, Antioch, and
10 Pittsburg, as they share similar community interests,
11 amenities, and demographics.

12 Thanks so much for your time, your hard work on the
13 maps, and for ensuring the protection of COIs throughout
14 the state. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And a
16 reminder to all of our callers, you're public input is
17 being interpreted by ASL and live captioned by our
18 captioners. Please take your time with city and county
19 names and numbers.

20 Up next, we've got caller 7170, and after that will
21 be caller 4607.

22 Caller 7170. Go ahead.

23 MR. SHELDON: Hi. My name is Steve Sheldon. I've
24 lived in Orange County for nearly fifty years. And I'd
25 like to have the Commission look at the quality of

1 comments versus the quantity of comments. I'm very
2 pleased that the recent visualization has Tustin with
3 Irvine, as it should be, but I'm concerned that that
4 might change back, because Irvine and Costa Mesa do not
5 belong together. The Irvine should be in a district with
6 the City of Tustin and North Tustin and perhaps, St.
7 Forbes (ph.).

8 My concern is that the -- you know, the bulk of the
9 testimony that is out there, the Commissioners, like many
10 have said, that testimony is just to connect with Irvine,
11 yet I believe that's different. I've researched the
12 database and thirty-two people stated Costa Mesa and
13 Newport Beach belong together; the two cities do belong
14 together. The newly-formed People's Redistricting
15 Alliance put up thirty-one comments about Costa Mesa and
16 their executive director, Daniel Ichinose -- and I
17 apologize if my pronunciation's wrong -- put up seventeen
18 of his own comments, putting Costa Mesa with Irvine --

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

20 MR. SHELDON: -- even though Mr. -- even though Mr.
21 Ichinose lives in Los Angeles, not in the area.

22 I would suggest that we look at this as Astro
23 turfing for really what it is. There is a, you know,
24 Astro turf effort going on to have the Commission look at
25 this from the view that is not -- it is quantity versus

1 quality.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

3 MR. SHELDON: Please read my letter -- my letter
4 from Steve Sheldon -- I believe summarizes the situation
5 well. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
7 we've got caller 4607, and after that will be caller
8 1595.

9 Caller 4607. Go ahead.

10 MS. TRAN: Hi. My name is Yung Tran. And I called
11 last week but I wasn't able to get through, so I wanted
12 to call again. I saw the Assembly district for Little
13 Saigon and I believe that it will dilute Little Saigon
14 and the future growth of our growing community if you
15 don't include part of Huntington Beach into our district.
16 We don't do any shopping or even travel to Cypress or
17 Benton (ph.). Someone called in earlier to ask to keep
18 Cypress with the North Orange County district and we
19 agree with them.

20 Huntington Beach is important to Little Saigon. The
21 largest minority community in Huntington Beach is now
22 Asian Americans. For our Assembly district, please make
23 sure you add all North Garfield Street, in Huntington
24 Beach, all the way to (indiscernible) Point Street, and
25 not stop at Beach Boulevard. Remove Cypress, Benton, and

1 East Garden Grove. We don't have any community of
2 interest with these cities. Allow Little Saigon to have
3 an Assembly member that will represent the heart of
4 Little Saigon, to include Huntington Beach. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
6 we've got caller 1595, and after that will be caller
7 4832.

8 Caller 1595.

9 MR. NICHOLSON: All right.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

11 MR. NICHOLSON: Good afternoon. Good after -- thank
12 you. Good afternoon. My name is Randy Nicholson (ph.).
13 I've lived in the community of Florence-Firestone for
14 over fifteen years. I want to thank the Commission for
15 moving Florence-Firestone out of the 105 LA map and
16 putting us into the 110 LA map. Although the
17 (indiscernible) is not perfect, our community members are
18 happy with the same and want to thank you for putting us
19 with some of our communities, which I, personally, feel
20 is extremely important.

21 We ask for your help with a minor cleanup
22 modification and ask you to also place our next-door
23 neighbor, unincorporated Walnut Park and Huntington Park,
24 in the same LA 110 map. It is imperative to have Walnut
25 Park and Florence-Graham, which have been together for

1 the past century, as this map is splitting of
2 unincorporated islands will diminish our voices and
3 (indiscernible) that we have fought so hard to be
4 (indiscernible) over the past thirty years. This cleanup
5 will also --

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

7 MR. NICHOLSON: -- increase the excess of four
8 percent deviation that you have in the Gateway map, and
9 it will also help balance the Latino numbers in the
10 Gateway map. Please see the Latino equal representation
11 map that was submitted today, as this map will accomplish
12 this request.

13 Thank you, again, for your time and consideration
14 for this minor change.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
16 we've got caller 4382, and after that will be caller
17 0590.

18 Caller 4382. Go ahead.

19 MS. WERNER: Yes, hello. My name is Rondi Werner.
20 I've lived in Glendale for over thirty years and I'm a
21 long-time officer of the Adams Hill Neighborhood
22 Association in South Glendale, and I'm vice-president of
23 the Glendale Homeowners Coordination Council. Our member
24 neighborhood associations, which represent over 100,000
25 residents are very opposed to spinning off part of

1 Glendale from Assembly district 43.

2 Glendale is a charter city that shares common
3 interests, such as the Glendale Community College
4 district, Glendale Unified School District, Glendale
5 Police Department, Glendale Water & Power, and so on.
6 Lumping part of our city in with East LA would create
7 chaos and marginalize the most vulnerable residents in
8 our city. Putting the city would also disenfranchise and
9 segregate residents in under-served communities, people
10 we all want to help. Recent demographic studies of
11 Glendale have shown that there is no racially polarized
12 voting in our city. By dividing our population in half
13 would only cause --

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

15 MS. WERNER: -- under-represented communities to
16 lose their voice in Sacramento. Spinning off Sunland-
17 Tujunga, and Las Crescenta in the North would make much
18 more sense. Please leave the GLENLA map unchanged from
19 the 2010 borders. Thank you very much.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
21 we've got caller 0590, and after that will be caller
22 6667.

23 0590, if you could please follow the prompts. Go
24 ahead.

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. Thank you very much

1 for your time. I am a thirty-five-year resident of Santa
2 Clarita, and I am calling in in support of the CA 25
3 draft map that included AV and SCV. We are communities
4 of common interests, which is not true of Simi Valley.
5 And I would like to make sure that we do not add back
6 Simi Valley, because I think doing so simply marginalizes
7 the minority communities in the SCV and the AV. And
8 thank you very much.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
10 we've got caller 6667, and after that will be caller
11 3422.

12 Caller 6667. Go ahead.

13 DR. LIEBOWITZ: Hello. I hope you can hear me. My
14 name is Dr. Irving Liebowitz (ph.). I represent Agudath
15 Israel of California. We're an advocacy group in the
16 Jewish community and have been very active in
17 redistricting for quite a number of years. About ten
18 years ago, we worked very hard to create Assembly
19 district 50, which included the Jewish community and gave
20 us a voice, finally, in the legislature. It included the
21 Hancock Park area in Los Angeles, Beverly Fairfax, Pico-
22 Robertson, parts of West (indiscernible), and West LA.
23 That district in your current iteration has now been
24 broken into three parts and we, basically, do not have a
25 Jewish district at all.

1 We have unique issues around antisemitism and some
2 other issues that need to be represented, and it's
3 important we are the ultimate community of interest
4 because of that (indiscernible) in clusters around our
5 synagogues, et cetera, et cetera.

6 In addition, we're looking at other communities of
7 interest around the community. We're concerned about
8 what's going on in the valley. It seems like the valley
9 just became a shuffled deck of cards and as many people
10 have said on this call, needs to be relooked at.

11 In addition, we're very concerned about what's going
12 on in the Latino community. Boyle Heights and East LA
13 need to be separated.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

15 DR. LIEBOWITZ: The immigrant communities of Boyle
16 Heights, Pico Union, and central Alameda need to be
17 worked together to create the proper Latino
18 representation. The same issues are going on in the
19 African American communities. We are very concerned that
20 the Voting Rights Act is not being followed --

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
22 we've got caller 3422, and after that will be caller
23 8143.

24 Caller 3422, please go ahead.

25 NATALIE: Good evening. (Audio interference) from

1 the 12/2 to 12/4 (audio interference). By drawing (audio
2 interference) Latinos EPAP to 56.45 percent. This action
3 will lose the voices of those most vulnerable who need
4 (audio interference) you are attempting to draw. Why
5 would the Commission do that? It simply doesn't make
6 sense.

7 If you understand the region, you would know about
8 lifestyle, economic, and socioeconomic needs between La
9 Quinta and the poorer communities of color across (audio
10 interference) are extremely different. The median rent
11 in La Quinta is 1,317 per month, while it is 927 per
12 month in Indio. The value of property is even different.
13 For example, the home median value in La Quinta is
14 398,000 while in Indio, it's just 281,000.

15 I know there have been a lot of voices (audio
16 interference), but I recommend the Commission remember
17 the criteria and work to create a strong PRA district in
18 which actual Latino representation is possible. Thank
19 you for your time.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next we've
21 got Caller 8143 and after that will be Caller 9389.

22 Caller 8143. Go ahead.

23 NATALIE: Yes, hello. Good afternoon. My name is
24 Natalie, and I'm calling from -- I'm a worker at
25 (indiscernible). Thank you, Commissioners, for all your

1 hard work.

2 I am calling to urge in the Commission that you
3 protect the voice of our Latino families in California by
4 restoring the two Latino seats in L.A. representing L.A.
5 and Boyle Heights. What you have done to our latest map,
6 redemptions, it suppress the voices of a community that
7 have fought for too long to have voices heard.

8 I want to begin voice my support to keep two
9 Assembly districts, 51 and 53, representing Central Offer
10 A in East Los Angeles. The Latino community deserves
11 representation and it's your responsibility to reserve
12 it. Thank you very much for your time. Have a nice day
13 and happy holidays.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

15 Up next, we've got called 9389 and after that will
16 be Caller 6959.

17 Caller 9389, go ahead. Caller 9389, can you hear
18 me? We cannot hear you. You could please press star 6
19 to your phone. Go ahead. If you could please check and
20 see if your phone is on mute, you're unmuted in the
21 meeting.

22 MS. GEORGE: Can you hear me?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah, we can hear you.

24 MS. GEORGE: Okay, great. Hi, my name is Barbara
25 George and I live in Newport Beach, California. I'd like



1 to thank the Commissioners for all the wonderful work
2 that they are doing. And I pray that this task isn't as
3 daunting as it seems.

4 I'd like for you to take into consideration keeping
5 the coastal cities together in Orange County. As you
6 begin the week redrawing the Congressional maps on behalf
7 of myself and over 1,000 other citizens who have
8 interacted with the Commission, I'm asking you to please
9 hear our voices. Separating the coastal communities
10 diminishes their ability to fight for the infrastructure
11 needed to support their economy and they deserve one
12 representative.

13 And coastal cities face unique issues that their
14 inland counterparts do not. And they require important
15 working relationships with the California Coastal
16 Commission and the Army Corps of Engineers. And climate
17 is changing and we need a representative to represent all
18 of our coastal interests and protect our beachfront
19 beauty, tourism, and business interests.

20 We have a lot in common, these coastal
21 communities --

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

23 MS. GEORGE: -- and we do not have those things in
24 common with the L.A. coastal communities. And I'm asking
25 you, please, to take into consideration keeping us

1 together. Thank you so much for your time and have a
2 great day.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

4 Up next, we've got Caller 6959 and after that will
5 be Caller 1043.

6 Caller 6959.

7 MS. WEI: Can you hear me?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, we sure can. Go
9 ahead.

10 MS. WEI: Thank you. Hi, this is Hung Wei. I'm a
11 council member with the Cupertino and a former Fremont
12 Union High School District board member. I'm speaking to
13 express my own observations in my personal capacity in
14 relation to the Congressional redistricting.

15 First, I really want to thank you for all your hard
16 work, Commissioners. We in Cupertino recognize that the
17 Cupertino residents have similar priorities and
18 challenges with the residents in cities like Sunnyvale,
19 Santa Clara, Milpitas, and Fremont. Therefore, I
20 strongly recommend adoption of the draft map labeled CD
21 Very Sunny Draft.

22 As a member of the Cupertino City Council, I
23 understand how Cupertino is home to many, many technology
24 workers who commute to and from between Cupertino and the
25 technology job centers within cities such as Sunnyvale,

1 Santa Clara, Milpitas, and Fremont. Each one of our
2 cities is home to technology workers in the thousands and
3 all our cities have a strong shortage of affordable
4 housing, limited public transit system, and much traffic
5 congestion.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

7 MS. WEI: As a result, Cupertino and other cities
8 really need to work together so that we are leaders, and
9 residents can work with our Congressional leaders to
10 resolve, you know, all the problems with our affordable
11 housing and traffic congestion.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

13 MS. WEI: I strongly recommend that you adopt the CD
14 Very Sunny Draft and thank you so much for your time and
15 your hard work.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

17 Up next, we've got Caller 1043 and after that will
18 be Caller 7369.

19 Caller 1043. Caller with the last four digits 1043,
20 if you could please press star 6 to unmute. Go ahead.
21 Caller 1043.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Can you hear me okay?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I can. Go ahead.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, dear Commissioner, I
25 have to make a comment on so-called in the last couple of

1 months. I have spent at least a couple of hour on the
2 phone waiting today since I wasn't able to make the
3 public comment on Saturday night.

4 Commissioner Andersen, we appreciate your comment on
5 proposing that of North Califa Street in Huntington Beach
6 should to be added to Little Saigon. And there was a
7 little suggestion to also remove the sentence. Thank you
8 for the comments. This comment make us so excited
9 because it show that you have heard our voices. However,
10 the map that came out today had none of this changes.
11 And also, add Cypress to the map.

12 It's very concerning that we won't have the rights
13 and the district for Little Saigon at all (indiscernible)
14 no different in this process. Can we are now asking to
15 the map today at all up the Huntington Beach
16 (indiscernible) Street to the end of Seaport Street, keep
17 our youth together and the school district business as
18 opposed together (indiscernible) --

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- interest to Little Saigon.
21 Remove station of our Spanish community also with the
22 (indiscernible) is going to grow at the Euclid Avenue
23 lost Spanish community should go to the Santa Anna. We
24 are begging and asking you to give us the rights --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- (indiscernible) to grow.

2 Thank you very much. God bless. Good bye.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

4 And as a reminder for those calling in, please speak

5 at a steady pace and take your time with county names,

6 city names, and numbers. That will help with the

7 interpretation and with hearing what you're saying.

8 Caller 7369 is next and after that will be Caller 2911.

9 Caller 7369, if you could please follow the prompts
10 by pressing star 6. Caller 7369, we know you've been
11 waiting a long time. Thank you so much. The floor is
12 yours.

13 MR. UNAI MONTES: Thank you very much. My name is
14 Unai Montes, U-N-A-I, M-O-N-T-E-S. And like other
15 callers, I've been very concerned about what I'm seeing
16 in Los Angeles County and what appears to be a loss of a
17 Latino seat. I think, ultimately, beyond the points that
18 have been made already today, what we need to note is
19 that these areas that are losing an additional vote in
20 the state Assembly are areas that were disproportionately
21 impacted by COVID-19.

22 It's not just that they are Latino seats because
23 they have high counts of Hispanic surnames. They're
24 Latino seats because they have a high concentration of
25 essential workers, high concentrations of Asian

1 households, high concentration of folks that have mixed-
2 status families, a high concentration of folks that have
3 basically been excluded from federal relief, and just
4 excluded from all of the early rounds of vaccination
5 because it involved, you know, basically having online
6 access -- access to a private vehicle.

7 They are very specific Latino populations, you know,
8 traditionally who have lived on the East side of Los
9 Angeles in Los Angeles County, and to shrink the total
10 number of Latino seats beyond all of the things that we
11 know about the constitutional mandate to maintain those
12 seats --

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

14 MR. MONTES: -- feels fundamentally wrong. It
15 reflects a gentrification of our Assembly. And I don't
16 think we want -- I don't think it's anyone's intention to
17 gentrify our Assembly by removing a Latino seat. So
18 please keep the total number of Latino seats the same if
19 not increasing them from 2010. Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

21 Up next we've got Caller 2911 and after that will be
22 Caller 9823.

23 Caller 2911, if you could please follow the prompts
24 to unmute. Go ahead.

25 MS. ERIKAT: Good afternoon, Commissioners and

1 everyone on the line. My name is Jeanine Erikat with the
2 Partnership for Advancement of New Americans. And I'll
3 be speaking on adjusting Assembly maps for San Diego.

4 Like so many of you today I've been on the line for
5 over three hours. And so when I say that I'm calling on
6 behalf of a Black, African, Middle Eastern, Muslim
7 refugee community in San Diego, that's because so many of
8 them couldn't be on the line for this long. So again
9 speaking in community in the neighborhoods of City
10 Heights, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, Southeast San Diego,
11 Spring Valley, and El Cajon.

12 Our organization has participated in a very
13 intentional nonpartisan, community-driven process to
14 understand our shared priorities and discuss why we
15 should be kept together. During this process,
16 communities were also able to identify the social
17 demographic characteristics, economic interests, and
18 their shared policy priorities, such as economic
19 development, criminal justice, mental health services,
20 and housing. And you've heard for months the needs of
21 the -- and concerns of these communities.

22 I'd like to keep it brief and just say that in the
23 La Mesa Spring Valley map --

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

25 MS. ERIKAT: -- we want to say -- we want to ask

1 that you bring in La Presa, Mid-City, Normal Heights into
2 this district and the rest of Skyline, Paradise Hills,
3 and the portion of southeastern San Diego by the 94 that
4 was split. In the (indiscernible) San Ysidro map --

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

6 MS. ERIKAT: -- take out Oakland and moving to
7 central San Diego is very concerning that you're
8 splitting a huge community of interests who's already
9 been historically disenfranchised. Again, bring in -- in
10 the Central San Diego, El Cajon into the district and
11 pair with the Mesa community.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

13 Up next we've got Caller 9823 and after that will be
14 Caller 5046.

15 Caller 9823, go ahead.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, I would like to urge that
17 Boyle Heights and East L.A. be separated as they are two
18 different communities, one being in the City of Los
19 Angeles while the other is in the county.

20 I would also like to suggest that we do more to
21 connect immigrant communities by keeping Boyle Heights,
22 Pico-Union and South Central together. And in doing
23 this, it will ensure compliance with the Voting Rights
24 Act by ensuring the two districts in central L.A. exceed
25 50 percent of the Latino voting age population, not just

1 one. Thank you for your time.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

3 And up next we've got Caller 5046 and after that
4 will be Caller 8885.

5 Caller 5046, if you could please follow the prompts.
6 Go ahead.

7 ANDREW: Hi, this is Andrew and I'm calling from
8 Culver City. I am calling in response to this latest
9 iteration. As you know, you have a State Senate
10 district, you have -- and a Congressional district which
11 ties Culver City to parts of the airport and to East L.A.
12 And Culver City is at a crossroads between West L.A., the
13 LAX area, and East L.A. All we are asking, as you did
14 with your previous iteration, is to make Culver City a
15 part of the West Side district. And that way you can
16 also better protect the VRA district in question and
17 unite the Orthodox community, as was brought up with
18 earlier callers.

19 In your previous iterations, if you put Beverly
20 Hills and the Pico Robertson (ph.) area over in that --
21 that district with West Hollywood, and then you can take
22 some of those communities that were brought up around USC
23 that have historically been part of an African-American
24 district, and make sure that they have appropriate
25 representation as well.

1 There's been a lot of comment --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

3 ANDREW: -- about uniting Culver City. Thank you
4 very much. Oh, sorry, there's a lot of comment about
5 uniting Culver City and bringing it together in one
6 district. We just ask that one of these districts tie to
7 the West Side so that Culver City's combined identity can
8 be respected in all of those areas, and united with the
9 Silicon Beach (ph.) community where it shares a lot of
10 tech and environmental resources. Thank you so very much
11 for all of your time.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

13 Up next we've got Caller 8885 and after that will be
14 Caller 4590.

15 Caller 8885, if you could please follow the prompts
16 to unmute by pressing star 6. Go ahead.

17 MR. BREWER: Hello there. Can you hear me?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

19 MR. BREWER: Hello. Yes, my name is David Brewer.

20 I live in Victorville, California. I'm recently a
21 current person running for California governor. I have a
22 big concern of the separation of the high desert and San
23 Bernardino going to L.A. County. Most people move from
24 L.A. County to San Bernardino County due to the cost of
25 living and higher taxes than L.A. County. We cannot

1 afford that.

2 Therefore, I am asking that the Commission sit down
3 with local politicians and redraft the map more suited to
4 current atmospheres and stuff like that to actually bring
5 to the people and allow us to vote on which map we decide
6 is best. Listen to the people. I have been listening to
7 these conversations all night and if nothing else, it
8 says that the people should have a voice in this, whether
9 they like it or they don't. So I'm asking you to please
10 consider going --

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

12 MR. BREWER: -- to our local levels and sitting down
13 and drafting up new maps with our local levels, our
14 mayor, our business, everything. Please consider the
15 people's voice. Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

17 Up next we've got Caller 4590 and after that will be
18 Caller 1143.

19 Caller 4590, if you could please follow those
20 prompts. Go ahead.

21 DR. SANDERS: Hi. My name is Dr. Sabrina Sanders
22 and I'm calling from the Long Beach area. Thank you so
23 much for keeping Long Beach together as much as possible,
24 and for your work on the Assembly maps, and for the time
25 that you've put into protecting VRA districts. Equity

1 and racial justice is incredibly important to our
2 community and to me personally. And I live in Long Beach
3 because of its diversity. My wife and I are both
4 African-American women, celebrate diversity and LGBTQ
5 support that we see in our neighborhood and across all of
6 the City of Long Beach.

7 Over the past ten years, we've tackled some really
8 difficult issues as a community and we've been lucky to
9 have support from our State and our Congressional
10 officials. Housing and education have been a way of
11 bringing about robust conversations from people in the
12 community across Long Beach, and we haven't shied away
13 from talking about them. Equity has become a component
14 of almost nearly all of our policy debates.

15 Thank you for keeping our city as together as
16 possible so that we can continue to strengthen our work.
17 And I hope that the progress we're able to make not only
18 benefits --

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

20 DR. SANDERS: -- my community, but all of
21 California. Thank you so much. Have a good evening.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

23 And up next we've got Caller 1143 and after that
24 will be Caller 8224.

25 Caller 1143, if you could please follow the prompts.



1 Go ahead.

2 MR. SWANSON: Commissioner A, thank you for taking
3 my call today and taking public comment. My name's Eric
4 Swanson. I'm the president of Hesperia Unified School
5 District and we're the largest employer in the high
6 desert. And what we are is a school district that helps
7 other school districts around us, you know, all try to
8 make sure that we're -- for the smaller school districts
9 that aren't able to, you know, do the different things
10 themselves.

11 One of the things that this map will do with putting
12 us together with Antelope Valley is going to be very
13 detrimental to what we're able to do here. Not only does
14 it in the Victorville area split, I believe, around seven
15 school districts, it splits many, many school districts
16 on the Antelope Valley area, too. And this doesn't make
17 any sense. And one of the things we've been trying to do
18 as a school district work very, very closely with the
19 other school districts and to make sure that we're on the
20 same page, making sure that different things are
21 happening, make sure our representation.

22 The other thing I can see that we've been trying to
23 work out really heavily in Hesperia is, is to make sure
24 our -- our -- our Latino vote -- our -- our Latino
25 community is not being split. By splitting Hesperia in

1 half and the Hesperia Unified School District in half --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

3 MR. SWANSON: -- we're splitting the Latino
4 community. This just doesn't make any sense. So we just
5 do not have any connection that works between Antelope
6 Valley and the Victor Valley. If there was, we'd have a
7 big freeway between us. The way the education --

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

9 MR. SWANSON -- the way that everybody works there
10 is completely different. So I would please just request
11 that the -- the Commission come back and reconsider
12 keeping the two areas separated.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

14 Up next we've got Caller 8224 and after that will be
15 Caller 2252.

16 Caller 8224, if you could please follow those
17 prompts. Go ahead.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello? Do you hear me?

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah, we hear you.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, I'm calling regarding my
23 Little Saigon community. I have call in and spoke
24 already last week, had a listen to the hearing on
25 Saturday night. I want to thank Commissioner Andersen

1 for (indiscernible) in Huntington Beach and Commissioner
2 Akutagawa for (indiscernible). So I was so excited and
3 looking forward to seeing the new revise Assembly map
4 this morning and none of the suggestions were taken.

5 I'm very confused. Today is your last day to look
6 at the Assembly district (indiscernible) from our Little
7 Saigon community. (Indiscernible) map and
8 (indiscernible) to see (indiscernible) in Huntington
9 Beach important to keep our children's school district
10 where the Huntington (indiscernible) majority of the
11 Americans live in there. (Indiscernible) everything is
12 (indiscernible) they belong with some (indiscernible)
13 Latino community. (Indiscernible) they belong with
14 Anaheim --

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Anaheim and Latino
17 community. Thank you. Thank you again. And God bless
18 you. Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

20 Up next we've got Caller 2252 and after that will be
21 Caller 5958.

22 Caller 2252, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Foreign language spoken).

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Up next we've got Caller
25 5958 and after that will be Caller 0106.

1 Caller 5958, go ahead. Caller 5958, you are
2 unmuted, but we do not hear you. Could you please check
3 to see if your phone is on mute?

4 JEAN: Good evening, Commissioners. Can you hear me
5 now?

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Thank you.
7 Go ahead.

8 JEAN: Great. Thank you. My name is Jean and I
9 live in downtown Long Beach. Thank you for your service
10 on this Commission and for all you're doing for
11 Californians.

12 For me, what really stands out has been how much you
13 all have been able to take in our feedback and really
14 translate that onto the map. I also work really closely
15 with the Port of Long Beach and I can't express how
16 important federal leadership is to our port, especially
17 right now. We are in a cargo congestion crisis and
18 Congressional representation that understands the port is
19 really critical. I know you will be looking at those
20 maps later this week.

21 And so I just wanted to add that the Port of Long
22 Beach and the Port of Los Angeles need to be in separate
23 Congressional districts. They're competitors in a way
24 that makes our ports stronger, and especially during the
25 supply chain crisis, I have two -- having two federal

1 representatives has been critical. Forty percent of
2 America's cargo goes through these ports and they're the
3 largest in the country, up 40 percent. So your work in
4 placing both ports with their respective cities is so
5 important.

6 Thank you and America's economy thanks you. You all
7 have a really big job to do. So thank you for taking the
8 time to listen to us.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

10 Up next we've got Caller 0106 and after that will be
11 Caller 0784.

12 Caller 0106, that's a call -- go ahead.

13 MR. NEVON WATSON: Good evening, Commissioners. My
14 name is Navon Watson. I've called today to speak on
15 behalf of Long Beach City College. We are one college
16 district with two campuses in Long Beach, but our
17 district also serves Lakewood and Signal Hill. We mostly
18 engage with you all on the Congressional map especially
19 because education is so heavily influenced by federal
20 policy and because it is so important to us to keep our
21 two campuses in a single Congressional district. We've
22 been consistently engaging with this Commission as a way
23 to look out for our 24,000 students, about 36 percent who
24 are full time. We rely on federal representation and
25 advocacy for our students to succeed.

1 Thank you for putting both of our campuses in the
2 same Assembly district. We see that as a good sign for
3 things in the future. Please continue this trend and
4 our -- and -- and our campuses together in your final
5 Senate and Congressional maps as well. Thank you again
6 for all you are doing, and we appreciate you taking into
7 consideration our feedback.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

9 Up next, we've got Caller 0784 and after that will
10 be Caller 8817.

11 Caller 0784.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon,
13 Commissioners. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.
14 The current San Fernando Valley Assembly maps are too
15 broken to repair. In the last (indiscernible) Assembly
16 map in the valley needs to be scrapped. The current maps
17 in the San Fernando Valley break up longstanding and
18 cultural and economic ties that have long been how the
19 Valley has organized itself. We feel this is a last-
20 minute play by Commission staff and local corporate
21 interests to push maps that the San Fernando Valley
22 residents doesn't support.

23 The previous Assembly map (indiscernible) preserved
24 working neighborhoods in existence alignments better than
25 the current (indiscernible). And we urge you to do the

1 right thing for the San Fernando Valley working
2 communities. Unite Tunica Lake --

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- all of North Hollywood,
5 Valley Glen, and Van Nuys. Over 300 comments have been
6 submitted since Saturday on the San Fernando Valley
7 Assembly maps. And we urge you to fight back corporate
8 business interests.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I appreciate your hard work.
11 Have a great day. Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

13 Just a moment while I check on our schedule. Stand
14 by, everybody, please. We have another minute. Stand
15 by. I'm going to get an update here just a moment.
16 Thank you for your patience, everybody. Please stand by.

17 All right. Our captioners are going to help us
18 finish these callers before we go to break, everybody.
19 Thank you so much to our captioners. And thank you so
20 much to those who have called in and for your patience.
21 We know that you have been waiting a long time.

22 Up next, we've got Caller 8817 and after that will
23 be Caller 9575.

24 Caller 8817, go ahead. We can hear you.

25 CHRIS: Hello?

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah, we can hear you.

2 CHRIS: Good afternoon. My name is Chris and I'm
3 calling from Huntington Beach in Orange County. And I
4 want to thank the Commission for all their hard work so
5 far, especially hearing our comments that Orange County
6 coastal cities are a critical community of interest.

7 When you start with the Congressional districts
8 tomorrow, my hope is that you don't let Orange County
9 become victims of ripple effects that happen in Los
10 Angeles County. Instead, prioritize our interests.

11 Thank you for your time and have a great day.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

13 And up next we've got Caller 9575 after that'll be
14 Caller 9457.

15 Caller 9575, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

16 MS. KAREN DIAZ: Hi, good evening, Commissioners.
17 My name's Karen Diaz. I'm calling from the Coalition for
18 Humane Immigrant Rights. We want to commend you on the
19 dedication to serve all the Californians. Today I want
20 to provide feedback on State Assembly Iteration 12.46 and
21 the San Bernardino County. For San Bernardino SBCHR, we
22 love that you strengthen the federal Voting Rights Act
23 district at the Assembly level in the City of San
24 Bernardino. Community input from heartland residents
25 make it clear that they identify more with the urban

1 population in San Bernardino County rather than the rural
2 communities to our North. So thank you for the
3 iteration, which has edited to include Rialto in the
4 Northern parts of (indiscernible). But (indiscernible)
5 to respect the priorities of the Black community
6 (indiscernible).

7 We are proposing minor fixes that suggest having the
8 City of Colton again and this can be possible by making a
9 stop with those areas mentioned by cutting along --
10 cutting along Alhambra Street. In addition to that, I
11 want to provide feedback on the (indiscernible)
12 iterations for the high desert (indiscernible).

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

14 MS. DIAZ: We appreciate that you've kept the voting
15 rights of the district, but at Assembly level
16 (indiscernible) the communities of Hesperia, Lanco (ph.),
17 Victorville. We sent some written descriptions that
18 would strengthen this district by --

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

20 MS. DIAZ: -- expanding towards Avenue I and Ontario
21 Road as much as possible. And this could be made
22 possible by making some cuts in the Antelope Valley side
23 around Pear Blossom Highway, connecting it to a 138
24 highway instead of (indiscernible).

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

1 Up next, we've got Caller 9457 and after that will
2 be Caller 7840.

3 Caller 9457, if you could please follow the prompts.
4 Go ahead.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Foreign language spoken)

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And as a reminder, if
7 you've called in today and you have not yet spoken and
8 you have not yet raised your hand, please press star 9.
9 We are getting down to our last callers. Again, that's
10 for Caller 2211, Caller 2313, Caller 4141, and Caller
11 4222. Please press star 9 if you would like to give
12 comment at this time.

13 Up next, we've got Caller 7840 and after that will
14 be Caller 1784.

15 Caller 7840. That's caller with the last four
16 digits 7840 you can now unmute by pressing star 6,
17 please. One more time for caller 7840, if you are ready
18 to give comment, please press star 6. Thank you for
19 listening, caller 7840.

20 Now we've got Caller 1784 and after that will be
21 Caller 0230 and that is my last hand. If you have not
22 yet given comment and you wish to give comment, please
23 press star 9.

24 Caller 1784, please follow the prompts to unmute.
25 Go ahead.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, let me tell you,
2 Commission that was probably the longest I've ever been
3 on hold, but I can only imagine what the 14 of you have
4 had to put up with for all this time. So thank you for
5 your patience. How do you speak -- I just want to talk
6 about -- go back up to the East Stanislaus, East San
7 Joaquin, and the mountain counties. I heard some callers
8 earlier call in on this.

9 I'm one of the folks that lives literally right on
10 the border of this -- this area and have property in the
11 high elevation and I have property in the lower
12 foothills. And I just want to say that I want to
13 appreciate Commissioner Andersen. I heard you on
14 Saturday. The motherlode region appreciates you trying
15 to keep everything together sincerely and the hard work
16 and you've been a real voice for -- for our communities.

17 However, I do want to call and say that I do agree
18 with what Commissioner Fornaciari and Turner I think,
19 Commissioner Yee if --

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- I'm not mistaken were
22 trying to do. If you draw a line from San Pedro to Lake
23 McClure, Copperopolis, Chinese Camp, La Grange, and
24 Knight's Ferry, all those communities share interests.
25 And I ask that you consider that compromise. Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

2 Next up, we've got Caller 0230 and after that will
3 be Caller 8495. And that is my last hand. If you want
4 to give comment and you have not done so, please press
5 star 9.

6 Caller 0230, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

7 MS. O'REILLY-GREEN: Hi, my name is Meghan O'Reilly-
8 Green. I'm the co-president of Starship PTO, the parent
9 organization that serves Orion Alternative School in
10 Redwood City, which integrates students from diverse
11 economic and racial backgrounds.

12 Redwood City is a very unique area of interest. You
13 know, we have many marginalized communities, which is
14 very different from other cities around us. And it
15 doesn't make a lot of sense to split our district in the
16 assemblies map. In the Congressional map does a lot
17 better in keeping the Redwood City district together. If
18 we're split, then for the proposed Assembly map splits
19 Redwood City so our voices will be diluted on key policy
20 issues related to education.

21 It's extremely difficult to educate kids from a
22 really diverse background, but we figured it out. And so
23 I'm just asking to express support for the Assembly map
24 submitted by Veronica Esquivéz. I ask you to keep
25 Redwood City intact and we'd like you to approve that map

1 submitted by Veronica Esquivéz.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

3 MS. O'REILLY-GREEN: And thank you so much. This
4 has been (indiscernible) difficult but you guys have done
5 a great job. So thank you so much for all of your hard
6 work.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

8 Up next, we've got Caller 8495 and after that will
9 be Caller 2313.

10 And we see your hand, 8565. Thank you so much.

11 Caller 2211, if you want to give comment, please
12 press star 9.

13 Caller 4141, please press star 9.

14 Caller 4222, please press star 9. As you do not
15 have your hands raised, you have not given -- you have
16 not yet given comment.

17 Also for Caller 8359, if you wish to give comment,
18 please press star 9.

19 Up next, we've got Caller 8495. Go ahead.

20 MS. RAHMO ABDI: Can you hear me?

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Go ahead,
22 please.

23 MS. ABDI: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Thank you
24 for the opportunity to speak. My name is Rahmo Abdi.
25 I'm a community organizer with PANA. Today I'm calling

1 on behalf of Black, African, Middle Eastern Muslim
2 refugee communities in San Diego and the neighborhood of
3 City Heights, (indiscernible), San Diego, Spring Valley,
4 and El Cajon.

5 We live in underserved communities in San Diego,
6 where we're shut out of all decision-making process. We
7 want to bring change in our community by being a unified
8 voting block. The (indiscernible) community experienced
9 high rates of hate and homelessness with families
10 doubling up in the same home to afford rent and having to
11 face and navigate a new environment without language
12 assets. The La Mesa Spring Valley map brings the price
13 down to Mid-City, Normal Heights, into this district, as
14 well as the rest of Skyline, (indiscernible) and a small
15 portion of southeastern San Diego by the 94 that was a
16 split. (Indiscernible) take out El Cajon and move it
17 into the central (indiscernible). In the central, bring
18 El Cajon (indiscernible) into the district to pair with
19 Mesa communities. Take out (indiscernible) Golden Hills
20 to pair with (indiscernible).

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

22 MS. ABDI: (Indiscernible) community together and
23 give us an opportunity to change, to bring change to our
24 community. Our Black, African, Middle Eastern, and
25 Muslim refugee communities are tired of being on the

1 menu. It's time for us to be at the table. Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

3 MS. ABDI: And please to keep our community
4 together.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

6 And up next is Caller 2313. And after that is
7 Caller 8565. And those are our final hands before break.

8 Up next Caller 2313, if you could please follow the
9 prompts to unmute. Go ahead.

10 MR. NAVARRO CRUZ: Name is Pedro Navarro Cruz and
11 I'm here to support the (indiscernible) plan. I am a
12 resident of Fresno and I know it's very important to keep
13 the South Fresno region together as it has many urban
14 needs that the current AD31 lines dilute.

15 Also as a Latino male in a biracial (indiscernible)
16 Latino family, I also feel it is important not to only
17 keep Latinos close together, but also among African-
18 American and Muslim families. The proposed AG31 district
19 line in the MALDEF plan lets both communities in an
20 unprecedented way while also combining together Latino
21 communities of interest and a better thought-out manner.

22 Yes, I please urge you support this MALDEF plan.
23 There hasn't been many people speaking out for the
24 Central Valley in the Fresno area, at least in this
25 meeting that I've been listening to. Just urge you all

1 to not forget that this is a region in particular AD31,
2 this is where a lot of the folks that are farm workers
3 live in. And as we know, that agriculture is a major
4 contributor to the California economy. And this is
5 exactly where the -- those folks that work the fields and
6 contribute to that.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

8 MR. CRUZ: So please keep us in mind and thank you
9 all for your service. I know this is a very difficult
10 job you are doing and thank you for listening. Have a
11 good night.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

13 And now Caller 8565, if you could please follow the
14 prompts. Go ahead.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good afternoon,
16 Commissioners. Thank you very much for your commitment
17 to the State of California in this daunting task that you
18 guys are faced with. I am a former neighbor, a council
19 member in the Valley Glen community in the San Fernando
20 Valley in L.A. County. And I ask that the communities of
21 Valley Glen, North Hollywood, Van Nuys, Toluca Lake, and
22 Valley Village be united into one district. This was
23 similar to the central San Fernando Valley district until
24 a couple of days ago, where you guys completely turned it
25 upside down and destroyed the Valley communities from

1 being united into one district. Please revert back to
2 former maps or adjust the current maps to accommodate for
3 that.

4 And I do understand that the staff has a very
5 difficult task and probably doesn't understand all parts
6 of the state equally. So please take that into account
7 when you're looking at this.

8 Also looking at the map, you guys have divided the
9 community of Glendale and that is really not --

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- the appropriate way to do
12 it. I would actually suggest that you guys move some
13 population from -- GLENNLA can pick up more of Glendale
14 going all the way to the Hill communities, combining all
15 the flats of Glendale into one district. So at least do
16 that if you can't unite all of Glendale (indiscernible).

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And just unite San Fernando
19 Valley. I did have my parents on the line except they
20 hit the wrong button when they were speaking. You have
21 two others here --

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And Chair Toledo, that is
23 all of our raised hands at this time, I defer.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

25 Thank you, California, for being so engaged in this

1 process. We appreciate all the written comments that
2 have come in, all of the testimony, and those who have
3 been waiting in line to give testimony.

4 We are going to take our lunch break and come back
5 after lunch. But if you want to provide comment to the
6 Commission, feel free to do so through our website and
7 through the many platforms that are available to you.
8 Thank you so much. And we'll see you after our lunch
9 break. Our lunch is from -- it will go to 4:15 -- 4:45,
10 rather -- 4:45. Okay. So okay, 5:15 is what we need.
11 So we'll be back at 5:15.

12 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:32 p.m.
13 until 5:45 p.m.)

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
15 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We are continuing on
16 with our visualization process. We have our draft maps
17 posted -- the maps for the State of California. We've
18 received public comment, a lot of public comment, and
19 we've been reviewing it all weekend and into the morning
20 and afternoon. And now it's time to have a conversation
21 around what we are prioritizing.

22 We've seen all the testimony. I'd like to get into
23 a conversation, a brief conversation because we don't
24 have too much time, about our priorities for refinement.
25 And so I'll just go around and check in with

1 Commissioners and see what they've heard and their top
2 one or two refinement priorities.

3 So I'll start with the person on my screen, in the
4 main screen, in the room. So that would be Commissioner
5 Andersen.

6 Commissioner Andersen, what are your top two
7 refinement priorities? And I'm writing them down so that
8 as we go through, we prioritize the ones that are the
9 top.

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. There are a lot all
11 through Southern California. I'm sure other people will
12 say those. So I will say my two will be the -- fixing
13 the Oakland -- the Rock Ridge area and seeing what we can
14 do about the vineyards and the gold country trade.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Vineyard and Oakland. Thank you,
16 Commissioner Andersen.

17 Commissioner Vazquez, you're two top priorities and
18 anything you want to say about the feedback that we've
19 received as well.

20 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Thank you. I would like to
21 continue to think through both South Los Angeles as well
22 as Northeast Los Angeles. Thanks.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you. So South Los
24 Angeles and North -- did you say northeast Los Angeles,
25 NELA?

1 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Correct.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Or the whole region?

3 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: The area of northeast Los
4 Angeles, which includes what's currently visualized as
5 GLENNLA and NELA.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Perfect. Thank you.

7 Mr. Kennedy? Commissioner Kennedy?

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: What Commissioner Vazquez
9 said and seeing if we can fix the Coachella Valley a
10 little bit better. Thank you.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Coachella Valley I didn't even
12 have on.

13 All right. Let's go on to Commissioner Turner.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I'd like to
15 take a peek at South Fresno and the Los Angeles area in
16 general.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: L.A. Okay. South Fresno and L.A.

18 Let's move on to Commissioner Fornaciari. Top two
19 priorities?

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, we heard a lot about
21 the San Fernando Valley today and I think my other
22 priorities have already been said.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

24 Commissioner Akutagawa?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I would like to -- I'd like

1 to focus on -- come back to Orange County and the South
2 L.A. area particularly, too.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: South L.A. Perfect.

4 All right. Commissioner Sinay.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. Morgan
6 Heights, Sherman Heights, and just fixing that boundary.
7 That's a quick one. Coachella Valley and Redwood City
8 split.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Perfect. Redwood City. Excellent.
10 Commissioner Yee?

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, I would like to revisit the
12 Eastern Sierras, that huge district that we currently
13 have going all the way up to the Oregon border. See if
14 we can do something with that. Also, other things have
15 been mentioned, the Oakland split, rechecking Redwood
16 City. And then one I'll add is the Florence-Firestone.
17 We've gotten so much feedback on that, I'm not sure we
18 can do anything but want to double-double check that.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much, Commissioner Yee.
20 Commissioner Sadhwani.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Boyle Heights and East L.A.
22 and the San Fernando Valley. Thank you.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: San Fernando Valley. Perfect. All
24 right.

25 So let's see -- hear from Commissioner Fernandez.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, everybody has
2 already -- I had my top five and you guys have all said
3 it. I was the -- my top five, but they've already been
4 done. The East L.A., Boyle Heights, the Florence-Graham,
5 I had Florence-Graham, the Vineyard, the high desert
6 area, and the Sierras. So it's all been duplicated.
7 Thank you.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's all there and we captured yours
9 as well. All right.

10 So we have Commissioner Le Mons.

11 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I don't have anything
12 additional to add, Chair. Thank you.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Perfect. And then for me it would be
14 as the high Sierras (indiscernible) to the Oregon border
15 revisiting that as well as -- actually I would -- I'm
16 just going to focus on -- that would be my top priority.
17 Fresno, potentially. There might be a couple of changes
18 but minor potentially, but I think that's captured
19 already. All right. So thank you.

20 Anybody else? Commissioner Ahmad?

21 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you. I also agree with
22 the Boyle Heights question then also that long district
23 from Inyo all the way to the Oregon border is also a
24 priority of mine.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

1 So let's get started. So I think what we're going
2 to do and I -- no. And so I think what we're going to do
3 is we're going to start with the most populous -- we're
4 going to start with Southern California. So we're going
5 to start with Southern California down near the border,
6 San Diego, and move our way up. And so let's start with
7 Southern California. We have Sivan on the -- in the
8 room, I guess.

9 MS. TRATT: Hello, Chairman.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Virtual room.

11 MS. TRATT: I'm in the room. I'm in the house.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: You're in the house. You're in the
13 room. You're ready to go. All right. Perfect.

14 So some visualizations that you have for us, Sivan?
15 I know you've been working on some visualizations.

16 MS. TRATT: I don't have anything. I worked with
17 several Commissioners offline and perhaps they would be
18 better to explain those requested changes than I would
19 be.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you've been working with
21 individual Commissioners. Those plans are posted as
22 potential refinements --

23 MS. TRATT: Yes.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- in our handouts, and we will be
25 going through them individually. But let's start with

1 Commissioner Sinay.

2 Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm trying. I'm trying. Okay.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: No worries.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If we zoom into them by the 94,
6 there's a piece that's been cut. I know it's

7 understandable just because we had --

8 MS. TRATT: Oh, sorry, sorry, I lost it. There we
9 go. Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So that, yeah, if -- it would
11 be great to know if -- how many people that is and where
12 we would need to cut somewhere differently. Because this
13 is the area of Sherman Heights so that, you know, this
14 area is one that gets cut a lot. So it would be really
15 nice to have this full all the way up to the 94.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Any concerns from the floor about
17 adding this portion of -- let's highlight it and see how
18 many people live there.

19 And then while we're doing that, I'm just going
20 to -- here's the schedule that we have for right now.
21 The plan is to go until 6:15 in Southern California.
22 Hopefully, we'll be able to wrap those refinements issues
23 or at least be able to get through most of them, then
24 have a break at 6:15. Then when we come back, we do Los
25 Angeles 'til 7:30 and have a break. Come back at 7:45,

1 work on the Central Valley, then we'd work through the
2 Central Valley until about 9 o'clock, and we'd end with
3 the Northern California region.

4 So that's general -- I mean, some of -- there might
5 be some areas that take more time than other. I see a
6 lot more issues in the Southern California region and Los
7 Angeles region than I do in the Central Valley and
8 Northern California. But we'll allocate time
9 accordingly, but we'll try to maintain a fair proportion
10 of time being allocated to each region.

11 All right. With that, Commissioner Sinay, let's
12 look at population. We have 1,371 people in that area.
13 Shifting it --

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (Indiscernible) it goes up to
15 5.1, right?

16 MS. TRATT: Yeah. So as was shown in the PDF that
17 is posted on the website, that would push CVSY into an
18 over 5 percent deviation. So the question would then
19 become for the Commission, where to take population out
20 and create a city split as the rest of the jurisdictions
21 in this district are kept whole.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. My recommendation would
23 be to look at Bonita if we could do it -- split in
24 Bonita.

25 MS. TRATT: Perfect. So let me go ahead and accept

1 this change.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I don't know if other
3 Commissioners have any --

4 MS. TRATT: And if you want to direct me on streets
5 or we can just start pulling and see how populated this
6 area is.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's hear from Commissioner
8 Fornaciari.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So in the community maps
10 that we've looked at, you know, Barrio Logan just goes
11 slightly over the bridge. We have it going further over
12 the bridge. Does anybody live there in that area or is
13 that just not populated out there? Where it says Ferry
14 Center. I mean, yeah, I guess it's not that much more
15 than I've seen. There's probably not many people living
16 in the area we would cut. So yeah, let's go to Bonita.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I don't really have a
19 recommendation within Bonita. I'm sorry.

20 MS. TRATT: Okay. Well, in that case --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: This is a VRA area, is it? I see
22 them highlighted in yellow. I just want to verify.

23 MS. TRATT: Yes, it is.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Since it's a VRA area, can we please
25 put the Latino CVAP on?

1 MS. TRATT: Yes. The Latino CVAP is on and you can
2 see it in the pending changes box in this -- where my
3 cursor is circling.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Apologize. I meant to say Latino
5 heat map.

6 MS. TRATT: Oh, yes. One moment, please. I turned
7 the yellow off so hopefully you can see a little bit
8 better.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: So it looks like the population is
10 evenly spread out throughout the city.

11 Commissioner Vinay? Can we zoom out in this
12 district and see if there's any --

13 COMMISSIONER VINAY: I don't think that the red that
14 looked evenly spread is actually the heat map.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, you think that --

16 COMMISSIONER VINAY: That's a color to differentiate
17 it like with Spring Valley. I thought it was when you
18 said that and I was like, wait.

19 MS. TRATT: Are you talking about this -- the pink
20 of the (indiscernible)?

21 COMMISSIONER VINAY: Yeah.

22 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Let me -- I can turn off the
23 cities for a second so you can see.

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

25 MS. TRATT: Yeah. One moment, please.

1 COMMISSIONER VINAY: One of the reasons we were
2 thinking of Bonita is just because it had --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: There we go.

4 COMMISSIONER VINAY: --- a funny little V in it
5 per --

6 MS. TRATT: Yeah, so I think you're talking about
7 widening this, kind of, tail that is part of the City of
8 La Presa, but perhaps we could take some population from
9 this part of Bonita to make that a little bit more -- or
10 more compact, potentially.

11 COMMISSIONER VINAY: That -- I like that. I don't
12 know what others are thinking, and it looks like
13 Commissioner Fornaciari might have an idea.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, let's hear from -- no, not at
15 this time. But --

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Not a bad -- not a bad --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- so let's -- go ahead Commissioner
18 Fornaciari. Go ahead.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I've got a better idea. I
20 just keep forgetting to put my hand up.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: So maybe -- at this time maybe
22 Commissioner Sinay, you might want to suggest an area
23 that -- for us to highlight and we can compare and look
24 at the CVAPs and the proportions.

25 MS. TRATT: Yeah, so we're looking at a little over

1 1,000 people. So I have the populations of each census
2 block. So we are probably only going to need to add a
3 couple of census blocks from Bonita to get the population
4 deviation back under 5. Would you like me to start
5 adding population?

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes, please.

7 MS. TRATT: Okay. So that technically brings it
8 within our population deviation. Would you like me to
9 keep going?

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you compare the CVAP what it was
11 before and what it is now since it is the VRA area?

12 MS. TRATT: Yeah. So it looks like, well, with that
13 changed in the Logan Heights area, it was at 56.01 and
14 this makes it 56.04 so very minimal change.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So it's kept it pretty stable.

16 MS. TRATT: Yes, it's a pretty small amount of
17 people. It's just this district was already pretty close
18 to being overpopulated already.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sivan, does it make sense if I
20 say can we keep what's closest to you? Oh, is that --
21 that's all the same district. Okay. Never mind. I'm
22 quiet.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: (Indiscernible) --

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would say just do the
25 minimum, yeah, that piece that --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think that this is the minimum.
2 right, Sivan?

3 MS. TRATT: Yeah, this is --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: This is the minimum --

5 MS. TRATT: -- pretty close to the minimum. Yep.

6 Yep. And I don't know if counsel wants to weigh in about
7 4.87 percent, but that's under 5. So my understanding is
8 that that's within your legal range. Should I go ahead
9 and commit this change?

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay, this change, are
11 you okay with it? Is everybody else okay with this
12 change? I'm looking for general consensus.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: How do people feel about the
14 deviation?

15 MS. TRATT: So it was about this deviation when we
16 ended yesterday, so.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Not a big change to deviation, not a
18 big change to population because we're talking about very
19 few people. It's really just a matter of who we're
20 cutting, you know. At this point, it's prioritizing one
21 COI over another.

22 Commissioner Yee? Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sivan, can you just move
24 into that area that you just highlighted?

25 MS. TRATT: Yeah, absolutely.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

2 MS. TRATT: Do you want me to turn the Google base
3 map off on?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sure. Yes, actually, I
5 would like to see the streets. I was just trying to see
6 if there was a more defined -- like a main road or
7 something like that -- yeah, like right there. I don't
8 know, I'm just -- instead of a random, put it on
9 neighborhood I think.

10 MS. TRATT: Yeah.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I don't know. That would
12 be my suggestion.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, those two would work. I
14 mean people know Briarwood (ph.) and Sweetwater (ph.).

15 MS. TRATT: Perfect. That, again, changes things
16 very minimally. Should I go ahead and commit this
17 change?

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: I see general consensus. No
19 opposition. So let's commit this change and let's go to
20 our next change.

21 MS. TRATT: Perfect. So just to summarize that swap
22 we did, we took about 1,000 people out of the City of
23 Bonita to accommodate moving the boundary to the 94,
24 which would keep intact the historic Barrio COIs.

25 Chair, which district would you like me to take a

1 look at next?

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's hear from the floor which
3 refinements would -- any other refinements in this area?
4 We're in the San Diego region at this point.

5 Commissioner Sinay?

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry, I lowered my hand. But
7 anyway, I've got another little one in Carmel Valley, but
8 it's really -- so I don't know how big it is. So --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's go to Carmel Valley.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I hate to take up time, but --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're spending time in the Southern
12 California region today.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, so the idea here would be
14 to use the same (indiscernible) Canyon line. And see how
15 much of Carmel Valley from the 5 going East we can
16 capture just to make this area a little bigger where the
17 Torrey Pines Del Mar Heights is. And it's that school
18 district -- I mean, we'll still be splitting the school
19 district, but we'll be adding a few more -- a little bit
20 more together.

21 MS. TRATT: So Commissioner Sinay, just in terms of
22 moving population, which district are we moving in and
23 out of?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We would be moving out of San
25 Marcos --

1 MS. TRATT: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- into the coast.

3 MS. TRATT: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think, yeah.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: San Marcos and into the coast.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, is that San Marcos or is
7 that Central.

8 MS. TRATT: Yes, there are three districts here.

9 This district --

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right.

11 MS. TRATT: -- here is Central SD. This district
12 here is Escondido, San Marcos. And this district here is
13 the SD Coast.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes. So this would be moving
15 it from Escondido, San Marcos towards the coast.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Either of these districts would
17 probably have enough capacity to absorb it. Where is the
18 population you want to highlight?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I don't know -- I don't know
20 how far we can go without the negative getting too
21 negative on either one of them. So if we go to Carmel
22 Country Road, I don't know if that'll work or not.

23 MS. TRATT: One moment, please.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: And the reasoning for this?

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's a school district and

1 Carmel Valley and Delmar are very close together. But
2 it's part of -- this part is part of the school district
3 up above it.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So community input
5 regarding the school, just keeping the school districts
6 whole?

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

8 MS. TRATT: All right.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Or more (indiscernible) --

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And for full disclosure, it's
11 the school district my kids are in -- full disclosure.

12 MS. TRATT: So this brings population in West of
13 Carmel County Road -- or Carmel Country Road. I'm sorry,
14 the label is partially blocked. And then as South as
15 Carmel Mountain Road. This would bring the deviation
16 just under 5 to negative 4.95 percent and an SD coastal
17 deviation would become 3.36 percent.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: These are still within acceptable
19 ranges.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, I'm kind of thinking --
21 I'm hearing -- since we're doing it for a school district
22 and the three schools are above the 56, I'm now thinking
23 it might make sense to go use 56 as the South boundary
24 and just capture the three high schools.

25 MS. TRATT: So how far in -- or just see -- move

1 in --

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

3 MS. TRATT: -- (indiscernible) --

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: See how far you can go.

5 MS. TRATT: Okay. Okay. One moment, please.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm sorry, guys. And then this
7 is just a question for my colleagues to think about.
8 We've heard a couple of people say putting El Cajon whole
9 and moving it into central San Diego. So it's just a
10 thought out there if others want to try to put that city
11 whole.

12 MS. TRATT: So it looks like this area is a little
13 bit more densely populated. So I can continue to add
14 population, but I don't know if there's a major road in
15 here that I'll be able to snap to.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're almost at the legal limit --
17 negative 5.

18 MS. TRATT: So yeah, right here we're at negative
19 4.53. And I'll keep adding census blocks here.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: 4.76. That's probably as far as we
21 can go.

22 MS. TRATT: Yeah. And this will --

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Have to come back.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And what's that road right --
25 can you zoom in a little? Sorry.

1 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Carmel Canyon Road.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, yeah. Are we okay right
3 here?

4 MS. TRATT: We're at negative --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're okay right here.

6 MS. TRATT: -- 4.53.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If my --

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: We can't hear you. You're on mute.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I know. I just noticed I did
10 that.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: No worries.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If my colleagues feel
13 comfortable here then I'm comfortable here.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's check consensus -- general
15 consensus on making a change that would -- keeps this
16 area within general deviations, no compliance issues that
17 I can see at this point.

18 Commissioner Fernandez?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, Commissioner Sinay,
20 Cathedral Catholic High School is that -- is the boundary
21 in the middle of it or -- kind of looks like it's in the
22 middle of it.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, it's on one side or the
24 other, I believe.

25 MS. TRATT: As far as I can tell from this map, it

1 looks like it's in the central SD district.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. That looks about right.

3 I don't --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So I'm not seeing any
5 opposition. General consensus is to move forward. And
6 so we'll move -- we'll accept this change and we'll move
7 on to the next portion of San Diego, if not -- El Cajon
8 was raised. Is there a general consensus to explore a
9 possibility of putting El Cajon in one district? I think
10 we explored various aspects of this before. And so I'm
11 just curious if there is a desire to explore that. It's
12 a pretty densely populated area.

13 Looking around the room, Commissioner Turner?

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I think we tried that several
15 different times and ways and so I don't see that
16 happening.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Yeah, we did try various ways
18 so we'll move on to the next potential refinement in the
19 San Diego area. Any additional refinements for the San
20 Diego area at this time? None from Commissioner Sinay.
21 Anybody else?

22 Not seeing any not -- oh, here, Commissioner
23 Sadhwani.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Not a refinement, but I
25 noticed several folks called in about Mira Mesa. I just

1 wanted --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sure.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- if we can just take a
4 double look at that. I'm pretty sure --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- we went back and cleaned
7 that up on Saturday. I just want to confirm that, yes,
8 Mira Mesa appears to be as whole as possible given the
9 deviation issues that we have looked at.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can we zoom into Mira Mesa just to
11 verify that it is kept whole.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And I believe it's a
13 neighborhood, so I don't know that we have specific
14 boundaries. But it looks like we -- I recall we had gone
15 back to do our clean up to make sure it was whole. So I
16 just wanted to confirm that. Thank you.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I have double and triple
19 checked the legal boundaries and the legal boundaries is
20 the 15 and so -- and the (indiscernible) we have it. I
21 think some feel like it's split just because there's that
22 area on the right, but that's another neighborhood, right
23 of the 15. But it is a community that's growing. But
24 Mira Mesa does stop at the 15. So we've covered it. The
25 other one we have covered that came up as well was moving

1 La Presa into Lemon Grove and Spring Valley, and we had
2 already done that as well.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Let's see. Any other --
4 so it does look like we have Mira Mesa as whole as we
5 possibly can. Any other review of San Diego? I'm
6 seeing, wow, no more hands.

7 Okay. So let's move on to the next region then.
8 How about we move on to -- Sivan, can you move on to the
9 next region we were working on? Or that Commissioners
10 have been working on?

11 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Would you like me to move to
12 Orange County?

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sure. And I did see various
14 iterations and a visualization for this area.

15 MS. TRATT: I know that Commissioner Akutagawa had
16 some proposed changes that she had presented.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's ask Commissioner Akutagawa.
18 Commissioner Akutagawa, are you ready to present
19 some of your proposed refinements?

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: We can also come back if you're not.
22 You're ready?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I mean, either way.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: No. If you're ready, we're ready.
25 We're ready whenever you are.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So I sent six
2 maps -- they weren't -- they're mostly -- it's
3 actually -- there was actually real changes to, I think,
4 three. But the others I sent because I had to pull some
5 population from some of the ones. This is from using the
6 QGIS tool to draw my CA district or draw my CA tool. So
7 let me just start by just explaining where it started.

8 One, Fullerton; two, trying to bring more of a
9 true -- at least as much as possible, not necessarily all
10 because it's just not feasible population-wise to create
11 an all-coastal district, but to at least try to bring in
12 Seal Beach so that it can -- there can be at least some
13 semblance of an all coastal district.

14 And secondly, in reading through the COI testimonies
15 again, I looked at the Lake Forest, Laguna Hills, Laguna
16 Woods, together with Irvine, and they all expressed more
17 of an affinity to be in a more inland district. So in
18 looking at creating more of a true coastal district,
19 there were some swaps that I made based on it.

20 I also want to just acknowledge the Vietnamese
21 community to bring in the Little Saigon area into an
22 entirely coastal district would mean splits -- bigger
23 splits in the Little Saigon area. And I chose to keep it
24 as is to preserve, at least, the main core based on the
25 COI testimony that we have received that Westminster,

1 Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, and Midway City were the
2 core cities, in particular.

3 I did hear what you're saying. I did play around
4 with some different options. It just was not possible to
5 make the population deviations work with the core cities
6 included with the coastal cities. And since those are
7 more inland, I chose to just try to preserve the core
8 Vietnamese Little Saigon COI.

9 So just to explain, let me just start with the -- I
10 guess also I wanted to acknowledge the Fullerton -- the
11 request from Fullerton to stay whole. I also want to
12 just say we did receive some additional COI testimony
13 this afternoon or this morning about some concerns about
14 South Fullerton. I just -- let me just present what the
15 Latino CVAP numbers look for in that area, which is
16 inclusive of South Fulton. And then I guess what we
17 could do is see if there would be -- but it's not a
18 (indiscernible). Okay.

19 All right. So first off, let me start with the
20 North O.C. coast. On this particular one that I
21 presented, I was able to move Seal Beach in, keep
22 Huntington Beach whole, move it -- I moved Costa Mesa in.
23 This does break up one of the COI requests. But there
24 was, again, competing COI requests around Costa Mesa, of
25 which we did also hear tonight. But moving Costa Mesa

1 into the NOC coast along with Newport Beach did enable a
2 little bit more of the population balance that would be
3 needed to also then move Lake Forest, Laguna Woods, and
4 Laguna Hills into a more inland district. It does
5 include Aliso Vejo and Laguna Beach, as well as the
6 Wilderness District.

7 What that then set off is then I moved -- that left
8 Garden Grove or the GGW District short of population. I
9 did move Cyprus into it. I now realize that it does
10 break up the AMEMSA COI. However, there was also
11 additional COI requests from residents in the Los
12 Alamitos, Rossmoor, Cypress areas to be together in a
13 district. And so bringing Cypress in to the GGW District
14 did allow for those cities to stay together in that
15 particular way.

16 Then onto the NOC District. With the NOC District,
17 moving Cyprus into the district also then created room
18 for all of Fullerton to be in the NOC District. To
19 balance out the deviation, I also took some small parts
20 of Placentia along the 57 freeway, which are very similar
21 in terms of profile; a lot of apartments, students, other
22 essential and a lot of other low-income workers as well,
23 too. Very diverse in terms of Latino, but also working-
24 class Asians as well, too.

25 I just wanted to note on this particular one, the

1 Latino CVAP, although this is not a VRA district, it is
2 very close to Santa Ana. So I was conscious of that. So
3 I want to note that according to the QGIS, the Latino
4 CVAP would be around 41.08 percent. The Agency VAP would
5 become 31.97. Both are much higher than our current NOC
6 District CVAPS for, especially for the Latino community.
7 So I wanted to note that.

8 I did send the LAOSB only because I had to pull some
9 of the population from LAOSB to ensure that I could stay
10 under the deviation for both NOC -- well, for NOC and
11 then -- so I just try to take just enough out of
12 Placentia to keep NOC under 5 and LAOSB under 5.

13 And then also I just want to note the last change
14 that I made, and this is the other additional ripple
15 effect. Irvine, I mentioned that I was able to combine
16 Irvine with Lake Forest. I was not able to move North
17 Tustin back in. It was just going to rob the LAOSB
18 District of too much. But Irvine and Lake Forest had
19 also -- I saw quite a bit of COI testimony that they
20 would like to be together with Irvine. That also is the
21 same for Laguna Woods and Laguna Hills. So all the
22 inland cities are together.

23 The only other split that I had to do was to add the
24 very Northern part of Lake Forest, which is above the
25 toll road, the 241 toll road. I had to take that to put

1 it into the inland OCRC District to balance out the
2 Irvine deviation. So -- and I did not touch SOC NSD.

3 So now there is balance and I think this creates
4 some of the -- it addresses some of the requests.
5 Although now I realize a MEMSA COI did get broken up and
6 I do apologize for that. And I could not fully
7 accommodate the Little Saigon request, but we were still
8 able to keep the core together. And as I had mentioned,
9 the other alternative would be a complete dismantling of
10 Little Saigon, which I think that that would be worse.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa for
12 that recap. So maybe we should take each one of these at
13 a time, probably starting with the first one we discussed
14 and I believe that was the coastal. If I remember
15 correctly, we started with the coastal then we went to
16 Fullerton.

17 Remind me if that's correct, Commissioner Akutagawa.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I just -- I mean,
19 either order is fine. Some of the PDFs that I did, I was
20 just doing it as I was doing it. So I hadn't fixed the
21 other areas. So if the deviations look off, it's because
22 I was just doing it as I was going so I don't lose it,
23 so.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So Sivan, can you show us the
25 maps as they were -- as there was general consensus on

1 the maps that are being proposed? Is there a way to
2 overlap them?

3 MS. TRATT: This is the only map, the map -- the
4 changes that Commissioner Akutagawa was just talking
5 about she did on her own mapping software.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

7 MS. TRATT: I don't have those maps. So we would
8 have to walk through and make those changes live.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sivan, I did send the shape
10 files to Andrew.

11 MS. TRATT: I would still need to make those changes
12 live. I don't have that ready.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's -- is there a way to
14 see what -- I guess not. So let's start with the first
15 one, Commissioner Akutagawa. Your first -- oh,
16 questions, questions. Let's go to the questions first
17 and then we'll start.

18 Commissioner Andersen?

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair.

20 First of all, thank you Commissioner Akutagawa for
21 going through this. That's obviously spent a lot of
22 time. I couldn't quite tell in the -- I guess it's the
23 Garden Grove one. So the way it -- the way it looks on
24 your maps -- not what we're actually looking at here, I
25 believe Seal Beach is no longer in and Cyprus is; is that

1 correct? Just for this particular one?

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Seal Beach is in NOC Coast
3 and Cyprus has been moved into GGW.

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Did the Stanton coming
5 out of that, would that have helped at all?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, unfortunately it
7 didn't. I did explore that, too --

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Great.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- as a way to also even
10 split Cyprus so that the Northern part of Cyprus could
11 remain an NOC. But what it did is it rendered Garden
12 Grove under deviation and NOC a little bit too over
13 deviation.

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you very much. I
15 just -- I was pretty sure you'd done that, but I wanted
16 to voice that for the public who kept on saying well if
17 you just take Stanton out, it'll all work. And
18 unfortunately, some of the things we think look great
19 when you put the numbers on them, they don't actually
20 work out. So thank you very much.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
22 Commissioner Turner?

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. Mine is a
24 little bit more of a process and what would be the best
25 way. I really appreciate these maps that Commissioner

1 Akutagawa have submitted and yes, definitely wanted to
2 start working through it. However, I wanted -- from a
3 process perspective, I was asked also to work on the Los
4 Angeles areas, and I have also submitted some maps that
5 actually end up impacting some of this area. And some of
6 the things that Commissioner Akutagawa, you were
7 attempting to do may be done in this other iteration.

8 And it just did change more districts. It's touched
9 actually 13 districts, but they do all balance. The VRA
10 attorney's already seen it as well and given it, kind of,
11 a thumbs up. So not to say to land on it, but I'm -- so
12 I start with process. So if we make changes now, I just
13 did at least want to flag that there are other changes
14 that I also want us to at least look at before we
15 finalize on something.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: And that's the hard part of these.
17 Anytime we make refinements, there's potential impacts
18 from other areas. So I think we got an overview of the
19 potential refinements in this area. And let's hear other
20 folks. But we've have -- we've heard the potential
21 refinements here. It may make sense to also look at the
22 potential refinements around the Los Angeles area that
23 will impact here. Let's think about that a little bit as
24 we -- and maybe if there's feedback from the Commission.

25 Let's go to Commissioner Fornaciari and Sinay and

1 then we'll get some clarity around process and Sadhwani
2 as well.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, Commissioner
4 Akutagawa, thank you for this. I did have a question,
5 though, about your LAOSB District that you sent. It's
6 really hard to tell with the colors, but it looks like La
7 Hambra is in the LAOSB.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. I saw that, too. I
9 was assured that it's not so --

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Okay.

11 (Indiscernible) --

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was kind of trusting in
13 it.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Thanks.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Otherwise my deviations are
16 really off.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Great. Thank you.

18 Commissioner Sinay and then Commissioner Sadhwani.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was just wondering for us and
20 for the public instead of Linda -- I'm sorry,
21 Commissioner Akutagawa talk about it, we could pull up
22 the PDFs that she created just so we have a better visual
23 before we jump into it all.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm going to ask staff to do that.

25 Freddy, can you put them up if they're on our

1 website? The maps that Commissioner Akutagawa has
2 presented and are posted on our website and we'll need to
3 share them.

4 MS. TRATT: Should I stop sharing my screen so you
5 can pull those up?

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. How about you stop sharing and
7 we'll get Director Ceja to share them. In the meantime,
8 let's hear the rest of the folks who have comment.

9 Commissioner Sadhwani?

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, just -- first of all,
11 thank you to Commissioner Akutagawa for taking the time
12 to look through this more closely. There's a couple
13 things that give me pause about these plans. It's
14 definitely preferencing certain COIs over others. I'm
15 not so sure that I personally will agree with the outcome
16 of that.

17 That being said, from a process perspective as
18 Commissioner Turner raised, when we went through this --
19 before we started this evening, Chair, you had asked us
20 our top priorities. And from my count, there were seven
21 Commissioners who identified Los Angeles as a priority
22 area, including Commissioner Akutagawa. Only one
23 identified Orange County as a priority area.

24 So I -- you know, hearing Commissioner Turner that
25 some of the changes in L.A. might impact Orange County,

1 I would argue that perhaps it would make sense to work on
2 other areas and come back to Orange County before we
3 spend a lot of time here. It sounds like it's going to
4 take quite a long time of exploration if Sivan has to go
5 through each one of these changes and prioritize those
6 areas that more Commissioners had identified first. That
7 doesn't mean we need to go to L.A. right now.

8 I know you have your own plan, but I remember there
9 was additional cleanup in the Central Valley -- or excuse
10 me, the Coachella Valley and other locations before we
11 even get to L.A. So I'm just thinking about time
12 management and the realistic priorities as we move
13 forward in this process (indiscernible).

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for that, Commissioner
15 Sadhwani.

16 And I'll just ask in terms of process, I also am
17 interested in hearing lots of changes proposed for the
18 OOC. Just the thought process about what's driving some
19 of those changes, because that may also help us. It may
20 be that some of the impacts -- some of the changes in Los
21 Angeles might actually help us and the OOC or not, but at
22 least we'll know.

23 And so I'm just curious if you could just help us
24 think about the process. Why the changes, Commissioner
25 Akutagawa? Why the proposed changes? Is it because of

1 COI and, you know, is it because of balancing the
2 districts? Uniting -- so just interested in hearing your
3 rationale for the changes.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. So it is about
5 hearing the testimonies and reading through the COI
6 input. Fullerton -- I also wanted to try to figure out
7 how to make Fullerton work as well, too. So I looked at
8 all of it together. Also, I will say that I've been
9 hearing about, you know, the inland versus the coastal.

10 You know, I think it's debatable for some but, you
11 know, living there, I do know the difference. And I
12 think that even though there are very different coastal
13 cities, Seal Beach is very different from San Clemente,
14 as is Newport Beach, from, you know, even Seal Beach,
15 too, but they are coastal cities. And I think that there
16 are a lot of common issues. And I think as we're looking
17 at climate change, too, I think that that is a concern
18 that I have, you know, and having a -- as we heard from
19 some of those, I think that's why it got me thinking
20 especially to try to make Fullerton work as well, too. I
21 just explore that. Now with that said, you know, I
22 definitely would like to see what Commissioner Turner has
23 done and to see what is -- you know, what she's come up
24 with as well, too. I don't think we need to, like, do it
25 right -- like, make these changes right now.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you so much. And that's
2 helpful in terms of having the background in terms of the
3 rationale for potential changes.

4 All right. So let's see where we head next and then
5 we'll come back. We have changes -- there were one, two,
6 three, four Coachella Valley's -- potential changes in
7 the Coachella Valley. So let's go down to the Coachella
8 Valley for now and we'll come back to the OC later.
9 Probably after we go through Los Angeles, because that
10 was the focus for quite a few folks, and that potentially
11 may have some impacts on the OC And probably have some
12 alignment in terms of some of the goals that Commissioner
13 Akutagawa's trying to achieve, as well.

14 So when the OC and the Coachella Valley -- can we
15 have -- we had quite a few people raise this, so
16 Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Sinay, how about any
17 hands raised over here?

18 Let's start with the change that is posted --
19 Commissioner Sadhwani, do you want to start?

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No, I did. I wasn't aware
21 that there was a change posted, so let's take a look at
22 that. I'll just note -- hearing loud and clear, not
23 (indiscernible) that, that's totally fine with me. But
24 my question as I raised last time was then where?

25 You know, we had had through Desert Hot Springs in

1 our draft and that was removed. So just curious about
2 where we can go from here.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we've been looking at options for
4 La Quinta, and Karin can walk us through some of these.
5 She's been -- I asked her to take a look at potential
6 options for La Quinta. And then -- and so as soon as
7 she's available to speak through it, she's been looking
8 at the various options of how we can or not make that
9 work and we can talk through that.

10 Commissioner Kennedy?

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. And to
12 say -- to thank the mappers and acknowledge that yes, I
13 did say if we couldn't have La Quinta fully in the MVCV
14 District, could it at least be made whole? And we do
15 have three options for us to make it whole, but again
16 making it whole in SECA and what we're hearing loud and
17 clear is that the better option is to have it whole but
18 in MBCV. So we're back to looking at how could we make
19 it whole in MBCV.

20 You know, I come back to maybe the way to do that --
21 and we need to look at all of the deviations -- is moving
22 Homestead Valley or Homestead Valley and Twentynine Palms
23 and the Marine base out of MBCV into VBHD. I'd also like
24 to look at some cleanup in that area of SECA South and
25 West of Palm Springs. As Commissioner Sinay had

1 mentioned the other day, we are separating Anza from
2 Borrego Springs. And there are some -- it just seems to
3 me that that area South and West of Palm Springs would
4 better be divided in three different directions -- part
5 of it into MBCV, part of it into SESDC, and part of it
6 into inland OC-RC. I'm happy to go through those ideas.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

8 Sivan, can you speak to the La Quinta and options
9 where -- because I think you worked through some of these
10 trying to unite La Quinta with the Palm Springs area.

11 MS. TRATT: Actually, Chair, I was given direction
12 to look at options to make La Quinta whole and all of
13 those solutions are in PDFs that should have been posted.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Got it.

15 MS. TRATT: But as Commissioner Kennedy noted, those
16 all kept La Quinta whole within SECA. That was the
17 direction that I received. And I went with what I
18 thought would cause the least disruption to those -- to
19 the larger map. I'm happy to talk through what those
20 changes were now, if you would like.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, I think what -- I believe the
22 COI's testimony is to connect La Quinta with other
23 resort-type communities, and that was with Palm Springs
24 and others around there. So I think -- are there any
25 options? I think Commissioner Kennedy spoke of a couple

1 of options, and we can go through those to see if any of
2 those would be feasible.

3 Commissioner Kennedy, do you want to speak to some
4 of those options to -- are you interested in exploring
5 possibility of keeping La Quinta in the -- with the Palm
6 Spring area? And is that something we're exploring or is
7 it, or do you have other refinements that you are
8 prioritizing?

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, that would be the
10 number one objective. Keeping it whole somewhere else is
11 kind of a -- is kind of a fallback position.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: But again, I come back to if
14 we're trying to get La Quinta whole into MBCV and we need
15 to remove population to make room for that, then I would
16 say that what we're looking at is probably Homestead
17 Valley and Twentynine Palms. And I had commented the
18 other day that Twentynine Palms and the Marine base there
19 is some community support for having Twentynine Palms and
20 the Marine base in VDHD because of all of the other
21 military installations in VDHD and the military ties in
22 VDHD.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Perhaps we can highlight
24 some of those communities, Sivan, and see if we have --
25 if there's a potential for a swap.

1 MS. TRATT: Yeah, so I've highlighted the portion of
2 La Quinta that's currently in SCCA and that is almost
3 21,000 people. So just looking at some of those changes
4 proposed, we have -- and again, I'd remind the Commission
5 and the public that these labels that have population are
6 the pre-adjusted labels just because of the way that the
7 software works. It was not able to update the prisoner
8 adjusted population totals. So these are rough
9 estimates. But just for, you know, sketching in this
10 idea, we have about 28,000 people in Twentynine Palms.
11 I'm not sure how many people are living or were counted
12 as living on the Marine base. And then Homestead Valley
13 about 3,000 people. And then moving those populations
14 into VVHD. And then you'll have to remind me,
15 Commissioner Kennedy, what the next steps after that
16 were.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I was looking at moving Acton
18 and Agua Dulce from VVHD into SCV. And then if we need
19 to move population further, finding space for moving some
20 of those San Fernando Valley communities that are
21 currently in SCV into San Fernando Valley districts.

22 MS. TRATT: Yeah. So it looks like Acton and Agua
23 Dulce together are about 11,000 people. You'd be moving
24 those into an already close to 5 percent over deviated
25 district. So I would like for potentially Jamie to be on

1 just because this is going to impact a lot of the areas
2 that she's worked on and I'm not sure what those ripple
3 effects would be through the City of San Diego, but we're
4 looking at a really big shift in this region.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right. We also have room to
6 absorb population in the 210 District. I hadn't really
7 been looking at that so far, but that's another option
8 that we have.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's hear from Commissioner Sinay.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So what we've been hearing --
11 if we can go back to the Coachella Valley. And what
12 the -- this is a VRA district and what the community's
13 been asked -- what we've heard in the last 24 hours has
14 been moving La Quinta out and moving towards -- you know,
15 it's hard to do Cathedral City and Desert Hot Springs
16 unless we took out a bunch. You know, it's kind of like
17 a -- it would be a funny loop.

18 But I just wanted to ask, is there a way that we can
19 try, you know, to add one of those areas or -- I mean,
20 the other one would be Desert Hot Springs, but then
21 you've got Desert Edge right by there. Well, I guess you
22 can go through the unincorporated areas. But I did want
23 to bring up that that was what the community has been
24 asking for.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's go to Commissioner Kennedy.

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: We've also heard from the
2 Filipino community, the LGBTQ community, and the Black
3 community that we need to keep Palm Springs, Desert Hot
4 Springs, and Cat City together. So again, we're not
5 going to make everybody happy with everything. And you
6 know, my sense is that if we are able to move La Quinta
7 in with most of the other cities in the valley, that
8 might be the best we can do to satisfy as many as
9 possible without causing more damage in the process. I
10 mean, that's just a personal sense.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I -- we're approaching our break
12 at 6:15. I'm going to ask Sivan and Jamie to explore
13 what we've just discussed, potentially shifting some
14 population and swapping some population into other
15 districts during the break and see if there's any options
16 that might be viable. And so if additional clarification
17 on the direction that was given by -- or recommendation
18 given by Commissioner Kennedy is needed, he is available
19 to provide it. And when we come back, we'll recap what
20 was done during the break. All right. So 15 minutes
21 for -- 15-minute break.

22 (Recess)

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
24 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We are visualizing in
25 the Coachella Valley focused around the La Quinta area

1 and Palm Springs. We have been working across -- Sivan,
2 our line drawer, has been working through the break to
3 try to find some solutions to uniting La Quinta with the
4 Palm Springs and other communities.

5 Sivan, do you have any update on what you were able
6 to accomplish during the break?

7 MS. TRATT: I believe that Commissioner Kennedy and
8 Jamie met offline.

9 Commissioner Kennedy, I'll have you discuss what you
10 decided.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. They may just be
12 continuing to work through this, so let's -- for now,
13 we'll come back to this, any other changes in this area
14 (indiscernible)?

15 Seeing none we'll come back to the Coachella Valley
16 once we have Commissioner Kennedy back with us.

17 In the meantime, let's head down to the Imperial
18 County. I just want to make sure there's no refinements
19 in Imperial County. I didn't hear any during our
20 prioritization, but just want to make sure. Any
21 refinements in this area proposed by Commissioners?
22 Looks like this area is set. Perfect. Let's go on.

23 So at this time, because the OC is still -- we're
24 waiting for Los Angeles for the OC. We're waiting for
25 some additional refinements in the Coachella Valley.

1 Let's go to Los Angeles. So we'll need to switch line
2 drawer to Los Angeles.

3 MS. TRATT: I think if Commissioner Kennedy isn't
4 back, then Jamie isn't ready either. I do have the sheet
5 file loaded in from Commissioner Akutagawa, if you'd like
6 to take a look at that in Orange County.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, if you have the (indiscernible)
8 files, let's go to Orange County to take a look at the
9 (indiscernible) files. We'll probably still have to go
10 up to Los Angeles given the impact -- the potential
11 impact of the changes down there might impact some of
12 these, but maybe not. So let's take a look at them.

13 MS. TRATT: Okay. So what I believe I'm displaying
14 in these numbers are the deviations, although I'm waiting
15 for confirmation from Commissioner Akutagawa about the
16 field name. Do these look correct?

17 Oh, okay. It looks like Jamie is ready. Okay. I'm
18 going to stop sharing my screen and Jamie's going to step
19 in and talk about what she and Commissioner Kennedy
20 discussed. Thank you, everyone.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So we'll go back to the
22 Coachella Valley.

23 MS. CLARK: Hi, everyone.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome.

25 MS. CLARK: Hi. Thank you. Good to see you all.

1 So Commissioner Kennedy and I were in the middle of
2 working. We haven't found a solid solution quite yet.
3 Some of this stuff just takes more than 15 minutes. And
4 so I guess just kind of listening with half an ear to the
5 meeting while we were in that meeting. And is the
6 request to move on to L.A. right now and then maybe Sivan
7 could work on this trade -- this population trade with
8 Commissioner Kennedy while we're looking at L.A. County?

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: That is possible. Before we can move
10 on to Los Angeles, could you just please share some of
11 the things that you have tried during the break just so
12 that the public is --

13 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- has an update of what was being
15 done during the break?

16 MS. CLARK: Absolutely. Yeah. So we moved La
17 Quinta from SCCA to MBCV, which made MBCV 0 populated. I
18 think it was in the 8 percent, something like that. And
19 we were exploring moving Twentynine Palms and Homestead
20 Valley into BVHD. That made be BVHD over populated by
21 8.73 percent. And then we were also looking at adding
22 Acton and Agua Dulce into the Santa Clarita Valley-based
23 district, which made that 7.3 percent. We didn't get --
24 we didn't get much further than that, and, yeah, and then
25 we had just started talking about other potential options

1 and that's where we left off.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's move on to Los
3 Angeles. In the meantime, if Sivan can continue working
4 on some of that -- some of the potential changes to the
5 Coachella Valley. Of course, Commissioner Kennedy is
6 available should he -- should she need him.

7 All right. Let's go to Los Angeles.

8 MS. CLARK: I'm just really quickly undoing these
9 changes, which would be really easy for Sivan to
10 replicate on her map. Just so then we're all working
11 with the --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

13 MS. CLARK: -- the current iteration in Los Angeles
14 County. So sorry that the map kind of went all over the
15 place there for a second.

16 So this is -- right now what's on the screen is the
17 current iteration from 12/06 and happy to look into this.
18 I also, you know, reviewed this, explore any changes that
19 the Commission would like to explore. I also worked with
20 Commissioner Turner yesterday to create a plan, Plan T-1
21 I think was what Commissioner Turner was wanting to
22 present first. And yeah, happy to -- happy, of course,
23 to either go over the current iteration or to look at
24 Commissioner Turner's iteration, whatever the Commission
25 wishes.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's look at the iterations that
2 Commissioner Turner has. They have been posted. They
3 are posted on our website in our handout section.

4 Commissioner Turner, if you could give the rationale
5 and then go through some of the maps.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yep, thank you, Chair.

7 MS. CLARK: One moment, please while I switch over
8 to that plan. And then this way, if the Commission wants
9 to look at -- it's taking a minute -- if the Commission
10 wants to, like, adjust any of those lines, then you'll be
11 able to. So apologies for the delay and now that's on
12 the map.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. So I'll start with just
14 saying that I've started calling this kind of the all-in
15 district -- the all-in iteration, because it does kind of
16 touch 13 districts. The goal is to increase the strength
17 of districts in Los Angeles that have been historically
18 disenfranchised, individuals that struggle with lack of
19 infrastructure, and economic disinvestment. So the
20 current draft iteration that you'll see, the hope is that
21 we've been able to protect or strengthen VRA districts,
22 it holds much of the Commission's previous direction, and
23 it honors as many COIs as possible.

24 So what I'd like to do is to give you an overview of
25 what's here in the districts and then have Jamie go

1 through the specifics of the areas.

2 So being responsive to the consistent input that's
3 received regarding the historically disenfranchised
4 communities in South and Central Los Angeles, this plan
5 actually increases opportunities from two districts to
6 four. This draft keeps areas protected by the VRA in
7 districts with over 50 percent LCVAP. Also these draft
8 iterations, they were already reviewed by VRA Council and
9 VRA Council did not identify any issues with this
10 configuration.

11 Another point here is that Koreatown, Chinatown, the
12 historic Filipino District, and Little Tokyo's COIs are
13 now all together in one district. They make Lakewood
14 whole. It keeps Boyle Heights with Pico-Union, and it
15 keeps Boyle Heights separate from East Los Angeles, which
16 has been a request of residents of these areas.

17 It keeps downtown Los Angeles with South Central Los
18 Angeles per public input. It keeps Santa Monica whole,
19 though Santa Monica is split in countywide maps that
20 we've received before. And though many multi-district
21 countywide maps that we've received from public require
22 that Long Beach is split in three or four district, this
23 iteration only splits Long Beach into one.

24 So that's kind of the high overview. But in order
25 to make that happen, it really did touch more than just a

1 couple of areas. So if we can go through the T-1 now,
2 Jamie, starting with any area that you want to start
3 with, we can go through them.

4 MS. CLARK: Okay. Sure. Thank you, Commissioner
5 Turner. I'm going to start I think starting in the VRA
6 areas makes sense. The West San Gabriel Valley and East
7 San Gabriel Valley districts were not touched in this
8 iteration.

9 AD60 corridor changed a little bit. Part of that
10 was kind of looking at -- it began with there was
11 Commission direction to maybe have the -- to kind of
12 combine AD gateway and the 85 corridor, like mesh them
13 together. We did try that and it made one of the
14 districts over 80 percent Latino CVAP. So that wasn't
15 possible, that kind of working with -- I don't know, some
16 of that -- some of that conceptually led to this after
17 some rework.

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Got the ball rolling.

19 MS. CLARK: Yeah, got the ball rolling. Thank you.
20 So AD60 corridor includes Walnut, Diamond Bar, Rowland
21 Heights, Hacienda Heights. And then the difference is
22 that it includes Montebello now. So Montebello and Pico
23 Rivera are back together. And just for population
24 purposes, Whittier is split here.

25 And I would also, just a quick note, is that there's

1 also a non-contiguous little, tiny piece of Whittier up
2 here. So moving Whittier into a different -- anyway, if
3 Whittier wasn't wholly in AD60 corridor, then they, like,
4 maybe would be split anyway because there's a little non-
5 contiguous piece. Just a note for everyone to know.

6 AD5 corridor includes La Habra, the Southern part of
7 Whittier, East Whittier, La Mirada, South Whittier, Santa
8 Fe Springs, Norwalk, and Downey. And Whittier is the
9 only city that's split. And the Latino CVAP in that is
10 now 61.14 percent.

11 And then 85 Gateway, some of the most Northern
12 gateway cities are not in this visualization or this
13 iteration. So that's a difference. But it includes
14 Bell, Huntington Park, Walnut Park, South Gate, Lynwood,
15 which is whole, Paramount, Bellflower, and Lakewood,
16 which is whole. In our previous iteration, Lakewood was
17 split. But in this it's whole. And the Latino CVAP in
18 80 Gateway is -- in this iteration is 68.18 percent.

19 Something that maybe we can look at later, which is
20 a smaller change and isn't in L.A. County, is that
21 Commissioner Turner also looked at the split in Fullerton
22 and moved this line to above the colleges. So just a
23 note on that. And that's how Lakewood could be whole.

24 So those are the VRA areas and then I think that it
25 makes sense to talk about this -- I'm just going to zoom

1 out the map so we can all see to kind of go from there
2 and then go kind of counterclockwise to look at the
3 changes, because there is -- it's another L.A. county
4 remix. So there's big changes.

5 So then looking at NELA. NELA includes Bell
6 Gardens, Commerce, Maywood, and Vernon, which are --
7 these were moved from 80 Gateway and also 60 corridor.
8 It includes Boyle Heights, which is not with the City of
9 East Los Angeles and then including Chinatown. Tokyo is
10 here with Pico-Union, Westlake, Rampart Village, and
11 Koreatown. So that's NELA. It's negative 2.07 percent
12 deviation.

13 Moving to GLENNLA, GLENN North LA is now East Los
14 Angeles with El Sereno, Eagle Rock, the Southern part of
15 Glendale, Echo Park, Silverlake, Los Feliz, and this is
16 4.86 percent deviation.

17 And then looking at AD West side, a change is --
18 it's Santa Monica with the West -- some of the West Side
19 neighborhoods, West Los Angeles, Westwood, and West Side
20 Neighborhood Council, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood. In
21 this Mid-City Neighborhood Council is split for
22 population. Includes greater Wilshire and Hollywood
23 areas, including the Hollywood Hills. I would say also
24 that the district with Malibu also includes Bel Air and
25 Beverly Crest for population.

1 And then looking at N10. This includes Mar Vista
2 and Del Rey with Palms, Culver City, which is whole,
3 South Robertson, Ladera Heights, View Park, and this is
4 sort of Crenshaw area, Mid-City and West Adams, Jefferson
5 Park, Olympic Park, Pico are all neighborhoods that are
6 in this iteration and includes the Southern area of Mid-
7 City.

8 Looking at 110 L.A. This includes downtown Los
9 Angeles with Historic South Central, USC, Zapata-King and
10 central Alameda. Florence is in this iteration with
11 (indiscernible) or the 9th District. They can zoom in
12 here. This is including Chesterfield Square, these areas
13 North of 110.

14 Going to zoom out to 105 corridor. This
15 includes Venice, Marina Del Rey, LAX with Inglewood,
16 Lennox, Hawthorne, Lawndale, the Northern part of
17 Gardena, West Athens, Westmont, and then just East of
18 Westmont, this boundary is at 110.

19 Going to move on to AD South Bay. This includes El
20 Segundo down to Palo Verde and Rolling Hills. It
21 includes all of Torrance, the Southern part of Gardena
22 includes Lomita. And I'll zoom in here because for
23 population between the two -- these two districts, it
24 includes Harbor Gateway South and Harbor City
25 neighborhood councils and the Northern part of Northwest

1 San Pedro -- oh, yes, the Northern part of Northwest San
2 Pedro Neighborhood Council. This is the defense fuel
3 supply point. Zooming in so we can see where that split
4 is.

5 And then looking at this district that includes Long
6 Beach, it does have San Pedro and Wilmington with the
7 Southern part of the City of Long Beach and also Signal
8 Hill. That is -- for population purposes, those are
9 together.

10 And then this Northern part of Long Beach is with
11 Carson, West Carson, Compton, Willowbrook, Watts, West
12 Rancho Dominguez. And just a note is that I know that
13 the direction from the Commission was to have Del Amo be
14 the border here for a split in Long Beach. And just for
15 population, it had to be a little bit further South of
16 that. And so this is on Carson Street, roughly -- Carson
17 and San Antonio.

18 And that -- those are the districts that were
19 changed in this iteration from Commissioner Turner.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for sharing those proposed
21 changes. Any questions from the floor?

22 Commissioner Akutagawa?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, it's like finding the
24 right button. Jaime, could you zoom in on the -- could
25 you zoom in on the -- I think it's the NELA District.

1 Let me just start there. I just want to look at the
2 detail now. Actually, like, zoom in, like, street level.
3 I'm just curious where you cut -- where you cut that.
4 You said that it includes Little Tokyo, Chinatown,
5 Koreatown, (indiscernible) and I think it's -- but I'm
6 just curious where you put the split for downtown L.A.

7 MS. CLARK: Yes. Thank you. This is at 5th Street
8 and then up to 4th a little bit. I will put the -- I
9 will put up the COI boundaries of those COI submissions
10 that the Commission received so that we --

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, that's fine. Yeah. As
12 long as you -- as long as you don't go any further up
13 than 4th Street, then you're okay.

14 MS. TRATT: Yeah. And this is the Little Tokyo COI
15 that the Commission received.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Yeah. I just wanted
17 to make sure about that so thank you.

18 Then the other question I have is, I guess I'm not
19 sure how much that has to be in, but I notice that Vernon
20 Commerce and Bell Gardens are not in. I thought that
21 they had to be in the VRA District and it seems like to
22 me Vernon, Commerce, Bell Gardens, Maywood have a lot
23 more in common with the Gateway cities than Lakewood and
24 Hawaiian Gardens do. And so I am just kind of concerned
25 about, you know, the choice that was made to keep

1 Lakewood there instead of going North and including those
2 other cities, which I think do belong more in that VRA
3 District and have a lot more in common.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Turner?

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I just --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's hear from Commissioner Turner
7 first.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I just wanted to name that the
9 district that they're in because of the -- can I still
10 say? Yeah, they were in the VRA District before. Now
11 they're in a district with, I think, (indiscernible). I
12 see that number. I'm not sure how much I can say, but
13 they're in a like district now that didn't bring them any
14 harm. Which is why we had the VRA attorneys kind of look
15 at this area to make sure that we weren't causing --
16 bringing someone out of an area that's going to be
17 harmed. They're protected still, I think.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Was that the only way?
19 Only because, I mean, you're still -- Lakewood and
20 Hawaiian Gardens don't have a lot to do with, you know,
21 the other cities, as we've heard. So that's why that was
22 just more of my question.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh, Jamie.

24 MS. CLARK: Yeah. And we have had Lakewood and
25 these in the VRA districts and out of the VRA districts.

1 And ultimately, the Commission decided to bring Lakewood
2 back into the VRA districts for that Latino CVAP because
3 removing Lakewood from -- removing Lakewood from these
4 districts would bring the Latino CVAP really high up.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Jamie.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Just a quick question for counsel
8 about the NEC and Bell. It's a compactness question.
9 That's a pretty thin neck, so I'm just curious in terms
10 of legal counsel's opinion on that.

11 UNIDENTIFIED LEGAL COUNSEL: Good evening, Chair.

12 Jamie, does this basically follow the city
13 boundaries of Bell?

14 MS. CLARK: Yeah, that's exactly the city boundaries
15 of Bell.

16 UNIDENTIFIED LEGAL COUNSEL: Okay. In that case,
17 I'm not concerned about compactness.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you. Especially because
19 it's in the VRA District and compactness falls below VRA.

20 Okay. Commissioner Andersen then Commissioner
21 Vazquez.

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. I have a
23 question, actually, and it's about the ports. So it's
24 the -- a little further South on the map, please.

25 Because we've obviously heard from both areas here and

1 they are, indeed, competitors and have pretty much said
2 we don't want to be with each other. And I'm just
3 wondering if there's the area of Long Beach, which was --
4 the North area of Long Beach, which was cut out. I'm
5 wondering if that could be switched for part of the port?
6 Basically, that area of Long Beach come back into ADLBC
7 and part of the area of the port go into, I guess, it's
8 South L.A.

9 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, (indiscernible).
11 Thank you.

12 MS. CLARK: So that is possible with population
13 switches and a configuration like this. I think what
14 Commissioner Turner was going for, the configuration like
15 this, is sort of respecting some of the testimony,
16 specifically with Black COIs in Southern L.A. and central
17 L.A.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

19 Commissioner Vazquez?

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Excuse me, can I finish up on
21 the question?

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, sure. Certainly, Commissioner
23 Andersen.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yeah, I'm
25 wondering that area in Long Beach, though, that's --

1 unless it was -- does that area have to do with the
2 Compton and that particular grouping? Because I was
3 under the impression that that portion was not and the
4 port actually did want to be with Carson. That's the
5 one -- they wanted to go sort of North in that
6 direction -- the LA port. Is that -- am I missing
7 something on that?

8 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So I think that part of L.A. --
9 of Long Beach, rather, is part of the COI. And
10 additionally, you know, some of the input that the
11 Commission has received does try and keep the ports
12 separate. But the way that that's accomplished is
13 basically by putting this Northern part of Long Beach in
14 with the South L.A. District and then splitting the
15 ports, but having the San Pedro area still go with parts
16 of Long Beach and further North. So instead of having
17 two -- Long Beach be part of two districts, it's part of
18 three districts instead of two, is the way that, like,
19 that is accomplished by some of the countywide maps that
20 the Commission has received.

21 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, no. I understood that.
22 No, I was actually talking about just switching literally
23 that chunk in and the other portion up because it's a
24 negative 4.57 versus a positive 2.57. But again, if
25 there's a punitive interest that has the opposite of

1 that, I'd just like to know what it was. Thank you.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

3 Commissioner Vazquez?

4 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Thank you so much,
5 Commissioner Turner, for putting this together. I like
6 what this sort of composition does for South L.A. Not
7 super thrilled at the idea of San Pedro and Long Beach
8 sharing a district, but I feel like I can live with that.

9 I would just like to go back to my unpopular opinion
10 that in Northeast L.A., I'm still really concerned about
11 breaking up East Los Angeles from Boyle Heights. Trust
12 me, I have heard and seen and read the COI testimony
13 asking for those two communities of interest to be in
14 separate districts -- wholly in separate districts.

15 And I understand the reasoning, especially from what
16 I've heard today, is that historically both Boyle Heights
17 and East L.A. have had their own -- what they view as
18 sort of their own representative to advocate strongly for
19 their community. And I totally hear that and that makes
20 sense and I think that's really valid.

21 And I still am concerned that by breaking up what in
22 this broader region, together with Boyle Heights and East
23 L.A. in particular, that we are breaking up a
24 historically immigrant community. And that just really
25 concerns me given the demographic changes, particularly

1 in income, especially as it relates to the more Northern
2 parts of northeast L.A. So Eagle Rock, Glassell Park,
3 Echo Park, just even in the last ten years, the
4 demographics of these communities have changed so
5 significantly.

6 And I am -- in thinking ahead to the next ten years,
7 I'm just really concerned, especially about, you know,
8 communities of Highland Park, Glassell Park, you know,
9 even East Los Angeles, and Boyle Heights are all
10 experiencing the same trend of gentrification and higher
11 income folks moving into these areas because housing is
12 relatively cheap. And I just think in terms of, again,
13 we're looking at state representation, not local or
14 county. In terms of state representation, I just feel
15 like the community of interest in question here for me,
16 as I see it, is housing policy and state housing policy.

17 And I just feel like thinking of the communities of
18 Boyle Heights, East L.A., and the rest of northeast Los
19 Angeles feel like a community to me that has a huge
20 housing policy interest that I'm really concerned about
21 breaking up.

22 So again, I hear the community of interest and I'm
23 willing to go the way of the Commission again, because it
24 seems like this iteration does a lot of additional good
25 things in other communities in L.A. But just I really

1 don't like the way Northeast L.A. is visualized in this.

2 But thank you, Jamie and Commissioner Turner.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez. And
4 if there's any suggestions you'd like to make or
5 modifications, please let us know.

6 Commissioner Kennedy?

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. You know,
8 just a couple of things. Coming back to the Gateway
9 cities and the 5 corridor, you know, I agree with
10 Commissioner Vazquez that, you know, that it, to me,
11 doesn't make a whole lot of sense to group Lakewood with
12 Huntington Park and Walnut Park. And the idea was to
13 look at Lakewood, Bellflower, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs,
14 that part and the more northwest -- kind of a northwest/
15 southeast divide of these two districts.

16 I hear the issue of creating a district with a very
17 high Latino CVAP, but, you know, the reality is that's
18 the underlying population. I don't see that we're
19 seeking to pack anybody. We're just trying to make
20 districts make sense as far as who they're representing.
21 And if there's a super dense, high percentage population
22 in one area, you know, it's almost the opposite, would be
23 breaking that community apart if we didn't have it
24 grouped together. So you know, it's, I guess, a
25 disappointment. If we have to go with it, we have to go

1 with it.

2 Again, hearing the voices from Florence-Graham
3 wanting to be with Huntington Park and Walnut Park, we
4 hear you again. If we can't, we can't, but we do hear
5 you and we understand you.

6 And I think finally just -- we've once again cut off
7 Silver Lake from West Hollywood and Hollywood. Again, we
8 hear you. If we have to do it, we have to do it. We
9 don't like it but, you know. And I guess the other thing
10 is Glendale and East L.A., that kind of has me scratching
11 my head. Thanks.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa then
13 Commissioner Sinay.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I agree with what
15 Commissioner Kennedy was just saying. With that said, I
16 have some questions again. I just want to perhaps
17 just -- and you may have already talked about this, but
18 what we did hear from the Florence-Graham residents was
19 that they were asking could Walnut Park be placed with
20 them and maybe even a part of Huntington Park, which then
21 may, to my mind, which could open up some room and also
22 CVAP to bring in perhaps Maywood and/or even Vernon
23 whether it's all -- because they share very, very similar
24 kind of challenges, a lot of environmental challenges
25 because of the shipping. There's a big rail yard there.

1 There's also the traffic from the 710. It's very much
2 industrial. Not a lot of people actually I found out
3 live in Vernon, but the people who do live there face
4 very similar challenges, a lot of low income, again,
5 disadvantaged communities there as well, too.

6 And I am a little concerned about them being in.
7 Not that they don't share similarities with the NELA
8 cities, but I think there's -- I think to Commissioner
9 Kennedy's point, it's just a question of whether or not
10 they feel that affinity with each other as well, too.
11 But I mean, it's just -- I mean, I guess I'll just say, I
12 mean, like with many places, we've just had to make some
13 very tough decisions and not everybody is going to be
14 happy. And it's about preserving at least the core of
15 those communities. But if we can, you know, I just want
16 to mention that. So thank you.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

18 Let's go to Commissioner Sinay, then Fernandez, Yee,
19 and Sadhwani.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Wow, Commissioner Turner,
21 Jamie, wow. Yeah, it's not 100 percent. Nothing can be
22 100 percent when we hear every single COI. I am
23 concerned about the ports, but I'm going to turn it into
24 a positive and say, hey, San Pedro, you're together.
25 You're whole now. So you know, it's just every --

1 anything we do, we can find COIs that are going to
2 support it, not support it. We're going to make people
3 unhappy. But I feel like this is kind of -- if you took
4 a big step back on what people have been asking and what
5 our values have been as we've been moving through this.
6 You've done a great job.

7 And ports, we heard you and I'm sorry. If we're
8 going to say sorry, I mean, I feel like if we're going to
9 say sorry to every single person who's called us and we
10 didn't hear them, we'll be here for a long time. So wow,
11 thank you so much.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: I just want to say that we did hear
13 people. We just can't accommodate everyone we're
14 hearing. All kinds of testimony and trying to reconcile
15 it, and to prioritize it, and unite COIs as we are able
16 to. But we are under so many constraints, especially in
17 this area with VRA and other constraints.

18 Commissioner Akutagawa, then Fernandez. Akutagawa
19 already went, so Fernandez then Yee.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Yes. I
21 just want to thank Commissioner Turner. This is great.
22 I do appreciate being able to separate East L.A. and
23 Boyle Heights. We've actually been hearing that
24 consistently for months now.

25 And I guess just a comment that if we were to draw

1 this thinking ahead and what's going to happen in the
2 next ten years, obviously this would look different. But
3 we have to base it on the census information we have now
4 and the communities of interest. And I think this is a
5 very good reflection of what we've heard and what we've
6 been able to accommodate. So thank you so much.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Yee then Commissioner
8 Sadhwani.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, just echoing the thanks to
10 Commissioner Turner for all this excellent work and
11 hearing so much input and taking it into consideration
12 and being very skillful and clever and pulling off so
13 many of our goals.

14 Nevertheless, I would like to echo Commissioner
15 Andersen's thought about possibly looking at separating
16 the ports if we could do it by cutting less of North Long
17 Beach, which is already, as we heard from Jamie, cut more
18 than we'd hoped. So that swap or possible to look into
19 that.

20 Also want to take one last stab at Koreatown. And I
21 think, Jamie, we took -- the current boundaries are the
22 neighborhood council, not the COI input; is that correct?

23 MS. CLARK: That's correct.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: And I believe the COI input is
25 larger and farther to the South and just wanted to bring

1 it up one last time just to make sure we didn't miss a
2 way to honor the COI boundaries.

3 MS. CLARK: So this is the COI boundary for
4 Koreatown. And just looking at how it's drawn, I -- a
5 couple times have asked the Commission, you know, do you
6 want to follow the COI boundaries or the neighborhood
7 boundaries, given that the COI boundaries split greater
8 Wilshire.

9 And there hasn't been a solid -- I guess like the
10 last time that there was a solid response, it was for now
11 follow the neighborhood boundaries. And I think last
12 time I asked the question, it was kind of I'm not sure.
13 It was not sure. So that's what the COI boundaries are.
14 And the neighborhood boundaries are here and they are
15 respected to the extent that the census blocks follow the
16 current neighborhood boundaries.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you. Well, you know, I'm
18 for being responsive to COI boundaries, COI input. So in
19 this case, at least with AD West Side, it looks like it
20 would improve the deviations as well. So I'd be
21 interested in pursuing that.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

23 MS. CLARK: I'll look at making that change if this
24 is an interest of the Commission.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. Thank you.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: While you're highlighting that, let's
2 hear from Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Le Mons.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, thank you, Commissioner
4 Turner and to Jamie for all your work on this. I think
5 this goes a really long way in meeting many of our goals
6 and that's really exciting to see.

7 I completely agree with Commissioner Yee and, feel
8 like I've raised numerous times, wanting to support the
9 K-town COI boundary. But I was -- perhaps I wasn't
10 shared with -- by other Commissioners. But I agree with
11 you on that, Commissioner Yee.

12 I feel very uncomfortable about the Long Beach San
13 Pedro -- having those ports kept together. We
14 currently -- we have heard loud and clear from community
15 of interest testimony that they want to be separate. We
16 also have a current crisis at the ports, so having
17 representation for them would seem to be extraordinarily
18 important.

19 I have said before and I will raise again, I don't
20 see the problem in Long Beach connecting South into
21 Orange County, we've received community of interest
22 testimony both ways on that. And to me that seems like a
23 reasonable opportunity for us to take a look at.

24 I just want to name some of the odd pairings that do
25 happen in this map. It's not to say that I couldn't live

1 with them, but I just want to at least acknowledge them.
2 Some of the things like Marina del Rey, Venice, and
3 Westchester, very wealthy, beach-oriented, or coastal-
4 oriented communities being paired with that COI of
5 Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lawndale, and North Gardena.
6 Again, I could live with that, but somewhat odd.

7 Pico Rivera, Montebello, all the way out to Diamond
8 Bar, those are pretty industrialized kind of -- and urban
9 neighborhoods going out to fairly suburban neighborhoods.
10 Again, I could live with that. And I did like actually
11 seeing Downey and Whittier together. I think those
12 communities do have very similar profiles and that looks
13 reasonable to me.

14 And I just wanted to raise I fully support splitting
15 Boyle Heights and East L.A. I've mentioned that numerous
16 times over and that is what communities of interest are
17 asking for. So I just want to be really clear that, you
18 know, is this the greatest pairing ever of Commerce,
19 Vernon, out to Pico Union and Rampart and other places?
20 You know, it's okay, it's okay. And I can most certainly
21 live with it. And I think that that respects what
22 communities are asking for and not our own personal
23 preferences or analysis of these areas. So I agree with
24 this.

25 I definitely also -- before we move on, though,

1 would like to go and take a look at what, if any, impacts
2 this is having in the San Fernando Valley. I know last
3 week I asked to see an exploration of what it would look
4 like to further consolidate the Latino community in those
5 districts because we were getting COI testimony in doing
6 so.

7 But it appears that now that we have attempted to do
8 that, that the communities aren't happy with the pairing
9 of Glendale, too. I think it's all the way out to Encino
10 or something, which I agree it's a really long stretch
11 and very different kinds of communities in there.

12 So before we move on this evening, I definitely want
13 to make sure we reserve some time to look at San Fernando
14 Valley. Thank you.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Let's hear from
16 Commissioner Le Mons.

17 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Good evening. I just wanted
18 to also echo the thanks to Commissioner Turner and Jamie
19 in pulling this particular iteration together. I, too,
20 agree that it, I think, accomplishes a lot of our goals
21 in ways that some of the other iterations have failed to
22 do so. And just knowing Commissioner's thoughtful hand,
23 it's evident in the results. So thank you, Commissioner
24 Turner. And thank you also, Jamie.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons.

1 Jamie, quick question. How many Asian, Latino, and
2 Black districts have a CVAP of higher than 50 percent in
3 the Los Angeles region at this point? I don't have those
4 statistics in front of me and I just wanted to -- for you
5 to enter it into the record so the public is also aware.

6 MS. CLARK: Thank you for that question. There's
7 one district that is over 50 percent Asian CVAP, which is
8 the West San Gabriel Valley District. In this iteration,
9 there are nine 50 percent-plus Latino CVAP districts. In
10 this iteration, there's 11 if you include the Antelope
11 Valley, Victor Valley.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sorry. If you include the Victor
13 Valley, that's 11 Latino districts?

14 MS. CLARK: Eleven 50 percent-plus Latino CVAP
15 districts. And there's no district that's over 50
16 percent Black CVAP. However, there are four districts
17 that are over 29 percent Black CVAP.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. I appreciate the
19 statistics and the data.

20 Let's go to Commissioner Akutagawa and Vazquez.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: My question was on --

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sorry, Commissioner Akutagawa, I
23 think I missed -- Commissioner Fernandez was first. I
24 think she's been waiting.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Actually, I forgot to put

1 my hand down.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Good.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But I also forgot to thank
4 Jamie. So thank you so much, Jamie. So I think I have
5 to put five dollars in the pot.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: I thought you were waiting for a long
7 time. Okay. I probably had a mental note.

8 Commissioner Akutagawa, back to you.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. I just also
10 want to add my thanks to Jamie and to Commissioner
11 Turner. These maps just generally look really good and I
12 think feeling good about what we have here. I just have
13 a clarification question, Jamie, on this Koreatown.

14 Now, that I'm seeing this, in this way, I see what
15 was meant by Koreatown being split three times. And so I
16 think -- you know, it would -- it's a small area, and
17 then to avoid splitting it in those ways, just like we've
18 tried to, you know, avoid splitting other COIs, I
19 think -- I agree with Commissioner Yee. My only question
20 is -- I will say, you know, that Greater Wilshire
21 Neighborhood Council was rather effective in their
22 visualization, and they have the big stop-the-split -- I
23 was curious where was, previously, that split that they
24 spoke about that was so bothersome? And you know, taking
25 off that chunk of Greater Wilshire, is that going to --

1 it doesn't look like it's that bad, I guess. They may
2 disagree, but is it that bad?

3 MS. CLARK: This is the previous Assembly district
4 boundary.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

6 MS. CLARK: So this is the split they're talking
7 about. It's the dotted line.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

9 MS. CLARK: And what's highlighted in red right now
10 are the parts of Koreatown that are part of the Koreatown
11 COI, and moving that area into the NELA district would
12 keep everything within the plus or minus five percent
13 deviation.

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Let's look for consensus.
16 I'm looking at the floor. Sorry. I have to look on -- I
17 have two different screens right now. It looks good. It
18 looks good. And lots of consensus. So okay. Let's add
19 it. Great. Let's look at the numbers. Everything looks
20 good. All right. So who are -- Commissioner Vazquez?

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you so much, Jaime.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, Yee, and then --

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- (indiscernible) discuss that.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Vazquez.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: I just wanted to thank Jaime for

1 her work with this, and everything. You're phenomenal.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

3 Commissioner Vazquez?

4 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Thank you, Chair. I just --
5 I wanted to circle back to provide some data, so that it
6 doesn't come across that this is my personal preference,
7 or personal analysis, of the challenges faced in
8 Northeast Los Angeles, which is currently named GLENNLA,
9 but what is visualized is largely made up of what is
10 known as Northeast Los Angeles.

11 That area, in census numbers, reported a decrease in
12 population across many of these historically immigrant
13 populations. Echo Park, Silver Lake, Atwater Village
14 registers the biggest decrease in population, according
15 to the L.A. Times, of 5.1 percent over the last ten
16 years, which, again, if you live in, work in, play in
17 this area, as I do, you would know that that can't
18 possibly be the case. And so there are other areas,
19 Lincoln Heights and El Sereno, both recorded a decrease
20 of four percent. So I just -- I want -- and there are
21 several quotes in this L.A. Times article from community
22 members who don't believe that that's because of
23 gentrification -- that this community is both
24 experiencing gentrification -- but also has -- because
25 it's an immigrant population, is a really hard-to-count

1 population -- and I know that we have to draw lines based
2 on the data that we've received from the census -- I just
3 want -- I wanted to put some data behind how vulnerable
4 these communities in this region of Los Angeles are, and
5 by breaking up, what I feel, is a very-hard-to count,
6 hard-to-reach population in Northeast Los Angeles, that
7 we are doing the community as a whole a disservice.

8 So the community that I'm looking at is not just
9 Boyle Heights and East L.A., whom we have heard from. I
10 hear a lot from Boyle Heights, especially, but I'm
11 looking at this broader community contained in what is
12 currently visualized as GLENNLA. And that is the
13 community that I am concerned we are -- we are not doing
14 right by, by splitting up Boyles Heights and East L.A.
15 And so again, I can live with this visualization. I
16 don't agree with it. But it's not because of my own
17 personal preferences, but rather that the broader
18 community of Northeast Los Angeles is verifiably
19 marginalized and will continue to be marginalized through
20 the next ten years as the economics and the residents of
21 these communities shift. Thank you.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And let's ask the
23 community. Let's -- community members living in these
24 areas, please chime in and let us know what your thoughts
25 are, even though we've received quite a bit of COI

1 information on -- conflicting COI information -- but the
2 more information, the better, so please feel free to call
3 in, or to provide input through our online processes.

4 In the meantime, any other comments in this area,
5 before we go to the San Fernando Valley? Commissioner
6 Vazquez -- or any suggestions on potential --

7 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I guess on the
8 interest of being constructive, although I can't
9 imagine -- I think we've already attempted this -- so
10 it's not even so much that I feel like we need to have
11 Boyle Heights and East L.A., specifically, together. I
12 think my challenge is, in practical terms, with how this
13 is currently visualized are twofold.

14 One, these gateway cities, Vernon, Commerce,
15 Maywood, paired with a district that includes Koreatown,
16 does not make a ton of sense to me. I think it's one of
17 the odd pairings, as Commissioner Sadhwani said, so that
18 doesn't quite make sense to me.

19 In terms of the GLENNLA district, I think Los Feliz
20 and Silver Lake, in particular, do not make sense in the
21 GLENNLA district, and if we could, particularly, remove
22 those two and maybe -- again, get population,
23 potentially, headed down towards Downtown L.A. through
24 Chinatown, that might work. But again, I know that these
25 will have ripples across many other districts, so I --

1 again -- but I'd also just -- it's not -- for me, it's
2 not Boyle Heights and East L.A. must go together. It's
3 that overall Northeast L.A., for me, seems to have taken
4 a step back in terms of -- again, the demographics and
5 the historical nature of most of the neighborhoods
6 currently -- most, but not all, of the neighborhoods
7 contained in both the GLENNLA and the Northeast L.A.
8 districts.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez. Any
10 other comments in this area? Commissioner Vazquez, did
11 you want to visualize something? Commissioner Taylor?

12 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No, I was just -- in tracking
13 along with Commissioner Vazquez's thoughts, it seems that
14 there might be population to shave off of GLENNLA. Would
15 you happen to have a few suggestions, Commissioner
16 Vazquez? I'd be interested to hear it. Take me with
17 you.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: It seems like Commissioner Taylor is
19 willing to go on a journey.

20 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I mean, I would start,
21 at least on that Western portion -- that northwestern
22 portion -- and start removing population. I'm not sure
23 if we can get Silver Lake back with Hollywood and East
24 Hollywood. That would be an ideal scenario. I'm
25 imagining Jaime, probably, has some thoughts about what

1 that -- where that journey would take us, Commissioner
2 Taylor.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: So Jaime, can you tell us how much
4 population we can shave off and still be within a
5 reasonable -- within legal limits? It seems to be about
6 20,000, to me --

7 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and to some of the -- my friends
9 around me.

10 MS. CLARK: So right now, the deviation of AD
11 Westside is .83 percent. With GLENNLA, it's 4.86
12 percent.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

14 MS. CLARK: ERWEIR (ph.) -- yeah, so I guess,
15 ERWEIR -- Chair Toledo, you asked for, sort of like, the
16 breakdown of the CVAPs for different districts. I think
17 that making a change like this could impact those numbers
18 and also would, maybe, split some of the neighborhood
19 council areas. It's something we could definitely try.
20 And I think there is some wiggle room in terms of --
21 there's definitely wiggle room in terms of this boundary,
22 just in total population, absolutely.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you think there's a risk that we
24 might lose some of the minority districts in making these
25 changes?

1 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I think that there --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Or gain additional? I don't know.

3 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I think that -- I think that in
4 making this change, you might split some of the
5 communities that you have been working to keep together.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Taylor?
7 Commissioner Vazquez? I mean, Fernandez. And then
8 Sadhwani. Sorry. Lot of hands raised now. Taylor --
9 or -- okay. Fernandez, and then Sadhwani.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I mean, how many times
11 Commissioner Vazquez and I, our names get mixed up? I
12 was just going to ask, Commissioner Vazquez, is there,
13 like, a certain section of Silver Lake in particular?
14 Because I don't think that we're going to be able to take
15 the whole piece of it. And it -- yeah, so I'm just
16 wondering if -- 'cause it will be about -- 20,000 would
17 be the maximum that we could probably move out into -- if
18 we went to the AD Westside and then, maybe, a little bit
19 to the NELA, but then you're splitting up Silver Lake,
20 potentially, three times.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
22 Let's hear from Commissioner Sadhwani, while Commissioner
23 Vazquez considers that.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I mean, I'm
25 definitely open to some exploration in this area.

1 However, I'll just say -- and again, this is not COI
2 testimony. This is my personal experience in these
3 areas -- yes, it's definitely a region that's going
4 through gentrification. That being said, there --
5 throughout this entire area, there's also a large
6 immigrant community, often sometimes less seen than
7 other -- you know, than the folks that are moving in.

8 There's also a lot of folks experiencing
9 homelessness throughout these areas, and that's a major
10 issue in this area. You know, I don't -- as I've said
11 before, I don't have a problem with this pairing. I
12 think it makes sense in a lot of different ways. But I
13 do think that if we -- because Glendale is at play in the
14 San Fernando Valley districts -- if we take -- I don't
15 know where everyone stands on that. I just know that we
16 had a whole lot of comment on it -- on this new iteration
17 of the San Fernando Valley -- and I think if we have a
18 little bit of a discussion about whether or not folks are
19 okay with it, or they want to move in a different
20 direction, it might, ultimately, answer some of these
21 questions in that GLENNLA district, only because Glendale
22 is currently split. And if we wanted to take a different
23 approach with Glendale, or this -- within the San --
24 larger San Fernando Valley, then it might lead to some
25 changes there.

1 I'm not necessarily advocating that -- for that, but
2 I'm just saying it's worth, at least, having a little bit
3 more of a conversation, or hearing from more
4 Commissioners about their thoughts on the San Fernando
5 Valley piece, because the two areas are very much linked
6 through this cut in Glendale.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you, all. It seems like
8 we can all live with these things. And there might be
9 some potential. And I'm not talking about the San
10 Fernando Valley. I'm talking about the districts that we
11 were just looking at -- live with the districts that we
12 were looking at. There might be some potential
13 refinements. And I think that's what we're --
14 Commissioner Vazquez, any potential refinements?

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I appreciate that creative
16 thinking, Commissioner Sadhwani, and reminding me -- and
17 maybe some of us -- else -- that Glendale could -- I
18 think Glendale does, in some ways, change the makeup of
19 GLENNLA pretty significantly. But I'm also thinking --
20 just in terms of, maybe, making a small adjustment, if
21 things don't radically change otherwise -- I'm wondering
22 what Los Feliz -- what putting in Los Feliz to that
23 Hollywood district would do, if that -- that's -- I know
24 that Los Feliz and Silver Lake like to go together, but
25 also -- anyway, I'm just curious what that would look

1 like.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: So are you interested in exploring
3 the possibility of moving 20,000 people out of Los Feliz
4 into the Hollywood -- or into the neighboring districts?

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I guess, if we -- yeah, if we
6 can't get all of Los Feliz, it feels like a moot point.
7 But yeah. Are there 20,000 people in Los Feliz? Not
8 that I wouldn't not believe it, but good grief.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's see.

10 MS. CLARK: So just --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Jaime, can you put the chart -- oh,
12 there we go. Thank you.

13 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: (Indiscernible).

15 MS. CLARK: So this changed. Putting all of Los
16 Feliz into the Westside district, would make the
17 deviation of the Westside 5.5 percent.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: And so that would take us outside of
19 the deviation.

20 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. And that's not
21 worth -- that's not worth finding elsewhere to get it out
22 of -- but in my opinion -- so thanks for showing.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for exploring with us.
24 Commissioner Sinay?

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I'm hearing two areas

1 that -- you know, there's the North part of, you know,
2 the San Fernando Valley piece. And I've heard several
3 Commissioners talk about the ports. And Commissioner
4 Sadhwani did make a recommendation -- or, you know, a
5 hint -- or whatever we want to call it -- and I would
6 feel better accepting that this is the way we have to go,
7 if we could explore what Commissioner Sadhwani was saying
8 about taking Long Beach and going South. Then I'd be
9 more -- you know, if it doesn't work, then I'm willing to
10 say, okay. We tried. And the two ports are together.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: So your goal would be to separate
12 that -- the --

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (Indiscernible) on Long Beach?
14 Yes. To have them separate as they requested --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: So the --

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- but -- but --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm one of fourteen. And so I
19 just want to see where my colleagues are.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, you weren't the only one. I
21 think Commissioner Sadhwani was talking about,
22 potentially, having more Congressional -- it's not
23 Congressional. In this case, Assembly. I'm getting my
24 mouth mixed up -- but potentially having more
25 representation in this area.

1 Commissioner Sadhwani, since you brought it up
2 first, do you want to come to the Long Beach area first,
3 or San Fernando Valley?

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I mean, if we can explore in
5 Long Beach, that would be great.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Great.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's start off in Long Beach,
9 since we have two Commissioners interested in exploring
10 Long Beach. Others may be also. And so I'll ask the
11 room if there's interest in exploring the Long Beach --
12 exploring Long Beach and the separation of these two
13 ports. And I'll go through the room. All right. So
14 let's see. We have -- Commissioner Sinay just spoke.
15 Commissioner Akutagawa?

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I do have a question.
17 Before we go down to Long Beach, I'm thinking that,
18 maybe, we should just try to take care of San Fernando
19 Valley, because we got so much COI testimony just saying
20 they, essentially, hate everything about, now, the San
21 Fernando Valley, and if there is going to be additional
22 architectural changes to the San Fernando Valley that
23 can, then, help with some of the things that Commissioner
24 Vazquez has been bringing up, I think it's going to
25 ripple down. And so instead of trying to figure

1 something out in Long Beach, and then have to fix it
2 again, I'm just thinking we just need to start with San
3 Fernando and go down.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Good point. So let's -- any other
5 thoughts on that from the floor?

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I would wonder what Jaime
7 thinks.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Jaime, what are your thoughts?

9 MS. CLARK: I think that the changes in more of,
10 like, central and South L.A., were, kind of, contained
11 down -- you know, down near this --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: We lost Jaime.

13 IN UNISON: Oh, no.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: And I think we're losing a couple of
15 other Commissioners. Okay. I think we got Sadhwani
16 back.

17 Commissioner Sadhwani, do you have any thoughts on
18 starting in the San Fernando Valley, or starting in Long
19 Beach?

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No. I mean, either way. I
21 think we're -- whichever way we want to move population.
22 I mean, I'm also just -- I'm keeping in the back of my
23 mind Commissioner Kennedy's potential swaps all the way
24 up and over in that V-H-H -- I forget the title of it --
25 but if we were to make that change to the Acton-Agua

1 Dulce area, that would also, I would imagine, impact the
2 San Fernando Valley, so I don't know where's the best
3 starting point for this, because it seems like if we
4 started in the Coachella Valley and moved all the way
5 over, it would be a massive potential ripple. So I'm
6 happy to take -- take the advice of our line drawers,
7 'cause I think they understand how the maps work.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: And I also want to hear from other
9 Commissioners, too, in terms of, are we comfortable in
10 having ripples throughout the Los Angeles region that we
11 just -- we just made changes to and have agreements on?
12 So I want to hear from Commissioners on that, too. There
13 might be. I mean, let's see what the stomach is.
14 Commissioner Fornaciari? Commissioner Turner?

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think Jaime was --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: (Indiscernible) --

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- saying --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh --

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- something --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, sorry, Jaime.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- before she got --

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's start with you --

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- cut off.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and then go --

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And I want -- I think it's

1 important for us all to hear.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, let's hear from Jaime first,
3 because, hopefully, your internet is stable.

4 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I'm in.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, awesome.

6 MS. CLARK: I -- I think that in -- in terms of
7 the -- in terms of the changes to the map for Plan T-1,
8 which is what we're looking at now, those were, you know,
9 South of San Fernando Valley, South of Mulholland. The
10 split in Glendale didn't change dramatically, so we could
11 look at San Fernando Valley.

12 As Commissioner Sadhwani noted, if there are changes
13 to adding Acton and Agua Dulce to Santa Clarita Valley,
14 that does impact the deviation. And you know, that's --
15 I think that that's something that we could try, maybe,
16 after exploring other changes; like, maybe, trying to,
17 you know, pull population down overall from the Santa
18 Clarita Valley. Base districts, kind of, make room for
19 those cities. And I would say that that's something,
20 again, that would be, I guess, like a second step to that
21 from -- if -- if -- in considering not changing the
22 entire map of the City of Los Angeles.

23 And then in terms of Long Beach and moving Long
24 Beach with Orange County, that also sounds like,
25 potentially, big changes, so I -- I think it -- it just,

1 kind of, depends -- like, big changes to the map
2 overall -- and I think it just, kind of, depends on what
3 the Commission wishes.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: You're a trooper, Jaime. Thank you
5 so much for everything you do for us. All right. Let's
6 see. Commissioner Fornaciari, Commissioner Turner?

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, either way for me.
8 It seems like the changes, potentially, to San Pedro and
9 Long Beach are going to be coupled with Commissioner
10 Akutagawa's changes, so we'd have to go through that --
11 probably that whole thing altogether. And then, as Jaime
12 said, San Fernando Valley, we could probably, kind of,
13 manage that as a self-contained entity. So either way.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you're thinking two self-contained
15 areas potentially not impacting Los Angeles so much, or
16 we'll see as we go through. Okay. Commissioner Turner?

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. I
18 just wanted to say for the number of ways that we looked
19 at the map to be able to achieve what the initial goal --
20 at least that I was directed in -- makes me very wary
21 about any major changes that we're doing now.

22 I think that we'll lose many more of the COIs. I
23 think we won't be able to protect a lot of the districts
24 that we were able to find in this iteration. And I am
25 deeply concerned about doing this, and considering it.

1 And based on what we can and cannot, you know, consider,
2 I think the way we currently have them arranged takes
3 into consideration a lot of individual testimony, a lot
4 of the partners' testimony, a lot of the maps that have
5 been sent in, a lot of the previous Commission direction,
6 and I know that we have said, a few different times, we
7 cannot accommodate everyone.

8 And at this point, I guess my greatest concern is,
9 by going down this path, we're going to just shift who we
10 are going to consider and be able to protect, or at least
11 draw districts to satisfy. So anyway, I'm concerned
12 about making any changes, at this point, that would cause
13 a major shift.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
15 Jaime, I think you were nodding your head. Was that
16 potential changes to COIs, or you think -- what's your
17 thoughts on this?

18 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I think that -- I think that -- I
19 think that it might be hard to keep the ports -- unless
20 you would wish to split Long Beach into more than two
21 districts, it may be hard to keep the ports separate and
22 maintain some of the districts -- or specifically, the AD
23 South L.A. District, kind of, as it is configured now.
24 And also, you know, I -- there are a lot of ideas, so I
25 guess -- yeah.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: We did do a rundown throughout this
2 area with the changes that were made. Commissioner
3 Turner did as well. The reasoning for it, very well-
4 articulated by Commissioner Turner, so at this point,
5 let's hear from Commissioner Akutagawa and Sadhwani and
6 Sinay, and see where we explore, or not, depending on the
7 will of the Commission. Let's hear from Akutagawa.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Hey, Jaime, could -- just
9 off the top of your head, or just, kind of, a
10 guesstimate -- oh, where do you think another split for
11 Long Beach would actually occur to try to -- to try to
12 keep the two ports separate?

13 MS. CLARK: Like, if -- if there were three
14 districts, and that contained Long Beach?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

16 MS. CLARK: The way that I have seen it done by some
17 of the countywide submissions that were made, is that, if
18 I'm remembering correctly, sort of like, this -- this
19 part of Long Beach is with South L.A., and then
20 Wilmington and San Pedro go, I think, up here and are
21 connected with, like, Paramount. For example, cut
22 through here. And then the rest of Long Beach, I think,
23 goes with Bellflower and Lakewood and Seal Beach and
24 Huntington Beach, is how I've seen it.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Jaime, I guess I'm curious. Do you

1 think the San Fernando Valley changes can be localized?

2 Do you think the Long Beach changes can be localized?

3 Since we're trying to -- since we're trying to -- we
4 worked so hard on Los Angeles over the last couple of --
5 it hasn't even been days, it's been months, right? It's
6 been months since we've been looking at Los Angeles and
7 reworking it, and you've done countless iterations here
8 and visualizations, so is there any way that you think we
9 can localize some of the changes that we're thinking, up
10 in the San Fernando Valley, or even in the Long Beach
11 area?

12 MS. CLARK: I think the -- the San Fernando Valley,
13 you know, swaps could definitely be localized. And I
14 don't know what the -- I don't know what the suggestions
15 are for Long Beach, so it's hard to say.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's hear from the floor to see
17 if there's any suggestions on the Long Beach area, and we
18 can think through those. And I also want to hear how the
19 exploration in the Coachella Valley is having with the
20 Sivan, so I'll get an update on that -- or we'll all get
21 an update in a few minutes. All right. So -- and it --
22 all right. Any suggestions on Long Beach that are
23 localized changes?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Yee? Commissioner

1 Sadhwani?

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. For a localized change, I
3 want to try bringing Wilmington down to Coastal San Pedro
4 into AD South L.A., and then swapping that for as much of
5 North Long Beach as it takes to balance out.

6 MS. CLARK: One moment, please.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: In the meantime, let's hear from
8 Commissioner Sadhwani.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Mine was similar. I was
10 going to say I know that there's been conflicting --
11 conflicted testimony about North Long -- actually, it's
12 not that conflicted, right? Even the City of Long Beach
13 has said that it's reasonable to split North Long Beach.
14 And I believe the boundary that they've consistently said
15 is Del Amo Boulevard. So to me, if we went as North as
16 Del Amo, could we pick up whatever else we needed by
17 dipping into Orange County?

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: How about let's explore that next.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Of course. Yes, absolutely.
20 It's actually just - it's not terribly different from
21 Commissioner Yee. I think -- I want to be sensitive,
22 though, because I know that there are considerations that
23 have been raised by historic African-American
24 communities, and I want to -- I definitely want to see
25 what the possibilities are to respect both of those

1 communities of interest, if possible.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

3 MS. CLARK: So I'm just going to make this switch,
4 so that we can see the impacts on the districts. Both of
5 them would be within plus or minus five percent
6 deviation.

7 For AD South L.A., the percent deviation would be
8 negative .4 percent, the Latino CVAP would be 47.54
9 percent, the Black CVP would be 26.19 percent, Asian CVAP
10 would be 10.7 percent, and white CVAP would be 13.26
11 percent.

12 For the Long Beach District, the percent deviation
13 would be negative 1.6 percent, Latino CVAP -- I'm sorry.
14 I'm going to slow down for the -- for the interpreters.
15 Sorry about that. For the Long Beach District, the
16 percent deviation would be negative 1.6 percent, Latino
17 CVAP 31.65 percent, Asian CVAP 4 -- I'm sorry -- Black
18 CVAP 14.69 percent, Asian CVAP 14.29 percent, white CVAP
19 36.85 percent.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much. Let's hear from
21 the floor. It does look, to me, that we are,
22 potentially, fulfilling some essential worker communities
23 and working class and low income communities in this
24 area. But let's hear from the floor. I just want to see
25 if there's consensus on this, in terms of moving forward.

1 So if you're interested in moving forward with this,
2 please -- I'm just looking for consensus. And I'm not
3 seeing consensus.

4 MS. CLARK: Chair Toledo, should I revert these
5 changes?

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, let's revert these changes.
7 And let's go to Commissioner Sadhwani's proposal.
8 Commissioner Sadhwani has her hand up, actually, so let's
9 hear from Sadhwani, and then from Yee, and then from
10 Akutagawa.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, before we -- before we
12 revert them, I think what I've been wanting to try for
13 quite some time is, you know, maintaining a portion of
14 North Long Beach with the 80 STHLA, but then looking at
15 how much population we would have to pick up, whether
16 that's portions of -- portions coming out of NOC, which
17 is already underpopulated, or you know, Seal Beach --
18 something in Orange County, potentially.

19 The 80 Gateway, I know Lakewood -- 80 Gateway,
20 currently, is slightly overpopulated. I'm trying to see
21 how much population it is that we would actually need to
22 account for. Lakewood previously had been split and
23 paired with Long Beach and was not in that VRA district,
24 so I think that there's -- I'm curious if there's
25 opportunities that can be explored, if we put a portion

1 of North Long Beach back in with the 80 STHLA.

2 MS. CLARK: Commissioner Sadhwani, just to clarify,
3 would Wilmington and San Pedro be with AD -- the South --
4 this Compton and Crescent district?

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Well, we're currently
6 somewhat underpopulated. So what I'd like to see is,
7 yes, keep them together, and how much of North Long Beach
8 can we be putting in.

9 MS. CLARK: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Does that make sense?

11 MS. CLARK: So start from here and then add areas in
12 North Long Beach to AD South L.A.?

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. And I'm curious about
14 what impact that has on the ADSTHLA.

15 MS. CLARK: One moment, please. So for example,
16 just this --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. It looks like we're having
18 some technical difficulties. And we're almost at our
19 break -- our 8 o'clock break. So let's see if we get her
20 back in a second. While we're waiting for her, how about
21 we check in with Commissioner Yee and Akutagawa.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I had
23 the same idea as Commissioner Sadhwani. And so
24 obviously, all of North Long Beach is too many folks, so
25 maybe, starting on the West side -- the West of the 710

1 first.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Yee. Great
3 minds think alike. All right. So let's -- Jaime, you're
4 back.

5 MS. CLARK: Yes, I hope so. Can you hear me?

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: I hope so too. We can hear you.

7 MS. CLARK: Okay. Thank you. So I think I heard to
8 add areas West of the 710 to the South L.A. District.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, please.

10 MS. CLARK: So this highlighted area is West of the
11 710, and this would be 1.93 percent deviation for AD
12 South L.A., and for the Long Beach base district,
13 negative 3.93 percent. I'm just going to pull this down.
14 The Latino CVAP for South L.A. would be 57.76 percent,
15 the Black CVAP for South L.A. would be 26.21 percent, the
16 Asian CVAP for South L.A. would be 10.6 percent, and the
17 white CVAP would be 13.09 percent.

18 For Long Beach, the deviation would be negative 3.93
19 percent, the Latino CVAP would be 31.13 percent, the
20 Black CVAP would be 14.44 percent, the Asian CVAP would
21 be 14.45 percent, the white CVAP would be 37.47 percent.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for the exploration.
23 Thoughts from the floor? Commissioner Andersen, and then
24 Commissioner Turner.

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I like the exploration. I'd

1 go a little bit more. We still have a percent there. We
2 could, maybe, add a bit to it from the Gateway area.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
4 Commissioner Turner?

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I'm looking at -- I
6 appreciate what we're trying to do. I just think that it
7 further splits some of our other historic districts and
8 lessens their opportunity to elect candidates of choice.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Turner. Any
10 further exploration in this area? Suggestions? We're
11 about to go to break. So maybe -- Commissioner Sadhwani,
12 did we want to go to -- try the other options in this
13 area?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm happy to, if there is
15 willingness, or interest from others.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think Commissioner Sinay had some
17 interest in exploring opportunities in linking the two --
18 actually, separating out the two ports. I believe it's
19 San Pedro and Long Beach. Commissioner Yee?

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure. There are other options.
21 I was just going to ask, that area on the East side of
22 Compton -- those two little pink areas -- just curious
23 what those are?

24 MS. CLARK: That is a census-designated place called
25 East Rancho Dominguez. And it's two areas that are --

1 oops -- there we go. It's -- they're noncontiguous, but
2 they're both part of East Rancho Dominguez.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: I see. Okay. I'd love to see
4 Commissioner Sadhwani's ideas.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So Commissioner Sadhwani or
6 Commissioner Sinay, you both raised the issue of
7 potential -- of separating the two ports in this area.
8 Any other thoughts on how to do that?

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Happy to.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Or other --

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I don't know.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- or other exploration in this area.
13 It doesn't have to be that. But I know that was -- that
14 one was raised. How about -- we're going to take our
15 break at 8 o'clock, so let's take it now. And
16 Commissioner Sadhwani, if you could -- you're exploring
17 the possibility of separating these two ports. If you
18 would work with Jaime, over the break, and see if there's
19 any suggestions, any visualizations you'd like to show
20 us, and then, of course, that will be brought back to the
21 public once we come back from break, just for efficiency
22 purposes. All right. Thank you. So we're on break.

23 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 6:13 p.m.
24 until 6:30 p.m.)

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California

1 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We're coming back
2 from break. And we will be going back to the Coachella
3 Valley before we go back to Los Angeles, just for
4 efficiency sake.

5 We have Commissioner Kennedy and Sivan with us.
6 Sivan is our map -- our line drawer, and Commissioner
7 Kennedy was working on trying to unify La Quinta with
8 Palm Springs and other resort cities. And I hear they
9 have some good news. So let's go through what they have
10 been -- hear what the -- what they --

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Explored.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- explored, and also where we're at,
13 at this point. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. And I
15 wanted to explore a number of things. First of all, as
16 the Chair said, was putting La Quinta back with the bulk
17 of the Coachella Valley. I also wanted to look at
18 bringing Idyllwild, Pine Cove, and Mountain Center into
19 MBCV.

20 We learned, probably late last year, that Idyllwild
21 was one of those locations where if you're looking at a
22 flat map, you know, it could go any number of ways. But
23 if you look at a relief map, you very quickly understand
24 that there are only a couple of ways to get there, one of
25 which is through Beaumont. The other of which is the

1 long way, through Palm Desert. But in either case, it
2 made more sense to bring Idyllwild into MBCV. So we were
3 able to do that.

4 We were not able to put Sage, and some of that area,
5 with the neighboring district to the West, nor were we
6 able to get Anza, and some of those areas, in with the
7 SESDC district to the South, so they remain as they were.
8 We did move Sky Valley from MBCV into SECA.

9 Then moving North from there, we ended up moving
10 Twentynine Palms, the marine base, and Homestead Valley
11 from MBCV into VDHD. We ended up moving Pinon Hills,
12 Fallon, a sliver of Hesperia that is there -- kind of,
13 almost a discontinuous portion of Hesperia -- well, not
14 so discontinuous. But anyway, that portion of Hesperia
15 that divides Oak Hills, we ended up putting that in with
16 Wrightwood and Lytle Creek in the 210 -- so-called 210
17 District. And so we ended up -- we did not touch
18 Antelope. We did not touch Santa Clarita Valley. And we
19 ended up with the 210 District at a 2.23 deviation, DVHD
20 at 4.99 --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Wow.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- MBCV at 4.98 --

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: My gosh.

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah, it's by a whisker.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: By a whisker.



1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And SECA at -- let's see,
2 SECA -- SECA at negative 4.89, maintaining --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Very good.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- 59 percent LCVAP. So it
5 was -- it was an interesting exploration. As I said, I
6 was not able to accomplish everything that I would've
7 hoped to, but I think, by and large, we improved the map
8 on balance.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: It does sound like it. Sivan, let's
10 compare the CVAPs for the VRA areas as that is our
11 fiduciary duty and responsibility. So like, for the
12 SECA, that did not change. I think it actually went up.
13 It's now at 59.28; is that correct?

14 MS. TRATT: One moment while I turn the -- yep, it
15 did go up. It was at 56 percent before.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Great. All right. And then next VRA
17 area.

18 MS. TRATT: Oh, did you want to revisit the --
19 the --

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No, I think --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: No, just the ones that were impacted
22 by these changes, just to make sure that they --

23 MS. TRATT: Oh, there were no other VRA areas that
24 were impacted.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, perfect. If that's the case,

1 then no other VRA district was impacted. All the
2 deviations are in compliance. There are -- I don't
3 believe I see any bottlenecks -- or any compactness
4 issues, rather. Can you pull up?

5 MS. TRATT: Zoom in, or zoom out? Sorry.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Zoom out.

7 MS. TRATT: Okay.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Just so we can see over
9 (indiscernible). I don't see anything of concern. Okay.
10 We have Commissioner Andersen and Fernandez.

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, first of all --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we --

13 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- I want to say --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- were able to contain it. Wow.
15 That is impressive. All right, Commissioner Andersen and
16 Commissioner Fernandez. I'm just -- I'm still in shock
17 that we were able to do all of those things.
18 Commissioner Andersen?

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. No, I want to say, wow.
20 I knew it was going to be tight. I did not realize it
21 was going to be that tight. So it's amazing that you
22 were able to do these things, except the Victor Valley
23 area, which, you know, they're not happy with how the
24 maps, kind of, look.

25 Now, Pinon Hills, you know, that's an area -- those

1 are now all (indiscernible). Now, they are with
2 Wrightwood and Lynn -- Lytle Creek, but now, they're with
3 L.A. I mean, L.A., L.A. So I'm concerned about that.
4 You know, there wasn't any other, you know, messing
5 with -- I'm sure you looked at many, many things, but
6 that one, I really wish we could do something else.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner --

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: And these people --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Andersen. Commissioner Kennedy?

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I
11 certainly would like that as well. But I would remind us
12 all that that district does currently include a
13 significant portion of Upland, and a portion of Rancho
14 Cucamonga, so it's not entirely orphaned from San
15 Bernadino County. I don't know what the population
16 balance is between the two counties, but it is not just
17 those Victor Valley communities and the Mountain
18 communities. It is San Bernadino County communities on
19 the Southern border of this district as well. Thank you.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy. Any
21 other questions, or any other parts of the maps that we
22 want to look at before we take a -- see if there's
23 general consensus on these changes?

24 It doesn't look like it, so I'm going to ask to see
25 if we can all -- you know, the standard I'm using right

1 now is, can we all live with this? And just looking
2 around -- Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I understand why the SECA
4 District went all the way up to Needles, but it does
5 create a district that is huge. And we have heard from
6 the community that they would rather it take, you know,
7 more of the Coachella Valley than go up that -- up to
8 Needles. And I just -- I wanted to bring it up, because
9 this is a VRA district and they do -- you know, and these
10 communities are asking to be kept together in a VRA
11 district, nearby each other. And so I wanted -- you
12 know, just revisit this one more time for those who have
13 asked us to.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay, can you speak to
15 the -- what specific communities want to be protected
16 under the VRA district?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Are they currently not --

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, they're not --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- in a VRA District?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- in it --

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- currently.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you repeat their names, so we can
25 ask counsel --

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, if we --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- about it?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- can zoom in, kind of, by the
4 Indio Hills? You know, it's Desert Hot Springs and
5 Cathedral want to be part of the VRA district. I don't
6 know the demographic, but I know -- you know, so I
7 just -- I want us to be clear. You know, we're creating
8 this really noncontiguous -- you know, not compact --
9 it's all contiguous. Sorry. But does it make sense,
10 considering that other communities nearby -- the Latino
11 communities -- are asking to be part of the VRA?

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. And
13 one of the reasons it's not so compact is because it's
14 rural. And as we know, especially as we worked in the
15 North, the more rural and spread out, the population is a
16 little bigger -- the districts -- but each district has
17 the same number -- or about the same number of people.

18 Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Kennedy, and then
19 we'll ask legal counsel about those communities.

20 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No, Chair. I think you -- no,
21 Chair. I think you just hit it. In light of what we've
22 done on other parts of the State for the sake of, we've
23 sacrificed some elements of compactness for communities
24 of interest of 445 criteria. Thank you.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Andersen,

1 and then Kennedy, and then we're going to go to legal
2 counsel after that.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. Thank you. I
4 certainly appreciate where Commissioner Sinay is going
5 with this, because if you could add more areas that
6 should be in the VRA area district, you really want to.
7 The only thing I'd like to say is, if the line drawers
8 could give us the population in that chunk of San
9 Bernadino area that includes Needles, because Needles is
10 a little less than 5,000 people, and I think it's the
11 biggest population center in that area, so I would be
12 very surprised if it went more than 6 or 7,000.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
14 Andrew, do you have that data?

15 MR. DRECHSLER: Yes. That population -- good --
16 good job, Commissioner Andersen. That's 7,018, up in
17 that part, so I will take you as a partner on The Price
18 Is Right.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
20 Commissioner Kennedy, and then we'll go to Salvador -- or
21 Mr. Perez.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Just a
23 reminder that, you know, yes, we have communitive
24 interest testimony in one direction. We have it in any
25 number of other directions. Here, we have the Black

1 community wanting Desert Hot Springs, Palm Springs, and
2 Cathedral City together.

3 We have the Filipino community wanting Desert Hot
4 Springs, Palm Springs, and Cathedral City together.

5 We have the LGBTQ community wanting Palm Springs,
6 Desert Hot Springs, Cathedral City, and as much of the
7 Valley as possible together.

8 We have the Valley community at large wanting as
9 much of the nine Cities of the Coachella Valley together
10 as possible. So what we're trying to do is -- as
11 elsewhere -- trying to balance these many competing
12 interests, and you know, I think this does a good job of
13 it.

14 I'm certainly happy to hear community input on how
15 to make it better, but you know, we have to be able to
16 make it better without making lots of other people worse
17 off. Thank you.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And Mr. Perez, just in
19 response to Commissioner Sinay's question about Desert
20 Hot Springs and Cathedral City, I'm just wondering if
21 there are those two -- there are -- there was community
22 input about those communities wanting and -- to be part
23 of a VRA district to get VRA protection. I'm just
24 wondering if these areas fall under VRA?

25 MR. PEREZ: I think, as it's currently drawn, the

1 district satisfies the VRA. And at this point, you have
2 the discretion to include or exclude those communities.
3 It sort of reminds me of the issue you had with Barrio
4 Logan and this -- the Chula Vista district. So it's up
5 to you.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And that -- you know, we
7 try to put as many communities under VRA as -- but
8 there's only so many we can put in, and there's some
9 limitations on those, and of course, there's also other
10 factors as well, including compactness and contiguity.

11 Any other questions from the floor? And then I'm
12 going to see if there's general consensus with these
13 changes. We did have to balance quite a few community of
14 interest, COIs, and I think Commissioner Kennedy did a --
15 and Sivan, and the rest of the Commission, did an amazing
16 job of putting all this together.

17 Of course, it's not perfect. No, I haven't seen a
18 district that is, yet. But it does balance all of the
19 interests that were presented, and it does it quite
20 nicely, I think -- from my perspective -- especially
21 given all the concerns with the neighboring VRA districts
22 that are so difficult and complex. Commissioner Sinay?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm sorry. I'm still having a
24 really hard time, though, with this VRA district going
25 into three different counties. I mean, I've been trying

1 to reconcile that all this time, and since we're getting
2 down to the end, I just wanted to voice it very, you
3 know, openly that it is a huge district. And when I hear
4 what has been said about everybody claiming everything --
5 but this is a Latino VRA district that is unique, because
6 they haven't had the, you know, Coachella Valley to
7 Imperial. So I just want to put it out there.

8 I'm not going to stop anything. I'm not going to
9 draw a line in the sand. But I do think we need to think
10 about how not -- how big it is, and what population is
11 being served here, and is it being served by having that
12 going all the way into San Bernadino?

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sivan, can you zoom out, so we can
14 see the whole district one more time? And Salvador, can
15 you speak to the -- to this very large VRA district? And
16 just compliance with the VRA. I think you said it. This
17 district does comply with VRA. Does -- compactness is
18 below the VRA, in terms of our requirements, and
19 certainly, this is a very rural community where it's --
20 where the population is spread out. But can you give any
21 more insight into this district, in terms of VRA risk?

22 MR. PEREZ: Not with respect to VRA risk. But as
23 Andrew mentioned earlier, that's -- that's about a 7,000-
24 person population in that corner of the district, and I
25 can imagine that, although you've gotten to this very

1 (indiscernible) wonderful, tentative solution here, you
2 might be able to swap some populations and -- and reduce
3 the -- the size of the geographic scope of this district.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Can -- with that, can we
5 see how many people are in the district, Hot Springs,
6 Cathedral City area? I imagine it would be way more than
7 7,000 people, though. I'm imagining tens of thousands,
8 right? Maybe sixty, maybe more. Let's see. My eyes are
9 not going to see that.

10 MS. TRATT: Yeah, Chair. So Desert Hot Springs is
11 about thirty-two and a half thousand people, and
12 Cathedral City is about fifty-one and a half thousand
13 people.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're talking about 80,000 people
15 here. Commissioner Vazquez? And Commissioner Sinay?

16 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Just wanted to say that I
17 hear that concern about, sort of, the geographic size of
18 this district. That being said, I think it's a little
19 bit -- at least how I view the other, potentially, larger
20 districts from Inyo onward -- that, you know, these
21 regions, compared to the rest of the State, are pretty,
22 you know, low population, much more rural, and I think
23 less so than, sort of, county affinity.

24 I think sort of where their geography and the
25 resource management and the resource -- maybe even -- the

1 lack of resources, generally, in many of these regions,
2 probably, ties many of these communities together, more
3 so than their county affinity, so I don't see, sort of,
4 an inherent problem with the district moving across three
5 counties.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez. I
7 appreciate that discussion. Let's see. Commissioner
8 Kennedy?

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Just to
10 remind colleagues that, you know, the main features of
11 this district -- of the SECA district -- are the Colorado
12 River Basin, which is the source of -- the main source of
13 water in this part of California. The Salton Sea -- with
14 the environmental issues that need to be resolved in
15 relation to the Salton Sea and the Southern border, those
16 are the main features of this district. And you know, I
17 would say that this district pretty well focuses those
18 concerns and interests. Thank you.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And with that, let's see
20 if there's general consensus. I'm moving forward with
21 these changes. Very impressive work here. And I am
22 looking around the room.

23 The standard that we're using, at this point, is,
24 can we live with it? I feel -- we've been informed by
25 VRA counsel that the SECA district does protect the

1 necessary populations. That there aren't -- that there
2 aren't any compliance issues with this district, at this
3 point. And then we were able to unify quite a few COIs
4 by the changes that were done by Commissioner Kennedy and
5 Sivan. Any -- I'm looking around the room for any
6 opposition. Can we live -- the standard is, can we live
7 with this?

8 The Coachella Valley was a priority for one, two,
9 three, four Commissioners. That's why we're spending
10 quite a bit of time here. And it's important for us to
11 do so and to ensure fair amounts for this region.
12 Commissioner Sinay? I think you had your hand up,
13 Commissioner Sinay, or no? Nope. So I'm not seeing any
14 opposition, at this point. Speak now, or we're going to
15 have general consensus. Commissioner Andersen?

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, I have to say this. I
17 know it's -- I know what we're -- how many things we've
18 done well. But I have to speak up and just mention it,
19 because we're going to hear about it, and we understand,
20 and we're sorry, but the Victor Valley and you know,
21 those three towns in there, now, they're not with the
22 Victor Valley and they're not in the high desert.
23 They're with -- they are with a great force of area,
24 so -- and it's -- they're not -- they probably have a
25 better say in this than any of the other towns connected

1 to the Los Angeles forest, but I do want to mention it,
2 'cause we're sorry about that.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen. We
4 try as hard as we can to keep all of the COIs together
5 and sometimes, we have to make difficult decisions. And
6 this is one of these situations. I am looking around the
7 room. It does appear we can all live with this district.
8 And we have general consensus to move forward.

9 Let's move on back to the Los Angeles region, where
10 we were prior to the Coachella Valley, and in the Los
11 Angeles region. We had Commissioner Sadhwani working
12 with the line drawer to explore the potential of the port
13 cities area and the coastal areas around Long Beach, so
14 interested in hearing some of the progress or challenges,
15 opportunities, what has transpired, if there's any
16 proposals on the table for this area.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. So a big thanks to
18 Jaime. We were able to just see what our options might
19 be to maintain separation between the two ports as well
20 as maintain some of those historic COI -- communities of
21 interest that we have heard from very loud and clear.

22 So this district does appear to have a neck.
23 However, I want to remind you about the shape of the City
24 of Los Angeles's boundaries. So this potential, or
25 proposed district, includes the top areas that had been

1 in the draft that Commissioner Turner had worked on. It
2 maintains more of just the North Long Beach areas. It's
3 actually above Del Amo Boulevard -- which was the piece
4 that the Long Beach folks had identified as their
5 community of interest boundary -- runs along the Los
6 Angeles city boundaries down along -- kind of, like,
7 along the 110 and out towards the 110 picking up a
8 portion of the City of Carson -- of West Carson there
9 along the 110 freeway and coming down into Wilmington and
10 San Pedro.

11 A portion of San Pedro is cut, so I just want to
12 acknowledge that. I'm not sure how folks feel about it,
13 but it was able to keep together the port itself and keep
14 it separate from the Long Beach port, while, I think,
15 doing a reasonable job of keeping together some of the
16 communities of interest that we have heard from in this
17 area. So I offer that as an option.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for working through that
19 with Jaime. Jaime, can you speak to any impacts to
20 minority, majority districts in this area? Are we still
21 at the same number as previously for African-American,
22 Asian, Latino areas?

23 MS. CLARK: Yes.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Wow. That's impressive. Thank you,
25 Commissioner Sadhwani, for working through that. And

1 Jaime as well.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, we were able --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's difficult.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: This is a very complex and difficult
6 area.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Exactly. We were able to
8 contain the changes in that area without going into --
9 touching Orange County and without touching the VRA
10 district, so I -- you know, I think it -- while it does,
11 then, lead to some splits in cities -- in two cities --
12 it -- you know, I hope, meets some of our goals. But I'm
13 very curious to hear --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: It sounds like it does. Okay. So
15 let's see -- let's hear from Commissioner Kennedy and
16 Sinay.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, good
18 work. A couple of questions. One, the little triangle
19 to the right -- yeah, right -- to the right of where it
20 says, "Los Angeles." That appears to be part of the --
21 yeah, that triangle right there -- I'm just wondering if
22 we would want to move that into the South L.A. district,
23 since it seems to be part of L.A.?

24 I also wanted to ask. Do we have a shapefile for, I
25 believe, it's the Filipino community in Carson and West

1 Carson? Because if Carson is already split, and we have
2 a little bit of leeway on our population deviation -- so
3 I'm wondering if there's any need to bring part of Carson
4 East of the 110 into that South L.A. district as well?

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much, Mr. -- or
7 Commissioner Kennedy. Commissioner Sinay? And if --

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think that was -- you know,
9 building on what Commissioner Kennedy was asking, does
10 Wilmington go up in an arm right here?

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's get Jaime to answer all of
12 those questions.

13 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So this area is included in
14 Wilmington Neighborhood Council. In the area, in total,
15 there are fifty people. And I believe that the Filipino
16 COI was Carson and West Carson together. I'm looking.
17 I'm not sure if I have that shapefile. I have so many
18 COIs loaded, so I'm -- I'm looking right now. It might
19 take one second.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And then after that's done,
21 Jaime, my question was going to be, if we could zoom into
22 the part of San Pedro where it's cut, just so I could see
23 the streets and stuff?

24 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So it's generally following the
25 110. And just zooming in here. This is the 110 to

1 Cabrillo, West 18th, and then to Western.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Would it be able to go down
3 Gaffey, instead of Cabrillo?

4 MS. CLARK: Let's give it a whirl.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That's where the community
6 usually splits -- splits where the port, you know?

7 MS. CLARK: One moment, please. Let me just check
8 that out. Oh, why is --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's just hear from
10 Commissioner Kennedy while we're waiting.

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Just, as
12 always, I'm thinking of election officials, and what
13 they're going to have to administer down the road. So
14 you know, to the extent possible, I would say, you know,
15 let's include all of the City of Los Angeles's portions,
16 and not leave them in a different district. Thanks.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy. So
18 let's hear from Commissioner Sadhwani as well, while
19 we're -- while we're here. And then we'll go back to
20 this.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I was just -- I mean,
22 I don't know, from a process standpoint, how we want to
23 work on this, but you know, with these kind of changes,
24 we're doing them on fly, in, like, a fifteen-minute
25 chunk, so I'm totally -- if folks are liking the general

1 direction of this, I think it's totally reasonable just
2 to do some minor cleanup. In those kinds of regards, I
3 think that makes sense. But again, from a process
4 standpoint, I don't know exactly which way we want to go;
5 if we want to do that live, or, you know, send that back
6 to (indiscernible).

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Turner?

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I would not
9 mind having that done off-line as given -- having given
10 previous direction --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- to ensure that we do not
13 start to break up some of the other COIs that we've
14 talked about already, and maintain the percentages and
15 the strength of the COIs that we have in the districts
16 that we were able to create.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Turner. All
18 right. So let's do that. Let's, perhaps -- while --
19 when we go back to Orange County, perhaps, Jaime can work
20 on this a little bit with Commissioner Sadhwani to try to
21 do some -- a little bit of cleanup -- or whichever
22 Commissioner wants to do the cleanup. It doesn't have to
23 be Commissioner Sadhwani. Whoever is the most familiar
24 with this area -- and if -- Commissioner Sinay, are you
25 wanting to do that, 'cause -- since you brought up some

1 of these things? All right. So how about --

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If it's --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Jaime --

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- helpful. I mean, I'm about
5 two miles from that area right now.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So maybe Commissioner --
7 Jaime, if you'd work with Commissioner Sinay on that when
8 we -- 'cause we're going to go to Sivan soon.
9 Commissioner Turner?

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. No,
11 that's -- I've already spoken what I'm looking for.
12 Thank you.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, excellent. Thank you. Yes. And
14 of course, we have the direction from Commissioner Turner
15 that I agree with. So I'm just looking down on the
16 priorities list -- Jaime?

17 MS. CLARK: So sorry to interrupt.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: No worries.

19 MS. CLARK: Should I make this change, which is
20 moving the line to Gaffey? And the percent deviations
21 for both districts would remain within plus or minus five
22 percent.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm looking at the room. Everyone is
24 fine with this change that I can tell. Let's see.
25 Twenty -- I'm looking at the data.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Can we see the full
2 deviations?

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. Can we see the full
4 deviations, please?

5 MS. CLARK: Yes. So I --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: The data --

7 MS. CLARK: -- made -- I made the change. And the
8 data is on the map.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: And the deviations are 2.08. And the
12 rest of the data is there for Commissioners to see. All
13 right. And then -- so Commissioner Sadhwani -- or
14 Commissioner Sinay will be working with Clark to -- Ms.
15 Clark to see if there's any other refinement that's
16 necessary in that district.

17 I'm looking through the sheet of priorities for the
18 Commissioners. We did highlight the San Fernando Valley
19 as a priority -- and Los Angeles -- and that appears to
20 be the last priority in Los Angeles, so we probably
21 should go there and take a look. We have --

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Sure. Excuse me.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, sure.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Kimberly is asking for some
25 clarity on what's being done, so that she can take the

1 proper notes.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Kimberly, let's see. So
3 no major changes to the iterations. Just minor
4 refinements to San -- so at this point, there were some
5 minor refinements done to the Long Beach area; is that
6 right? Can you just --

7 MS. CLARK: There were --

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- do the changes that were made,
9 Jaime?

10 MS. CLARK: Yes. Yes. So the changes that were
11 made to Iteration Plan T-1, which was posted online
12 earlier today, is that, now, Koreatown is whole -- the
13 Koreatown COI is whole -- and NELA District -- and the
14 South L.A. District, now, includes Wilmington and San
15 Pedro and splits Carson, and the ADLBC District includes
16 Southern Carson and does not include Northern parts of
17 the City of Long Beach. And those are the changes that
18 had been made to Iteration Plan T-1.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much, Jaime, for that
20 recap. All right. So I'm looking at -- through the
21 priority list for the Commissioners, which is driving
22 where we spend more -- most of our attention.

23 We do have some attention that needs to be paid to
24 the San Fernando Valley, and then we also have Orange
25 County, which was raised by Commissioner Akutagawa.

1 We -- at this point, because the line drawers -- our line
2 drawers that are working on Orange County are on the East
3 coast, and the time difference, I want to go to Orange
4 County first, finish up Orange County, and then come back
5 to the San Fernando Valley.

6 In the meantime, those of you who are -- who have a
7 priority in the San Fernando Valley, if you could be very
8 specific with your priorities, and then think through
9 some of the changes you'd like to see in the San Fernando
10 Valley. So let's go to Orange County, and then with
11 Sivan. So let's change line drawers and we'll go through
12 the Orange County proposals.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Actually, before you do
14 that --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's hear from
16 Commissioner --

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Akutagawa.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think I need to do a
20 check-in with them real quick, 'cause we had a question
21 about one of the shapefiles. So I need to just do a
22 quick check-in.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's take a five-minute
24 break for Commissioner Akutagawa to check in with the --
25 with Sivan, and to do the change, and then we'll be back

1 in five minutes, and focusing on Orange County, before we
2 move up to the San Fernando Valley. And then we'll be
3 wrapping up the Southern California, Los Angeles area and
4 moving up to the Central Valley, which is a priority for
5 one, two Commissioners. Thank you.

6 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 7:59 p.m.
7 until 8:15 p.m.)

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
9 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We are now back in
10 Orange County, where I hear we have some solutions --
11 potential solutions for some of the issues we've been
12 grappling with.

13 I'm going to turn it over to Commissioner Akutagawa
14 and Sivan to share some of the process -- some of their
15 thinking, what they've gone through, and some -- and
16 explore it, and where they're at now. Commissioner
17 Akutagawa?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I am just going to
19 start out by saying, as I was afraid, the mapping
20 software that I had included La Habra, when it wasn't
21 supposed to, and it just threw off all of my very tight
22 deviations. So we have -- we did have a plan B. And
23 Sivan, if I could just have you present it, perhaps, that
24 would be most efficient.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

1 Sivan?

2 MS. TRATT: Absolutely. So for the public and
3 Commissioners, you can see this change outlined in
4 Assembly District Iteration A-1. The gist of the swap is
5 it's contained to two districts, NOCCOAST and GGW.

6 The swap that was made was the majority of Seal
7 Beach. To be more specific, it's the portion of Seal
8 Beach that's South of the 22. And then that was
9 exchanged for population in Huntington Beach. That would
10 satisfy two COIs, at the request of the Little Saigon
11 community, to have part of Huntington Beach kept with the
12 rest of Little Saigon COI, and it would also place Seal
13 Beach in with what is turning out to be the closest to an
14 all-coast district that is going to be allowed with the
15 current configuration. And that's the change.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Sivan and Commissioner
17 Akutagawa. Any questions from the floor? So we have --
18 the biggest change here is the Seal Beach change. If I'm
19 understanding this correctly, Seal Beach is now with
20 Huntington Beach, Little Saigon, which reflects COI
21 testimony that we've been hearing. Commissioner
22 Sadhwani, any thoughts on -- what are your thoughts on
23 this -- these changes?

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. No. Thanks. This is
25 exciting to see. I'm just wondering if we can, maybe,

1 pull out? The --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- initial --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: No problem.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: The original changes,
6 Commissioner Akutagawa, that you were proposing had cut
7 up Costa Mesa, Irvine. But it looks like those are back
8 together. I'm just, kind of, curious. How does this fit
9 with what we just did in Los Angeles, where Hawaiian
10 Gardens was a part of NOC and Fullerton, under
11 Commissioner Turner's plan, had adjusted where the cut in
12 Fullerton was to include the community -- excuse me --
13 the college and educational areas? I'm just wondering --
14 I'm just trying to get a sense of it, in light of all of
15 the other changes that we're making in the region.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

17 MS. TRATT: Absolutely. I can address that, if
18 that's okay. I have in this orange-ish, red color the
19 original Iteration Plan T-1. Obviously, I don't have the
20 changes that were just made, but it's my understanding
21 that the NOC district wasn't touched in those kind of
22 tweaks, so you can see those overlaid on the current
23 plan. You can see that small change in this district
24 here and where that Fullerton swap was happening. And I
25 can zoom in further to show where that is in Fullerton,

1 again keeping intact those college communities, and the
2 line drawers are going to merge these two plans that
3 we've been working on, so the changes in orange will be
4 pasted into this Orange County map. Does that answer
5 your question, Commissioner Sadhwani?

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, I think so. So the
7 changes, then, that are being made are just localized to
8 Seal Beach; is that --

9 MS. TRATT: Exactly. They're contained to --

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it.

11 MS. TRATT: -- NOCCOAST and to GGW. They don't
12 impact any other districts.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. Okay.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: So the majority of the changes are --
15 actually, most of the -- it really has been localized to
16 the coast area is my understanding, right?

17 MS. TRATT: That's exactly right.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's hear from Linda and --
19 or sorry -- Commissioner Akutagawa. It's getting late.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I just want to thank the
21 Commission for going on my ride earlier this morning. I
22 really was trying to accommodate and to meet different
23 COIs. I also just want to say, I know that we did get
24 COI testimony that there were residents -- including
25 myself, who is a resident. I would prefer not to see a

1 city split. I live in Huntington Beach. However, we
2 felt that this was the best way to try to bring Seal
3 Beach back into a more coastal district. That made more
4 sense, based on the COI testimony that we got.

5 Again, I do want to address Little Saigon. I know
6 that they want to be in a coastal district. We did try
7 different iterations. But I also want to just say out
8 loud that, while Little Saigon is the major -- or the
9 Little Saigon business district is a major area, and the
10 Vietnamese community is the majority Asian population in
11 this GGW district, I do also want just say out loud that
12 we did hear COI testimony from the Pacific Islander
13 communities.

14 There are also Latino communities in this district
15 as well as pockets of Korean-Americans and Arab-Americans
16 and other South Asians in this district, and of course,
17 there is various African-American and various communities
18 from -- you know, of different social economic statuses
19 in the white community as well, too -- so keeping that,
20 also, in mind, too -- you know, the bigger picture -- I
21 think that's what we're all trying to do, and what's best
22 for the majority of the people, and not just one COI
23 only, and so there were sacrifices that we all had to
24 make. And as much as, you know, I think we've tried to
25 accommodate all the COIs as much as we can, sometimes, it

1 just becomes very painful that we cannot. And so I hope
2 that -- as we've been saying, I hope the communities are
3 okay living with it, too. Thank you.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa. I
5 know you worked really hard to balance all of the COIs in
6 this area, and been working very hard with our line
7 drawer to look at solutions, and with the Commission
8 yesterday in public session, and for the last couple of
9 months, at this point, to look at -- through the
10 visualization process.

11 So I am going to open up to the floor for questions,
12 and then for general consensus in this area.
13 Commissioner Kennedy?

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thanks. I was trying to look
15 back in my notes from public comment earlier today. If
16 we can go back to Southeastern Fullerton? My
17 recollection -- and I may have heard wrong, or I may have
18 written it down wrong -- I recall hearing that the
19 student population, generally, lives to the North of Cal
20 State Fullerton, and by changing to this red line, we
21 would be cutting them from the campus; is that, in fact,
22 the case?

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sivan, can you please look at that
24 and --

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thanks.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- answer -- respond, rather?

2 MS. TRATT: So I didn't hear 100 percent of the COI
3 testimony today -- earlier -- the public comment. I do
4 remember Commissioners asking, yesterday, if there was a
5 possibility of including the portion of Fullerton that's
6 on the East side of the 57 -- and where my cursor is
7 circling.

8 If I am correct, the deviation of the NOC district,
9 with the proposed changes, is somewhere around 4.85 -- if
10 I'm correct -- and I can get exacts from Yee -- but I
11 don't believe -- I -- I do think that, off-line, we tried
12 to add that population in, and it is too densely
13 populated to accommodate in this district.

14 There may be other swaps in L.A., or elsewhere, that
15 we could play around with to try and grab that -- the
16 rest of the population, but I can't say, with certainty,
17 what those would be.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Any other questions,
19 comments, or information from the Commission?

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I was trying -- oh, I
21 took my hand down some kind of way -- yeah, I had the COI
22 up. I was trying to find it quick enough -- and Jaime
23 may still have it up -- but when we drew that particular
24 line, we were following directly from -- I believe it was
25 someone from one of the colleges -- the -- that submitted

1 the COI that directed those lines -- and I'm just going
2 to keep clicking here to see if I can come back across
3 it. Jaime, do you have it -- the COI from this area?

4 MS. CLARK: Hi, I'm so sorry. I missed the
5 question.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: It's the Fullerton --
7 remember, we had that COI testimony when we drew the line
8 in Fullerton? We moved it up. I think it was North of
9 the campuses or --

10 MS. CLARK: Yes. The line here is North of the
11 campuses. And the COI testimony that we were looking at
12 was requesting the college -- the line to be North of the
13 campuses and to be separate from the golf courses, or the
14 country clubs, I think, and that is this configuration.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Jaime. So we have
16 something else. That's just what we were going by,
17 but -- okay. Thank you.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Any other questions for
19 this area? I'm seeing none. Let's look for general
20 consensus on these maps. Sivan, can you go back?
21 Just -- can you zoom out, so we can see all of these
22 changes?

23 The changes have been localized to the Seal Beach
24 area with Huntington Beach. Other than that, the
25 district remain as we had general consensus previously,

1 so the change that we're looking at is really with the
2 NOCCOAST district. And I'm looking for general
3 consensus, here, for moving forward. Can we live with
4 these changes? Commissioner Akutagawa?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sivan, could you just zoom
6 in again? Because in that Fullerton area -- 'cause it
7 looked there was a line going right straight through
8 Fullerton College. And then in another time, it looked
9 like it was fine. And I just want to --

10 MS. TRATT: Yeah. So let me turn off these lines
11 quickly, just so it won't be confusing. The lines that
12 I'm turning on now are the changes proposed by
13 Commissioner Turner. And let me turn on the Google map.
14 So the lines intentionally go North of both SCU Fullerton
15 and Fullerton College.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And then just one more
17 question. That line is not cutting through Troy High
18 School, right?

19 MS. TRATT: Can you tell me where Troy High School
20 is?

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's right next to Cal
22 State --

23 MS. TRATT: Oh, right --

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- Fullerton.

25 MS. TRATT: -- here?

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Okay.

2 MS. TRATT: It looks like --

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: What's that --

4 MS. TRATT: -- it is right here.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, it's a park. Okay.

6 Okay. Thank you. It looks good.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Any concerns around these
8 changes? I'm looking around the room. All right. We
9 have general consensus to move forward with these. Let's
10 adopt these into our maps. Commissioner Kennedy?

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I don't fully understand
12 what's happening, because it looks like that proposed
13 change in Fullerton disappeared when the map zoomed back
14 out.

15 MS. TRATT: I can explain. So Jaime --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

17 MS. TRATT: -- and I had been working on different
18 computers. So as soon as we are moving on from, and I
19 have the approval of the Commission, I will export the
20 geographic files for the districts that we worked on.
21 Those will then get merged in with the plan that Jaime
22 has been working on in her districts. And that's why the
23 lines were two different colors. So I just turned that
24 off, because I think it was getting confusing for
25 Commissioners, but the -- the red lines are what was

1 proposed in Iteration T-1, and these changes will be
2 merged with the current plan, which is reflected in the
3 black lines.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you very much
5 for that explanation.

6 MS. TRATT: Yeah, absolutely.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. I guess, Commissioner
8 Akutagawa.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm sorry. I just wanted
10 to ask. I know -- I think -- sorry. It's getting late.
11 I think somebody asked this question, but I've got to --
12 I think it didn't sink through. The section of Fullerton
13 that's across the 57 freeway -- that we did get some
14 feedback that that's part of, you know, some of the
15 student housing -- since there's a negative deviation,
16 does it make sense to just, kind of, pick up a few extra
17 people from that area and go across the 57 and pick up
18 some of those Cal State, Fullerton students as well, too?

19 MS. TRATT: So my --

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Or am I --

21 MS. TRATT: -- understanding is that --

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- looking at it wrong?

23 MS. TRATT: Oh, yeah. So my understanding is that
24 the negative deviation is moving population out of the
25 district that is already negative and so that would push

1 it beyond the legal limit of negative five percent
2 deviation.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, you mean so if you
4 moved the -- that line East a little bit towards
5 Placentia, you would lose population? I thought we're
6 gaining population.

7 MS. TRATT: Jaime, could you confirm just what the
8 deviation on NOC, with these changes, are?

9 MS. CLARK: Yes, I can. Please, one moment. NOC,
10 with these changes, NOC is negative 4.2 percent, and that
11 is accomplished by, in the T-1 Plan, Lakewood being whole
12 with AD Gateway.

13 MS. TRATT: And what is the deviation of the LAOSB?

14 MS. CLARK: The LAOSB district, the deviation is
15 negative 4.75 percent.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, okay. I thought I saw
17 it was something, like -- I saw a much smaller deviation,
18 so I thought there was space to pick up a few extra one
19 of those students into that district. Okay.

20 MS. TRATT: Yeah. So as I explained, Jaime and I
21 did try to move this portion of Fullerton into the NOC
22 district off-line --

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Uh-huh.

24 MS. TRATT: -- and without making population swaps
25 elsewhere, that would not be possible, without pushing

1 the deviation of LAOSB beyond negative five --

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

3 MS. TRATT: -- percent.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. All right.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you --

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- to the line drawers. Thank you
8 to --

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Commissioner Akutagawa. We have
11 general consensus on these changes. We're going to move
12 forward onto L.A. Again, thank you for all the work
13 Commissioner Akutagawa has done, here. It's been pretty
14 impressive. And thank you to the line drawers as well.

15 Now, back to Los Angeles and the refinement that was
16 done at the -- in the areas where Commissioner Sinay and
17 Jaime were working on. Let's take a look at some of the
18 proposals that we have to these lines. My understanding
19 is they do not significantly change any of the
20 deviations, or other criteria, so let's take a look.

21 Jaime?

22 MS. CLARK: That is correct. We moved this line
23 from 19th Street South to -- or excuse me. We moved it
24 from West 18th Street South to 19th Street, because 19th
25 Street intersects with Western Ave.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

2 MS. CLARK: And then moving North, the line follows
3 South Gaffey Street following the 110 North. That's the
4 only change to that boundary between ADSTHLA and
5 ADSTHBAY. And we included the rest of Wilmington
6 Neighborhood Council, including the disco finger (ph.) --
7 we decided to call it -- so just to make Wilmington
8 Neighborhood Council more full. And again, this area was
9 fifty people in total.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. I just want to check in
11 with counsel on the compactness issue with regards to
12 that area right there.

13 MR. LARSON: Thank you, Chair.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: I don't even know what to call it,
15 so --

16 MR. LARSON: There was a name for it
17 (indiscernible).

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- the little line. The little neck,
19 that's what it is. Thank you.

20 MR. LARSON: Jaime, could you tell me again what
21 exactly that represents? That's part of the Wilmington
22 area.

23 MS. CLARK: That is part of Wilmington Neighborhood
24 Council. It follows the boundary of the City of Los
25 Angeles.

1 MR. LARSON: Okay. Yeah, I mean, there's a very
2 strong basis for that line, so I think you should be
3 comfortable with it.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. No concern?

5 MR. LARSON: No.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Perfect. Any concerns with
7 these changes? Commissioner Kennedy?

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Jaime,
9 just to the West of the 110 below that East, West
10 segment, is that a separate -- exactly -- is that a
11 separate neighborhood council area, or is that part of
12 the Harbor City Neighborhood Council area?

13 MS. CLARK: So I'm going to turn off the district
14 boundaries. This is part of Wilmington.

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. I was just thinking
16 that we could clean up the line by including that, since
17 it's part of the district on the other side of the -- of
18 the neighborhood council on the other side of the 110.
19 Thank you.

20 MS. CLARK: I think that that causes the ADSTHBAY to
21 drop below the five percent deviation. That's something
22 Commissioner Sadhwani and I tried, also.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So that was tried. And
24 we weren't able to achieve -- while being within
25 compliance requirements. Any other concerns about this

1 area? If not, I'm going to seek general consensus. I'm
2 seeing no concerns. Do we have general consensus on
3 these minor refinements? Yes, we do. Commissioner
4 Sinay?

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just want to say, San Pedro,
6 yes, we split you again. But now -- but the two
7 harbors -- yeah, the two ports have been separated. So
8 we tried to do both. But we couldn't do both.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, all. This is -- this
10 looks like we have general consensus for this change.
11 And we'll move forward with the next area of priority.
12 And I have --

13 MR. LARSON: Excuse me, Chair.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, Dale.

15 MR. LARSON: I'm sorry. Before we move on. Just
16 for clarification, that -- that the other neck, where it
17 says, "West Carson" on the right, that's all of the City
18 of Carson? That's a city boundary on the right there; is
19 that correct?

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Line --

21 MS. CLARK: So --

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Jaime, can you please --

23 MS. CLARK: Yes. This is the boundary between the
24 City of Carson and the census-designated place of West
25 Carson --

1 MR. LARSON: Okay.

2 MS. CLARK: -- and then further West, this is the
3 boundary between the City of Los Angeles and Torrance,
4 and the City of Los Angeles and Lomita.

5 MR. LARSON: Great. That's great. Thank you so
6 much.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Mr. Larson. All right.
8 So with that, here are the priorities moving forward. So
9 we have the San Fernando Valley, which is next, here in
10 Los Angeles. After that, we're shifting to the Central
11 Valley, where we're going to focus on the South Fresno
12 area. Then the Eastern Sierras. Then moving -- we're
13 going to move to the Bay area, where we'll focus on
14 Oakland -- minor changes and refinements in the Oakland
15 area -- and then Redwood City. Vineyard is -- and
16 Vineyard as well. So those are the areas. So that's
17 the plan for tonight. Let's go to the South Fernando
18 Valley. Thank you. Jaime, can you take us to the San
19 Fernando Valley?

20 MS. CLARK: So on screen is the current iteration
21 for San Fernando Valley. For the South SFV iteration, it
22 shows Sunland-Tujunga with Northern parts of Glendale,
23 the entire City of Burbank, North Hollywood Neighborhood
24 Council, Greater Toluca Lake, Studio City out to Encino.
25 The Southern boundary of this is Mulholland and San

1 Fernando Valley.

2 Central SFV iteration includes Canoga Park out to
3 Lake Balboa. It includes Arleta, part of Pacoima, and
4 Mission Hills Neighborhood Council.

5 The East San Fernando Valley iteration includes
6 Granada Hills, Sylmar, the City of San Fernando, parts of
7 Pacoima, Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council,
8 Sun Valley area, Greater Valley Glen -- I think this is
9 North Hollywood North and North Hollywood West -- and
10 then Van Nuys, that's North of Oxnard Street.

11 Finally, we have, in the Santa -- in the iteration
12 with Santa Clarita Valley, the parts of San Fernando
13 Valley. Included in this are Porter Ranch, Chatsworth,
14 West Hills, Woodland Hills, Tarzana, also including
15 Hidden Hills. And in Ventura County, Bell Canyon.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime. We'll open up to
17 the floor, where this is -- where we have virtually
18 significant community of interest testimony, both written
19 and via public testimony. Commissioner Sadhwani?

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I don't have a plan,
21 here. I will say that. I think a couple of things,
22 maybe to get us started -- two options, perhaps.

23 One, we definitely heard from the Santa Clarita
24 folks that there might be more -- and I -- living in
25 this -- sort of in this area, I do think that there's

1 some (indiscernible) to this, right? That Sunland-
2 Tujunga, going out that way -- and I believe we had made
3 this swap in -- I think it was our Congressional maps --
4 makes more sense to run the district along the 210,
5 because that's a natural corridor, rather than having it
6 connect to Porter Ranch, Chatsworth, et cetera.

7 So I don't know if we want to do this live, or if we
8 want to work off-line on this. I think, overwhelmingly,
9 what we're hearing is, we created these maps, because we
10 had heard from communities on the ground that they wanted
11 to see us try, at least, to consolidate some of the
12 essential worker communities, some of -- you know, some
13 of the more working class components of the San Fernando
14 Valley. I think in attempting to do that, though, we've
15 set off some changes in this region that, clearly, folks
16 are responding to. And I'm wondering -- you know, Jaime,
17 maybe you can walk us through -- or I don't know if you
18 have, still, up the draft maps -- or we have them in
19 District Viewer -- I'm looking at them right now -- but
20 if there's -- if you have any thoughts or suggestions?
21 You've been working and reworking these areas.

22 A lot of what we might be able to do now, given
23 where we are -- I think one of the big changes was that
24 split in South Glendale, so now -- now, the Northern --
25 you know, Glendale North of the 134, or thereabouts, is

1 in the San Fernando Valley, and that's a -- I'm guessing
2 a whole lot of population that we are having to contend
3 with, but it allowed us to keep certain COIs in Los
4 Angeles together.

5 I'm also just noting in the drafts that we're
6 working on, that there's some -- it looks like,
7 potentially, some wiggle room between the 210 district
8 and that district where Glendale currently is in. I
9 don't -- I'm guessing that it's too much population to
10 move it over. But I see that as, potentially, some
11 opportunities for us to make some swaps. But I would be
12 really curious to hear Jaime's thoughts on what's
13 possible in this area, without setting off ripple effects
14 throughout the rest of Los Angeles. And I feel like we
15 have done so much work, made so many refinements in L.A.,
16 that I really would prefer to try and localize these
17 changes to the greatest extent possible.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: So a quick question for you,
19 Commissioner Sadhwani. What are the COIs that we'd be
20 prioritizing here, and which are the COIs that we'd be
21 deprioritizing? So I'm trying to understand the
22 rationale for these changes and -- just from the COI
23 testimony that we're getting, right?

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: What are -- 'cause -- I mean, any

1 time we do this, we're balancing COIs and trying to
2 balance interests, and oftentimes -- I mean, we just need
3 to just have the conversation. What are we prioritizing,
4 and what are we deprioritizing? And so that's the
5 question on the table -- for the whole Commission to
6 understand -- because it's such a -- it's a --

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- such a interesting area, and we
9 should -- just need to talk through it, and to figure out
10 what it is we want to do.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yep. Did you want me to
12 respond to that?

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. Oh, yes. Absolutely.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, sure. So I mean, I
15 think definitely maintaining that Central SFV. That was
16 originally the one where communities were being kept
17 together, I believe. I don't think that that changed
18 too -- changed slightly in terms of Van Nuys, I think,
19 from our draft map -- oh, it changed it little bit more
20 than that -- but more or less maintaining that in the
21 center part of the Central Valley.

22 And then I think the concern that we were hearing
23 is, like, having Sunland-Tujunga go all the way out to
24 Encino is really connecting very different kinds of
25 communities, and so I think reorienting -- maybe, even if

1 it continues to include Glendale, I think some of the
2 maps that folks have sent us would have that portion of
3 Glendale still going further out into Tarzana and other
4 areas, which it's still pretty far, but I think, perhaps,
5 a little bit better. In any case, they're all more
6 suburban areas.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So I think some of that
9 reorienting that way.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And then for Jaime,
11 there's another question to add to the many questions
12 that have been posed. Would these changes make a
13 difference -- impact the number of Asian, Latino, or
14 Black fifty percent or more -- greater -- it's fifty
15 percent or more majority districts?

16 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So thank you for that question.
17 And thanks for that input, Commissioner Sadhwani.

18 So compared to the draft, a big change in this area
19 is that, generally, North of 134, Glendale is included,
20 sort of, in this cluster of districts, and that really
21 changes populations, and it changes what districts -- but
22 to get -- you know, like, how districts fit together.

23 Also, just something that Commissioner Sadhwani had
24 noted previously, was that the 210, in this iteration, is
25 underpopulated, and my -- I know that what Sivan and

1 Commissioner Kennedy had worked on added some population
2 to 210. And I don't have that. I don't have that GIS
3 layer just yet coming from Sivan. But I know it's
4 coming. So I would -- I would just say that, right now,
5 we probably wouldn't want to add any population to the
6 210 district from these areas, because we don't know
7 precisely the percent deviations that's currently in
8 that -- in that district, so making changes really, in
9 general, to these districts would definitely change the
10 number of fifty percent or more Latino CVAP districts in
11 L.A. County. Absolutely.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Would that be a reduction, or an
13 increase?

14 MS. CLARK: It would be a reduction.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Any other questions from
16 the floor? Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Vazquez,
17 Commissioner Sadhwani.

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Three
19 things. First of all, I thought the other night, when we
20 were looking at this, I had asked that the South SFV
21 district extend North up to that horizontal line dividing
22 the 210 district from -- whatever that is. North of
23 that, is at the Antelope district. But that -- so that
24 the South SFV district go up and meet that horizontal
25 line.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Second -- I've lost that one.
3 The third thing is that -- and particularly if we can't
4 add any population to the 210 -- oh, it was -- it was I
5 agree with Commissioner Sadhwani that connecting Santa
6 Clarita through the 210, rather than on the West side
7 through Porter Ranch and Chatsworth, makes a whole lot
8 more sense.

9 And third is -- particularly if we can't add any
10 population to 210 right now -- the only underpopulated
11 district in the entire San Fernando Valley is this
12 Central SFV district. And I know that we have to be
13 careful of the LCVAP. So we are really in a very tight
14 corner here as far as what we can do. Thank you.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.
16 Commissioner Vazquez?

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I'm going to move to a
18 different topic, so --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh.

20 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: -- this conversation should
21 continue.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, okay. We'll call on you after we
23 finish this. Commissioner Akutagawa?

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry. I thought
25 Commissioner Sadhwani was next. I know that there was a

1 lot of work trying to get to the fifty percent CVAP, but
2 we heard a lot of comments from a lot of people who, I
3 guess, seem pretty hoppy (phonetic) mad about some of the
4 combinations that we've made, and I guess the question
5 is -- since this is -- I hate to ask this, but I'm going
6 to ask this -- since this is not a VRA district, at fifty
7 percent, is that high enough anyways, or are we doing
8 more harm by trying to put together communities that
9 don't really belong together in pursuit of something that
10 may or may not be effective? And if not, is there
11 another way to make it work?

12 And I guess, you know, with what Commissioner
13 Kennedy was saying, maybe that will give us the kind
14 of -- the wiggle room that we need to reconstruct it, so
15 that we can create something that makes sense, but also
16 puts communities together that make sense, because it
17 sounded like -- I don't know by the way people were
18 identifying themselves -- that we heard from a pretty
19 diverse cross section of the San Fernando Valley, and
20 they valued their connections to their communities as
21 much as anything else, so I thought I'd just ask that
22 question.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So let's reach out to Mr.
24 Larson.

25 MR. LARSON: Thank you, Chair. I just want to -- I

1 think you all know this. We've talked about this. But
2 we did not find that the third Gingles precondition was
3 met in this area. This is not an area where you have a
4 VRA obligation, so the -- you know, there is no, sort of,
5 is fifty percent enough? That's not a relevant question
6 to be asked here.

7 Instead, you guys are free to consider the COI and
8 put that you've received a -- and use the other criteria
9 for designing these districts.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum. Commissioner -- oh, Jaime,
11 and then Commissioner Vazquez after that.

12 MS. CLARK: Just one moment, please. Mr. Larson
13 took the words out of my mouth. Thank you.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Vazquez?

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I was going to make,
16 more or less, the same observation as Mr. Larson.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, thank you. Commissioner Taylor?

18 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. Thank you. Is there no
19 consideration to adding Sunland-Tujunga to the 210
20 district? Would that help to even out the numbers for
21 population? And it sort of meshes, I guess -- yeah --
22 no -- even out the numbers for population that's the
23 similar communities. I think when you add that to the
24 district, it runs the gamut of social economic levels as
25 well. And there's a certain amount of synergy again --

1 210 corridor with adding Sunland-Tujunga to the 210 and
2 taking it out of South SFV. It might open it up to --
3 for some other considerations South of that location.

4 MS. CLARK: So thank --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Jaime?

6 MS. CLARK: -- you -- thank you for that suggestion.
7 I am still -- and I'm sure it's coming soon -- I'm
8 looking for -- oh, I might've just gotten the GIS layer
9 from Sivan that would include the changes to the 210 that
10 Sivan and Commissioner Kennedy worked on together, so I
11 will load that. If you just give me one moment, please,
12 I will load that into the map, and then we can more
13 accurately assess the deviation of 210, based on those
14 changes. One moment.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime. You're the best.
16 You're all the best. Everyone's the best. Commissioner
17 Vazquez, while we're waiting.

18 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I mean, this is now
19 relevant. I am still holding out hope to protect the
20 political interests of folks in historic Northeast L.A.
21 And I think, potentially, as Commissioner Taylor noted,
22 if there's room to move Sunland-Tujunga into the 210
23 district, in its new form, I would like to see if, at
24 least, Glendale could be kept whole -- part of the San
25 Fernando Valley district -- if that's possible.

1 And also, I just wanted to note -- just to refresh
2 my memory -- I went through and started reading some of
3 the COI testimony from Northeast Los Angeles -- and just
4 want to, again, remind myself and remind the rest of the
5 Commission that, prior to releasing our draft maps, we
6 heard quite a bit of conflicting testimony about the
7 region -- so I read a couple of COI testimonies that
8 said, Boyle Heights has nothing to do with K-Town. Do
9 not put us with K-Town. There were several that said,
10 please keep Boyle Heights and East L.A. together. Don't
11 put us with Eagle Rock. So there's -- were -- there's a
12 variety of perspectives in this community. Again,
13 because it's shifting so rapidly.

14 So I just wanted to note that I know that recently
15 we have -- we've heard the -- loud and clear -- the
16 testimony to separate Boyle Heights and East L.A., but
17 that's not been universal input throughout our process.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And it's almost 10 p.m.
19 We still have to get through the Central Valley, Eastern
20 Sierra, and some minor refinements in the North --
21 Northern California, Bay area. So I'm not so worried
22 about the Northern Bay area -- knock on wood -- or the
23 South Fresno changes, but I believe there will be a
24 discussion with regards to Vineyard and to the Eastern
25 Sierra, so the Inyo, Mono (ph.), Mono district, so just

1 letting everyone know that, in terms of time management.
2 And here, in the office, we have -- thanks to
3 Commissioner Akutagawa -- we have some ice cream, so
4 we've been having an ice cream party -- a milkshake
5 party.

6 MS. CLARK: So I'm -- that's amazing that everyone
7 is having ice cream. I'm very happy for all of you.
8 And --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: We wish we --

10 MS. CLARK: -- I --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- could give you some. If you were
12 here with us, we --

13 MS. CLARK: And --

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm not having any, Jaime.

15 MS. CLARK: -- we have been having some dessert over
16 here ourselves. And I wanted to let you know that I got
17 the file from Sivan. Thank you, Sivan. And added the
18 areas to the 210 corridor that Sivan and Commissioner
19 Kennedy had worked out -- had worked on -- and so now,
20 we're working with the appropriate percent deviation for
21 210.

22 So we have all of the information that we need to be
23 able to make changes to the San Fernando Valley based
24 districts. I -- if you wanted to start with something
25 similar to the draft map, and this is just I -- I think

1 one of the Commissioner's previously asked if I had any
2 suggestions. And so I can just walk through some high-
3 level suggestions. And this is kind of just based on,
4 you know, earlier in the meeting, we were in the meeting.
5 I was listening to the feedback along with Commissioners
6 and noted that a number of callers mentioned that they
7 liked the draft.

8 So --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

10 MS. CLARK: -- that's why I just -- I was, like,
11 okay, let's look at the draft. See what we could do now
12 that the draft -- or, yeah. Just see what we can do now.
13 In considering that this -- there is this part of
14 Glendale that's included with San Fernando Valley stuff.
15 And we can look at making Glendale whole, and I haven't
16 taken a look at that quite yet.

17 So that being said, what is up in green right now is
18 the draft. If you wanted to go back to something like
19 the draft, then this, I think, would balance just in
20 terms of population, the districts. So too -- I'll zoom
21 in a little bit to the SFV district. You could add North
22 Hills. Like, going back to this and then adding North
23 Hills and South SFV, again starting with the draft. And
24 then, making this line at Oxnard for the POSO crowd. And
25 also, I think for population, just extending East on

1 Oxnard and Valley Glen Council as a suggestion.

2 In the central SFV, if you start with the draft, if
3 you add Arleta and maybe Mission Hills, I think that that
4 would balance population. That might not be possible if
5 you want to include Toluca Lake with this area. And then
6 for the East SFV, if you start with the draft, it would
7 be similar. But of course, Arleta would not be in here.
8 And then, you could add the Glendale area also in this.

9 So those are just some suggestions, if you want to
10 start with the draft, and I think there would be wiggle
11 room.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. Let's hear from
13 Commissioner's and see what the thought -- thoughts are.
14 Commissioner Sadhwani, Fornaciari, Vazquez, Akutagawa,
15 recognizing that we are prioritizing some points over
16 others, and we need to articulate what those are.

17 Commissioner Sadhwani.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I think the changes
19 that Jaime is suggesting sound reasonable and just from a
20 processing point, I know we have other parts of the map
21 to get to. I think it -- if we can clarify what our
22 goals are here, and it -- I think to me, the goal is to
23 get closer back towards where we were before in terms of
24 our approach to San Fernando Valley. I think it's
25 reasonable to work offline on this so we can do those

1 other things and then come back to this area after
2 some -- some potential changes can be suggested.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fornaciari, Commissioner
4 Vazquez, Commissioner Akutagawa, and Le Mons.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sure. Commissioner
6 Kennedy will remember this, but wasn't Hidden Hills in a
7 COG with Calabasas and those guys down there or am I --
8 am I getting it mixed up? Wasn't it like a five city COG
9 down here?

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And Hidden Hills was part
12 of it? So we have 10.2 percent is my calculation to play
13 with the spread around in those four districts. I'm
14 wondering if we could put the COG together.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Commissioner -- so that's one
16 priority. Put the COG together.

17 Commissioner Vazquez, and then Akutagawa, and then
18 Commissioner Le Mons.

19 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. My priority would --
20 would be obviously to keep Glendale whole. I do think
21 Eagle Rock can and -- and probably should probably stay
22 with what is now GLENNLA. Also, if possible, I would
23 like to, sort of, reunify Silver Lake and Los Feliz with
24 the Hollywood or, I guess, westside district.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

1 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: But priority -- in order of
2 priority for me, it's Glendale whole out of GLENNLA and
3 then Silver Lake, Los Feliz, if possible.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.

5 Commissioner Le Mons and then --

6 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: And it looks like Jaime had a
7 response maybe --

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, I didn't hear her.

9 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: -- to tell me that I'm crazy.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: At this point, we're just trying to
11 gather priorities. But, so let's gather priorities and
12 see which -- and then we'll get a reaction from Jaime
13 after we have all the priorities.

14 Commissioner Le Mons, Commissioner Akutagawa?

15 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah, I'd have a priority for
16 Silver Lake being merged with West Hollywood. Also,
17 Toluca Lake with North Hollywood. Not -- yes, North
18 Hollywood. That's correct. That will be important,
19 because I know the visualization we just saw a moment
20 ago, there was a question that Jaime raised about those
21 two, so I think they should stay together as we make
22 whatever changes that we make. Thank you, Chair.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons.

24 Commissioner Akutagawa, then Commissioner Kennedy.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Can I -- can I just

1 clarify? Is this the previous drafts or is this the
2 current changes that we had made that everybody hated?

3 MS. CLARK: This is actually really similar to the
4 iteration 12.04 and 12.06 that was approved by the
5 Commission and includes additionally in the City of --
6 like, South of Mulholland in the City of Los Angeles.
7 Like, Plan T1, so it includes everything that we've been
8 working on today. And also, this is very similar to how
9 it has been the last couple days.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So it's --

11 MS. CLARK: So this is the one everybody hated,
12 yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I -- I -- just
14 checking. I -- I -- I just wanted to -- okay. One other
15 thing I wanted to just note, piggybacking on what
16 Commissioner Le Mons said. I think we got quite a bit of
17 co-testimony about NoHo being together with Van Nuys,
18 Valley Glenn, and Valley Village. So I -- I'll just note
19 that as a -- as something that was requested.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

21 Commissioner Kennedy?

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. Thank you to
23 Commissioner Akutagawa for that last part. The other
24 part is in response to Commissioner Fornaciari, the Las
25 Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments is Agoura Hills,

1 Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, and West Lake Village.
2 So it would seem that we might be doing folks in Hidden
3 Hills a favor if we were to group them with the other
4 members of their Council of Governments, if that's
5 possible. Thank you.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Great.

7 Anybody else with a priority? I'll just share mine.
8 Mine would be that we not make such a huge -- that we --
9 if we make any changes, that it be localized to this area
10 and not beyond this area. And -- and that we try as much
11 as possible to respect working-class communities and to
12 keep them as whole as possible, as well as the rural
13 communities.

14 Let's see. Jaime, let's talk about opportunities,
15 challenges, and what you see -- what you're seeing at
16 this point since you've visualized this area many times.

17 MS. CLARK: Yeah. I think -- just responding to --
18 responding, I guess, to some of the -- some of the
19 priorities that aren't -- that I think would not
20 necessarily be in -- just in this localized to San
21 Fernando Valley include -- so I guess, like, thinking
22 about the Glen North LA district, adding Glendale --
23 taking Glendale out of that district. And also taking
24 Silver Lake and Los Feliz would definitely leave it
25 underpopulated. Additionally, just a reminder that we

1 looked just at adding Los Feliz to the West side district
2 and the West side district was --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think we lost Jaime. We'll wait a
4 couple more minutes. It looks like we're having
5 technical difficulties.

6 The next break is at 9:45. So it was at 9:45. I
7 think we have a little bit of wiggle room because we took
8 that nine-minute break. But because of the nine-minute
9 break, we're right around the fifteen-minute break.

10 So let's take the fifteen-minute break now while we
11 wait for Jaime to hop back on. And we'll be back in
12 fifteen minutes.

13 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 8:51 p.m.
14 until 9:00 p.m.)

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
16 Citizen's Redistricting -- I'm saying foundation.
17 Commission. We're working on -- we're in the San
18 Fernando Valley working through some of the -- some
19 potential changes to their -- our districts here. We've
20 received so much community input regarding these maps.
21 And -- and some conflicting and some just wanting some
22 minor refinements, some wanting larger refinements.

23 Given that -- that we have two more large areas to
24 go to, I'm going to ask the Commissioner to take -- to
25 work with Jaime offline and to try to reconcile some of

1 this. Commissioner Vazquez has volunteered to work with
2 Jaime over the next thirty minutes and try to see if she
3 can bring forward some solutions to this, and we'll come
4 back in later today and see what we came up with.

5 But in the meantime, let's hit the road to the
6 Central Valley. We're going to journey up to the Central
7 Valley and go to South Fresno. Then we're going to talk
8 about INYO_MONO and then we're going to head up to
9 Oakland, Redwood City, and lastly, Vineyard. And then of
10 course, if -- when we have the Los Angeles information,
11 we'll come back to the San Fernando Valley.

12 Thank you. So let's hit the road to South Fresno.
13 And I believe that's Kennedy?

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, it is.

15 MS. WILSON: It is. Hello.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Hi, Kennedy. I haven't seen you all
17 day. We're excited to have you.

18 MS. WILSON: No, good night.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Good evening, good night.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Chair, I think I'd
21 asked for South Fresno.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: You did.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. And I wanted to lift
24 up, again, the opportunity to unify some communities of
25 interest while maintaining, of course, the Latinx VRA

1 district.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: The request was to try and
4 bring in old fig -- excuse me. Old fig area and college
5 areas South of Willard, North of Shaw (phonetic). They
6 gave very good direction.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And then, also, bringing in
9 the neighborhood West of 99 between Shaw, Ashland, and
10 Hayes. And then there was a secondary, because they both
11 have the same end answer, I'll say with the Kings-Tulare
12 area, putting (indiscernible) in the area, completely in
13 the district. However, in working through with Kennedy,
14 and Kennedy is on again to -- just in case we need to see
15 any of that, these are all things that we've tried to
16 accomplish before, and we were not successful in doing
17 so. They all lowered the Latina CVAP too far in areas
18 that -- where they were areas of VRA districts. And so
19 there was only area, Kennedy, I think that we were
20 actually able to kind of take a look at. I think that
21 was around the 99 neighborhood, if we want to take a look
22 at that.

23 MS. WILSON: Yes, of course. And --

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. It's late. I'm trying
25 to think. Were we even able to make that one work? I

1 think that's still lowered.

2 MS. WILSON: Yes, it still did lower the CVAP. And
3 so I can go ahead and show you that. But it was a
4 neighborhood that was going from East Shaw to Ashland
5 Avenue to North Hayes. And as far as Fresno is
6 concerned, it would also include -- because of how the
7 district is going down to West Shields, just for
8 contiguity. And so I can go ahead and just show everyone
9 what that looks like. Just quickly. So I'm going from
10 North Hays, Shaw, and including West Ashland Avenue. And
11 let me continue to grab this portion here. And get my
12 pending changes window up for you. Sorry about that, it
13 is not already there. And so as you can see, Fresno --
14 the district Fresno, goes from a 1.58 percent deviation
15 to a 7.36 percent deviation.

16 So that, numbers wise, isn't possible to bring that
17 in. And then we go from a 53.07 percent Latino CVAP to a
18 52.53 percent Latino CVAP.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

20 Thank you. We could just keep looking. We looked
21 at -- at this area a couple of different ways to try and
22 be able to accomplish it. And it just did not work with
23 what -- the constraints that we had. So I just wanted to
24 show that because we've got several community of interest
25 testimony for this area and the kind of feeling that

1 we're not paying attention for the Central Valley area.

2 We have looked at the Central Valley area and just

3 wanting to be able to show that.

4 So thank you, Kennedy.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner --

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: (Indiscernible) --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Turner for trying to unite some
8 COI's in this area. Although, it's so difficult now that
9 we have so many constraints and so many issues and -- and
10 we've balanced the issues here quite well, although not
11 perfectly as --

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, there was -- there was
13 one other area. Kennedy, I don't know if we ever
14 showed --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: No.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- which was in the San
17 Joaquin area. There was also community of interest to
18 keep areas together. And I think August, Garden,
19 Stockton, Kennedy, and Morada, it was another area that
20 we were not able to balance in and of itself. I think we
21 were able to bring in Kennedy and not any of the other
22 areas and still keep the deviations that's required.

23 MS. WILSON: Yes. And we have August that we were
24 able to bring in and keep the deviations balanced.
25 However, adding Morada and Garden Acres was too much.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

3 MS. WILSON: As far as (indiscernible) --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: I feel like we made that change
5 already, right?

6 MS. WILSON: Correct. We made that change.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, yeah. We made that yesterday.
8 Perfect. Or yeah, it was two days ago, but it feels like
9 yesterday.

10 Thank you so much Commissioner Turner and Kennedy.
11 That's amazing.

12 We're going to go on to now the Eastern Sierra.

13 Oh, Commissioner Akutagawa. Sorry, I didn't see
14 you.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Just -- just a -- a
16 real quick question. I guess this is maybe a question
17 for -- I don't know who's on. It's Dale or Sal. Just in
18 terms of that, going back to that Fresno area, I believe
19 that there was kind of some joint community testimony for
20 that area. In terms of the VRA analysis, I know that it
21 was said once before that there -- there may be some
22 different voting patterns that are much more -- what is
23 it that they said? Unified voting patterns between not
24 only just the Latino community but Black and Asian
25 communities as well, too. If they were to be added in,

1 would that still be enough to ensure that the Latino
2 community can elect a candidate of their choice?

3 MR. LARSON: So are you -- I wouldn't -- I wouldn't
4 want to go -- we -- we do see some -- some crossover with
5 the Black community there. I wouldn't want to go, even
6 so -- much, you know, below that fifty-one percent in
7 Merced, Fresno. You know, if -- if there were some move
8 that instead of having the fifty-one and the fifty-three
9 and brought them both to say like say fifty-two, you
10 know, I think -- I'd support that at this point, and we
11 would go back and look at it more closely.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, okay. Thank you.
13 Yeah, I forgot Merced, Fresno would just go down as well.

14 MR. LARSON: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was just thinking about
16 just Fresno. So -- okay. Thank you. Thanks for the
17 reminder.

18 MR. LARSON: Uh-huh.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

20 Seeing no other hands raised, we will move on to the
21 Sierra's, to the Eastern Sierra's. And I want to see who
22 that was. Let me see. That was Commissioner -- that was
23 actually a couple of -- that was quite a few
24 Commissioners that wanted to raise this issue.
25 Fernandez, Turner, Yee, others as well. Andersen.

1 So let's -- let's -- Andersen has her hand raised.
2 Then Yee. And we do have a draft proposal from
3 Commissioner Yee, I believe.

4 So let's go, Commissioner Andersen.

5 MS. WILSON: Would you like me to pull that up? The
6 draft?

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, please.

8 MS. WILSON: Okay.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Please pull Commissioner Yee's draft
10 proposal. But in the meantime, let's hear from
11 Commissioner Andersen as well.

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. I'm sorry. Is this --
13 is this for the -- the Sierra's or Oakland?

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: My understanding is it's Inyo to
15 Amador County.

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: But we'll see --

18 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. So okay. Well, I
19 haven't seen this but basically --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's posted in -- in our handouts.
21 Just for -- for the public. The public and for also for
22 all Commissioners, this was posted in the public earlier
23 today to -- to our handouts earlier today. And it should
24 be accessible to the public and to Commissioners.

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Ahh. Well, yes, this is

1 exactly what happened. The way to do that is Alpine,
2 Mono, and Inyo are about 33,000 or so versus Amador which
3 is about 36,000. And essentially, you would switch.
4 Take Amador out of, you know, the CALA_INYO and put
5 Alpine, Mono, and Inyo in. And so the swap for swap.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think it --

7 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: What happens there is --
8 instead of those three counties essentially being
9 represented -- probably be -- chances are by someone in
10 Redding, they're now going to be represented by someone
11 in Fresno. So that's kind of a summary of that.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

13 We will go to Commissioner Yee who will present his
14 draft map to the Commission and some of the -- I mean,
15 I'm really hoping that you'll give us the rationale for
16 this and explain the reasoning for the changes given that
17 this is a plan that we've all said we can live with. So
18 know, as we go in through, I -- I just want to make sure
19 want to make sure that we're also providing rationale.
20 So -- and -- and certainly there's strong rationale for
21 this, as I've been seeing the COI testimony come in. So
22 Commissioner Yee and then Commissioner Fernandez after
23 that.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. Yes, so
25 Commissioner Fernandez and I did work on this plan that

1 you see now. And it is along the same lines, exact same
2 lines that Commissioner Andersen just described. So as
3 you'll recall, in our draft we had a very, very, very,
4 very, very large district. And all are from Inyo all the
5 way to the Oregon border. At some point we were talking
6 about that as a mountain district and so forth. But as
7 we thought about it more, it was really just -- just too
8 big, so, and just too far.

9 So the swap. The swap is moving Amador North in
10 exchange for keeping Inyo, Mono, and Alpine with
11 Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Madera, and part of
12 Fresno. So with the COI testimony, did not find any COI
13 testimony about Amador and Calaveras specifically. There
14 was a handful of COI testimony about Amador and the other
15 adjacent counties, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa. So we
16 would be breaking that COI. But only in one county,
17 Amador, and keeping Amador whole is the important thing.
18 So then the NORCAL district is only from Amador up. It
19 is still very, very large, of course, but California is a
20 large state, but at least not all the way down to Inyo.
21 And all those counties are kept whole.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Yee. Just a
23 quick question for you and also for Kennedy. Were --
24 were you able to keep the changes localized to the
25 Eastern Sierra's or were there other districts that you

1 had to take in in order to accomplish this goal?

2 MS. WILSON: Yeah. So CALA-INYO -- NORCAL and CALA-
3 INYO were the only two that were affected. It didn't go
4 into the ECA or into Sacramento at all.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate that.

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: And the deviation actually
7 improved slightly.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Wow, that's impressive.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: I -- I see we're all becoming
11 geospatial experts now. Let's see. Let's reach out to
12 Commission Fernandez, then Akutagawa.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Definitely not a GIS expert
14 as Jaime and Kennedy know. But I just wanted to respond
15 because I know, Chair, that you said that the prior -- or
16 the -- the current one we have we can all live with. And
17 I think the majority of us voiced concern about how long
18 this district was. So I can definitely -- this is more
19 palatable for me.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And hopefully it is for the
22 rest of the Commission. And it was good that it was a
23 simple -- a simple change. So thank you, Commissioner
24 Yee, for that, too. And for Kennedy. Thanks.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Yeah, certainly. We all

1 said we could live it. Certainly, we all have some --
2 not all -- but some of us raised concerns about the --
3 the -- the district. And hopefully this is a much more
4 compact district. Certainly, that's a key criteria.

5 Commissioner Akutagawa, Andersen, Sadhwani.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. First off, I just
7 want to say thank you for the work on this. And -- and
8 I -- I feel better about it especially because we did
9 hear some testimony today that -- that -- that did
10 express some of the preferences. So I think that that
11 was helpful. We were just trying to be, as we have been
12 all along, responsive.

13 I just have a question in terms of the testimonies
14 that we've heard about the Native American tribes up in
15 the North Coast. You had mentioned that all the counties
16 were kept whole. So was -- can you maybe speak to a
17 little bit about how you managed to keep Siskiyou whole
18 and still also meet the needs of the Karuk Tribe, as well
19 as the other tribes that are in that area.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. So the Yurok are still
21 whole and Del Norte and Humboldt. The Karuk, we had
22 actually gotten some changes in testimony. And I don't
23 know if I can call on Commissioner Kennedy. Perhaps he
24 tracked that more closely than anyone.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes. So --

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: But this does reflect the latest
2 COI testimony we received, even though it does not
3 include that corner of Humboldt. They requested to take
4 it out so that they would have a presence in both
5 districts basically.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And I -- I can respond to
7 that. So the Karuk Tribe which we discussed, that -- on
8 Saturday. And we had to make difficult decisions. You
9 know, the first priority would have been to have their --
10 their reservation with the coast. They also said that if
11 we couldn't do that, they at least wanted the portion of
12 the district and Humboldt County -- to remain with
13 Humboldt County as they have a strong connection with --
14 with Humboldt County as well.

15 So that we were able to honor the compromise. It
16 essentially was a compromise and provide them with --
17 with what they needed. It wasn't their first choice, but
18 it was their second choice.

19 Commissioner Andersen, Commissioner Sadhwani.

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, I was just going to --
21 actually, a little bit back on the Alpine, Inyo, Mono. I
22 was hoping to hear from them today because it is sort of,
23 you know, their trade with Amador. I was hoping to hear
24 from in each -- each of those specific areas. A lot of
25 people are, like, well, I don't like the way it looks,

1 but I always like to go with who's being affected.

2 And unfortunately, I did not see that today. So but
3 this -- those, you know, that -- you heard why we did
4 that. So -- and it was a straightforward one swap for,
5 you know, those three for that one. But -- and -- and I
6 was at -- talking about another -- the next topic so --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let me just clarify with that.

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- I'll --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: So that was -- we did not hear from
10 them in public testimony. So they didn't not call in and
11 we didn't receive too much feedback in written form.

12 That -- I just wanted to make sure --

13 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: That -- that's --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- that the public understood what
15 was meant. All right.

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

18 And you had one more point I think you were going to
19 make.

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, that's for the next -- the
21 Vineyard --

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh.

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- and the -- this area. So
24 just to --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, oh, oh. Thank you.

1 So let's go to Commissioner Sadhwani.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, thanks. I -- I
3 apologize because there were so many additional drafts
4 that folks worked on that I haven't had a chance to
5 really wrap my head around all of them. In this one, in
6 general, I'm comfortable moving in this direction and
7 that long, huge district never sat well with me. But I
8 also had on my priority list the Vineyard issue. Does
9 this change, pulling in these counties such as Calaveras,
10 Amador, et cetera? Does that limit our options to make
11 changes in the -- to bring Vineyard in with Elk Grove?
12 My --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- understanding is we were
15 looking at some of those counties as potential swaps.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: So Commissioner Fernandez had
17 initially raised that issue so we'll --

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- go to her.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. It -- it doesn't
21 impact that. I -- I did not -- it's something to talk
22 about, for sure, but I have a new version that I worked
23 with Kennedy on that kind of just stayed within the
24 SSAC_STANIS, and Elk Grove, and the Stockton kind of. So
25 I did not write -- my version did not include Calaveras,

1 and Tuolumne, and Mariposa. However, that's something
2 that we should discuss based on the testimony that we
3 heard today. And also that has been if -- if you've been
4 able to read the COI in our database, there's been
5 feedback on that as well.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

7 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, I was --

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: So yeah, and Vineyard is the next
9 area to be discussed. And then, after that we will be
10 going to -- to the Bay Area. No, because -- because of
11 the -- I'm going based on who is the line drawer to --
12 are assigned to the things as opposed to, like, regions.

13 So -- so where are we right now? Commissioner
14 Andersen, and then Fernandez, and then we'll -- we'll hit
15 other -- well, then we'll find if -- we'll see if we have
16 general consensus on these two districts first.

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you, Chair. I
18 just want to say something that's -- today we have, and I
19 hope for all the people who are still with us, or may not
20 have heard that or anything. We had a great thing happen
21 today that made me proud to be a Californian. The people
22 in the hills of Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne heard that
23 their neighbor in Sacramento had trouble. The Vineyard,
24 they really wanted to be in. And they all kind of, you
25 know, I don't know if they did this together or what, but

1 many of them called in and said, hey, you know, in the
2 little foothills here, we've got stuff in common with the
3 guys in the valley and Stanislaus. So why not, you know,
4 take our area? And you know, that just shows you what
5 kind of people we have here in this state; it's not in
6 their economic interests, but it helps their neighbor.

7 And so they, you know, they offered that up, which I
8 really want to bring -- bring forward and say thank you
9 very much. I -- I don't know unfortunately if they
10 realize the amount they'd have to give up, but it was the
11 intent there, and I just think that's wonderful. Thank
12 you.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, we love to see neighborly love.

14 All right. So where are we? We are with
15 Commissioner Fernandez.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, I'm sorry. I was just
17 going to -- I was up for the Vineyard. So let's do this
18 (indiscernible).

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's see if we have
20 general consensus on these two districts. These are Inyo
21 to Amador and then the -- the larger NORCAL district.

22 Any concerns with these districts?

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Inyo -- I mean, Inyo, Mono,
24 Alpine for Amador.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate the clarification.

3 Commissioner Sadhwani?

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I -- I mean, like I
5 said, yes but so I -- I -- my final yes on this is -- is
6 going to be in conjunction with the conversation about
7 Vineyard. Because I want to see where we're going to go
8 in that direction. So yeah --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: So what --

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- let's keep moving but
11 yes.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you can live with us but we're --
13 but also, we're going to talk about Vineyard and that may
14 change some -- some --

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I could live with a huge
18 long one that's what, the size of Kentucky or whatever?

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I could live with that too.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. I think we all did. We all
22 said we could, but we didn't particularly like it.

23 All right. So let's go to Vineyard, Sacramento.

24 MS. WILSON: And shall I go to Vineyard keeping this
25 change?

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's -- for now, since we have
2 general consensus, let's keep the change and let's go to
3 Vineyard and see -- see changes out there. Potential
4 changes out there.

5 MS. WILSON: Okay. Thank you, Chair. Oh, am I
6 done? I'm going --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: You are. You are up.

8 MS. WILSON: Yes, right? Okay. I'm going. Okay.
9 And --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Actually, you -- it's you and
11 Commissioner Andersen who raised this issue so --

12 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- we'll -- we'll have
14 conversation --

15 MS. WILSON: Okay.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and discussion.

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right. Thank you. It --
18 if you recall, I believe it was on Thursday we tried to
19 take a journey on bringing Vineyard and -- and it
20 honors -- what we're trying to do is honor the diversity
21 of Sacramento and the many cultural communities.

22 We heard from the -- our Asian, Punjabi, Hmong, and
23 Black communities and revolving around the schools,
24 family, college, and business. And when we talked about
25 this on Thursday, initially the Commission wanted to try

1 to keep all of the changes within Sacramento County. And
2 initially, we had gone into Folsom, but after thinking
3 about that, that's a very inappropriate place to be
4 pulling -- or population from because that is a suburb
5 community. And as you can see from the -- the district
6 below, the STANIS district below, it's a rural community.

7 So I went back and what Kennedy -- so this was my
8 iteration for today, but I'm thinking we might go back to
9 the one I had on Thursday because right now, in order to
10 keep everything self-contained somewhat within Sacramento
11 County and STANIS, what I ended up having to do was cut
12 Vineyard. As you can tell, I cut Vineyard at Excelsior
13 and Excelsior -- East of Excelsior is more of a --
14 acreage -- there -- there are homes but it's more of
15 homes on acreage, so it's not that compact, condensed
16 community.

17 And then the only other area that was somewhat self-
18 contained was what we call Laguna West.

19 So Kennedy, if you move over to the West -- and that
20 is not a rural area. It's very condense. I think the
21 population was like 10,000. It's -- it's connected to --
22 it is part of Elk Grove and the reason I drew the line
23 there is there is, like, a train track. So there is a
24 separation and they do call themselves Laguna West versus
25 Laguna. But however, based on the testimony today, I --

1 oh, and then also what -- to come up with some more of
2 the population that we needed to make up for the negative
3 ten percent is we went into the STANIS and the San
4 Joaquin -- oops. Where are you? There. Thank you.
5 There we go.

6 The STANIS and the Stockton and what we did -- what
7 I did was take some of the unincorporated areas of some
8 of the communities that were already in the STANIS, such
9 as Lathrop and Manteca and then also Ripon. So we -- so
10 I cut across some of those areas to come up with the
11 population that we needed. But however, what I'm
12 wondering is based on the feedback that we received
13 today, I believe it would be more appropriate to pull
14 some of the communities from the neighbors and
15 potentially Calaveras maybe, Or maybe Amador. I'm not
16 sure. I looked up some of the towns instead of --
17 instead of from Elk Grove that is a suburb of -- of
18 Sacramento.

19 And also, if possible, trying to keep Vineyard whole
20 also. So that's -- that's kind of the question that I
21 want to bring forward is which option do we want to go
22 with? Do we want to go with combining some suburban
23 communities with this rural district or go with the input
24 that we received not only in public input today verbally,
25 but also in our communities of interest in our database.

1 We also have some feedback there regarding pulling
2 maybe -- just like, maybe, Copperopolis. And if you were
3 to turn on the terrain, you could see that not all of it
4 is foothills. There is some valley agricultural areas in
5 there as well.

6 So before I -- we start making changes, Chair,
7 should we -- I mean, my -- my recommendation would be to
8 go with some of the more rural areas which makes sense.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's hear from Andersen and
10 Akutagawa and then we'll start looking at potential
11 locations.

12 Commissioner Andersen, Akutagawa, and then --

13 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Yes, you
14 know, I --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and Turner.

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- when I -- when I heard that
17 offer today, I had a look at actually the area that was
18 suggested which was from the Don Pedro Reservoir which is
19 actually at the -- is essentially at the Tuolumne-
20 Mariposa border, up through Copperopolis, and I believe
21 essentially following all the way -- that up past Ione in
22 Amador.

23 And because Commissioner Turner -- Commissioner --

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Fernandez.

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- Fernandez, thank you.

1 It is late.

2 You know, she's right. That is the flatter portion
3 of -- and so it is even valley area. However, and I'm
4 looking at the numbers and I -- correct me if this is
5 not -- this is -- as it was wrong, but Vineyard is like
6 44,000 people. And because of the numbers, which they
7 were, basically all of that had to come from someplace
8 else --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- because there wasn't enough
11 play anywhere. And unfortunately, the numbers in Amador,
12 Calaveras, and Tuolumne together are, like, 144,000. And
13 so basically, you'd have to take a third of each of those
14 counties. So you would -- you'd go much further in or --
15 now, if -- considering Amador has actually moved away,
16 Calaveras is 45,000 people. So you'd basically have to
17 take the entire county and it's -- you know, that's why I
18 was saying when I -- I really appreciated that offer. It
19 was wonderful, but I don't think they realized the
20 numbers of -- how -- how large Vineyard is. Because, you
21 know, that's -- they don't think that way. Their entire
22 county is that size. So while I think we should have a
23 look at it, I think we'll be a bit, like -- I think we'll
24 be a bit taken aback --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

1 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- by how much we lose.

2 Because it isn't the valley then at all. It's really --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner
4 Andersen.

5 And just because it's almost -- we're only a
6 couple -- and hour and so away from midnight -- a little
7 bit longer, but about an hour and a half from midnight,
8 I'm going to enforce a one-minute rule.

9 Kristian, if you could help me.

10 And so that we can get through all of the -- the
11 conversation. So all right.

12 Commissioner Akutagawa and then Turner, Fernandez,
13 and others.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I would like to see if
15 there's a way forward where more rural communities can be
16 put together. They -- I think we've heard lots of
17 testimony that rural communities want to stay together.

18 Just a question, and I don't know if it was possible
19 to do this. I think we heard quite a bit of COI
20 testimony from the Punjabi Sikh community, saying that
21 they wanted Manteca, Ripon, and -- I forgot. There was
22 one more. They wanted it to -- they wanted to either be
23 with Stockton --

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- or Stanislaus. So did

1 the numbers just not work, because they said they didn't
2 want to be with Lodi. So -- and they're with Lodi.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think we can -- I think there'll be
4 a response to that as we go through.

5 Commissioner Turner, then Commissioner Fernandez.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I'm just wanting -- I
7 just wanted to say I am really glad that we're exploring
8 this. And while we're working it out, if we can also
9 look at Little Pocket. I'd like to see where that is to
10 see if we can bring that in with Vineyard as we're trying
11 to make this work.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: And that community is called Little
13 Pocket?

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you.

16 Let's -- I have it on my list.

17 Commissioner Fernandez, then Commissioner Akutagawa.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you, Chair. I
19 just wanted to respond and say that my -- my
20 recommendation isn't to just take from the Calaveras or
21 the Foothills. I also would still recommend that we take
22 some of the unincorporated areas in the Stockton area.
23 So that's going to -- it's not the entire extra five
24 percent will have to come from the Foothills community.
25 So I was trying to minimize that as well.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
2 Did -- did I hear you correctly that you have a
3 visualization for this version that -- or that you're
4 working on a visualization?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So I have a quasi-
6 visualization and fortunately, Kennedy did take a
7 snapshot of what was presented on Thursday. So that
8 would be for the Sac-Elk Grove, West Sac, and Placer,
9 what that impact would be. And then -- then we would
10 take the information from this iteration that shows where
11 we would go into the unincorporated areas. And then we
12 would actually have to go into the Foothills to -- to
13 pick up more.

14 So it's -- we're close. Very close. I just
15 wasn't -- I didn't know we were going to go this
16 direction.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Got it. So it sounds like we're
18 very, very close.

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Uh-huh.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa and
21 Fornaciari.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Just real quick, I
23 wanted to also lift up -- I think is what Commissioner
24 Turner was referring to. There's some Black communities
25 in Sacramento that wanted to make sure that their COI was

1 going to be met. I also wanted to lift up that there is
2 an Afghan refugee community in Arden-Arcade and
3 Carmichael. And that's been also something that's been
4 part of COI testimony, and I know currently right now
5 they're separate. I don't know if there's a way -- a
6 path forward to bring them together. But just wanted to
7 bring that up too. Thank you.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

9 So I do want to hear from Kennedy. But before that,
10 let's hear from Commissioner Fornaciari, and then after
11 that Kennedy to see what she -- what her thoughts are
12 on -- on all of these ideas about -- about putting
13 this -- aligning these interests and these COI's.

14 Commissioner Fornaciari.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Just a couple
16 comments. As Commissioner Fernandez said, it's going to
17 have to be a balance of -- maybe a little bit of -- of
18 those Foothill counties. A little bit of probably -- I
19 mean, the East Vineyard. You know, we saw feedback that
20 East Vineyard is less populated. And I'll just offer,
21 Manteca and Lathrop are not rural communities. They
22 are --

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: They are highly populated
25 communities. So this is not a fully rural district

1 anyway and so balancing those trade-offs with --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- is -- reasonable.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.

5 Now Kennedy, can you tell us about reasonable trade-
6 offs and how we can put this district together without
7 causing too much of an architectural challenge?

8 MS. WILSON: So if you are okay with taking from
9 Amador and Calaveras, that is what we did have last time.
10 And you know, before there wasn't as much agreement on
11 it, but this is exactly what we had last time, and we
12 were able to balance it with taking from Amador and
13 Calaveras.

14 And I'm just putting in Commissioner Fernandez's
15 old -- the plan from -- from Thursday because I didn't
16 have it with your new changes from CALA_INYO and NOR_CAL.
17 So I'm not putting that in. I just am doing the last
18 district and then we'll be able to see -- oh, my
19 apologies. Let me go back on that. But I'm going to put
20 that in. But if we are able to take from Amador and
21 Calaveras, that is what balanced it before.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Does this district that we haven't
23 highlighted, did that include the Little Pocket
24 community?

25 MS. WILSON: So let's take a look because I know

1 that the Pocket area is right here where exactly Little
2 Pocket is. You know, I don't have, like, a neighborhood
3 layer. But as you can see, the Pocket area is here. I
4 would assume Little Pocket to be -- I -- somewhere over
5 here. But -- so this is Little Pocket.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, you found it. That's excellent.

7 MS. WILSON: So there's the big pocket and this is
8 the Little Pocket. So we could explore bringing this
9 area in from Riverside Boulevard inwards.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

11 All right. So let's see. Hands up. We have
12 Fernandez, Turner, Andersen.

13 Okay. Okay, Fernandez just has it up in case we
14 need her.

15 So Turner and then Andersen.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, did we -- Commissioner
17 Fernandez and Commission, did we look at moving Arden-
18 Arcade from West Sac into West Placer to free up some
19 space?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Arden-Arcade from -- I'm
21 sorry. One more time.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh. Arden-Arcade, moving
23 it from West Sac --

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- into Placer.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, it was -- the
2 population is too high. It is -- if you look on our
3 sheet of the -- what is that sheet you gave us?

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: The reference?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. It's one of the
6 higher --

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's 95,000. Yeah. And
9 then Carmichael that is right next to it is 80,000. So
10 it was -- it was too high to move from one to the other.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

12 Let's see. Commissioner Turner. Oh, you just went.
13 Commissioner Andersen.

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yeah, with the
15 idea of --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: (Indiscernible).

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- trying to minimize how much
18 of the Gold Country we take, can you go ahead and get
19 those -- you know, the -- the unincorporated areas, you
20 know, say between Mather and Vineyard? You know,
21 actually put that into the rural area and the other one
22 on the West side of the -- yeah. Just a little further
23 South from where you are right now.

24 MS. WILSON: Sorry. I was looking at doing the
25 Little Pocket edition.

1 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: So --

2 MS. WILSON: And then I --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh.

4 MS. WILSON: -- if that's okay to -- or I don't --

5 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

6 MS. WILSON: You --

7 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I missed that.

8 MS. WILSON: -- were talking.

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Little Pocket is going to move
10 into Sac, Elk Grove?

11 MS. WILSON: Yes, which I was going to also say it's
12 at a 4.84 percent so I can see what the numbers will do.
13 But that is --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's highlight Little Pocket.

15 MS. WILSON: And one moment please. Bless you.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Jane.

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually, it was my daughter.

18 MS. WILSON: So taking in the Little Pocket, one
19 block group here, it is -- it does put the Sac, Elk Grove
20 at a 5.1 deviation, which I'm not entirely sure if you
21 are 100 percent happy with the boundaries here. But we
22 could move these around a slight bit if you want to bring
23 Little Pocket in.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: And Commissioner Fernandez, then
25 Commissioner Andersen.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

2 Kennedy, can you zoom out just a little bit, please?

3 A little bit more. I'd like to see the bottom of this

4 district. Okay, can you move -- okay. Can you highlight

5 what the Sac -- okay. That's the Sac, Elk Grove. Part

6 of it too, right there where you -- go back. Right

7 there. We could potentially move that part out and put

8 it into the STANIS. Or I guess we could also --

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- put it into the -- the

11 West Placer. But that section right there that is

12 unincorporated. You see what I'm talking about?

13 MS. WILSON: Yes.

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: That was the area -- yes, that

15 was the area --

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- that I was hoping would go

18 to STANIS.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: And also the one down

21 between -- I guess it's Freeport and Elk Grove. That

22 chunk on the West side, that unincorporated area, to

23 minimize how much the Gold Country we take.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, I'm just going

25 to let you know that's sixty people, but we can do that.

1 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Well, I know. It
2 could -- could be the same area in the hills.

3 MS. WILSON: So if I do -- do you want to proceed
4 forward with bringing in Little Pocket? I would have to
5 make that change first.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would like to see it and
7 then --

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can we have consensus of -- on
9 visualizing this? Yes. Okay, let's get it done and
10 let's find the swap. All right. Usually I prefer having
11 a place to swap first.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: There's a neck problem.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: But we'll find something. Yeah,
14 there -- I see the neck.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: There's a neck, Dale. Did
16 you see the neck?

17 MS. WILSON: So I will go ahead in this
18 incorporated area. Would you like it with the South Sac
19 STANIS or West Placer Sac?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would like it with the
21 STANIS to try to minimize the impact, please. I believe
22 that's what Commissioner Andersen also mentioned.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's highlight that area of
24 all fifty people who live there.

25 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Chair, can I --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, Commissioner Ahmad.

2 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: -- jump in?

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: So sorry, Commissioner Ahmad.

4 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Ah, no worries. No worries. I
5 just -- I know we're moving along this exploration of
6 committing this change, but can I hear some reasoning as
7 to why this wouldn't be added to West Placer.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. The reason that --
9 it does make sense to add to West Placer but we're also
10 going to have a negative ten percent in the district
11 right next to it, so we're trying to minimize cutting
12 into the foothill counties as much as possible.

13 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: And -- and when you say the
14 district right next to it, which one are you referring
15 to?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's the STANIS. It's the
17 Istan (phonetic) -- STANIS --

18 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: The one with Wilton?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Uh-huh.

20 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Oh, okay. Okay. I just --

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And that's all still part
22 of -- like, Wilton is still part of Sacramento County as
23 well.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. But we do need population in
25 there. So let's -- let's commit this change because

1 there's literally -- I believe a hundred people. Oh,
2 let's do the unincorporated area below that as well.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. To the Vineyard.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: That -- that white space right
5 there --

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- with probably another 200 people.
8 And let's find some numbers.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sorry. And while we're
10 doing that, there -- is that an unincorporated area
11 between Rancho Cordova and Folsom? I was just wondering
12 if you could grab that maybe too? But I don't know
13 exactly what it is.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: All -- almost 500 people.

15 MS. WILSON: Yeah. So --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: There's -- I think there's a little
17 space right underneath it, too, near Vineyard.

18 MS. WILSON: And -- oh, yes, here. And it does
19 bring you to a 4.92. Still a little high but that does.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: But it's -- it -- it makes -- we'll
21 take a -- let's -- we'll take it.

22 MS. WILSON: Okay. I will commit that change.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: And then what's the next change
24 you're going to propose, Commissioner Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: There's a little bit of

1 unincorporated area between Folsom and Rancho. I -- I
2 don't know if there's any population there honestly, but
3 we could try --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's highlight it and --
5 let's highlight it and put it in.

6 MS. WILSON: Okay. I will do. One moment.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

8 And if we can start looking for places that actually
9 have more population, that would be helpful. We'll do it
10 but -- seventeen. One person. It's okay. It'll make
11 the lines look pretty (indiscernible).

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, there's only -- I
13 would recommend just keeping it how it is.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: I guess -- so let -- let's -- let's
15 not accept this change because it makes our lines look
16 less. So in order to -- so I'm trying to figure out the
17 goal. What's our goal here --

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- in terms of how many people we
20 need --

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. So --

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- (indiscernible)?

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- the goal now -- so I -- I
24 guess the Sac-Elk Grove District. So if we go down to
25 the STANIS, right? That -- that's probably about ten --

1 oh, it's negative 9.56.

2 So Kennedy, the -- the one I sent today. The
3 iteration I sent today had picked up some of the
4 unincorporated areas in Stockton. So could you please
5 try to -- yes. With the French Camp and then right --
6 oh, yeah. There you go.

7 MS. WILSON: They are taken in.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, you already did? Okay.
9 So then --

10 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- we've got negative 9.56
12 to find in the --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: I guess --

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, I'm sorry. One more
15 thing. If we want, we can cut into Vineyard into East of
16 Excelsior because that -- that is --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's cut Vineyard.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. East of Excelsior. Let's
22 see how many people are there.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, and then just --
24 yeah. Thank you.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: All the way to Grant Line
2 Road --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Excellent.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- please. Thank you,
5 Kennedy.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's share the pain --

7 MS. WILSON: So I see Excelsior here, so just this
8 portion here of Vineyard?

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: And anything that's required for
10 contiguity --

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: All the way down to Grant
12 Line please.

13 MS. WILSON: And that's in Elk Grove?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

15 MS. WILSON: Okay. So down to -- I believe here's
16 Grant Line. Okay. One moment.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And let's hear folks in
18 the queue.

19 So Andersen, Akutagawa, and Sinay, while we're
20 highlighting this area -- oh, it's highlighted. So how
21 many people are here? We have about a 1,000, almost
22 2,000 people. All right. So let's commit this change.
23 And let's find another place to find population.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can I just make a
25 recommendation? I would also include -- you see right

1 there, Kennedy, on the -- yeah. Grant Line, yeah. Thank
2 you.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. That's -- let's -- I'm
4 looking around. It looks like we have consensus on this
5 so let's take it. And we still need about 8,000 more
6 people, if I remember correctly. Nope? Okay. How many
7 more do we need? So let's figure out how many we need.
8 In the meantime, let's hear from Andersen and Akutagawa.

9 Kennedy, can you speak to how many folks we need?

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: We'd love 20,000.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. We need a lot. So let's find
12 a large community to cut. I'm going to -- I'm accepting
13 ideas from the floor.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would -- I would consider
15 maybe -- I can't even pronounce it.

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Copperopolis.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Copperopolis? Thank you.
18 It's really cool looking though, I'm just going to tell
19 you, the name.

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: You can have it.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. So let's hear from
22 Commissioner Andersen, Commissioner Akutagawa, and
23 Commissioner Kennedy as we start finding -- as we're
24 looking for 20,000 people to put into this district.

25 Commissioner Andersen.

1 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: As I said, 20,000 people's a
2 lot. Yeah, Calaveras has -- the entire county is 35,000.
3 Tuolumne has 53,000.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

5 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. And -- and -- you're --
6 you're taking, basically, you know, the chunk of the --
7 the Gold Country and putting it in the -- in the valley.
8 Yeah, I'd -- I -- I -- I'm not sure. I mean, you can
9 take a lot -- a lot of people to -- to get there. You'd
10 probably have to go all the way up to Murphys and cross
11 all the way through that down to Buck Meadows which is
12 essentially the Gold Country.

13 That's where all the cities area. That's where
14 the --

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- Sonora, and the --
17 actually, there's that, you know, that cool train thing
18 there. That's a -- it's a really neat area. But --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you. Any other
20 communities you'd suggest we cut?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I think if you just
22 try to connect it. Thank you.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're at 24,000 people. And this
24 is -- I believe this is something that we looked at
25 earlier. It was very similar to what we looked at on

1 Saturday.

2 Commissioner Andersen --

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And it -- oh.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, no. Go ahead. Sorry.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I was just going to say
6 right now it's at negative 3.44, but if we can maybe try
7 to minimize it for the -- yeah.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So now -- that's be great.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: So if we can keep it to the required
11 number.

12 And then Andersen, Akutagawa, Kennedy, and Ahmad,
13 and Turner.

14 MS. WILSON: I'm sorry. What would you -- what
15 cities or -- would you like me to remove? Or what would
16 you like me to remove from, so I know where to start
17 or --

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: How big is Copperopolis?
19 I'm going to get that. Oh, it's 3,400. That might be
20 too much. Uh-huh. Okay, yeah. I -- how about, like,
21 around that area, if you can get rid of that? That would
22 be great. Thank you so much.

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually, again, it --
24 Calaveras is the capital of -- the city is the capital of
25 a county. Maybe if you could give that back.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's a good compromise,
2 Commissioner Andersen. Let's give that back and find
3 another community. Oh, it has been given back and --

4 MS. WILSON: Rancho -- this is Rancho Calaveras.

5 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, yeah. I -- sorry. I -- I
6 see that now, thank you.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we -- we have the population we
8 need to get into compliance. I'm going to let --

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- could we see the terrain
12 which might help us in terms of where the line goes?

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Absolutely.

14 Kennedy, can we see the terrain please?

15 And it does look like it's in the valley area. And
16 some -- of course, it's reaching the mountains.

17 Commissioner Andersen?

18 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Actually, you know, if
19 we could maybe -- excuse me. Pull it back up into Amador
20 a little bit and -- and go down -- down the -- you can
21 see sort of there's a slight ridge just West of
22 Copperopolis, if you could kind of go down that slice.

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

24 Let's try to find population down. We'll take
25 population from wherever we can get it. Thanks for that

1 solution, Commissioner Andersen.

2 Commissioner Akutagawa?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I -- I looked at the -- I
4 guess, the PDF of the Afghan community, and they don't
5 take up all of Arden-Arcade and they don't take up all of
6 Carmichael. I'm wondering, Commissioner Fernandez, is
7 there a possibility that we could split Arden-Arcade,
8 Carmichael, and then maybe push it into that West
9 PLACER_SAC District, and then maybe even push part of
10 Rancho Cordova into this? That might make picking up
11 some of that population easier?-

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think we have the population,
13 right? No?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh wait. No, we have the
15 population already.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. We've met population numbers.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, I see. Yeah. So maybe
18 after we do this one, if you want to go back up that'd be
19 great.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's see. I think we have
21 population here. I'm going to reach out to Commissioner
22 Ahmad, and then Turner, and then we'll have a
23 conversation about next steps.

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I just have
25 a question that I think I need clarity on.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

2 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Right now, SAC_STANISLAUS, sits
3 at negative 9.21 as on the map prior --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

5 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: -- before these proposed
6 changes. And then Elk Grove, SAC Elk Grove, which is
7 behind the chart now, once that -- there you go, sits at
8 4.57. Why are we not trying to balance between those two
9 districts?

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez and others,
11 please answer -- please respond.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. Initially, my
13 proposal was to do that, but as I was mentioning, the
14 part of Elk Grove that I would cut out is a very -- it's
15 part of the suburb areas. And we did hear input today
16 from the community as well as submitted through our -- in
17 our database, that they would prefer that to be with --
18 to give up some of the Foothill communities and have the
19 suburb areas of the Sacramento area in their district
20 because the district is more rural.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're to keep rural communities a
22 whole.

23 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: So this is based off COI?

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and trying to keep some of the
25 urban communities out of the rural areas, is what you're

1 saying. You're prioritizing the rural over the urban
2 areas? I'm just -- is that -- did I get that correctly?
3 Okay. The -- so that's the explanation and rationale.

4 Commissioner Andersen, then Commissioner Turner.

5 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. Could I --
6 I'd really like to pare it down to as little as possible.
7 Like, if we could give, particularly above Copperopolis,
8 I think you kind of cut into half a city in -- actually
9 in that very area. And then even if we could give the --
10 we have Rancho Calaveras, the other town next to it. You
11 know, if we could give that back. Any -- up by Plymouth,
12 if we could trim that area back, too. I mean, you're
13 giving over Ione, so I just -- I'm trying to keep up --

14 MS. WILSON: (Indiscernible).

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Go ahead.

16 MS. WILSON: Oh, sorry. When I give back Valley
17 Springs, it goes to a negative 5.26.

18 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: So it looks like we -- deviation --
20 we'd be out of deviation.

21 MS. WILSON: And that one here, this was a block, a
22 census block, that does have unfortunately a kind of
23 funky shape. But this one --

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.

25 MS. WILSON: -- block, you know, the smallest unit

1 we can click from, it doesn't go into Copperopolis. It
2 actually is right on the edge of that city. But it does
3 make that contiguous unless I were to get rid of this
4 bottom part.

5 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I see what you're saying.
6 And that's alone -- that doesn't do it. No, it's still
7 5.26.

8 MS. WILSON: I would have to add back Valley Springs
9 in which I could add back Valley Springs and get rid of
10 this down here.

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well -- yeah. I'm not sure on
12 that one. I -- you know, it -- yeah, I guess if you
13 have -- if you're adding Valley Springs, you know, you
14 might as well give the rest of that little bit back.
15 Although, I -- well, except I think, you know, there,
16 we're giving up -- keeping flat in, and taking hills out
17 so.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Again, this is --

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: That (indiscernible) --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think this is a compromise so.

21 MS. WILSON: I could try doing Copperopolis over
22 Valley Springs or choosing one of them. I'm not sure if
23 that will do it, but taking Copperopolis out, and then
24 putting Valley Springs in. I mean --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

1 MS. WILSON: -- so -- yeah. One of those has to go
2 to meet the deviation.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. Let's hear from the
4 floor. So we've heard from Fernandez, Andersen. Let's
5 hear from Turner, Sinay, and Kennedy.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I was
7 wondering, Kennedy, can we zoom out, so we can see what
8 this district is looking like? And is there -- between
9 Stanislaus, Riverbank -- oh, okay. No, the other
10 district, we're already under as well. Okay. Thank you.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much. Let's hear from
12 Commissioner Sinay, then Commissioner Kennedy,
13 Commissioner Sadhwani.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So we had received input a
15 couple of times from the Rancho Cordova. Yeah, that one
16 city saying you can split us a little so that you can get
17 it done. Is there a reason why we're not doing what the
18 Mayor -- I think it was the Mayor. Commissioner
19 Akutagawa had brought it up before.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's a good question. Rancho
21 Cordova, the mayor asking to be split. So Commissioner
22 Fernandez, can you please respond?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: He wasn't asking to be
24 split.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: He was like -- he's willing
2 to give it --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: He's suggesting?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- up. Right.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: He also did not deal with
7 the SSAC-STANIS. He just dealt with the Sacramento
8 communities.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, okay.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And again, Rancho Cordova
11 is also a suburb. And they didn't want Folsom. And they
12 probably don't want -- I realize if a community is
13 willing to give themselves up, but it's the same suburban-
14 type community.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
16 Thank you for explaining that and for clarifying.

17 Commissioner Turner, Commissioner Kennedy,
18 Commissioner Sadhwani. Okay. Commissioner Kennedy and
19 then Sadhwani.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thanks. so we still have
21 some to add to South SAC_STANIS. And -- but I was also
22 wanting to say, if we are adding this lowland population,
23 essentially, Valley population or almost Valley
24 population from Amador, Calaveras, could we -- should we
25 restore Vineyard and Elk Grove to be whole? Thanks.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernand -- I mean,
2 Sadhwani and then we'll go back to Fernandez and then
3 Turner.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I'm trying to jump in
5 on this one here. So we're trying to keep Copperopolis,
6 I really just wanted to say Copperopolis. We're trying
7 to keep that whole and out of this district; is that kind
8 of the plan? Maybe? Yeah? Yeah? I mean, can we not
9 take that on? Can we go -- I mean, CAL_INYO is also
10 overpopulated at 3.98 percent. Like, we could have this
11 strip running all the way down into Tuolumne if we wanted
12 to, just to pick up some more of that population and --

13 MS. WILSON: And taking Copperopolis is all you need
14 to get to negative 4. So either Copperopolis or Valley
15 Springs within these two districts will get you to
16 negative --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani. So
18 let's highlight Copperopolis. I hope I said it right,
19 Copperopolis. And then let's go to Commissioner Turner,
20 then Andersen, and we'll make decisions after that.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I wanted to go back to
22 Commissioner Kennedy's comment because I think we only
23 took part of --

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- Vineyard. And if we take

1 the entirety of Vineyard and grab Copperopolis and that
2 whole area straight down, will we be able to balance?

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, that's a great suggestion by
4 Kennedy, and also Turner. Do -- should we accept --
5 should we highlight this and then go back to -- so let's
6 get this highlighted and get a contiguous. And then
7 let's go and look at Vineyard. And then we will take it
8 one step at a time.

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. On this, could we turn
10 the tray layer on because --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- actually, he did off -- you
13 know, he was saying from down Don --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Don Pedro.

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- Don Pedro reservoir, which
16 is --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

18 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- which is down at the
19 boar -- you can see and that is the flat where actually
20 Ione is actually already up in the hills. It's that kind
21 of actually where from Comanche Village down through Don
22 Pedro, lower is still in the valley.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So let's take a look at
24 that. It's --

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, Commissioner Fernandez. Do you
2 have some refinement?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would recommend -- why
4 don't -- okay. If we would accept it and then only add
5 more if the Elk Grove, Vineyard requires it.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Does that makes sense?

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Give it some back.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's accept it. And then let's go
11 to Elk Grove and Vineyard and begin the process of
12 cutting. And we'll --

13 MS. WILSON: And why don't --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- only accept as much as we need.

15 MS. WILSON: -- refinement.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: You weren't hijacked.

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm concerned about Plymouth.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen, you're --

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- on mute.

21 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I'm sorry. I'm
22 concerned actually up at the top there, if we could zoom
23 in a little bit --

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- you know, Plymouth and

1 Drytown, they'll -- they're on 49. But I'm wondering in
2 terms of that area --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- have we taken out -- yeah.
5 I'd rather go like straight across in that area North.
6 See where we're on the 16, but then -- yeah, essentially
7 go a little bit North of that to -- no.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you'd like to --

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: That area.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- also -- you'd also like to cut
11 this area?

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, not that huge, but just
13 from the -- that one is -- straight up. That --
14 exactly -- that's (indiscernible) meant. If we're taking
15 a line, I kind of like to make it a clean line. But
16 we're not -- yep, take the -- yeah, you're headed in the
17 right direction, Kennedy.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. We'll take every person we
19 can. So that's about a hundred people.

20 MS. WILSON: And so this block here on the border
21 just kind of is a --

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh.

23 MS. WILSON: -- bigger block, so -- yeah.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's go to Vineyard. And

1 Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Turner.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah --

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- if you can just -- that
5 piece over there in Vineyard on the East that we took
6 out, could you see what that population is that goes from
7 Vineyard to Elk Grove, please? Thank you. And then the
8 bottom part of Elk Grove. That one's going to be a
9 little bit higher. And I think --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: About 2,000.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- we're done.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Outstanding.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'll be like Commissioner
15 Fornaciari. I can't -- he can't go to his hometown
16 anymore. I won't be able to go visit my cousins anymore.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. So let's see. I think
18 these -- this area is now complete.

19 Questions, concerns, comments. Commissioner
20 Fornaciari, I'm going to say general consensus on these.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm not going to be able
22 to visit my in-laws anymore.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, no.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: You're welcome.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-oh. Now, general consensus. I'm

1 looking for general consensus here.

2 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's definitely a compromise. And
4 not -- no one's terribly happy with this, but let's
5 see --

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I think a lot --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- except I think --

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- a lot of --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- a couple of people --

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- a lot of --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- are very happy.

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- of people, a lot of, lot of
13 people made a sacrifice on this one.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: I agree with you, Commissioner --

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: A lot of people.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Andersen. All right. We're good
17 here. We're going to move on to -- we're actually going
18 back to Los Angeles to see what they were able to
19 accomplish out in the San Fernando Valley, and then we'll
20 come back to Oakland and Redwood City. Yes.

21 Commissioner --

22 MS. WILSON: One second while we --

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Akutagawa.

24 MS. WILSON: -- search our computers. Just one
25 moment.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Before you do that, I had
3 asked about the Arden-Arcade --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- and Carmichael.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sorry.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: The COI there.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Arden-Arcade, COI. I believe there's
9 an Afghan community.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. And according to the
11 PDF of a COI, I guess, map of the area, it's only -- it
12 looks like it's the Northern part of Arden-Arcade and
13 part of Carmichael. It's not the whole entire area, so
14 just my question is, is there a way to bring in either a
15 portion of Carmichael, or in this case split Arden-Arcade
16 and Carmichael, and whether or not it goes to the Placer
17 District just to keep that COI whole?

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sadhwani.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I hear you,
20 Commissioner Akutagawa. And if we go back actually
21 several days, that had been my initial suggestion when we
22 started this whole journey of trying to shift all of this
23 population around to get Vineyard in. I think at this
24 point, we haven't achieved it here, but let's keep it on
25 our list for Congress and Senate as we move forward.

1 That's my perspective on it. I hear you, though, and I'm
2 aware of the COI that we're breaking up but.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I mean, could we just see
4 what the COI looks like? Maybe that will also help, too.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I think there's a lot
6 of population in here, going to set off all --

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. They gave some
8 specific boundaries. And it doesn't look that large.
9 That's why I'm pushing it. Otherwise, I would just be
10 happy to move on. But it didn't look like that large,
11 but I don't know if, Kennedy, you have the -- if they
12 sent you a shapefile for this community.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's -- Kennedy, if you
14 have the shapefile, can we take a look at it?

15 MS. WILSON: I do not have that loaded into this
16 machine. But if you were able to tell me the boundaries,
17 I could --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa, do you the
19 boundaries of the --

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- the COI?

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm just looking for that
23 right now. I had it and then -- now I don't --

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I had it, but I can't find
25 it.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- yeah.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: They sent a map. It was on
4 the -- it was in the database that we got.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Fabulous. Okay.

6 Commissioner Sinay.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I appreciate all we're doing,
8 but I remember we started today's conversation with our
9 two or three top priorities.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I think it was actually one
12 or two priorities and some of us went up to three
13 including myself. But now, every time we go in
14 somewhere, we're looking up COIs again and we're starting
15 back at the what-ifs and adding. Can we stick to our
16 priorities and really try to get this done because we are
17 going to be here for another two, three hours if we keep
18 this way.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The time to look at --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. Thank you. Commissioner --

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- at COIs and all that was
23 during the what-ifs.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's true. So let's -- we have
25 three regions that are still on our priority list. We

1 have Oakland; we have Redwood City; and we have the San
2 Gabriel Valley. Let's go back to the San Gabriel Valley
3 where we're having a switch. And then if we are able to
4 get the Afghan community --

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I have it now.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- shapefile then to Kennedy, then
7 she can work on it.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- while we're finalizing the San
10 Gabriel Valley and then we can come back to at the end if
11 there's time. All right. So let's try to -- and I think
12 Oakland and Redwood City will be fast. The San Gabriel
13 Valley may not be so quick.

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Could we do those then
15 quickly, maybe, please, please? Do Oakland and Redwood
16 City and knock them out?

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: No, let's just -- let's go to the San
18 Gabriel Valley because that's a --

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- that's a more difficult
21 conversation.

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Okay.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: We'll come back.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I might have to check out,
25 guys.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, you want to -- you're not --

2 MS. CLARK: Commissioners --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- hopefully, this will be a --

4 MS. CLARK: I --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- quick conversation, it'll be here.

6 MS. CLARK: -- don't know if Commissioner Vazquez is
7 still on.

8 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: She's not.

9 MS. CLARK: Oh, she's not. Okay. So I will review
10 the changes that she made. And just a quick note is that
11 we did move Hidden Hills with the Westlake Village,
12 Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Topanga. So this is the only
13 switch that is not self-contained in San Fernando Valley.
14 And to accomplish that, we moved the line here in Bel
15 Air. It was -- Bel Air was already split in between the
16 Maui (ph.) East -- Malibu East Ventura District, and the
17 Westside District. And we just moved that to include
18 Hidden Hills.

19 And the rest of the changes are as follows: This is
20 very similar in a lot of ways to the draft map that the
21 Commission got positive feedback on. This in SCV, it
22 includes Santa Clarita Valley with Granada Hills, Porter
23 Ranch, Chatsworth, Northridge. This district is at 1.95
24 percent deviation.

25 South San Fernando Valley includes Bell Canyon, West

1 Hills, Canoga Park, Winnetka, Woodland Hills, Tarzana,
2 and Encino, Sherman Oaks, HoSo (ph.). For population, we
3 included Greater Valley Glen. It also includes Valley
4 Village and Studio City. And that's 3.94 percent
5 deviation.

6 Central SFV includes the Northern part of Reseda.
7 For population, we had to split that a little bit. And
8 so that's Reseda, Lake Balboa, Van Nuys, North Hollywood,
9 including Greater Toluca Lake. Sun Valley area, this
10 dividing line along the 5 and includes Mission Hills and
11 includes Arleta. And then East San Fernando Valley
12 includes Sylmar, San Fernando, Pacoima, Burbank, this
13 Northern part, the City of Glendale, and Sun Lanta Hunga
14 (ph.).

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime. Can you speak to
16 the changes that were made on the impact to goal? So did
17 this change any of the Black/Asian/Latino majority
18 districts? Are our numbers about the same? Are they
19 different? Did they -- did these changes change the
20 number of minority/majority districts?

21 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So in Central San Fernando Valley
22 District, the percent Latino CVAP is 50.08 percent. Now,
23 this is the only 50 percent plus Latino CVAP district in
24 San Fernando Valley. So that was a change. And this is
25 not a VRA area per your VRA council. And so --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we dropped from eleven-fifty --
2 eleven Latino majority districts to ten with this change?

3 MS. CLARK: That's correct.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. A conversation -- let's
5 have a conversation about this. Let's -- Commissioner
6 Sadhwani.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I think these changes
8 seem reasonable to me. The only little thing I was going
9 to add, and full disclosure, I live next door in La
10 Canada (ph.) and used to still live in Glendale. La
11 Crescenta is a part of the Glendale School District. And
12 it seems like -- I don't know what the population exactly
13 is, but putting that little yellow bit of La Crescenta
14 into that district might make sense because they do share
15 a school district. But I have no skin in the game, so if
16 it doesn't happen, it doesn't happen.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner -- any other comments on
18 this?

19 Commissioner Turner.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Going back to, Jaime,
21 Central South -- I mean, Central San Fernando Valley.
22 I'm looking at -- can we -- Toluca Lake. Yeah. Can we
23 take it out?

24 MS. CLARK: Yes, and I had received previous
25 direction from the Commission to include Toluca Lake with

1 North Hollywood.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Can we just remove it and see
3 what it does to the deviations and the CVAP?

4 (Pause)

5 MS. CLARK: So the -- where's my -- so this would
6 make the percent deviation of South SFV 6.76 percent and
7 the percent deviation of Central SFV 0.1 percent.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Can you put the full block on
9 that shows all of the -- all of the CVAP area?

10 MS. CLARK: Did you want to see Latino CVAP?

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, please. So it went
12 from -- without Toluca, it moved and it's a non-VRA area,
13 but it moved from fifty to what?

14 MS. CLARK: To 51.27.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. But then we're over.
16 Okay. Six and South -- so then -- okay. I don't have
17 anything else, but I don't like losing the other.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. I don't like it either, but
19 we'll have to see what we can come up with. And let's
20 see with Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Akutagawa,
21 and others.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. Just noting that
23 instead of moving towards consolidating the North
24 Hollywood area, which is not just the nor -- the NoHo
25 Neighborhood Council, but Toluca Lake, Valley Glen, NoHo,

1 North Hollywood Northeast, North Hollywood West, Valley
2 Village, Van Nuys, all of that, just -- it seems to be
3 less coherent than it was. Again --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- if --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: I agree.

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- we have to, we have to.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Just for
10 clarification, what is the CVAPs for East San Fernando
11 Valley again, especially the Latino one?

12 MS. CLARK: In this iteration, the Latino CVAP for
13 East San Fernando Valley, is 39.18 percent.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So then if you were to add
15 La Crescenta, it's probably going to go down even more.

16 Just the Santa Clarita Valley one, I think that that
17 includes -- what are -- what's the cities that are right
18 next to that central San Fernando Valley in that corner?
19 Yeah, like where your cursor is right now?

20 MS. CLARK: That's Northridge and North Hills West
21 Neighborhood Council.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And what's the deviations
23 for Santa Clarita Valley and -- well, it looks like
24 Central is about two points -- in other words, can you
25 maybe pick up that corner, that North Hills West and

1 maybe even that Northridge area to maybe bring up some of
2 that CVAP since there seems to be a -- you know, along
3 those edges, it might help bring that up without blowing
4 the deviation?

5 MS. CLARK: No.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Too many people?
7 Okay.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: We did get quite a few -- a lot of
9 feedback from communities including -- and I want to say
10 dozens and dozens, scores of feedback from VICA (ph.),
11 which did that do a really good job of putting this
12 together. I'm sure that there might be -- you know, that
13 was business community. That was the community. That
14 was individuals in this area. I'm just wondering if
15 maybe we can take -- if we can take a look at the VICA
16 maps as we develop this. Commissioner Sadhwani, I know
17 you had your hand raised.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. That was --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Then Turner, then Kennedy.

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. That was exactly
21 going to be what I was going to say is -- you know, I
22 think this is one option for us. I see the VICA maps
23 that came in, and I feel like reorienting slightly,
24 having Glendale, Burbank still go --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- westward could be another
2 option to kind of preserve the communities right there in
3 the central region of the Central Valley, going up
4 through Sylmar, San Fernando, Pacoima, et cetera, and
5 kind of reorienting us that way. (Indiscernible) --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.
7 I'm wondering if you could work with Jaime over the next
8 couple of minutes to try to see if there's a way we can
9 kind of reorient in that direction, see if there's a
10 possibility. And while we go to Oakland and Redwood City
11 because I know we may have -- Commissioner Andersen maybe
12 leaving in a -- no, she's still there. She -- Linda,
13 she's there.

14 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Oh.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, I don't know -- she may stay if
16 we're working on Oakland. So -- but I -- but anyways.
17 So let's go to Oakland and Redwood City and have
18 Commissioner Sadhwani work on this offline. If
19 Commissioner Kennedy has a comment, any suggestions for
20 Commissioner Sadhwani and -- or feedback for Commissioner
21 Sadhwani, and Jaime, while we're --

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. I
23 don't know, Commissioner Sadhwani, if this is along the
24 lines of what you were saying, but if we brought that
25 line that's currently at the 5 to the West, and then

1 picked up additional population for Central SFV in
2 Winnetka and Canoga Park, does -- what does that do to
3 our LCVAP in East SFV? I just get the sense that that
4 might help us if we did shift that line West from the 5
5 and then push the Central SFV District a little bit to
6 the West. Thank you.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Good point, Commissioner Kennedy. And in
8 the meantime, let's switch line drawers. Let's go to the
9 Bay Area, where we have Redwood City and Oakland to look
10 at. And I know we have maps for those areas that have
11 been drawn, and so -- and for us to look at. I don't
12 think it'll take too long to come back to --

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: This, should not take long.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- but -- and so -- but in the
15 meantime, we'll -- if Commissioner Sadhwani could work
16 with Jaime.

17 Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani, for volunteering.

18 MS. WILSON: And one moment while we have --

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Volun-told (ph.).

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: I volunteered her. Volun-told.

21 She's not going to like -- fight back that.

22 MS. WILSON: -- also -- excuse me. Really quickly.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah.

24 MS. WILSON: Commissioner Akutagawa, do you have a
25 shapefile that you're able to send?

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, that's right. The shapefile for
2 the Afghan community in Sacramento.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I -- I'll try to look and
4 see. The PDF was the only one that I found, so I'll
5 look.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And in the meantime,
7 let's get Tamina, who we haven't gotten a chance to work
8 with all day on -- online. And we're getting closer.
9 It's Bay Area, San Fernando Valley, and potentially
10 taking a look at a little bit of Sacramento and be -- and
11 we'll be done.

12 Hey, Tamina, welcome.

13 Oh, she can't hear us.

14 MS. RAMOS ALON: Good evening, everybody.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Hi, Tamina.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Hey, Tamina. You're so happy and you
17 have so much energy this evening.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Are you in a different time zone?

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Are you in Hawaii?

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: I wish (indiscernible) there.

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm just trying to be my best.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, thank you. We always appreciate
23 you, and everybody else on staff, and the Commissioners.
24 Let's see. And the public who is sending in so much
25 feedback. All right. So let's go to Oakland.

1 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. Yes, Chair.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we have Commissioner Yee, who has
3 his -- who's been able to work on the Oakland area and is
4 doing some cleanup.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. The hometown hero/GOAT. So
6 we received quite a bit of feedback, including calls this
7 morning about the split in Rockridge, that's in North
8 Oakland. You see there in the yellow line what we had,
9 and that feedback was richly deserved. I don't know what
10 I was thinking. So we have moved the line.

11 The line now goes down Shattuck. From Shattuck over
12 to -- okay. From Shattuck crossing the -- Highway 24,
13 over to 51st Ave. This keeps the Kono community of
14 interest, which is actually also an Eritrean Ethiopian
15 community of interest whole with Oakland. Comes down
16 Broadway, and comes over 40th Ave, which turns into Monte
17 Vista, I believe, and over to the Piedmont border.

18 Follows the Piedmont border -- Southern border and
19 goes straight up Park Boulevard. Full disclosure, this
20 changes my district all the way to Highway 13, then comes
21 up on the Northern side of Joaquin Miller Park, and then
22 continues out as it was before. So this keeps Rockridge
23 whole.

24 I want to say about it. It does shift, so all
25 the -- all the Oakland Hills communities go with East

1 Bay. Kaiser Hospital Oakland stays with Oakland.

2 Children's Hospital actually goes with East Bay.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Anything else to point out?

5 Yeah, the deviations look good. So we
6 feel -- Commissioner Andersen and I feel good about this.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Anything you want to add
8 about the -- add to this, Commissioner Andersen?

9 Commissioner Kennedy?

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Nope. It's great.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Nope. Okay. It's great. It looks
12 reasonable to me.

13 Commissioner Kennedy.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Just two
15 small cleanup items. On the Eastern edge of Piedmont, if
16 we could zoom in.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Such an eye you have.

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And some more.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Fine.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Incredible.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: There's a little -- that
22 little speck of yellow on the left side -- on the Eastern
23 edge of Piedmont.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Coming up Park Boulevard.

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. Yeah. Is that -- is
2 there population in -- on the left-hand side of that
3 road, there's a little strip of yellow. Yeah. Is that
4 that populated?

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: There are four people here, and
6 five people here.

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah, I would suggest that we
8 move those to join the people on the other side of the
9 road.

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Tamina, is that the Piedmont city
11 limit?

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: The Piedmont city limit is the
13 purple. So it's -- the Piedmont -- the yellow would
14 still be Oakland.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. Okay. Yeah. That's a
16 good move, then. Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And then at the Northern end
18 of the park on the Eastern edge of this district, I think
19 it was.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Oh, Joaquin Miller, perhaps?

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. There's that
22 little -- it almost looks like kangaroo ears or something
23 up at the top there. Again, that looks like part
24 of -- oh, I see. That's all Oakland.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. It still looks a bit
3 odd.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: We were going for the park
5 boundary. But the park has actually expanded over time,
6 and so we're thinking that's why it probably crossed
7 over. If we took all of the park, then we would end up
8 with more to the streets to the Northwest, and we didn't
9 want to do that.

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Okay.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: So just for counsel, does the neck
12 cause any problem here?

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: It's not -- it's --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: No population there.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- (indiscernible) park there,
16 yeah. Although, I see a 12 there.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's unpopulated. Okay. Great. Any
18 other changes for the Oakland area? Any other proposed
19 changes for the Oakland area?

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Can we zoom out and just see
21 it again?

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: And also, I just wanted to ask if the
23 VICA folks are listening -- and I know they are always
24 listening, if you could send your shapefiles to Voters
25 FIRST email, that would be greatly appreciated. Thank

1 you. As we're working through our maps in the San
2 Fernando Valley.

3 All right. The Oakland area looks good.

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: What's at the top of East Bay?

5 Oh, that's there that we did.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Rodeo --

7 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I remember.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah.

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I got it.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Excellent.

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: So I recommend we take --

12 finalize this.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: I am looking at the room, in
14 the -- in our portal. Everyone is in agreement, or at
15 least we have consensus -- a general consensus is what
16 I'm seeing. So let's move on to Redwood City. Let's
17 accept it. Let's move on to Redwood City. And then if
18 we have time, we'll go out to Sacramento.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. The one unhappy split we
20 had in Redwood City was -- I'm sorry, in this district
21 was Redwood City. You'll recall, we tried to split the
22 Lamar Hill (ph.) parts of Redwood City from the flats.
23 So this is a proposal to make Redwood City whole. We do
24 that by taking in Pacifica to Half Moon Bay, into South
25 Penn (ph.) and also adjusting that line at Gato Santa

1 Cruz to shift a little bit of the unincorporated
2 population. And so this makes Redwood City whole.

3 So wondering if anyone has any thoughts about moving
4 Half Moon Bay with the South Bay communities of -- you
5 know, all the way down to Los Altos --

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- Mountainview.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- to break, Chair.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And it does look like
10 they're in the county of San Mateo. Did we keep the
11 County of San Mateo whole? And we do need to go break in
12 a minute, so --

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- you can -- if somebody knows the
15 answer to that. Well, we don't, right? We have a
16 portion in -- out of the district, but --

17 MS. RAMOS ALON: The county of San Mateo is in three
18 districts, but this actually reduces, it used to be in
19 four; so now it is back in three.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's good. So there's one fewer
21 cut. Looking around the room, any concern about this
22 change? We're getting a lot of consensus here, so let's
23 move -- let's accept this change, and then we'll go to
24 break, 15 minutes. And then after that, we'll go to
25 Sacramento if we have the shapefiles for the Afghan

1 community. Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Tamina.

3 (Whereupon, a recess was held 9:53 p.m. until
4 10:10 p.m.)

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
6 Citizens Redistricting. We're in Sacramento exploring
7 some communities of interest focused on the Afghan
8 community in Sacramento.

9 Commissioner Akutagawa and Kennedy, can you
10 please --

11 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- let -- just tell us a little bit
13 about this Afghan community in Sacramento, and where
14 they're located, and how many people are in this
15 district?

16 MS. WILSON: So here is the COI; I went ahead and
17 added it to West SAC just because the deviation is lower
18 here. So this would -- bringing it over to West Placer
19 would bring it too far over. We are at a 5.09. This
20 goes out to Manzanita Avenue, in their COI testimony I
21 read, and it said West of Manzanita Avenue. So that's
22 what we took in and followed their shapefile. I think we
23 could explore bringing this in and either putting La
24 Riviera or McClellan Park into West Placer SAC to balance
25 it. That's the short, and that's all I have to say.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you -- what are your thoughts
2 about the opportunities and the challenges of
3 putting -- of shifting these populations?

4 MS. WILSON: I think it's, you know, community
5 interest for your decision. But --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

7 MS. WILSON: -- but making a swap like -- it's at
8 5.09, so it's not very high. So taking one of these out
9 would do the trick.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: So potentially taking out Rosemont or
11 swapping out Rosemont might do the trip -- trick; is that
12 what you're saying, or is it --

13 MS. WILSON: Sorry, it's La Riviera.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, La Riviera and McClellan Park.

15 MS. WILSON: Well, I just see those as kind of an
16 easy fix for one of these two to move out. They're both
17 not very big, but enough to bring the deviation down.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're looking at La Riviera or
19 McClellan Park as potential swaps. Thoughts from the
20 floor? Linda -- Commissioner Akutagawa, and then
21 Commissioner Fernandez, and then we'll -- oh, my -- my
22 face wasn't showing. Here we go.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'll have Commissioner
24 Fernandez go first.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's good.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think got my question in,
2 so thanks.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez, then.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: And then Commissioner Sinay.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. I would
7 prefer not to move La Riviera, because that's somewhat
8 close to SAC State and some of the housing in that area.
9 Maybe McClellan Park might be a better swap. Is that
10 what you said, Kennedy, was McClellan Park or La Riviera?
11 Yeah, I would -- I would prefer to keep La Riviera where
12 it is. Thank you.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Sinay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'll be honest. At this hour,
15 I do not remember what all the communities of interest
16 were, and there were a lot here; and we did a lot of work
17 to make sure we had different communities of interest
18 together.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So my concern would be, if we
21 do anything, it's just going to mess up another one. I
22 just really want us to be careful, because I feel like we
23 worked really hard and really, really, really, really
24 long in this area, and that we may just do less harm if
25 we (audio interference).

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So Let's go to
2 Commissioner Akutagawa, then Fernandez.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think we've been hearing
4 consistently about this particular COI. I think there
5 were some other COIs we weren't able to meet, but I think
6 this seems like this one, based on what I've read, that
7 we can accomplish now that we have the shapefiles, and
8 the addition is a lot smaller than the entirety of
9 Carmichael.

10 So you know, as much as we can, I think we've tried
11 to make sure that we've, you know, tried to keep the COIs
12 together. And this one seems like, for a refugee
13 community, it would be important for them to be able to
14 be together.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner --

16 MS. WILSON: And --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm sorry, Kennedy.

18 MS. WILSON: If I may, just from, you know,
19 testimony in courts I've worked with, I have seen
20 McClellan Park, North Highlands and Foothill Farms being
21 a COI.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: So the -- so in fact, these
23 would -- it would be appropriate to put McClellan, North
24 Highlands, and Foothill, based on community of input
25 testimony is what you're saying?

1 MS. WILSON: Yes.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Potentially.

3 MS. WILSON: That's -- yeah, potentially, but --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: That the COIs are aligned. Okay.

5 MS. WILSON: -- yeah, that's a COI that I have seen.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner

7 Fernandez, you have additional testimony or advice --

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- suggestions?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: One of those. I'm glad you
11 gave me choices. Can you -- Kennedy, can you please zoom
12 into that area that you have highlighted? I didn't -- I
13 kind of cut the tail end of the boundaries.

14 MS. WILSON: Oh, yes, of course. So we have here at
15 the top is Winding Way, and then this is Manzanita Avenue
16 going down on the Eastern border, and then towards the
17 bottom we have Kenneth Avenue here and El Camino Avenue.
18 And then just following the COI that was sent in, I'm
19 just following their shapefile lines, but those are -- or
20 this is actually Fair Oaks Boulevard.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Right. The COI I read did
22 say Fair Oaks Boulevard.

23 MS. WILSON: Yes, and that's my apologies. Fair
24 Oaks Boulevard, not --

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- well, and Manzanita Avenue
2 turns into Fair Oaks Boulevard.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Right. And that's what
4 they -- it was Fair Oaks and Eastern Manzanita,
5 so -- okay.

6 MS. WILSON: So those ran into each other.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you. I
8 was just trying to make sure it wasn't running into a
9 major -- okay. Thank you.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez, what are your
11 thoughts about the swap? And others.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Let me think. I would
13 honestly prefer to keep Carmichael together,
14 but -- because that's one -- somebody's playing, because
15 that's -- that is a separate COI also, is to keep the
16 communities full. So I'm --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Jaime.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- either way at this
19 point. It's midnight.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- so --

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's Tuesday.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- okay. So let's hear from others.
23 Commissioner Sinay.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I think I'm going to say
25 the same thing as Commissioner Fernandez. I mean, we've

1 got a lot of testimony kind of saying keep Carmichael
2 together, keep Carmichael with Arden-Arcade together.
3 And I guess here we keep parts of both of those together.
4 And then we've got another -- I mean, I just feel like we
5 work -- part of why we worked so hard here was there was
6 this priority to keep cities whole, and that's why we
7 couldn't do that Viejo. And yes, I'm going to bring up
8 Viejo again. And so I just -- either way, but let's be
9 consistent. I mean, we can't --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.
11 Commissioner Akutagawa.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I just want to remind
13 everybody that as much as we want to keep cities whole,
14 they're on the same level as COIs. And I believe what I
15 read is the reason to keep Carmichael with Arden-Arcade
16 was because of this refugee community. And so that's
17 what I read. So anyways, COIs and cities are on the same
18 level; they're number 4. So that's all I'll say.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Looking for general consensus
20 here. Okay. Anyone in opposition to this change? I'm
21 looking for opposition at this point. Or not. Is not
22 willing -- not able to live with this.

23 Commissioner Sinay.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm not in opposition. I'm
25 just getting -- I just think we need -- I feel like when

1 I bring up communities of interest, people kind of go
2 over it really quickly, and it's not important. I do
3 feel that we're -- gotten to the point -- we are in the
4 12th hour, literally, and it's time, you know -- just
5 let's be more -- either we put in all the communities of
6 interest that everyone brings up, because when another
7 place is -- when they've been brought up, people ignore
8 them; or we just -- you know, this is really pretty late
9 into the process to try to look up every COI that we
10 might be missing, because we're going to be missing them.

11 I mean, you know, we -- San Pedro asked not to be
12 with Long Beach and they asked to be together. They
13 got -- they're not with Long Beach, necessarily, but
14 they're not together. I mean, we've been hacking, and
15 all over the place doing all sorts of things. So yes,
16 let's move forward on this. But let's also agree that
17 it's time not to dig deep into the COIs, but to just move
18 forward.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Ms. Sinay -- or
20 Commissioner Sinay. And you know, it's hard when we're
21 balancing COIs and having to make difficult decisions.
22 I'm looking for general consensus here. No, I don't see
23 anyone particularly loving it or not -- you know, not
24 particularly opposed, so -- or not in opposition, I
25 should say. It's late, so I'm not as clear as I should

1 be.

2 So with that, I do see general consensus to move
3 forward as folks can live with this change. And it
4 potentially brings together the Afghan refugee
5 community -- or it does bring together the Afghan refugee
6 community. Fabulous. So with that, we will move back
7 down to Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley. It's the last
8 region to be looked up. And so we will -- thank you so
9 much, Kennedy. Thank you for staying with us, for
10 everything you do for us, and for helping us through the
11 Northern California Assembly Districts; really appreciate
12 it. Thank you, Karin, too, for all you do.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just -- hi. Just one moment,
14 please. Jaime is on the way over here. She's just
15 talking with Commissioner Sadhwani.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Excellent. Thank you so much. And
17 thank you all for everything you're doing. And we will
18 switch over.

19 Kennedy, anything you have to say before you go?

20 MS. WILSON: Good night.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Good night and have a good evening.
22 Sleep well. Thank you, again.

23 MS. WILSON: You, too.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're going to take a five-minute
25 break so that we can switch line drawers and get a glass

1 of water, maybe some caffeinated drinks, and then we'll
2 be right back. I do see that -- I do hear that there has
3 been some progress made in the San Fernando Valley, so
4 let's keep our fingers crossed. All right. We'll see
5 you in a couple of minutes.

6 (Pause)

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
8 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We are looking at the
9 San -- at the San Fernando Valley region. This is our
10 final region before we complete our maps. And I believe
11 we have two versions of a map. So I will turn it over to
12 Jaime and Sara to walk us through all of the iterations
13 that they've been able to walk through over the last half
14 hour or so, and to present on the options.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. So I'll just start us
16 off, and then Jaime can walk us through some of the
17 options. I'll just note we were able to identify and
18 find the VICA shapefiles, thankfully. Unfortunately,
19 what we received seemed to be based on an older version
20 of our map, not on where we are right now with different
21 proportions of Glendale, it seemed.

22 So it didn't fit with what we had exactly. So
23 the -- it -- the proportions were still off, the
24 deviations were still off. So we took a stab at
25 reworking something. Yeah, let us know what you think.

1 We have two different versions. I think, notably, we
2 took Glendale, Burbank out of that that East SFV
3 district, which is, you know, where, you know, going up
4 to Sylmar, San Fernando, Pacoima.

5 In that area, you'll notice that that has most
6 certainly connected many of those communities of interest
7 that we've heard from, many essential workers and others.
8 It does still pair Glendale all the way out to Woodland
9 Hills. We offer two versions; neither is perfect, for
10 sure.

11 In the one that we're looking at right now -- and
12 I'll let Jaime talk more about it, we are certainly
13 cutting into Neighborhood Councils districts; and we are
14 doing so kind of close to the 101. And I recognize that
15 was not something anyone is asking for. But at the same
16 time, we're trying to work with what we have, and keep
17 the changes localized and meet all of our goals. So this
18 is one option.

19 And then a second option that we'll -- I'll let
20 Jaime go through this, and a second option that you're
21 going to see in just a second is going to take a look at
22 Woodland Hills, in particular, and bringing that in to
23 that central SFV.

24 So Jaime, do you want to walk us through some of
25 these options that we looked at?

1 MS. CLARK: Sure. So for both options, SCV and East
2 SFV are the same; so I'm just going to sort of show those
3 first, and then move on to the other ones. So Santa
4 Clarita Valley with this is included with Granada Hills,
5 Northridge areas, Porter Ranch, Chatsworth, West Hills,
6 and Bell Canyon.

7 In East SFV, it's Sylmar, San Fernando, Mission
8 Hills, Pacoima, Arleta, Sun Valley, NoHo areas, Greater
9 Valley Glen, Sun Lanta Hunga, and Foothills Trails, and
10 includes the Burbank Airport. As Commissioner Sadhwani
11 noted, Glendale and Burbank are not with these other
12 communities along the 210.

13 And as such, this South SFV-based district includes
14 Glendale, North of 134, Burbank, except for the areas
15 around the airport, North Hollywood Neighborhood Council,
16 Greater Toluca Lake, Studio City, Sherman Oaks, South of
17 POSO. And then Encino, Tarzana, and Woodland Hills areas
18 South of the 101.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

20 MS. CLARK: And then the other version, which I will
21 switch to right now -- one moment, please, while I load
22 that up, basically, is very similar in the South SFV
23 district. And instead of following the 101, it keeps
24 more Neighborhood Council areas full, but it includes --
25 it includes Woodland Hills with the Central SFV-based

1 district. So you can see here --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

3 MS. CLARK: -- Woodland Hills, Warner Center is with
4 Central SFV. And Glendale and Burbank go out to Tarzana.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime. And Commissioner
6 Sadhwani.

7 Any comments on the floor? And I think we do have
8 three options. So the three options that we have is,
9 one, we have a map that we -- that the community didn't
10 particularly like, but that we had consensus on two days
11 ago.

12 And then we have these two additional that we're
13 working through. If we could, you know -- and it's
14 getting late, so let's try to see if we can find a
15 consensus on this. And maybe -- maybe the option is that
16 we stick with the ones we have approved now, and that
17 we -- we don't have to make a final decision on these
18 until the 18th of December, but we have general consensus
19 throughout the maps. And it is difficult at this late
20 hour to really make final decisions on this,
21 so -- Commissioner Sadhwani, what are your thoughts?

22 And the rest of the floor, what are your thoughts?
23 Because -- especially if we're going to be making such
24 important decisions in the final region, trying to redraw
25 this whole area with -- now we -- we've lost a couple of

1 Commissioners as well.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I mean, I'm -- I
3 would be fine to like, let this region sit with anyone of
4 those versions, and happy to continue to work with Jaime.
5 We might -- maybe we'll get additional testimony as well
6 about different iterations. I mean, I think what I'm
7 hearing is that we're -- we are feeling really good about
8 Los Angeles underneath this.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And so whatever changes we
11 make need to be localized here. So I would feel totally
12 comfortable to continue working on this. But I see other
13 hands. So I'm happy to hear what other folks are
14 thinking. And -- yeah.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Turner, Commissioner
16 Sinay.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I think the maps have
18 great potential. And I would just like to
19 understand -- Jaime, could you tell me between the two
20 presentations that were just made, what are the
21 differences, just the high level? I didn't get it. Not
22 what's different from --

23 MS. CLARK: So the --

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- what we've had before;
25 what's the difference in those two?

1 MS. CLARK: -- so the difference in these two is that in
2 this version, Woodland Hills Warner Center is almost
3 entirely included with these central San Fernando Valley
4 areas that I'm circling with the hand right now --

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh.

6 MS. CLARK: -- whereas in the other version that we
7 saw, Glendale and Burbank go all the way out to the --
8 sort of the edge of where I'm highlighting with the hand
9 now, and then these areas, which are North of the 101,
10 are included in central San Fernando Valley. So a
11 difference --

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So --

13 MS. CLARK: -- is that more Neighborhood Council
14 areas are split. And in this one, Woodland Hills Warner
15 Center is still split -- the split is smaller, and it's
16 with these central San Fernando Valley-based districts.
17 So yeah.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was going to ask what I think
20 you just answered at the end, which is, there's less
21 splits in this version we're looking at right now than
22 the prior version. And if that's -- so what I would like
23 us to think about is actually --

24 I hear what you're saying, Chair, but I would like
25 us to throw out the map that wasn't working and maybe

1 keep two of, you know, these two maps with this one that
2 has the least amount of splits in the map visualization
3 now so -- the iteration -- the map iteration -- so that
4 the community can give us input on this one. Because I
5 would rather us not leave one in the map tool and
6 continue to get input on the wrong, you know -- on the
7 map that we know they don't like, that at least if we're
8 on the right path or we can find out if we're on the
9 right path, but I don't want to leave the one that
10 they've already been critiquing, and we've already done
11 some work to fix.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Turner.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yep, I totally agree. I think
14 that's where we cause confusion when we leave too many
15 things out.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And it would be great if we
18 can even say what our favorite of these are, and then
19 just get the community to respond from that. Because the
20 other iterations are posted, they will see them, they'll
21 have that as an option, but perhaps we can say this is
22 what we're leaning towards. And I'd love to lean towards
23 the one with the fewer splits, but one of these two.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's compare the two. And I'm
25 going to look around the room to see if we have

1 consensus. Okay. Let's take a look at the two.

2 MS. CLARK: So we can't look at them side by side,
3 so just everybody take a good look at this one, and then
4 I'm going to switch to the other version. So just again,
5 highlighting the -- in this one, Woodland Hills Warner
6 Center is with these areas I'm circling, and Glendale and
7 Burbank only go out to Tarzana; so that's the difference,
8 so just commit that to memory, please.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, that's a good idea.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We're all going to be dreaming
11 this map now.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: I lost it. It looks exactly the
13 same.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Are you messing with
15 (indiscernible)?

16 MS. CLARK: No, I'm not trying to.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Now I feel like I'm in the optometry
18 office. Yeah, that's very different.

19 MS. CLARK: So here is -- again, this district, it's
20 these -- the areas I'm circling are the same in both
21 versions, and then this line goes down and follows the
22 highway, and this district goes from Glendale out to the
23 county border and includes this part of the Woodland
24 Hills area. So basically, this district is longer.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

1 MS. CLARK: And in the other version, this district
2 includes this area; those are the differences.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can you put the other one back
4 on?

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

6 MS. CLARK: One second, please.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So while Jaime's doing that,
8 I'll just note, like, Woodland Hills -- from what I know
9 of Woodland Hills, is -- it's pretty different than Van
10 Nuys and other areas in the central SFV area. And we've
11 heard testimony in the past about the differences that
12 exist within the San Fernando Valley, which is why these
13 maps -- you know, even as we were drawing them, we're
14 just trying to find solutions in a -- in the time that we
15 have. They give me a little bit of pause, and you know,
16 so I -- you know, this map that we're looking at here
17 brings in all of Woodland Hills; definitely a different
18 sort of profile from some of the other areas in the
19 central SFV region. But given the Glendale/Burbank
20 piece, right, that we have Glendale to contend with here
21 in this area, we -- Glendale can either go North or it
22 can go West. And so I think Commissioner Vazquez's map
23 had it going North; in this iteration, we have it
24 shifting westward. These are the things that we're kind
25 of playing around with and this was as much as we could

1 do in the time that we had, but certainly, I think -- I
2 know that we're scheduled on December 18th to come back
3 to not just Assembly, but Assembly, Senate, and Board of
4 Equalization, but if there's a desire to continue kind of
5 thinking about this, I think that could be an upper --
6 this might be a reasonable place to spend a little time
7 on the 18th, and we could come back with some additional
8 ideas for this region if need be.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, and we can also ask the
10 community to provide additional ideas, including VICA,
11 who's been so active in this area.

12 So Commissioner Sinay, Commissioner Fornaciari.

13 It's best if they use their latest version of the
14 maps.

15 Commissioner Sinay --

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would like --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and Fornaciari.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would like us to use this
19 map, and I would also like us to explore it because it
20 looks like East San Fernando Valley is at a negative, and
21 South San Fernando Valley is at a positive, if it's
22 possible to add more of Burbank -- I mean, to make
23 Burbank more whole. I know that might change it.

24 And I'm not saying now, Jaime, so you don't have to
25 worry; I'm just saying as we're exploring. But it would

1 be great if we could -- I would say this map.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you're suggesting we balance the
3 two -- the central SFV and the East SFV in terms of
4 population.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes, but very specifically with
6 Burbank.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: And very specifically with Burbank.
8 I get you.

9 All right. Commissioner Fornaciari.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I was going to say I
11 would go with this map to get feedback on.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And Jaime, we owe you a
14 vacation.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: We do, a big one. We'll take you to
16 our next vacation.

17 Commissioner Sadhwani, and then Commissioner
18 Kennedy.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I just wanted to note,
20 responding to Commissioner Sinay, the challenge with
21 Burbank is that it -- it's the gateway to Glendale; so
22 where Burbank goes, if it goes in whole, so must
23 Glendale. So that's the one thing that we're just trying
24 to play around with because of the geography of how
25 there -- the -- those two are so closely connected. And

1 they are, right? I mean, they certainly are very much
2 connected, also culturally as well, but that's definitely
3 one of the key pieces that we're thinking about.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

5 Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Fornaciari.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: My own preference at this
7 point would be to continue with the current maps, but ask
8 the team working on it to continue to look at other
9 options and see what other options we have by the time we
10 get back to this on the 18th. Thank you.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

12 Commissioner Fornaciari.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Just a question. Is this
14 210 over here, where I'm waving my mouse, is that correct
15 at this point, or does that -- that includes the changes
16 that they made earlier. Okay. Okay. Well, that's
17 something to think about. All right. Thank you.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

19 Okay. So we need to come to some kind of general
20 consensus on it.

21 Commissioner Fernandez.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, did I miss it in
23 the beginning?

24 Commissioner Sadhwani, were you recommending one of
25 them? And I apologize, you might have said it, but I

1 might have missed it.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I mean, maybe this
3 splitsville one, right, where it's splitting through
4 along the 101, at least those areas are a little bit more
5 connected than the Woodland Hills one -- this one that
6 we're looking at. But I mean, either one, honestly,
7 whatever the Commission feels comfortable with, I'm
8 definitely happy to collect public comment on this area
9 and continue to work with Jaime to think about additional
10 potential options when we have more than twenty minutes
11 to do so.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, I guess at this point
14 I'm kind of leaning towards this one or the other new one
15 only because the feedback so far has been the one we have
16 now is horrible. So I feel if we at least post, maybe
17 we're getting warmer, maybe we're getting colder, but at
18 least that gives us another -- gives us different
19 feedback.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Commissioner Fornaciari,
21 Commissioner Yee.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I think that, you
23 know, now that -- now this is our constraint at this
24 point, right? I mean, this is the constraint. The
25 feedback we're going to get is within the constraint that

1 we have, and so you know, I think that will help guide us
2 to get to a better place.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

4 Commissioner Yee and Commissioner -- and rather,
5 Jaime.

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, thanks to everyone who's
7 worked on this. You know, I'm thinking whatever we post,
8 we're going to get feedback, and it's going to be mixed,
9 you know? And if we post the other one, we'll get
10 feedback, and it's going to be mixed. So I'm looking for
11 help how -- and not being personally familiar with this
12 area -- looking for help. How am I going to weigh which
13 side of the mix to fall, you know? What principles, what
14 general things can we say about this area that are going
15 to help guide my thinking? You know, Commissioner
16 Sadhwani just mentioned some things about West Hills, for
17 instance. You know, just looking for some help to make
18 that decision.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner.

20 Or rather, Commissioner Akutagawa, and then I think
21 we had Karin and Jaime who had something to say, too.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was just going to ask
23 Commissioner Yee what kind of -- what kind of help are
24 you looking for that could be helpful?

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: You know, anything that could

1 help me -- you know, help me lean one way or the other.
2 I mean, you know, for instance, the Mulholland Drive, you
3 know? But I mean, this is the one input that's been so,
4 you know, clear and consistent. Well, that really helps,
5 right? Because I really just got -- started thinking. I
6 don't know, you know, whatever help is decided.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's see if Karin and Jaime have
8 some thoughts.

9 I think you're on mute.

10 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah. Oh, very sorry. I didn't
11 realize you called on us.

12 Hello, Commissioners. I just need to just say
13 something, just realistically speaking, about continuing
14 to map on the Assembly and looking at your schedule and
15 of the schedule that we have been working. So when we're
16 not sitting in meetings, we are all working with at least
17 one of you. And for Jaime in particular, that has meant
18 working twenty-hour days right now, or eighteen-hour
19 days. So we're going to Congress tomorrow, and we're
20 going to be mapping with one or more of you on Congress
21 starting tomorrow. I don't know when there is time to
22 continue to work on the Assembly. I just don't know.
23 There's just not -- we just don't have the capacity. I'm
24 sorry. I mean, we're burning the candles on both ends
25 here, and we're really at the limit. It's, what, 12:37

1 right now. We've been working since this morning at 9, I
2 think, in meetings. And I know you also have long days,
3 but, you know, we're going to be mapping tonight. We're
4 putting maps together tonight, and then tomorrow morning
5 it's going to continue. So it's just -- really it's
6 unrealistic to think that there's going to be much more
7 happening on Assembly unless you take some days off.
8 Just wanted to throw that out there. And I know this is
9 not going to be a popular little statement here, and I
10 apologize. That's my job to be the unpopular one, so
11 there you go.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime -- Thank you, Karin,
13 rather.

14 Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Akutagawa.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And I do agree with
16 Karin, so thank you for that. I think we have to make a
17 decision, because we've got to move on. And if there's
18 something, you know, that comes up that we can change
19 later that's somewhat quickly, that's great, but I would
20 recommend we go with the one right now that's on the
21 screen.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa,
23 Commissioner Turner.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, first off, Jaime and
25 Karin, thank you so much for just hanging in there with

1 us. You know, while we're up late, you're up late, and
2 even later than us, too, so I wanted to first say that.

3 Secondly, I do like this newer map better than the
4 previous maps. I think it -- there's pairings or
5 groupings that make more sense from a city's perspective,
6 and I think we can try to get some of the reactions from
7 there, and yeah. Thank you.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Turner.

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Love, kisses, hugs.
10 Thank you, line drawers. I think this is the right map
11 for us to go forward with.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's just get general
13 consensus if this is the map that we're going to go with.
14 Looking around the room. I mean, whether we can live
15 with it -- the standard is whether we can live with it,
16 right? So let's say we can kind of live with it. I'll
17 live with it. All right. And I think -- let me just
18 make sure everyone else can live with it. Everyone else
19 is asleep, so I think for now we'll live with it, and
20 we'll decide on the 18th, right, whether this is the map
21 we're going to take.

22 All right. Moving forward. So Karin, I will ask
23 you if you could number the map -- number it across so
24 that we can try to nest the Assembly's district with the
25 State Senate.

1 MS. MAC DONALD: We can do that, and we'll do that
2 offline. And we will not be able to post that tomorrow
3 morning by 8 o'clock, obviously, so it's going to take a
4 couple of days doing, you know, all the various checks
5 and so forth. So we'll let you know tomorrow a good
6 estimate of when you can expect it, but I'm guessing a
7 couple of days with PDFs and all of that, if that works.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much. And with that, we
9 will be adjourning. Thank you, everyone. Thank you,
10 staff. Thank you -- thank you, Karin and all the line
11 drawers. Thank you to everyone. Thank you to the public
12 who's still listening to us, and to the Commissioners.
13 We will be back tomorrow at, I believe, 11 a.m.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Today.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Chair?

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Today. Today. We're back today at
17 11 o'clock.

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Chair?

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, thank you, Commissioner -- yes.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Quick question for Kimberly.
21 The least amount of splits for San Fernando Valley was
22 decided, correct?

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: We decided to go with the map that
24 had the fewer --

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: That's right --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- splits.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- Kimberly. Thank you.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right.

4 So we will be moving forward, and we will have --
5 we'll be meeting tomorrow, 11 a.m., working on the
6 Congressional maps. Thank you all.

7 And we will see each other -- get a good night's
8 sleep, we'll see each other tomorrow.

9 (Whereupon, the 2021 Citizens Redistricting
10 Commission (CRC) meeting adjourned at 12:40
11 a.m.)

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