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P R O C E E D I N G S

1:02 p.m.

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

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.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.



1 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

3 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

5 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

7 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

9 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Aqui.

11 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor.

12 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Aqui.

13 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Toledo.

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

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

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

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

25 Commissioner Andersen.

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

11 Anything else you want to say, Commissioner Kennedy?

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No.

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

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

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

1 that's -- depending on how things move, the timing of it,
2 it might either move up or move back. But we'll give the
3 whole rundown this next week. But we will start in the
4 South and then move progressively North.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you Commissioner Andersen.

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

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

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: So we will -- just to

1 clarify, Chair. We will be taking calls until what time,
2 please?

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

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

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay, 1:37.

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

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

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

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

25 In order to maximize transparency and public

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

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

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

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

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.



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

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

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

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, thank you. Hi,
10 Commissioners. I am extremely -- my name is Nancy, and
11 I'm extremely upset to see the Assembly map for Santa
12 Clarita. It makes absolutely no sense. Santa Clarita is
13 the third largest city in the county and it deals with
14 issues distinctly different from the City of Los Angeles,
15 like wild fires and public safety power shutoff. Santa
16 Clarita is surrounded by national forest and it should be
17 in an Assembly district with its neighboring communities,
18 and those who share similar characteristics. Putting
19 Santa Clarita with a white affluent area in this -- of
20 the City of Los Angeles I believe to be -- will delete
21 the unique concerns and be -- and we would be ignored,
22 because they will be focused on a wealthier neighborhood
23 that is almost over an hour away. Please put Santa
24 Clarita in its own Assembly district with its neighbor,
25 and not put Santa Clarita with a wealthy -- the

1 wealthiest neighborhood of -- of Los Angeles that will
2 drown out our voices.

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

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

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

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

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

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

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

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

24 Caller 1965, please follow the prompts. One more
25 time. Caller with the last four digits 1965, if you



1 could please unmute. Go ahead.

2 MS. WALTON: Great. Am I unmuted?

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

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

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



1 border. Most importantly, we want to stay unified as
2 North Oakland and we appreciate you taking our request
3 into consideration.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

5 MS. WALTON: Thank you so much.

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

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

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

23 Just a note of caution to please be wary of the
24 group VICA that purports to speak for the San Fernando
25 Valley. It is a collection of corporate businesses and

1 it does not represent the will of our voices and
2 marginalizes the immigrant communities. Their maps are
3 made with no public input and no community engagement.
4 They do not represent the valley.

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

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

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

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We can hear you.

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

1 Camp Pendleton and then the San Diego -- the next San
2 Diego city after San Clemente. So keeping Orange County
3 together, especially the beach cities, and keeping inland
4 cities, because I mean, what does an inland city have in
5 common with a beach city? And so we just want the beach
6 cities to stay together. Thank you for your time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

15 Koreatown deserves a single elected official --

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

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

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

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

25 MR. WALDMAN: Hi. Stuart Waldman from VICA,



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

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

1 you don't have the weirdness --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

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

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

8 3447, if you could please follow the prompts. Go
9 ahead.

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

1 those neighborhoods that are inter-connected, as well as
2 USC Berkeley students that either live as under-graduates
3 or graduates --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 In the Southern part of the district, there's also a
25 breaking up of San Leandro. That's a major community



1 that -- you know, one relies heavily on having their
2 voice together. They rely on things like
3 transportation --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

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

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

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

23 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Good afternoon. Thank
24 you to the Commission for all your hard work. My name is
25 Leanora C. (ph.). I was born in Rockridge and I'm a

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

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

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

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

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
25 we've got caller 9503, and after that will be caller



1 7331.

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

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

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

1 communities --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

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

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

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

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

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

24 Caller 7331, if you could please follow those
25 prompts. Go ahead.



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

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

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

20 So however you decide to do it --

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

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

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

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

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

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.



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

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Great, thanks. My name
25 is Ben (ph.). I actually called in a few nights ago and



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

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

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

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
24 we've got caller 5181, and after that will be caller
25 3270.



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

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.
4 This may run to you as conventional wisdom, but the City
5 of Santa Clarita is actually a majority minority city.
6 It's the third largest city in the County of LA, and it
7 deserves to anchor its own Assembly district with
8 neighboring communities like Acton and Agua Dulce,
9 instead of diluting our power by including us with
10 overwhelmingly white and affluent areas of the City of
11 Los Angeles like West Hills and Woodland Hills and
12 Chatsworth.

13 Please protect our communities of interest by
14 including us with our neighbors, and Woodland Hills with
15 their neighbors. Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
17 we've got caller 3270, and after that will be caller
18 6628.

19 Caller 3270, if you could please -- oh, just a
20 moment, my bad. All right. Let's try this again.
21 Caller 3270, if you could please follow the prompts to
22 unmute by pressing star six. Go ahead.

23 MS. MEDINA: Hello. My name is Martha Medina. I'm
24 part of the Latino community member from Van Nuys and I'm
25 really concerned about these recent maps. I have nothing

1 in common with the communities of San Fernando and
2 Granada Hills. We do most of our shopping, as a family
3 and community, within the Victor -- Victory Boulevard
4 corridor, and our dining. And that's where we do a lot
5 of our shopping.

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

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

22 MS. MEDINA: -- are split. This area needs our
23 attention. And the last-minute nature of these maps has
24 thrown our community into disarray. Please remedy this
25 and use the draft that was created in November as a base

1 for those fixes.

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

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

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

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

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

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

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

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

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

24 So yeah, Commissioners, I would recommend you put
25 Simi Valley with Santa Clarita, not only for the

1 protection of wild -- from wildfires, but also the
2 aerospace industry. Our economies are interlinked. And
3 yeah, thank you for your time, Commissioners, and have a
4 great day.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 have read from people who live in Folsom. They deserve
2 to be kept together, as well.

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

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

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

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



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

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

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

25 Caller 388 -- caller 3889, go ahead.



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

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

19 Caller 8174. Go ahead.

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

1 12/6/21 in San Fernando Valley. We want to underscore
2 the importance of low-income immigrant communities in the
3 San Fernando Valley around Pacoima.

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

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

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

23 MS. RODRIGUEZ: (Indiscernible) any further South
24 than West Commonwealth Avenue, because this area is
25 experiencing environmental hazards across the line from

1 Chapman South into (indiscernible).

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

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

7 Caller 1886. Go ahead.

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

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

20 Caller 9287. Go ahead.

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

1 needs.

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

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

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

20 Caller 9009. Go ahead.

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

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We can.

23 MR. CARROLL: Oh, great. Thank you so much. Hey,
24 Commissioners, my name is Mike Carroll. I'm a member the
25 Irvine City Council.



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

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

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

25 MR. CARROLL: -- and a district that kept the City



1 of Irvine whole and not severed as a community. Irvine
2 is the third largest city and the sixth largest county in
3 the United States --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

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

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

10 Caller 3761. Go ahead.

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

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

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

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

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

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

25 We do have concerns that San Leandro looks like it



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

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

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

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

17 Caller 0682. Go ahead.

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

1 of us will get to enjoy that.

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

14 Putting Simi Valley --

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- changed much the last
24 two months. I'm really hoping that you don't change them
25 at the last minute. Please leave them the way they are.



1 They're cut perfectly along the North LA County line.
2 Thank you so much for your hard work and happy holidays.

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

6 Caller 0177. Go ahead.

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

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

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

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

3 9747. Go ahead.

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

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

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

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

23 Caller 1874. The floor is yours.

24 MR. TRIGLIA: Hello. I'm calling from northeast Los
25 Angeles. My name is Vito Triglia. And I'm concerned

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

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

14 Caller 1960. Go ahead.

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

1 Proper representation for our growing community requires
2 representation and for the community to be whole. So I
3 thank you for your service and consideration.

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

7 Caller 1528. Go ahead.

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

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

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
24 we've got caller 5410, and after that will be caller
25 5276.

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

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

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

24 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: But my family and
25 friends, who live in San Pedro, Lake McClure, they also

1 are separate combined interest that's closer to Eastern
2 Stanislaus County. We even have students from those
3 towns here in Eastern Stanislaus County. So please
4 consider this change.

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

8 Caller 5276.

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

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

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

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

1 years of concentrated efforts throughout the region.
2 Please keep our Latino communities together in Coachella
3 Valley and give us our best shot at equitable
4 representation. Thank you.

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

8 Caller 1634. Go ahead.

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

15 I do want to state that I was a Commissioner for the
16 advisory district committees for Sonoma County and have
17 had many conversations and deliberation around even the
18 equity -- the question of equity around drawing lines off
19 of highways. Because of our racial inequities and the
20 reasonings behind why some highways have been built. So
21 using Highway 12 is already questionable for me, but in
22 the interest of, what I understand, is where you are in
23 your decision-making and how tough it is to draw these
24 lines, especially down to streets. I just want to voice
25 support for the comment for 33 -- I'll say it slower --

1 33047, with putting Howard Park and Spring Lake --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

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

11 Caller 8984. Oops, let's try this one more time.

12 Caller 8984. There you go.

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

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

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

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

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

18 Caller 9975. Go ahead.

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

25 I have recently submitted to you a proposal, number



1 34032, and just want to thank you for considering
2 possible ways to help unite, rather than divide our
3 community. Thank you, again, for our time and
4 consideration of this issue.

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

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

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

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

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

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

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

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

18 Caller 7477. Go ahead.

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

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

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

15 Caller 9387. Go ahead.

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

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

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

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

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

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

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

25 In fact, there is no freeway or even combinations of

1 freeway connecting these communities. That would
2 discourage visits from the Assembly member.

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

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

8 Caller 0515. Whoa, go ahead.

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. First of all,
10 thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion here.
11 I live in Grand Terrace. The CTJRC map places my city
12 with the four set of communities of interest that have a
13 very different set of needs to be addressed at the state
14 level. Of particular concern to me is that the map
15 ignores the fact that everything about our city -- its
16 police, fire protection, school districts, health care --
17 are served by governing bodies in San Bernardino County,
18 not Riverside County where we have been placed. The
19 needs of the San Bernardino governing bodies present to
20 the state a quite different set of needs from those by
21 Riverside, Moreno Valley, Corona, (indiscernible), et
22 cetera. Also, our school district serves three
23 communities; Colton, Bloomington, and Grand Terrace. The
24 map splits the state representation we can expect for our
25 school district. This is neither helpful for our

1 students or wise --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

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

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

16 Caller 3859. Go ahead.

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

24 It's also important to keep communities of interest
25 unincorporated North Fair Oaks, City of East Palo Alto

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

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

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

13 MS. JONES: -- for California.

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

17 Caller 1001.

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

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

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

24 As a life-long resident of the Coachella Valley and
25 someone whose entire immediate lives in the Coachella

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

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

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

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

23 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Bueno.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hey.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.



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

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

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

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

8 Caller 4199. Go ahead.

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

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

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

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

25 Additionally -- sorry, excuse me -- we have separate

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

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

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

21 Caller 9334.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

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

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

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

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

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

13 Caller 0362. Go ahead.

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

1 your attention and just hope you can listen to the -- to
2 our voices. Thank you.

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

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

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

13 Let's try caller 4527. Go ahead.

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

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

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

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 Kristian.

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

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

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

24 Caller 0303, please follow the prompts.

25 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, can --



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

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

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

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

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

20 Caller 2537. Go ahead.

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



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

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

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

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

24 MS. COHEN: Hi, there. My name is Molly Cohen. I'm
25 a resident of North Hollywood. And I just want to say

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

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

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

20 Caller 6403. Go ahead.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

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

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

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

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

22 Caller 7312. Go ahead.

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

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: (In Spanish, not

1 translated).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 Caller 2738, we will return to you.



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

3 Caller 3940. Go ahead.

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

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

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

25 Thank you very much for all your important work.



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

4 Caller 9517. Go ahead.

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

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

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

23 MS. VO: Our community has met and have told you
24 that our community of interest lies North of Huntington
25 Beach, where hundreds have majority Vietnamese American

1 residents. The border between Huntington Beach,
2 Westminster, and Toluca Lake was shared --

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

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

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

25 Caller 2080, if you could please follow the prompts



1 to unmute. Go ahead.

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

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Si.

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

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Muchos gracias.

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

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

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

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

25 Thank you once again for your time and consideration



1 of this minor change. Thank you.

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

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

8 Caller 2494. Go ahead.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 community-at-large, we would really like to request that
2 these three communities be returned and reunited under
3 one Assembly district.

4 Thank you. That's all I got.

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

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

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

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

1 time we need to work with our representatives to meet the
2 needs of our community. I am urging you to please keep
3 downtown together as a whole, and district 53 the way it
4 is currently.

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

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

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

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

24 Again, thanks for all your work and thank you for
25 taking public comment on this.

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

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

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

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

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
24 we've got caller 3583, and after that will be caller
25 8514.

1 Caller 3583. Go ahead.

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

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

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

1 keeping our San Bernardino County High Desert together
2 and not with Los Angeles County. Thank you for
3 listening.

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

7 Caller 8514, go ahead.

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

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

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

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

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

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

15 Caller 5178. Go ahead.

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

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

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

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

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

21 Caller 6223. Go ahead.

22 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. Hi. My name is
23 Maria (indiscernible). I'm calling with the Black
24 Alliance for Just Immigration. I live in the Merk Park
25 (ph.) community, but also our communities are located

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

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

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

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

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

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

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

8 Caller 0563. Go ahead.

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

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

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

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

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

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

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

22 Many families, who have historically called
23 communities in City Heights and Encanto home, have been
24 pushed East into El Cajon, Rancho San Diego, and La Mesa
25 in search of more affordable housing. And communities

1 continue to worship in southeast San Diego, mosques in
2 City Heights, maintaining community ties in mom-and-pop
3 shops in their old neighborhoods.

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

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

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

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

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

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

21 Caller 3995. Go ahead.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. Good afternoon,
23 Commissioners. I'm calling to ask that you please keep
24 San Bernardino County's High Desert whole and together.
25 We want to be able to have adequate representation. And

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

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

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

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, go ahead.

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

1 flaw. The San Fernando Valley is not being kept
2 together. The communities of Belle Canyon, Hidden Hills,
3 and other San Fernando Valley areas do not belong in a
4 seat with Santa Clarita.

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

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

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

24 Thank you so much. This could help my community and
25 others be more fairly represented with the new

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

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

5 Caller 1535. Go ahead.

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

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

1 residents transverse our cities on a regular basis for
2 employment, commerce, and recreation --

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

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

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

12 Caller 7223. Go ahead.

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

24 I know this is not your intention, nor was it
25 intentional. I believe it's part of the systemic problem

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

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

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

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

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,

1 we've got caller 4047, and after that will be caller
2 1302.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 And I will comment a little bit on the Assembly

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 we all live together. It's really important for us to
2 keep together.

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

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

8 Caller 5391. Go ahead.

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

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

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

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next,
24 we've got caller 7592, and after that will be caller
25 0003.

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

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

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

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

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 The Hub has submitted an example of small
23 adjustments the Commission can make to its current
24 structure that protect these communities of interest,
25 while also creating the necessary VRA districts. I'd

1 urge the Commission to look at that submission and ensure
2 the protection of Black communities in the Fresno metro
3 area.

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

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

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

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

21 Caller 7170. Go ahead.

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

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

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

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

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

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

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

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

8 Caller 4607. Go ahead.

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

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

1 interest with these cities. Allow Little Saigon to have
2 an Assembly member that will represent the heart of
3 Little Saigon, to include Huntington Beach. Thank you.

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

7 Caller 1595.

8 MR. NICHOLSON: All right.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

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

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

1 unincorporated islands will diminish our voices and
2 (indiscernible) that we have fought so hard to be
3 (indiscernible) over the past thirty years. This cleanup
4 will also --

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

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

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

17 Caller 4382. Go ahead.

18 MS. WERNER: Yes, hello. My name is Rondi Werner.
19 I've lived in Glendale for over thirty years and I'm a
20 long-time officer of the Adams Hill Neighborhood
21 Association in South Glendale, and I'm vice-president of
22 the Glendale Homeowners Coordination Council. Our member
23 neighborhood associations, which represent over 100,000
24 residents are very opposed to spinning off part of
25 Glendale from Assembly district 43.

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

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

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

22 0590, if you could please follow the prompts. Go
23 ahead.

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. Thank you very much
25 for your time. I am a thirty-five-year resident of Santa

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

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

11 Caller 6667. Go ahead.

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

25 We have unique issues around antisemitism and some

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

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

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

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

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

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

23 Caller 3422, please go ahead.

24 NATALIE: Good evening. (Audio interference) from
25 the 12/2 to 12/4 (audio interference). By drawing (audio

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

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

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

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

21 Caller 8143. Go ahead.

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

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

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

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

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

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

21 MS. GEORGE: Can you hear me?

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

23 MS. GEORGE: Okay, great. Hi, my name is Barbara
24 George and I live in Newport Beach, California. I'd like
25 to thank the Commissioners for all the wonderful work



1 that they are doing. And I pray that this task isn't as
2 daunting as it seems.

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

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

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

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

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

1 great day.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

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

5 Caller 6959.

6 MS. WEI: Can you hear me?

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

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

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

21 As a member of the Cupertino City Council, I
22 understand how Cupertino is home to many, many technology
23 workers who commute to and from between Cupertino and the
24 technology job centers within cities such as Sunnyvale,
25 Santa Clara, Milpitas, and Fremont. Each one of our

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

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

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

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

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

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

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

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I can. Go ahead.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, dear Commissioner, I
24 have to make a comment on so-called in the last couple of
25 months. I have spent at least a couple of hour on the

1 phone waiting today since I wasn't able to make the
2 public comment on Saturday night.

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

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

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

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

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

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

3 And as a reminder for those calling in, please speak
4 at a steady pace and take your time with county names,
5 city names, and numbers. That will help with the
6 interpretation and with hearing what you're saying.

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

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

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

24 MS. ERIKAT: Good afternoon, Commissioners and
25 everyone on the line. My name is Jeanine Erikat with the



1 Partnership for Advancement of New Americans. And I'll
2 be speaking on adjusting Assembly maps for San Diego.

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

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

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

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

24 MS. ERIKAT: -- we want to say -- we want to ask
25 that you bring in La Presa, Mid-City, Normal Heights into

1 this district and the rest of Skyline, Paradise Hills,
2 and the portion of southeastern San Diego by the 94 that
3 was split. In the (indiscernible) San Ysidro map --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

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

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

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

14 Caller 9823, go ahead.

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

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

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

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

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

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

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

25 There's been a lot of comment --



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

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

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

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

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

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

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



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

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

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

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



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

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

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

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

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

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

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

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

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello? Do you hear me?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah, we hear you.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

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

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

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

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

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

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

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Foreign language spoken).

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

25 Caller 5958, go ahead. Caller 5958, you are

1 unmuted, but we do not hear you. Could you please check
2 to see if your phone is on mute?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

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

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

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

25 Thank you for putting both of our campuses in the

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

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

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

10 Caller 0784.

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

22 The previous Assembly map (indiscernible) preserved
23 working neighborhoods in existence alignments better than
24 the current (indiscernible). And we urge you to do the
25 right thing for the San Fernando Valley working

1 communities. Unite Tunica Lake --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

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

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

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

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

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

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

24 CHRIS: Hello?

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



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

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

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

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

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

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

25 Up next, we've got Caller 9457 and after that will

1 be Caller 7840.

2 Caller 9457, if you could please follow the prompts.

3 Go ahead.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Foreign language spoken)

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

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

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

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

23 Caller 1784, please follow the prompts to unmute.

24 Go ahead.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, let me tell you,



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

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

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

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

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

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

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

12 Caller 4141, please press star 9.

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

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

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

19 MS. RAHMO ABDI: Can you hear me?

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

22 MS. ABDI: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Thank you
23 for the opportunity to speak. My name is Rahmo Abdi.
24 I'm a community organizer with PANA. Today I'm calling
25 on behalf of Black, African, Middle Eastern Muslim

1 refugee communities in San Diego and the neighborhood of
2 City Heights, (indiscernible), San Diego, Spring Valley,
3 and El Cajon.

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

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

21 MS. ABDI: (Indiscernible) community together and
22 give us an opportunity to change, to bring change to our
23 community. Our Black, African, Middle Eastern, and
24 Muslim refugee communities are tired of being on the
25 menu. It's time for us to be at the table. Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

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

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

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

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

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

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

21 Yes, I please urge you support this MALDEF plan.
22 There hasn't been many people speaking out for the
23 Central Valley in the Fresno area, at least in this
24 meeting that I've been listening to. Just urge you all
25 to not forget that this is a region in particular AD31,

1 this is where a lot of the folks that are farm workers
2 live in. And as we know, that agriculture is a major
3 contributor to the California economy. And this is
4 exactly where the -- those folks that work the fields and
5 contribute to that.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

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

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

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

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

1 former maps or adjust the current maps to accommodate for
2 that.

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

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

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

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

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

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

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

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

24 Thank you, California, for being so engaged in this
25 process. We appreciate all the written comments that

1 have come in, all of the testimony, and those who have
2 been waiting in line to give testimony.

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

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

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

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

1 one or two refinement priorities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Correct.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Or the whole region?

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

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Perfect. Thank you.

6 Mr. Kennedy? Commissioner Kennedy?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

23 Commissioner Akutagawa?

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I would like to -- I'd like
25 to focus on -- come back to Orange County and the South

1 L.A. area particularly, too.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: South L.A. Perfect.

3 All right. Commissioner Sinay.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, everybody has

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

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

9 So we have Commissioner Le Mons.

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

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

19 Anybody else? Commissioner Ahmad?

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

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

25 So let's get started. So I think what we're going

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

8 MS. TRATT: Hello, Chairman.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Virtual room.

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

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

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

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

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

22 MS. TRATT: Yes.

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

1 Commissioner Sinay?

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

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: No worries.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.

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

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

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

22 MS. TRATT: Yes, it is.

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

25 MS. TRATT: Yes. The Latino CVAP is on and you can

1 see it in the pending changes box in this -- where my
2 cursor is circling.

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

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

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

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

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

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, you think that --

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

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

20 COMMISSIONER VINAY: Yeah.

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

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

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

25 COMMISSIONER VINAY: One of the reasons we were

1 thinking of Bonita is just because it had --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: There we go.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 MS. TRATT: Yeah, so we're looking at a little over
25 1,000 people. So I have the populations of each census

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

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes, please.

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

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

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

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So it's kept it pretty stable.

15 MS. TRATT: Yes, it's a pretty small amount of
16 people. It's just this district was already pretty close
17 to being overpopulated already.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sivan, does it make sense if I
19 say can we keep what's closest to you? Oh, is that --
20 that's all the same district. Okay. Never mind. I'm
21 quiet.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: (Indiscernible) --

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would say just do the
24 minimum, yeah, that piece that --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think that this is the minimum.

1 right, Sivan?

2 MS. TRATT: Yeah, this is --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: This is the minimum --

4 MS. TRATT: -- pretty close to the minimum. Yep.

5 Yep. And I don't know if counsel wants to weigh in about

6 4.87 percent, but that's under 5. So my understanding is

7 that that's within your legal range. Should I go ahead

8 and commit this change?

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay, this change, are
10 you okay with it? Is everybody else okay with this
11 change? I'm looking for general consensus.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: How do people feel about the
13 deviation?

14 MS. TRATT: So it was about this deviation when we
15 ended yesterday, so.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Not a big change to deviation, not a
17 big change to population because we're talking about very
18 few people. It's really just a matter of who we're
19 cutting, you know. At this point, it's prioritizing one
20 COI over another.

21 Commissioner Yee? Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sivan, can you just move
23 into that area that you just highlighted?

24 MS. TRATT: Yeah, absolutely.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

1 MS. TRATT: Do you want me to turn the Google base
2 map off on?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sure. Yes, actually, I
4 would like to see the streets. I was just trying to see
5 if there was a more defined -- like a main road or
6 something like that -- yeah, like right there. I don't
7 know, I'm just -- instead of a random, put it on
8 neighborhood I think.

9 MS. TRATT: Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I don't know. That would
11 be my suggestion.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, those two would work. I
13 mean people know Briarwood (ph.) and Sweetwater (ph.).

14 MS. TRATT: Perfect. That, again, changes things
15 very minimally. Should I go ahead and commit this
16 change?

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: I see general consensus. No
18 opposition. So let's commit this change and let's go to
19 our next change.

20 MS. TRATT: Perfect. So just to summarize that swap
21 we did, we took about 1,000 people out of the City of
22 Bonita to accommodate moving the boundary to the 94,
23 which would keep intact the historic Barrio COIs.

24 Chair, which district would you like me to take a
25 look at next?

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's hear from the floor which
2 refinements would -- any other refinements in this area?
3 We're in the San Diego region at this point.

4 Commissioner Sinay?

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry, I lowered my hand. But
6 anyway, I've got another little one in Carmel Valley, but
7 it's really -- so I don't know how big it is. So --

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's go to Carmel Valley.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I hate to take up time, but --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're spending time in the Southern
11 California region today.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, so the idea here would be
13 to use the same (indiscernible) Canyon line. And see how
14 much of Carmel Valley from the 5 going East we can
15 capture just to make this area a little bigger where the
16 Torrey Pines Del Mar Heights is. And it's that school
17 district -- I mean, we'll still be splitting the school
18 district, but we'll be adding a few more -- a little bit
19 more together.

20 MS. TRATT: So Commissioner Sinay, just in terms of
21 moving population, which district are we moving in and
22 out of?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We would be moving out of San
24 Marcos --

25 MS. TRATT: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- into the coast.

2 MS. TRATT: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think, yeah.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: San Marcos and into the coast.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, is that San Marcos or is
6 that Central.

7 MS. TRATT: Yes, there are three districts here.
8 This district --

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right.

10 MS. TRATT: -- here is Central SD. This district
11 here is Escondido, San Marcos. And this district here is
12 the SD Coast.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes. So this would be moving
14 it from Escondido, San Marcos towards the coast.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Either of these districts would
16 probably have enough capacity to absorb it. Where is the
17 population you want to highlight?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I don't know -- I don't know
19 how far we can go without the negative getting too
20 negative on either one of them. So if we go to Carmel
21 Country Road, I don't know if that'll work or not.

22 MS. TRATT: One moment, please.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: And the reasoning for this?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's a school district and
25 Carmel Valley and Delmar are very close together. But

1 it's part of -- this part is part of the school district
2 up above it.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So community input
4 regarding the school, just keeping the school districts
5 whole?

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

7 MS. TRATT: All right.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Or more (indiscernible) --

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And for full disclosure, it's
10 the school district my kids are in -- full disclosure.

11 MS. TRATT: So this brings population in West of
12 Carmel County Road -- or Carmel Country Road. I'm sorry,
13 the label is partially blocked. And then as South as
14 Carmel Mountain Road. This would bring the deviation
15 just under 5 to negative 4.95 percent and an SD coastal
16 deviation would become 3.36 percent.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: These are still within acceptable
18 ranges.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, I'm kind of thinking --
20 I'm hearing -- since we're doing it for a school district
21 and the three schools are above the 56, I'm now thinking
22 it might make sense to go use 56 as the South boundary
23 and just capture the three high schools.

24 MS. TRATT: So how far in -- or just see -- move
25 in --

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

2 MS. TRATT: -- (indiscernible) --

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: See how far you can go.

4 MS. TRATT: Okay. Okay. One moment, please.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm sorry, guys. And then this
6 is just a question for my colleagues to think about.
7 We've heard a couple of people say putting El Cajon whole
8 and moving it into central San Diego. So it's just a
9 thought out there if others want to try to put that city
10 whole.

11 MS. TRATT: So it looks like this area is a little
12 bit more densely populated. So I can continue to add
13 population, but I don't know if there's a major road in
14 here that I'll be able to snap to.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're almost at the legal limit --
16 negative 5.

17 MS. TRATT: So yeah, right here we're at negative
18 4.53. And I'll keep adding census blocks here.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: 4.76. That's probably as far as we
20 can go.

21 MS. TRATT: Yeah. And this will --

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Have to come back.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And what's that road right --
24 can you zoom in a little? Sorry.

25 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Carmel Canyon Road.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, yeah. Are we okay right
2 here?

3 MS. TRATT: We're at negative --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're okay right here.

5 MS. TRATT: -- 4.53.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If my --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: We can't hear you. You're on mute.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I know. I just noticed I did
9 that.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: No worries.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If my colleagues feel
12 comfortable here then I'm comfortable here.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's check consensus -- general
14 consensus on making a change that would -- keeps this
15 area within general deviations, no compliance issues that
16 I can see at this point.

17 Commissioner Fernandez?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, Commissioner Sinay,
19 Cathedral Catholic High School is that -- is the boundary
20 in the middle of it or -- kind of looks like it's in the
21 middle of it.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, it's on one side or the
23 other, I believe.

24 MS. TRATT: As far as I can tell from this map, it
25 looks like it's in the central SD district.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. That looks about right.
2 I don't --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So I'm not seeing any
4 opposition. General consensus is to move forward. And
5 so we'll move -- we'll accept this change and we'll move
6 on to the next portion of San Diego, if not -- El Cajon
7 was raised. Is there a general consensus to explore a
8 possibility of putting El Cajon in one district? I think
9 we explored various aspects of this before. And so I'm
10 just curious if there is a desire to explore that. It's
11 a pretty densely populated area.

12 Looking around the room, Commissioner Turner?

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I think we tried that several
14 different times and ways and so I don't see that
15 happening.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Yeah, we did try various ways
17 so we'll move on to the next potential refinement in the
18 San Diego area. Any additional refinements for the San
19 Diego area at this time? None from Commissioner Sinay.
20 Anybody else?

21 Not seeing any not -- oh, here, Commissioner
22 Sadhwani.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Not a refinement, but I
24 noticed several folks called in about Mira Mesa. I just
25 wanted --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sure.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- if we can just take a
3 double look at that. I'm pretty sure --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- we went back and cleaned
6 that up on Saturday. I just want to confirm that, yes,
7 Mira Mesa appears to be as whole as possible given the
8 deviation issues that we have looked at.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can we zoom into Mira Mesa just to
10 verify that it is kept whole.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And I believe it's a
12 neighborhood, so I don't know that we have specific
13 boundaries. But it looks like we -- I recall we had gone
14 back to do our clean up to make sure it was whole. So I
15 just wanted to confirm that. Thank you.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I have double and triple
18 checked the legal boundaries and the legal boundaries is
19 the 15 and so -- and the (indiscernible) we have it. I
20 think some feel like it's split just because there's that
21 area on the right, but that's another neighborhood, right
22 of the 15. But it is a community that's growing. But
23 Mira Mesa does stop at the 15. So we've covered it. The
24 other one we have covered that came up as well was moving
25 La Presa into Lemon Grove and Spring Valley, and we had

1 already done that as well.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Let's see. Any other --
3 so it does look like we have Mira Mesa as whole as we
4 possibly can. Any other review of San Diego? I'm
5 seeing, wow, no more hands.

6 Okay. So let's move on to the next region then.
7 How about we move on to -- Sivan, can you move on to the
8 next region we were working on? Or that Commissioners
9 have been working on?

10 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Would you like me to move to
11 Orange County?

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sure. And I did see various
13 iterations and a visualization for this area.

14 MS. TRATT: I know that Commissioner Akutagawa had
15 some proposed changes that she had presented.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's ask Commissioner Akutagawa.
17 Commissioner Akutagawa, are you ready to present
18 some of your proposed refinements?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: We can also come back if you're not.
21 You're ready?

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I mean, either way.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: No. If you're ready, we're ready.
24 We're ready whenever you are.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So I sent six

1 maps -- they weren't -- they're mostly -- it's
2 actually -- there was actually real changes to, I think,
3 three. But the others I sent because I had to pull some
4 population from some of the ones. This is from using the
5 QGIS tool to draw my CA district or draw my CA tool. So
6 let me just start by just explaining where it started.

7 One, Fullerton; two, trying to bring more of a
8 true -- at least as much as possible, not necessarily all
9 because it's just not feasible population-wise to create
10 an all-coastal district, but to at least try to bring in
11 Seal Beach so that it can -- there can be at least some
12 semblance of an all coastal district.

13 And secondly, in reading through the COI testimonies
14 again, I looked at the Lake Forest, Laguna Hills, Laguna
15 Woods, together with Irvine, and they all expressed more
16 of an affinity to be in a more inland district. So in
17 looking at creating more of a true coastal district,
18 there were some swaps that I made based on it.

19 I also want to just acknowledge the Vietnamese
20 community to bring in the Little Saigon area into an
21 entirely coastal district would mean splits -- bigger
22 splits in the Little Saigon area. And I chose to keep it
23 as is to preserve, at least, the main core based on the
24 COI testimony that we have received that Westminster,
25 Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, and Midway City were the

1 core cities, in particular.

2 I did hear what you're saying. I did play around
3 with some different options. It just was not possible to
4 make the population deviations work with the core cities
5 included with the coastal cities. And since those are
6 more inland, I chose to just try to preserve the core
7 Vietnamese Little Saigon COI.

8 So just to explain, let me just start with the -- I
9 guess also I wanted to acknowledge the Fullerton -- the
10 request from Fullerton to stay whole. I also want to
11 just say we did receive some additional COI testimony
12 this afternoon or this morning about some concerns about
13 South Fullerton. I just -- let me just present what the
14 Latino CVAP numbers look for in that area, which is
15 inclusive of South Fulton. And then I guess what we
16 could do is see if there would be -- but it's not a
17 (indiscernible). Okay.

18 All right. So first off, let me start with the
19 North O.C. coast. On this particular one that I
20 presented, I was able to move Seal Beach in, keep
21 Huntington Beach whole, move it -- I moved Costa Mesa in.
22 This does break up one of the COI requests. But there
23 was, again, competing COI requests around Costa Mesa, of
24 which we did also hear tonight. But moving Costa Mesa
25 into the NOC coast along with Newport Beach did enable a

1 little bit more of the population balance that would be
2 needed to also then move Lake Forest, Laguna Woods, and
3 Laguna Hills into a more inland district. It does
4 include Aliso Vejo and Laguna Beach, as well as the
5 Wilderness District.

6 What that then set off is then I moved -- that left
7 Garden Grove or the GGW District short of population. I
8 did move Cyprus into it. I now realize that it does
9 break up the AMEMSA COI. However, there was also
10 additional COI requests from residents in the Los
11 Alamitos, Rossmoor, Cypress areas to be together in a
12 district. And so bringing Cypress in to the GGW District
13 did allow for those cities to stay together in that
14 particular way.

15 Then onto the NOC District. With the NOC District,
16 moving Cyprus into the district also then created room
17 for all of Fullerton to be in the NOC District. To
18 balance out the deviation, I also took some small parts
19 of Placentia along the 57 freeway, which are very similar
20 in terms of profile; a lot of apartments, students, other
21 essential and a lot of other low-income workers as well,
22 too. Very diverse in terms of Latino, but also working-
23 class Asians as well, too.

24 I just wanted to note on this particular one, the
25 Latino CVAP, although this is not a VRA district, it is

1 very close to Santa Ana. So I was conscious of that. So
2 I want to note that according to the QGIS, the Latino
3 CVAP would be around 41.08 percent. The Agency VAP would
4 become 31.97. Both are much higher than our current NOC
5 District CVAPS for, especially for the Latino community.
6 So I wanted to note that.

7 I did send the LAOSB only because I had to pull some
8 of the population from LAOSB to ensure that I could stay
9 under the deviation for both NOC -- well, for NOC and
10 then -- so I just try to take just enough out of
11 Placentia to keep NOC under 5 and LAOSB under 5.

12 And then also I just want to note the last change
13 that I made, and this is the other additional ripple
14 effect. Irvine, I mentioned that I was able to combine
15 Irvine with Lake Forest. I was not able to move North
16 Tustin back in. It was just going to rob the LAOSB
17 District of too much. But Irvine and Lake Forest had
18 also -- I saw quite a bit of COI testimony that they
19 would like to be together with Irvine. That also is the
20 same for Laguna Woods and Laguna Hills. So all the
21 inland cities are together.

22 The only other split that I had to do was to add the
23 very Northern part of Lake Forest, which is above the
24 toll road, the 241 toll road. I had to take that to put
25 it into the inland OCRC District to balance out the

1 Irvine deviation. So -- and I did not touch SOC NSD.

2 So now there is balance and I think this creates
3 some of the -- it addresses some of the requests.

4 Although now I realize a MEMSA COI did get broken up and
5 I do apologize for that. And I could not fully
6 accommodate the Little Saigon request, but we were still
7 able to keep the core together. And as I had mentioned,
8 the other alternative would be a complete dismantling of
9 Little Saigon, which I think that that would be worse.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa for
11 that recap. So maybe we should take each one of these at
12 a time, probably starting with the first one we discussed
13 and I believe that was the coastal. If I remember
14 correctly, we started with the coastal then we went to
15 Fullerton.

16 Remind me if that's correct, Commissioner Akutagawa.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I just -- I mean,
18 either order is fine. Some of the PDFs that I did, I was
19 just doing it as I was doing it. So I hadn't fixed the
20 other areas. So if the deviations look off, it's because
21 I was just doing it as I was going so I don't lose it,
22 so.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So Sivan, can you show us the
24 maps as they were -- as there was general consensus on
25 the maps that are being proposed? Is there a way to

1 overlap them?

2 MS. TRATT: This is the only map, the map -- the
3 changes that Commissioner Akutagawa was just talking
4 about she did on her own mapping software.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

6 MS. TRATT: I don't have those maps. So we would
7 have to walk through and make those changes live.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sivan, I did send the shape
9 files to Andrew.

10 MS. TRATT: I would still need to make those changes
11 live. I don't have that ready.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's -- is there a way to
13 see what -- I guess not. So let's start with the first
14 one, Commissioner Akutagawa. Your first -- oh,
15 questions, questions. Let's go to the questions first
16 and then we'll start.

17 Commissioner Andersen?

18 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair.

19 First of all, thank you Commissioner Akutagawa for
20 going through this. That's obviously spent a lot of
21 time. I couldn't quite tell in the -- I guess it's the
22 Garden Grove one. So the way it -- the way it looks on
23 your maps -- not what we're actually looking at here, I
24 believe Seal Beach is no longer in and Cyprus is; is that
25 correct? Just for this particular one?

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Seal Beach is in NOC Coast
2 and Cyprus has been moved into GGW.

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Did the Stanton coming
4 out of that, would that have helped at all?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, unfortunately it
6 didn't. I did explore that, too --

7 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Great.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- as a way to also even
9 split Cyprus so that the Northern part of Cyprus could
10 remain an NOC. But what it did is it rendered Garden
11 Grove under deviation and NOC a little bit too over
12 deviation.

13 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you very much. I
14 just -- I was pretty sure you'd done that, but I wanted
15 to voice that for the public who kept on saying well if
16 you just take Stanton out, it'll all work. And
17 unfortunately, some of the things we think look great
18 when you put the numbers on them, they don't actually
19 work out. So thank you very much.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

21 Commissioner Turner?

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. Mine is a
23 little bit more of a process and what would be the best
24 way. I really appreciate these maps that Commissioner
25 Akutagawa have submitted and yes, definitely wanted to

1 start working through it. However, I wanted -- from a
2 process perspective, I was asked also to work on the Los
3 Angeles areas, and I have also submitted some maps that
4 actually end up impacting some of this area. And some of
5 the things that Commissioner Akutagawa, you were
6 attempting to do may be done in this other iteration.

7 And it just did change more districts. It's touched
8 actually 13 districts, but they do all balance. The VRA
9 attorney's already seen it as well and given it, kind of,
10 a thumbs up. So not to say to land on it, but I'm -- so
11 I start with process. So if we make changes now, I just
12 did at least want to flag that there are other changes
13 that I also want us to at least look at before we
14 finalize on something.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: And that's the hard part of these.
16 Anytime we make refinements, there's potential impacts
17 from other areas. So I think we got an overview of the
18 potential refinements in this area. And let's hear other
19 folks. But we've have -- we've heard the potential
20 refinements here. It may make sense to also look at the
21 potential refinements around the Los Angeles area that
22 will impact here. Let's think about that a little bit as
23 we -- and maybe if there's feedback from the Commission.

24 Let's go to Commissioner Fornaciari and Sinay and
25 then we'll get some clarity around process and Sadhwani

1 as well.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, Commissioner
3 Akutagawa, thank you for this. I did have a question,
4 though, about your LAOSB District that you sent. It's
5 really hard to tell with the colors, but it looks like La
6 Hambra is in the LAOSB.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. I saw that, too. I
8 was assured that it's not so --

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Okay.
10 (Indiscernible) --

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was kind of trusting in
12 it.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Thanks.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Otherwise my deviations are
15 really off.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Great. Thank you.

17 Commissioner Sinay and then Commissioner Sadhwani.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was just wondering for us and
19 for the public instead of Linda -- I'm sorry,
20 Commissioner Akutagawa talk about it, we could pull up
21 the PDFs that she created just so we have a better visual
22 before we jump into it all.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm going to ask staff to do that.

24 Freddy, can you put them up if they're on our
25 website? The maps that Commissioner Akutagawa has

1 presented and are posted on our website and we'll need to
2 share them.

3 MS. TRATT: Should I stop sharing my screen so you
4 can pull those up?

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. How about you stop sharing and
6 we'll get Director Ceja to share them. In the meantime,
7 let's hear the rest of the folks who have comment.

8 Commissioner Sadhwani?

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, just -- first of all,
10 thank you to Commissioner Akutagawa for taking the time
11 to look through this more closely. There's a couple
12 things that give me pause about these plans. It's
13 definitely preferencing certain COIs over others. I'm
14 not so sure that I personally will agree with the outcome
15 of that.

16 That being said, from a process perspective as
17 Commissioner Turner raised, when we went through this --
18 before we started this evening, Chair, you had asked us
19 our top priorities. And from my count, there were seven
20 Commissioners who identified Los Angeles as a priority
21 area, including Commissioner Akutagawa. Only one
22 identified Orange County as a priority area.

23 So I -- you know, hearing Commissioner Turner that
24 some of the changes in L.A. might impact Orange County,
25 I would argue that perhaps it would make sense to work on

1 other areas and come back to Orange County before we
2 spend a lot of time here. It sounds like it's going to
3 take quite a long time of exploration if Sivan has to go
4 through each one of these changes and prioritize those
5 areas that more Commissioners had identified first. That
6 doesn't mean we need to go to L.A. right now.

7 I know you have your own plan, but I remember there
8 was additional cleanup in the Central Valley -- or excuse
9 me, the Coachella Valley and other locations before we
10 even get to L.A. So I'm just thinking about time
11 management and the realistic priorities as we move
12 forward in this process (indiscernible).

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for that, Commissioner
14 Sadhwani.

15 And I'll just ask in terms of process, I also am
16 interested in hearing lots of changes proposed for the
17 OOC. Just the thought process about what's driving some
18 of those changes, because that may also help us. It may
19 be that some of the impacts -- some of the changes in Los
20 Angeles might actually help us and the OOC or not, but at
21 least we'll know.

22 And so I'm just curious if you could just help us
23 think about the process. Why the changes, Commissioner
24 Akutagawa? Why the proposed changes? Is it because of
25 COI and, you know, is it because of balancing the

1 districts? Uniting -- so just interested in hearing your
2 rationale for the changes.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. So it is about
4 hearing the testimonies and reading through the COI
5 input. Fullerton -- I also wanted to try to figure out
6 how to make Fullerton work as well, too. So I looked at
7 all of it together. Also, I will say that I've been
8 hearing about, you know, the inland versus the coastal.

9 You know, I think it's debatable for some but, you
10 know, living there, I do know the difference. And I
11 think that even though there are very different coastal
12 cities, Seal Beach is very different from San Clemente,
13 as is Newport Beach, from, you know, even Seal Beach,
14 too, but they are coastal cities. And I think that there
15 are a lot of common issues. And I think as we're looking
16 at climate change, too, I think that that is a concern
17 that I have, you know, and having a -- as we heard from
18 some of those, I think that's why it got me thinking
19 especially to try to make Fullerton work as well, too. I
20 just explore that. Now with that said, you know, I
21 definitely would like to see what Commissioner Turner has
22 done and to see what is -- you know, what she's come up
23 with as well, too. I don't think we need to, like, do it
24 right -- like, make these changes right now.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you so much. And that's

1 helpful in terms of having the background in terms of the
2 rationale for potential changes.

3 All right. So let's see where we head next and then
4 we'll come back. We have changes -- there were one, two,
5 three, four Coachella Valley's -- potential changes in
6 the Coachella Valley. So let's go down to the Coachella
7 Valley for now and we'll come back to the OC later.
8 Probably after we go through Los Angeles, because that
9 was the focus for quite a few folks, and that potentially
10 may have some impacts on the OC And probably have some
11 alignment in terms of some of the goals that Commissioner
12 Akutagawa's trying to achieve, as well.

13 So when the OC and the Coachella Valley -- can we
14 have -- we had quite a few people raise this, so
15 Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Sinay, how about any
16 hands raised over here?

17 Let's start with the change that is posted --
18 Commissioner Sadhwani, do you want to start?

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No, I did. I wasn't aware
20 that there was a change posted, so let's take a look at
21 that. I'll just note -- hearing loud and clear, not
22 (indiscernible) that, that's totally fine with me. But
23 my question as I raised last time was then where?

24 You know, we had had through Desert Hot Springs in
25 our draft and that was removed. So just curious about

1 where we can go from here.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we've been looking at options for
3 La Quinta, and Karin can walk us through some of these.
4 She's been -- I asked her to take a look at potential
5 options for La Quinta. And then -- and so as soon as
6 she's available to speak through it, she's been looking
7 at the various options of how we can or not make that
8 work and we can talk through that.

9 Commissioner Kennedy?

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. And to
11 say -- to thank the mappers and acknowledge that yes, I
12 did say if we couldn't have La Quinta fully in the MVCV
13 District, could it at least be made whole? And we do
14 have three options for us to make it whole, but again
15 making it whole in SECA and what we're hearing loud and
16 clear is that the better option is to have it whole but
17 in MBCV. So we're back to looking at how could we make
18 it whole in MBCV.

19 You know, I come back to maybe the way to do that --
20 and we need to look at all of the deviations -- is moving
21 Homestead Valley or Homestead Valley and Twentynine Palms
22 and the Marine base out of MBCV into VBHD. I'd also like
23 to look at some cleanup in that area of SECA South and
24 West of Palm Springs. As Commissioner Sinay had
25 mentioned the other day, we are separating Anza from

1 Borrego Springs. And there are some -- it just seems to
2 me that that area South and West of Palm Springs would
3 better be divided in three different directions -- part
4 of it into MBCV, part of it into SESDC, and part of it
5 into inland OC-RC. I'm happy to go through those ideas.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

7 Sivan, can you speak to the La Quinta and options
8 where -- because I think you worked through some of these
9 trying to unite La Quinta with the Palm Springs area.

10 MS. TRATT: Actually, Chair, I was given direction
11 to look at options to make La Quinta whole and all of
12 those solutions are in PDFs that should have been posted.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Got it.

14 MS. TRATT: But as Commissioner Kennedy noted, those
15 all kept La Quinta whole within SECA. That was the
16 direction that I received. And I went with what I
17 thought would cause the least disruption to those -- to
18 the larger map. I'm happy to talk through what those
19 changes were now, if you would like.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, I think what -- I believe the
21 COI's testimony is to connect La Quinta with other
22 resort-type communities, and that was with Palm Springs
23 and others around there. So I think -- are there any
24 options? I think Commissioner Kennedy spoke of a couple
25 of options, and we can go through those to see if any of

1 those would be feasible.

2 Commissioner Kennedy, do you want to speak to some
3 of those options to -- are you interested in exploring
4 possibility of keeping La Quinta in the -- with the Palm
5 Spring area? And is that something we're exploring or is
6 it, or do you have other refinements that you are
7 prioritizing?

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, that would be the
9 number one objective. Keeping it whole somewhere else is
10 kind of a -- is kind of a fallback position.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: But again, I come back to if
13 we're trying to get La Quinta whole into MBCV and we need
14 to remove population to make room for that, then I would
15 say that what we're looking at is probably Homestead
16 Valley and Twentynine Palms. And I had commented the
17 other day that Twentynine Palms and the Marine base there
18 is some community support for having Twentynine Palms and
19 the Marine base in VDHD because of all of the other
20 military installations in VDHD and the military ties in
21 VDHD.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Perhaps we can highlight
23 some of those communities, Sivan, and see if we have --
24 if there's a potential for a swap.

25 MS. TRATT: Yeah, so I've highlighted the portion of

1 La Quinta that's currently in SCCA and that is almost
2 21,000 people. So just looking at some of those changes
3 proposed, we have -- and again, I'd remind the Commission
4 and the public that these labels that have population are
5 the pre-adjusted labels just because of the way that the
6 software works. It was not able to update the prisoner
7 adjusted population totals. So these are rough
8 estimates. But just for, you know, sketching in this
9 idea, we have about 28,000 people in Twentynine Palms.
10 I'm not sure how many people are living or were counted
11 as living on the Marine base. And then Homestead Valley
12 about 3,000 people. And then moving those populations
13 into VVHD. And then you'll have to remind me,
14 Commissioner Kennedy, what the next steps after that
15 were.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I was looking at moving Acton
17 and Agua Dulce from VVHD into SCV. And then if we need
18 to move population further, finding space for moving some
19 of those San Fernando Valley communities that are
20 currently in SCV into San Fernando Valley districts.

21 MS. TRATT: Yeah. So it looks like Acton and Agua
22 Dulce together are about 11,000 people. You'd be moving
23 those into an already close to 5 percent over deviated
24 district. So I would like for potentially Jamie to be on
25 just because this is going to impact a lot of the areas

1 that she's worked on and I'm not sure what those ripple
2 effects would be through the City of San Diego, but we're
3 looking at a really big shift in this region.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right. We also have room to
5 absorb population in the 210 District. I hadn't really
6 been looking at that so far, but that's another option
7 that we have.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's hear from Commissioner Sinay.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So what we've been hearing --
10 if we can go back to the Coachella Valley. And what
11 the -- this is a VRA district and what the community's
12 been asked -- what we've heard in the last 24 hours has
13 been moving La Quinta out and moving towards -- you know,
14 it's hard to do Cathedral City and Desert Hot Springs
15 unless we took out a bunch. You know, it's kind of like
16 a -- it would be a funny loop.

17 But I just wanted to ask, is there a way that we can
18 try, you know, to add one of those areas or -- I mean,
19 the other one would be Desert Hot Springs, but then
20 you've got Desert Edge right by there. Well, I guess you
21 can go through the unincorporated areas. But I did want
22 to bring up that that was what the community has been
23 asking for.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's go to Commissioner Kennedy.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: We've also heard from the

1 Filipino community, the LGBTQ community, and the Black
2 community that we need to keep Palm Springs, Desert Hot
3 Springs, and Cat City together. So again, we're not
4 going to make everybody happy with everything. And you
5 know, my sense is that if we are able to move La Quinta
6 in with most of the other cities in the valley, that
7 might be the best we can do to satisfy as many as
8 possible without causing more damage in the process. I
9 mean, that's just a personal sense.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: So I -- we're approaching our break
11 at 6:15. I'm going to ask Sivan and Jamie to explore
12 what we've just discussed, potentially shifting some
13 population and swapping some population into other
14 districts during the break and see if there's any options
15 that might be viable. And so if additional clarification
16 on the direction that was given by -- or recommendation
17 given by Commissioner Kennedy is needed, he is available
18 to provide it. And when we come back, we'll recap what
19 was done during the break. All right. So 15 minutes
20 for -- 15-minute break.

21 (Recess)

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
23 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We are visualizing in
24 the Coachella Valley focused around the La Quinta area
25 and Palm Springs. We have been working across -- Sivan,

1 our line drawer, has been working through the break to
2 try to find some solutions to uniting La Quinta with the
3 Palm Springs and other communities.

4 Sivan, do you have any update on what you were able
5 to accomplish during the break?

6 MS. TRATT: I believe that Commissioner Kennedy and
7 Jamie met offline.

8 Commissioner Kennedy, I'll have you discuss what you
9 decided.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. They may just be
11 continuing to work through this, so let's -- for now,
12 we'll come back to this, any other changes in this area
13 (indiscernible)?

14 Seeing none we'll come back to the Coachella Valley
15 once we have Commissioner Kennedy back with us.

16 In the meantime, let's head down to the Imperial
17 County. I just want to make sure there's no refinements
18 in Imperial County. I didn't hear any during our
19 prioritization, but just want to make sure. Any
20 refinements in this area proposed by Commissioners?

21 Looks like this area is set. Perfect. Let's go on.

22 So at this time, because the OC is still -- we're
23 waiting for Los Angeles for the OC. We're waiting for
24 some additional refinements in the Coachella Valley.
25 Let's go to Los Angeles. So we'll need to switch line

1 drawer to Los Angeles.

2 MS. TRATT: I think if Commissioner Kennedy isn't
3 back, then Jamie isn't ready either. I do have the sheet
4 file loaded in from Commissioner Akutagawa, if you'd like
5 to take a look at that in Orange County.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, if you have the (indiscernible)
7 files, let's go to Orange County to take a look at the
8 (indiscernible) files. We'll probably still have to go
9 up to Los Angeles given the impact -- the potential
10 impact of the changes down there might impact some of
11 these, but maybe not. So let's take a look at them.

12 MS. TRATT: Okay. So what I believe I'm displaying
13 in these numbers are the deviations, although I'm waiting
14 for confirmation from Commissioner Akutagawa about the
15 field name. Do these look correct?

16 Oh, okay. It looks like Jamie is ready. Okay. I'm
17 going to stop sharing my screen and Jamie's going to step
18 in and talk about what she and Commissioner Kennedy
19 discussed. Thank you, everyone.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So we'll go back to the
21 Coachella Valley.

22 MS. CLARK: Hi, everyone.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome.

24 MS. CLARK: Hi. Thank you. Good to see you all.

25 So Commissioner Kennedy and I were in the middle of

1 working. We haven't found a solid solution quite yet.
2 Some of this stuff just takes more than 15 minutes. And
3 so I guess just kind of listening with half an ear to the
4 meeting while we were in that meeting. And is the
5 request to move on to L.A. right now and then maybe Sivan
6 could work on this trade -- this population trade with
7 Commissioner Kennedy while we're looking at L.A. County?

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: That is possible. Before we can move
9 on to Los Angeles, could you just please share some of
10 the things that you have tried during the break just so
11 that the public is --

12 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- has an update of what was being
14 done during the break?

15 MS. CLARK: Absolutely. Yeah. So we moved La
16 Quinta from SCCA to MBCV, which made MBCV 0 populated. I
17 think it was in the 8 percent, something like that. And
18 we were exploring moving Twentynine Palms and Homestead
19 Valley into BVHD. That made be BVHD over populated by
20 8.73 percent. And then we were also looking at adding
21 Acton and Agua Dulce into the Santa Clarita Valley-based
22 district, which made that 7.3 percent. We didn't get --
23 we didn't get much further than that, and, yeah, and then
24 we had just started talking about other potential options
25 and that's where we left off.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's move on to Los
2 Angeles. In the meantime, if Sivan can continue working
3 on some of that -- some of the potential changes to the
4 Coachella Valley. Of course, Commissioner Kennedy is
5 available should he -- should she need him.

6 All right. Let's go to Los Angeles.

7 MS. CLARK: I'm just really quickly undoing these
8 changes, which would be really easy for Sivan to
9 replicate on her map. Just so then we're all working
10 with the --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

12 MS. CLARK: -- the current iteration in Los Angeles
13 County. So sorry that the map kind of went all over the
14 place there for a second.

15 So this is -- right now what's on the screen is the
16 current iteration from 12/06 and happy to look into this.
17 I also, you know, reviewed this, explore any changes that
18 the Commission would like to explore. I also worked with
19 Commissioner Turner yesterday to create a plan, Plan T-1
20 I think was what Commissioner Turner was wanting to
21 present first. And yeah, happy to -- happy, of course,
22 to either go over the current iteration or to look at
23 Commissioner Turner's iteration, whatever the Commission
24 wishes.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's look at the iterations that

1 Commissioner Turner has. They have been posted. They
2 are posted on our website in our handout section.

3 Commissioner Turner, if you could give the rationale
4 and then go through some of the maps.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yep, thank you, Chair.

6 MS. CLARK: One moment, please while I switch over
7 to that plan. And then this way, if the Commission wants
8 to look at -- it's taking a minute -- if the Commission
9 wants to, like, adjust any of those lines, then you'll be
10 able to. So apologies for the delay and now that's on
11 the map.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. So I'll start with just
13 saying that I've started calling this kind of the all-in
14 district -- the all-in iteration, because it does kind of
15 touch 13 districts. The goal is to increase the strength
16 of districts in Los Angeles that have been historically
17 disenfranchised, individuals that struggle with lack of
18 infrastructure, and economic disinvestment. So the
19 current draft iteration that you'll see, the hope is that
20 we've been able to protect or strengthen VRA districts,
21 it holds much of the Commission's previous direction, and
22 it honors as many COIs as possible.

23 So what I'd like to do is to give you an overview of
24 what's here in the districts and then have Jamie go
25 through the specifics of the areas.

1 So being responsive to the consistent input that's
2 received regarding the historically disenfranchised
3 communities in South and Central Los Angeles, this plan
4 actually increases opportunities from two districts to
5 four. This draft keeps areas protected by the VRA in
6 districts with over 50 percent LCVAP. Also these draft
7 iterations, they were already reviewed by VRA Council and
8 VRA Council did not identify any issues with this
9 configuration.

10 Another point here is that Koreatown, Chinatown, the
11 historic Filipino District, and Little Tokyo's COIs are
12 now all together in one district. They make Lakewood
13 whole. It keeps Boyle Heights with Pico-Union, and it
14 keeps Boyle Heights separate from East Los Angeles, which
15 has been a request of residents of these areas.

16 It keeps downtown Los Angeles with South Central Los
17 Angeles per public input. It keeps Santa Monica whole,
18 though Santa Monica is split in countywide maps that
19 we've received before. And though many multi-district
20 countywide maps that we've received from public require
21 that Long Beach is split in three or four district, this
22 iteration only splits Long Beach into one.

23 So that's kind of the high overview. But in order
24 to make that happen, it really did touch more than just a
25 couple of areas. So if we can go through the T-1 now,

1 Jamie, starting with any area that you want to start
2 with, we can go through them.

3 MS. CLARK: Okay. Sure. Thank you, Commissioner
4 Turner. I'm going to start I think starting in the VRA
5 areas makes sense. The West San Gabriel Valley and East
6 San Gabriel Valley districts were not touched in this
7 iteration.

8 AD60 corridor changed a little bit. Part of that
9 was kind of looking at -- it began with there was
10 Commission direction to maybe have the -- to kind of
11 combine AD gateway and the 85 corridor, like mesh them
12 together. We did try that and it made one of the
13 districts over 80 percent Latino CVAP. So that wasn't
14 possible, that kind of working with -- I don't know, some
15 of that -- some of that conceptually led to this after
16 some rework.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Got the ball rolling.

18 MS. CLARK: Yeah, got the ball rolling. Thank you.
19 So AD60 corridor includes Walnut, Diamond Bar, Rowland
20 Heights, Hacienda Heights. And then the difference is
21 that it includes Montebello now. So Montebello and Pico
22 Rivera are back together. And just for population
23 purposes, Whittier is split here.

24 And I would also, just a quick note, is that there's
25 also a non-contiguous little, tiny piece of Whittier up

1 here. So moving Whittier into a different -- anyway, if
2 Whittier wasn't wholly in AD60 corridor, then they, like,
3 maybe would be split anyway because there's a little non-
4 contiguous piece. Just a note for everyone to know.

5 AD5 corridor includes La Habra, the Southern part of
6 Whittier, East Whittier, La Mirada, South Whittier, Santa
7 Fe Springs, Norwalk, and Downey. And Whittier is the
8 only city that's split. And the Latino CVAP in that is
9 now 61.14 percent.

10 And then 85 Gateway, some of the most Northern
11 gateway cities are not in this visualization or this
12 iteration. So that's a difference. But it includes
13 Bell, Huntington Park, Walnut Park, South Gate, Lynwood,
14 which is whole, Paramount, Bellflower, and Lakewood,
15 which is whole. In our previous iteration, Lakewood was
16 split. But in this it's whole. And the Latino CVAP in
17 80 Gateway is -- in this iteration is 68.18 percent.

18 Something that maybe we can look at later, which is
19 a smaller change and isn't in L.A. County, is that
20 Commissioner Turner also looked at the split in Fullerton
21 and moved this line to above the colleges. So just a
22 note on that. And that's how Lakewood could be whole.

23 So those are the VRA areas and then I think that it
24 makes sense to talk about this -- I'm just going to zoom
25 out the map so we can all see to kind of go from there

1 and then go kind of counterclockwise to look at the
2 changes, because there is -- it's another L.A. county
3 remix. So there's big changes.

4 So then looking at NELA. NELA includes Bell
5 Gardens, Commerce, Maywood, and Vernon, which are --
6 these were moved from 80 Gateway and also 60 corridor.
7 It includes Boyle Heights, which is not with the City of
8 East Los Angeles and then including Chinatown. Tokyo is
9 here with Pico-Union, Westlake, Rampart Village, and
10 Koreatown. So that's NELA. It's negative 2.07 percent
11 deviation.

12 Moving to GLENNLA, GLENN North LA is now East Los
13 Angeles with El Sereno, Eagle Rock, the Southern part of
14 Glendale, Echo Park, Silverlake, Los Feliz, and this is
15 4.86 percent deviation.

16 And then looking at AD West side, a change is --
17 it's Santa Monica with the West -- some of the West Side
18 neighborhoods, West Los Angeles, Westwood, and West Side
19 Neighborhood Council, Beverly Hills, West Hollywood. In
20 this Mid-City Neighborhood Council is split for
21 population. Includes greater Wilshire and Hollywood
22 areas, including the Hollywood Hills. I would say also
23 that the district with Malibu also includes Bel Air and
24 Beverly Crest for population.

25 And then looking at N10. This includes Mar Vista

1 and Del Rey with Palms, Culver City, which is whole,
2 South Robertson, Ladera Heights, View Park, and this is
3 sort of Crenshaw area, Mid-City and West Adams, Jefferson
4 Park, Olympic Park, Pico are all neighborhoods that are
5 in this iteration and includes the Southern area of Mid-
6 City.

7 Looking at 110 L.A. This includes downtown Los
8 Angeles with Historic South Central, USC, Zapata-King and
9 central Alameda. Florence is in this iteration with
10 (indiscernible) or the 9th District. They can zoom in
11 here. This is including Chesterfield Square, these areas
12 North of 110.

13 Going to zoom out to 105 corridor. This
14 includes Venice, Marina Del Rey, LAX with Inglewood,
15 Lennox, Hawthorne, Lawndale, the Northern part of
16 Gardena, West Athens, Westmont, and then just East of
17 Westmont, this boundary is at 110.

18 Going to move on to AD South Bay. This includes El
19 Segundo down to Palo Verde and Rolling Hills. It
20 includes all of Torrance, the Southern part of Gardena
21 includes Lomita. And I'll zoom in here because for
22 population between the two -- these two districts, it
23 includes Harbor Gateway South and Harbor City
24 neighborhood councils and the Northern part of Northwest
25 San Pedro -- oh, yes, the Northern part of Northwest San

1 Pedro Neighborhood Council. This is the defense fuel
2 supply point. Zooming in so we can see where that split
3 is.

4 And then looking at this district that includes Long
5 Beach, it does have San Pedro and Wilmington with the
6 Southern part of the City of Long Beach and also Signal
7 Hill. That is -- for population purposes, those are
8 together.

9 And then this Northern part of Long Beach is with
10 Carson, West Carson, Compton, Willowbrook, Watts, West
11 Rancho Dominguez. And just a note is that I know that
12 the direction from the Commission was to have Del Amo be
13 the border here for a split in Long Beach. And just for
14 population, it had to be a little bit further South of
15 that. And so this is on Carson Street, roughly -- Carson
16 and San Antonio.

17 And that -- those are the districts that were
18 changed in this iteration from Commissioner Turner.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for sharing those proposed
20 changes. Any questions from the floor?

21 Commissioner Akutagawa?

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, it's like finding the
23 right button. Jaime, could you zoom in on the -- could
24 you zoom in on the -- I think it's the NELA District.
25 Let me just start there. I just want to look at the

1 detail now. Actually, like, zoom in, like, street level.
2 I'm just curious where you cut -- where you cut that.
3 You said that it includes Little Tokyo, Chinatown,
4 Koreatown, (indiscernible) and I think it's -- but I'm
5 just curious where you put the split for downtown L.A.

6 MS. CLARK: Yes. Thank you. This is at 5th Street
7 and then up to 4th a little bit. I will put the -- I
8 will put up the COI boundaries of those COI submissions
9 that the Commission received so that we --

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, that's fine. Yeah. As
11 long as you -- as long as you don't go any further up
12 than 4th Street, then you're okay.

13 MS. TRATT: Yeah. And this is the Little Tokyo COI
14 that the Commission received.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Yeah. I just wanted
16 to make sure about that so thank you.

17 Then the other question I have is, I guess I'm not
18 sure how much that has to be in, but I notice that Vernon
19 Commerce and Bell Gardens are not in. I thought that
20 they had to be in the VRA District and it seems like to
21 me Vernon, Commerce, Bell Gardens, Maywood have a lot
22 more in common with the Gateway cities than Lakewood and
23 Hawaiian Gardens do. And so I am just kind of concerned
24 about, you know, the choice that was made to keep
25 Lakewood there instead of going North and including those

1 other cities, which I think do belong more in that VRA
2 District and have a lot more in common.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Turner?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I just --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's hear from Commissioner Turner
6 first.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I just wanted to name that the
8 district that they're in because of the -- can I still
9 say? Yeah, they were in the VRA District before. Now
10 they're in a district with, I think, (indiscernible). I
11 see that number. I'm not sure how much I can say, but
12 they're in a like district now that didn't bring them any
13 harm. Which is why we had the VRA attorneys kind of look
14 at this area to make sure that we weren't causing --
15 bringing someone out of an area that's going to be
16 harmed. They're protected still, I think.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Was that the only way?
18 Only because, I mean, you're still -- Lakewood and
19 Hawaiian Gardens don't have a lot to do with, you know,
20 the other cities, as we've heard. So that's why that was
21 just more of my question.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh, Jamie.

23 MS. CLARK: Yeah. And we have had Lakewood and
24 these in the VRA districts and out of the VRA districts.
25 And ultimately, the Commission decided to bring Lakewood

1 back into the VRA districts for that Latino CVAP because
2 removing Lakewood from -- removing Lakewood from these
3 districts would bring the Latino CVAP really high up.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Jamie.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Just a quick question for counsel
7 about the NEC and Bell. It's a compactness question.
8 That's a pretty thin neck, so I'm just curious in terms
9 of legal counsel's opinion on that.

10 UNIDENTIFIED LEGAL COUNSEL: Good evening, Chair.

11 Jamie, does this basically follow the city
12 boundaries of Bell?

13 MS. CLARK: Yeah, that's exactly the city boundaries
14 of Bell.

15 UNIDENTIFIED LEGAL COUNSEL: Okay. In that case,
16 I'm not concerned about compactness.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you. Especially because
18 it's in the VRA District and compactness falls below VRA.

19 Okay. Commissioner Andersen then Commissioner
20 Vazquez.

21 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. I have a
22 question, actually, and it's about the ports. So it's
23 the -- a little further South on the map, please.
24 Because we've obviously heard from both areas here and
25 they are, indeed, competitors and have pretty much said

1 we don't want to be with each other. And I'm just
2 wondering if there's the area of Long Beach, which was --
3 the North area of Long Beach, which was cut out. I'm
4 wondering if that could be switched for part of the port?
5 Basically, that area of Long Beach come back into ADLBC
6 and part of the area of the port go into, I guess, it's
7 South L.A.

8 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, (indiscernible).
10 Thank you.

11 MS. CLARK: So that is possible with population
12 switches and a configuration like this. I think what
13 Commissioner Turner was going for, the configuration like
14 this, is sort of respecting some of the testimony,
15 specifically with Black COIs in Southern L.A. and central
16 L.A.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

18 Commissioner Vazquez?

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Excuse me, can I finish up on
20 the question?

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, sure. Certainly, Commissioner
22 Andersen.

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yeah, I'm
24 wondering that area in Long Beach, though, that's --
25 unless it was -- does that area have to do with the

1 Compton and that particular grouping? Because I was
2 under the impression that that portion was not and the
3 port actually did want to be with Carson. That's the
4 one -- they wanted to go sort of North in that
5 direction -- the LA port. Is that -- am I missing
6 something on that?

7 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So I think that part of L.A. --
8 of Long Beach, rather, is part of the COI. And
9 additionally, you know, some of the input that the
10 Commission has received does try and keep the ports
11 separate. But the way that that's accomplished is
12 basically by putting this Northern part of Long Beach in
13 with the South L.A. District and then splitting the
14 ports, but having the San Pedro area still go with parts
15 of Long Beach and further North. So instead of having
16 two -- Long Beach be part of two districts, it's part of
17 three districts instead of two, is the way that, like,
18 that is accomplished by some of the countywide maps that
19 the Commission has received.

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, no. I understood that.
21 No, I was actually talking about just switching literally
22 that chunk in and the other portion up because it's a
23 negative 4.57 versus a positive 2.57. But again, if
24 there's a punitive interest that has the opposite of
25 that, I'd just like to know what it was. Thank you.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

2 Commissioner Vazquez?

3 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Thank you so much,
4 Commissioner Turner, for putting this together. I like
5 what this sort of composition does for South L.A. Not
6 super thrilled at the idea of San Pedro and Long Beach
7 sharing a district, but I feel like I can live with that.

8 I would just like to go back to my unpopular opinion
9 that in Northeast L.A., I'm still really concerned about
10 breaking up East Los Angeles from Boyle Heights. Trust
11 me, I have heard and seen and read the COI testimony
12 asking for those two communities of interest to be in
13 separate districts -- wholly in separate districts.

14 And I understand the reasoning, especially from what
15 I've heard today, is that historically both Boyle Heights
16 and East L.A. have had their own -- what they view as
17 sort of their own representative to advocate strongly for
18 their community. And I totally hear that and that makes
19 sense and I think that's really valid.

20 And I still am concerned that by breaking up what in
21 this broader region, together with Boyle Heights and East
22 L.A. in particular, that we are breaking up a
23 historically immigrant community. And that just really
24 concerns me given the demographic changes, particularly
25 in income, especially as it relates to the more Northern

1 parts of northeast L.A. So Eagle Rock, Glassell Park,
2 Echo Park, just even in the last ten years, the
3 demographics of these communities have changed so
4 significantly.

5 And I am -- in thinking ahead to the next ten years,
6 I'm just really concerned, especially about, you know,
7 communities of Highland Park, Glassell Park, you know,
8 even East Los Angeles, and Boyle Heights are all
9 experiencing the same trend of gentrification and higher
10 income folks moving into these areas because housing is
11 relatively cheap. And I just think in terms of, again,
12 we're looking at state representation, not local or
13 county. In terms of state representation, I just feel
14 like the community of interest in question here for me,
15 as I see it, is housing policy and state housing policy.

16 And I just feel like thinking of the communities of
17 Boyle Heights, East L.A., and the rest of northeast Los
18 Angeles feel like a community to me that has a huge
19 housing policy interest that I'm really concerned about
20 breaking up.

21 So again, I hear the community of interest and I'm
22 willing to go the way of the Commission again, because it
23 seems like this iteration does a lot of additional good
24 things in other communities in L.A. But just I really
25 don't like the way Northeast L.A. is visualized in this.

1 But thank you, Jamie and Commissioner Turner.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez. And
3 if there's any suggestions you'd like to make or
4 modifications, please let us know.

5 Commissioner Kennedy?

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. You know,
7 just a couple of things. Coming back to the Gateway
8 cities and the 5 corridor, you know, I agree with
9 Commissioner Vazquez that, you know, that it, to me,
10 doesn't make a whole lot of sense to group Lakewood with
11 Huntington Park and Walnut Park. And the idea was to
12 look at Lakewood, Bellflower, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs,
13 that part and the more northwest -- kind of a northwest/
14 southeast divide of these two districts.

15 I hear the issue of creating a district with a very
16 high Latino CVAP, but, you know, the reality is that's
17 the underlying population. I don't see that we're
18 seeking to pack anybody. We're just trying to make
19 districts make sense as far as who they're representing.
20 And if there's a super dense, high percentage population
21 in one area, you know, it's almost the opposite, would be
22 breaking that community apart if we didn't have it
23 grouped together. So you know, it's, I guess, a
24 disappointment. If we have to go with it, we have to go
25 with it.

1 Again, hearing the voices from Florence-Graham
2 wanting to be with Huntington Park and Walnut Park, we
3 hear you again. If we can't, we can't, but we do hear
4 you and we understand you.

5 And I think finally just -- we've once again cut off
6 Silver Lake from West Hollywood and Hollywood. Again, we
7 hear you. If we have to do it, we have to do it. We
8 don't like it but, you know. And I guess the other thing
9 is Glendale and East L.A., that kind of has me scratching
10 my head. Thanks.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa then
12 Commissioner Sinay.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I agree with what
14 Commissioner Kennedy was just saying. With that said, I
15 have some questions again. I just want to perhaps
16 just -- and you may have already talked about this, but
17 what we did hear from the Florence-Graham residents was
18 that they were asking could Walnut Park be placed with
19 them and maybe even a part of Huntington Park, which then
20 may, to my mind, which could open up some room and also
21 CVAP to bring in perhaps Maywood and/or even Vernon
22 whether it's all -- because they share very, very similar
23 kind of challenges, a lot of environmental challenges
24 because of the shipping. There's a big rail yard there.
25 There's also the traffic from the 710. It's very much

1 industrial. Not a lot of people actually I found out
2 live in Vernon, but the people who do live there face
3 very similar challenges, a lot of low income, again,
4 disadvantaged communities there as well, too.

5 And I am a little concerned about them being in.
6 Not that they don't share similarities with the NELA
7 cities, but I think there's -- I think to Commissioner
8 Kennedy's point, it's just a question of whether or not
9 they feel that affinity with each other as well, too.
10 But I mean, it's just -- I mean, I guess I'll just say, I
11 mean, like with many places, we've just had to make some
12 very tough decisions and not everybody is going to be
13 happy. And it's about preserving at least the core of
14 those communities. But if we can, you know, I just want
15 to mention that. So thank you.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

17 Let's go to Commissioner Sinay, then Fernandez, Yee,
18 and Sadhwani.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Wow, Commissioner Turner,
20 Jamie, wow. Yeah, it's not 100 percent. Nothing can be
21 100 percent when we hear every single COI. I am
22 concerned about the ports, but I'm going to turn it into
23 a positive and say, hey, San Pedro, you're together.
24 You're whole now. So you know, it's just every --
25 anything we do, we can find COIs that are going to

1 support it, not support it. We're going to make people
2 unhappy. But I feel like this is kind of -- if you took
3 a big step back on what people have been asking and what
4 our values have been as we've been moving through this.
5 You've done a great job.

6 And ports, we heard you and I'm sorry. If we're
7 going to say sorry, I mean, I feel like if we're going to
8 say sorry to every single person who's called us and we
9 didn't hear them, we'll be here for a long time. So wow,
10 thank you so much.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: I just want to say that we did hear
12 people. We just can't accommodate everyone we're
13 hearing. All kinds of testimony and trying to reconcile
14 it, and to prioritize it, and unite COIs as we are able
15 to. But we are under so many constraints, especially in
16 this area with VRA and other constraints.

17 Commissioner Akutagawa, then Fernandez. Akutagawa
18 already went, so Fernandez then Yee.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Yes. I
20 just want to thank Commissioner Turner. This is great.
21 I do appreciate being able to separate East L.A. and
22 Boyle Heights. We've actually been hearing that
23 consistently for months now.

24 And I guess just a comment that if we were to draw
25 this thinking ahead and what's going to happen in the

1 next ten years, obviously this would look different. But
2 we have to base it on the census information we have now
3 and the communities of interest. And I think this is a
4 very good reflection of what we've heard and what we've
5 been able to accommodate. So thank you so much.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Yee then Commissioner
7 Sadhwani.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, just echoing the thanks to
9 Commissioner Turner for all this excellent work and
10 hearing so much input and taking it into consideration
11 and being very skillful and clever and pulling off so
12 many of our goals.

13 Nevertheless, I would like to echo Commissioner
14 Andersen's thought about possibly looking at separating
15 the ports if we could do it by cutting less of North Long
16 Beach, which is already, as we heard from Jamie, cut more
17 than we'd hoped. So that swap or possible to look into
18 that.

19 Also want to take one last stab at Koreatown. And I
20 think, Jamie, we took -- the current boundaries are the
21 neighborhood council, not the COI input; is that correct?

22 MS. CLARK: That's correct.

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: And I believe the COI input is
24 larger and farther to the South and just wanted to bring
25 it up one last time just to make sure we didn't miss a

1 way to honor the COI boundaries.

2 MS. CLARK: So this is the COI boundary for
3 Koreatown. And just looking at how it's drawn, I -- a
4 couple times have asked the Commission, you know, do you
5 want to follow the COI boundaries or the neighborhood
6 boundaries, given that the COI boundaries split greater
7 Wilshire.

8 And there hasn't been a solid -- I guess like the
9 last time that there was a solid response, it was for now
10 follow the neighborhood boundaries. And I think last
11 time I asked the question, it was kind of I'm not sure.
12 It was not sure. So that's what the COI boundaries are.
13 And the neighborhood boundaries are here and they are
14 respected to the extent that the census blocks follow the
15 current neighborhood boundaries.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you. Well, you know, I'm
17 for being responsive to COI boundaries, COI input. So in
18 this case, at least with AD West Side, it looks like it
19 would improve the deviations as well. So I'd be
20 interested in pursuing that.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

22 MS. CLARK: I'll look at making that change if this
23 is an interest of the Commission.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. Thank you.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: While you're highlighting that, let's

1 hear from Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Le Mons.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, thank you, Commissioner
3 Turner and to Jamie for all your work on this. I think
4 this goes a really long way in meeting many of our goals
5 and that's really exciting to see.

6 I completely agree with Commissioner Yee and, feel
7 like I've raised numerous times, wanting to support the
8 K-town COI boundary. But I was -- perhaps I wasn't
9 shared with -- by other Commissioners. But I agree with
10 you on that, Commissioner Yee.

11 I feel very uncomfortable about the Long Beach San
12 Pedro -- having those ports kept together. We
13 currently -- we have heard loud and clear from community
14 of interest testimony that they want to be separate. We
15 also have a current crisis at the ports, so having
16 representation for them would seem to be extraordinarily
17 important.

18 I have said before and I will raise again, I don't
19 see the problem in Long Beach connecting South into
20 Orange County, we've received community of interest
21 testimony both ways on that. And to me that seems like a
22 reasonable opportunity for us to take a look at.

23 I just want to name some of the odd pairings that do
24 happen in this map. It's not to say that I couldn't live
25 with them, but I just want to at least acknowledge them.

1 Some of the things like Marina del Rey, Venice, and
2 Westchester, very wealthy, beach-oriented, or coastal-
3 oriented communities being paired with that COI of
4 Inglewood, Hawthorne, Lawndale, and North Gardena.
5 Again, I could live with that, but somewhat odd.

6 Pico Rivera, Montebello, all the way out to Diamond
7 Bar, those are pretty industrialized kind of -- and urban
8 neighborhoods going out to fairly suburban neighborhoods.
9 Again, I could live with that. And I did like actually
10 seeing Downey and Whittier together. I think those
11 communities do have very similar profiles and that looks
12 reasonable to me.

13 And I just wanted to raise I fully support splitting
14 Boyle Heights and East L.A. I've mentioned that numerous
15 times over and that is what communities of interest are
16 asking for. So I just want to be really clear that, you
17 know, is this the greatest pairing ever of Commerce,
18 Vernon, out to Pico Union and Rampart and other places?
19 You know, it's okay, it's okay. And I can most certainly
20 live with it. And I think that that respects what
21 communities are asking for and not our own personal
22 preferences or analysis of these areas. So I agree with
23 this.

24 I definitely also -- before we move on, though,
25 would like to go and take a look at what, if any, impacts

1 this is having in the San Fernando Valley. I know last
2 week I asked to see an exploration of what it would look
3 like to further consolidate the Latino community in those
4 districts because we were getting COI testimony in doing
5 so.

6 But it appears that now that we have attempted to do
7 that, that the communities aren't happy with the pairing
8 of Glendale, too. I think it's all the way out to Ensino
9 or something, which I agree it's a really long stretch
10 and very different kinds of communities in there.

11 So before we move on this evening, I definitely want
12 to make sure we reserve some time to look at San Fernando
13 Valley. Thank you.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Let's hear from
15 Commissioner Le Mons.

16 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Good evening. I just wanted
17 to also echo the thanks to Commissioner Turner and Jamie
18 in pulling this particular iteration together. I, too,
19 agree that it, I think, accomplishes a lot of our goals
20 in ways that some of the other iterations have failed to
21 do so. And just knowing Commissioner's thoughtful hand,
22 it's evident in the results. So thank you, Commissioner
23 Turner. And thank you also, Jamie.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons.

25 Jamie, quick question. How many Asian, Latino, and

1 Black districts have a CVAP of higher than 50 percent in
2 the Los Angeles region at this point? I don't have those
3 statistics in front of me and I just wanted to -- for you
4 to enter it into the record so the public is also aware.

5 MS. CLARK: Thank you for that question. There's
6 one district that is over 50 percent Asian CVAP, which is
7 the West San Gabriel Valley District. In this iteration,
8 there are nine 50 percent-plus Latino CVAP districts. In
9 this iteration, there's 11 if you include the Antelope
10 Valley, Victor Valley.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sorry. If you include the Victor
12 Valley, that's 11 Latino districts?

13 MS. CLARK: Eleven 50 percent-plus Latino CVAP
14 districts. And there's no district that's over 50
15 percent Black CVAP. However, there are four districts
16 that are over 29 percent Black CVAP.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. I appreciate the
18 statistics and the data.

19 Let's go to Commissioner Akutagawa and Vazquez.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: My question was on --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sorry, Commissioner Akutagawa, I
22 think I missed -- Commissioner Fernandez was first. I
23 think she's been waiting.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Actually, I forgot to put
25 my hand down.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Good.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But I also forgot to thank
3 Jamie. So thank you so much, Jamie. So I think I have
4 to put five dollars in the pot.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: I thought you were waiting for a long
6 time. Okay. I probably had a mental note.

7 Commissioner Akutagawa, back to you.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. I just also
9 want to add my thanks to Jamie and to Commissioner
10 Turner. These maps just generally look really good and I
11 think feeling good about what we have here. I just have
12 a clarification question, Jamie, on this Koreatown.

13 Now, that I'm seeing this, in this way, I see what
14 was meant by Koreatown being split three times. And so I
15 think -- you know, it would -- it's a small area, and
16 then to avoid splitting it in those ways, just like we've
17 tried to, you know, avoid splitting other COIs, I
18 think -- I agree with Commissioner Yee. My only question
19 is -- I will say, you know, that Greater Wilshire
20 Neighborhood Council was rather effective in their
21 visualization, and they have the big stop-the-split -- I
22 was curious where was, previously, that split that they
23 spoke about that was so bothersome? And you know, taking
24 off that chunk of Greater Wilshire, is that going to --
25 it doesn't look like it's that bad, I guess. They may

1 disagree, but is it that bad?

2 MS. CLARK: This is the previous Assembly district
3 boundary.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

5 MS. CLARK: So this is the split they're talking
6 about. It's the dotted line.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

8 MS. CLARK: And what's highlighted in red right now
9 are the parts of Koreatown that are part of the Koreatown
10 COI, and moving that area into the NELA district would
11 keep everything within the plus or minus five percent
12 deviation.

13 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Let's look for consensus.
15 I'm looking at the floor. Sorry. I have to look on -- I
16 have two different screens right now. It looks good. It
17 looks good. And lots of consensus. So okay. Let's add
18 it. Great. Let's look at the numbers. Everything looks
19 good. All right. So who are -- Commissioner Vazquez?

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you so much, Jaime.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, Yee, and then --

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- (indiscernible) discuss that.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Vazquez.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: I just wanted to thank Jaime for
25 her work with this, and everything. You're phenomenal.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

2 Commissioner Vazquez?

3 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Thank you, Chair. I just --
4 I wanted to circle back to provide some data, so that it
5 doesn't come across that this is my personal preference,
6 or personal analysis, of the challenges faced in
7 Northeast Los Angeles, which is currently named GLENNLA,
8 but what is visualized is largely made up of what is
9 known as Northeast Los Angeles.

10 That area, in census numbers, reported a decrease in
11 population across many of these historically immigrant
12 populations. Echo Park, Silver Lake, Atwater Village
13 registers the biggest decrease in population, according
14 to the L.A. Times, of 5.1 percent over the last ten
15 years, which, again, if you live in, work in, play in
16 this area, as I do, you would know that that can't
17 possibly be the case. And so there are other areas,
18 Lincoln Heights and El Sereno, both recorded a decrease
19 of four percent. So I just -- I want -- and there are
20 several quotes in this L.A. Times article from community
21 members who don't believe that that's because of
22 gentrification -- that this community is both
23 experiencing gentrification -- but also has -- because
24 it's an immigrant population, is a really hard-to-count
25 population -- and I know that we have to draw lines based

1 on the data that we've received from the census -- I just
2 want -- I wanted to put some data behind how vulnerable
3 these communities in this region of Los Angeles are, and
4 by breaking up, what I feel, is a very-hard-to count,
5 hard-to-reach population in Northeast Los Angeles, that
6 we are doing the community as a whole a disservice.

7 So the community that I'm looking at is not just
8 Boyle Heights and East L.A., whom we have heard from. I
9 hear a lot from Boyle Heights, especially, but I'm
10 looking at this broader community contained in what is
11 currently visualized as GLENNLA. And that is the
12 community that I am concerned we are -- we are not doing
13 right by, by splitting up Boyles Heights and East L.A.
14 And so again, I can live with this visualization. I
15 don't agree with it. But it's not because of my own
16 personal preferences, but rather that the broader
17 community of Northeast Los Angeles is verifiably
18 marginalized and will continue to be marginalized through
19 the next ten years as the economics and the residents of
20 these communities shift. Thank you.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And let's ask the
22 community. Let's -- community members living in these
23 areas, please chime in and let us know what your thoughts
24 are, even though we've received quite a bit of COI
25 information on -- conflicting COI information -- but the

1 more information, the better, so please feel free to call
2 in, or to provide input through our online processes.

3 In the meantime, any other comments in this area,
4 before we go to the San Fernando Valley? Commissioner
5 Vazquez -- or any suggestions on potential --

6 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I guess on the
7 interest of being constructive, although I can't
8 imagine -- I think we've already attempted this -- so
9 it's not even so much that I feel like we need to have
10 Boyle Heights and East L.A., specifically, together. I
11 think my challenge is, in practical terms, with how this
12 is currently visualized are twofold.

13 One, these gateway cities, Vernon, Commerce,
14 Maywood, paired with a district that includes Koreatown,
15 does not make a ton of sense to me. I think it's one of
16 the odd pairings, as Commissioner Sadhwani said, so that
17 doesn't quite make sense to me.

18 In terms of the GLENNLA district, I think Los Feliz
19 and Silver Lake, in particular, do not make sense in the
20 GLENNLA district, and if we could, particularly, remove
21 those two and maybe -- again, get population,
22 potentially, headed down towards Downtown L.A. through
23 Chinatown, that might work. But again, I know that these
24 will have ripples across many other districts, so I --
25 again -- but I'd also just -- it's not -- for me, it's

1 not Boyle Heights and East L.A. must go together. It's
2 that overall Northeast L.A., for me, seems to have taken
3 a step back in terms of -- again, the demographics and
4 the historical nature of most of the neighborhoods
5 currently -- most, but not all, of the neighborhoods
6 contained in both the GLENNLA and the Northeast L.A.
7 districts.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez. Any
9 other comments in this area? Commissioner Vazquez, did
10 you want to visualize something? Commissioner Taylor?

11 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No, I was just -- in tracking
12 along with Commissioner Vazquez's thoughts, it seems that
13 there might be population to shave off of GLENNLA. Would
14 you happen to have a few suggestions, Commissioner
15 Vazquez? I'd be interested to hear it. Take me with
16 you.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: It seems like Commissioner Taylor is
18 willing to go on a journey.

19 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I mean, I would start,
20 at least on that Western portion -- that northwestern
21 portion -- and start removing population. I'm not sure
22 if we can get Silver Lake back with Hollywood and East
23 Hollywood. That would be an ideal scenario. I'm
24 imagining Jaime, probably, has some thoughts about what
25 that -- where that journey would take us, Commissioner

1 Taylor.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: So Jaime, can you tell us how much
3 population we can shave off and still be within a
4 reasonable -- within legal limits? It seems to be about
5 20,000, to me --

6 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and to some of the -- my friends
8 around me.

9 MS. CLARK: So right now, the deviation of AD
10 Westside is .83 percent. With GLENNLA, it's 4.86
11 percent.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

13 MS. CLARK: ERWEIR (ph.) -- yeah, so I guess,
14 ERWEIR -- Chair Toledo, you asked for, sort of like, the
15 breakdown of the CVAPs for different districts. I think
16 that making a change like this could impact those numbers
17 and also would, maybe, split some of the neighborhood
18 council areas. It's something we could definitely try.
19 And I think there is some wiggle room in terms of --
20 there's definitely wiggle room in terms of this boundary,
21 just in total population, absolutely.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you think there's a risk that we
23 might lose some of the minority districts in making these
24 changes?

25 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I think that there --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Or gain additional? I don't know.

2 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I think that -- I think that in
3 making this change, you might split some of the
4 communities that you have been working to keep together.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Taylor?
6 Commissioner Vazquez? I mean, Fernandez. And then
7 Sadhwani. Sorry. Lot of hands raised now. Taylor --
8 or -- okay. Fernandez, and then Sadhwani.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I mean, how many times
10 Commissioner Vazquez and I, our names get mixed up? I
11 was just going to ask, Commissioner Vazquez, is there,
12 like, a certain section of Silver Lake in particular?
13 Because I don't think that we're going to be able to take
14 the whole piece of it. And it -- yeah, so I'm just
15 wondering if -- 'cause it will be about -- 20,000 would
16 be the maximum that we could probably move out into -- if
17 we went to the AD Westside and then, maybe, a little bit
18 to the NELA, but then you're splitting up Silver Lake,
19 potentially, three times.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
21 Let's hear from Commissioner Sadhwani, while Commissioner
22 Vazquez considers that.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I mean, I'm
24 definitely open to some exploration in this area.
25 However, I'll just say -- and again, this is not COI

1 testimony. This is my personal experience in these
2 areas -- yes, it's definitely a region that's going
3 through gentrification. That being said, there --
4 throughout this entire area, there's also a large
5 immigrant community, often sometimes less seen than
6 other -- you know, than the folks that are moving in.

7 There's also a lot of folks experiencing
8 homelessness throughout these areas, and that's a major
9 issue in this area. You know, I don't -- as I've said
10 before, I don't have a problem with this pairing. I
11 think it makes sense in a lot of different ways. But I
12 do think that if we -- because Glendale is at play in the
13 San Fernando Valley districts -- if we take -- I don't
14 know where everyone stands on that. I just know that we
15 had a whole lot of comment on it -- on this new iteration
16 of the San Fernando Valley -- and I think if we have a
17 little bit of a discussion about whether or not folks are
18 okay with it, or they want to move in a different
19 direction, it might, ultimately, answer some of these
20 questions in that GLENNLA district, only because Glendale
21 is currently split. And if we wanted to take a different
22 approach with Glendale, or this -- within the San --
23 larger San Fernando Valley, then it might lead to some
24 changes there.

25 I'm not necessarily advocating that -- for that, but

1 I'm just saying it's worth, at least, having a little bit
2 more of a conversation, or hearing from more
3 Commissioners about their thoughts on the San Fernando
4 Valley piece, because the two areas are very much linked
5 through this cut in Glendale.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you, all. It seems like
7 we can all live with these things. And there might be
8 some potential. And I'm not talking about the San
9 Fernando Valley. I'm talking about the districts that we
10 were just looking at -- live with the districts that we
11 were looking at. There might be some potential
12 refinements. And I think that's what we're --
13 Commissioner Vazquez, any potential refinements?

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I appreciate that creative
15 thinking, Commissioner Sadhwani, and reminding me -- and
16 maybe some of us -- else -- that Glendale could -- I
17 think Glendale does, in some ways, change the makeup of
18 GLENNLA pretty significantly. But I'm also thinking --
19 just in terms of, maybe, making a small adjustment, if
20 things don't radically change otherwise -- I'm wondering
21 what Los Feliz -- what putting in Los Feliz to that
22 Hollywood district would do, if that -- that's -- I know
23 that Los Feliz and Silver Lake like to go together, but
24 also -- anyway, I'm just curious what that would look
25 like.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: So are you interested in exploring
2 the possibility of moving 20,000 people out of Los Feliz
3 into the Hollywood -- or into the neighboring districts?

4 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I guess, if we -- yeah, if we
5 can't get all of Los Feliz, it feels like a moot point.
6 But yeah. Are there 20,000 people in Los Feliz? Not
7 that I wouldn't not believe it, but good grief.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's see.

9 MS. CLARK: So just --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Jaime, can you put the chart -- oh,
11 there we go. Thank you.

12 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: (Indiscernible).

14 MS. CLARK: So this changed. Putting all of Los
15 Feliz into the Westside district, would make the
16 deviation of the Westside 5.5 percent.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: And so that would take us outside of
18 the deviation.

19 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. And that's not
20 worth -- that's not worth finding elsewhere to get it out
21 of -- but in my opinion -- so thanks for showing.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for exploring with us.
23 Commissioner Sinay?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I'm hearing two areas
25 that -- you know, there's the North part of, you know,

1 the San Fernando Valley piece. And I've heard several
2 Commissioners talk about the ports. And Commissioner
3 Sadhwani did make a recommendation -- or, you know, a
4 hint -- or whatever we want to call it -- and I would
5 feel better accepting that this is the way we have to go,
6 if we could explore what Commissioner Sadhwani was saying
7 about taking Long Beach and going South. Then I'd be
8 more -- you know, if it doesn't work, then I'm willing to
9 say, okay. We tried. And the two ports are together.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: So your goal would be to separate
11 that -- the --

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (Indiscernible) on Long Beach?
13 Yes. To have them separate as they requested --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: So the --

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- but -- but --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm one of fourteen. And so I
18 just want to see where my colleagues are.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, you weren't the only one. I
20 think Commissioner Sadhwani was talking about,
21 potentially, having more Congressional -- it's not
22 Congressional. In this case, Assembly. I'm getting my
23 mouth mixed up -- but potentially having more
24 representation in this area.

25 Commissioner Sadhwani, since you brought it up

1 first, do you want to come to the Long Beach area first,
2 or San Fernando Valley?

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I mean, if we can explore in
4 Long Beach, that would be great.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Great.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's start off in Long Beach,
8 since we have two Commissioners interested in exploring
9 Long Beach. Others may be also. And so I'll ask the
10 room if there's interest in exploring the Long Beach --
11 exploring Long Beach and the separation of these two
12 ports. And I'll go through the room. All right. So
13 let's see. We have -- Commissioner Sinay just spoke.
14 Commissioner Akutagawa?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I do have a question.
16 Before we go down to Long Beach, I'm thinking that,
17 maybe, we should just try to take care of San Fernando
18 Valley, because we got so much COI testimony just saying
19 they, essentially, hate everything about, now, the San
20 Fernando Valley, and if there is going to be additional
21 architectural changes to the San Fernando Valley that
22 can, then, help with some of the things that Commissioner
23 Vazquez has been bringing up, I think it's going to
24 ripple down. And so instead of trying to figure
25 something out in Long Beach, and then have to fix it

1 again, I'm just thinking we just need to start with San
2 Fernando and go down.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Good point. So let's -- any other
4 thoughts on that from the floor?

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I would wonder what Jaime
6 thinks.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Jaime, what are your thoughts?

8 MS. CLARK: I think that the changes in more of,
9 like, central and South L.A., were, kind of, contained
10 down -- you know, down near this --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: We lost Jaime.

12 IN UNISON: Oh, no.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: And I think we're losing a couple of
14 other Commissioners. Okay. I think we got Sadhwani
15 back.

16 Commissioner Sadhwani, do you have any thoughts on
17 starting in the San Fernando Valley, or starting in Long
18 Beach?

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No. I mean, either way. I
20 think we're -- whichever way we want to move population.
21 I mean, I'm also just -- I'm keeping in the back of my
22 mind Commissioner Kennedy's potential swaps all the way
23 up and over in that V-H-H -- I forget the title of it --
24 but if we were to make that change to the Acton-Agua
25 Dulce area, that would also, I would imagine, impact the

1 San Fernando Valley, so I don't know where's the best
2 starting point for this, because it seems like if we
3 started in the Coachella Valley and moved all the way
4 over, it would be a massive potential ripple. So I'm
5 happy to take -- take the advice of our line drawers,
6 'cause I think they understand how the maps work.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: And I also want to hear from other
8 Commissioners, too, in terms of, are we comfortable in
9 having ripples throughout the Los Angeles region that we
10 just -- we just made changes to and have agreements on?
11 So I want to hear from Commissioners on that, too. There
12 might be. I mean, let's see what the stomach is.
13 Commissioner Fornaciari? Commissioner Turner?

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think Jaime was --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: (Indiscernible) --

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- saying --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh --

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- something --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, sorry, Jaime.

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- before she got --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's start with you --

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- cut off.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and then go --

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And I want -- I think it's
25 important for us all to hear.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, let's hear from Jaime first,
2 because, hopefully, your internet is stable.

3 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I'm in.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, awesome.

5 MS. CLARK: I -- I think that in -- in terms of
6 the -- in terms of the changes to the map for Plan T-1,
7 which is what we're looking at now, those were, you know,
8 South of San Fernando Valley, South of Mulholland. The
9 split in Glendale didn't change dramatically, so we could
10 look at San Fernando Valley.

11 As Commissioner Sadhwani noted, if there are changes
12 to adding Acton and Agua Dulce to Santa Clarita Valley,
13 that does impact the deviation. And you know, that's --
14 I think that that's something that we could try, maybe,
15 after exploring other changes; like, maybe, trying to,
16 you know, pull population down overall from the Santa
17 Clarita Valley. Base districts, kind of, make room for
18 those cities. And I would say that that's something,
19 again, that would be, I guess, like a second step to that
20 from -- if -- if -- in considering not changing the
21 entire map of the City of Los Angeles.

22 And then in terms of Long Beach and moving Long
23 Beach with Orange County, that also sounds like,
24 potentially, big changes, so I -- I think it -- it just,
25 kind of, depends -- like, big changes to the map

1 overall -- and I think it just, kind of, depends on what
2 the Commission wishes.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: You're a trooper, Jaime. Thank you
4 so much for everything you do for us. All right. Let's
5 see. Commissioner Fornaciari, Commissioner Turner?

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, either way for me.
7 It seems like the changes, potentially, to San Pedro and
8 Long Beach are going to be coupled with Commissioner
9 Akutagawa's changes, so we'd have to go through that --
10 probably that whole thing altogether. And then, as Jaime
11 said, San Fernando Valley, we could probably, kind of,
12 manage that as a self-contained entity. So either way.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you're thinking two self-contained
14 areas potentially not impacting Los Angeles so much, or
15 we'll see as we go through. Okay. Commissioner Turner?

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. I
17 just wanted to say for the number of ways that we looked
18 at the map to be able to achieve what the initial goal --
19 at least that I was directed in -- makes me very wary
20 about any major changes that we're doing now.

21 I think that we'll lose many more of the COIs. I
22 think we won't be able to protect a lot of the districts
23 that we were able to find in this iteration. And I am
24 deeply concerned about doing this, and considering it.
25 And based on what we can and cannot, you know, consider,

1 I think the way we currently have them arranged takes
2 into consideration a lot of individual testimony, a lot
3 of the partners' testimony, a lot of the maps that have
4 been sent in, a lot of the previous Commission direction,
5 and I know that we have said, a few different times, we
6 cannot accommodate everyone.

7 And at this point, I guess my greatest concern is,
8 by going down this path, we're going to just shift who we
9 are going to consider and be able to protect, or at least
10 draw districts to satisfy. So anyway, I'm concerned
11 about making any changes, at this point, that would cause
12 a major shift.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
14 Jaime, I think you were nodding your head. Was that
15 potential changes to COIs, or you think -- what's your
16 thoughts on this?

17 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I think that -- I think that -- I
18 think that it might be hard to keep the ports -- unless
19 you would wish to split Long Beach into more than two
20 districts, it may be hard to keep the ports separate and
21 maintain some of the districts -- or specifically, the AD
22 South L.A. District, kind of, as it is configured now.
23 And also, you know, I -- there are a lot of ideas, so I
24 guess -- yeah.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: We did do a rundown throughout this

1 area with the changes that were made. Commissioner
2 Turner did as well. The reasoning for it, very well-
3 articulated by Commissioner Turner, so at this point,
4 let's hear from Commissioner Akutagawa and Sadhwani and
5 Sinay, and see where we explore, or not, depending on the
6 will of the Commission. Let's hear from Akutagawa.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Hey, Jaime, could -- just
8 off the top of your head, or just, kind of, a
9 guesstimate -- oh, where do you think another split for
10 Long Beach would actually occur to try to -- to try to
11 keep the two ports separate?

12 MS. CLARK: Like, if -- if there were three
13 districts, and that contained Long Beach?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

15 MS. CLARK: The way that I have seen it done by some
16 of the countywide submissions that were made, is that, if
17 I'm remembering correctly, sort of like, this -- this
18 part of Long Beach is with South L.A., and then
19 Wilmington and San Pedro go, I think, up here and are
20 connected with, like, Paramount. For example, cut
21 through here. And then the rest of Long Beach, I think,
22 goes with Bellflower and Lakewood and Seal Beach and
23 Huntington Beach, is how I've seen it.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Jaime, I guess I'm curious. Do you
25 think the San Fernando Valley changes can be localized?

1 Do you think the Long Beach changes can be localized?
2 Since we're trying to -- since we're trying to -- we
3 worked so hard on Los Angeles over the last couple of --
4 it hasn't even been days, it's been months, right? It's
5 been months since we've been looking at Los Angeles and
6 reworking it, and you've done countless iterations here
7 and visualizations, so is there any way that you think we
8 can localize some of the changes that we're thinking, up
9 in the San Fernando Valley, or even in the Long Beach
10 area?

11 MS. CLARK: I think the -- the San Fernando Valley,
12 you know, swaps could definitely be localized. And I
13 don't know what the -- I don't know what the suggestions
14 are for Long Beach, so it's hard to say.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's hear from the floor to see
16 if there's any suggestions on the Long Beach area, and we
17 can think through those. And I also want to hear how the
18 exploration in the Coachella Valley is having with the
19 Sivan, so I'll get an update on that -- or we'll all get
20 an update in a few minutes. All right. So -- and it --
21 all right. Any suggestions on Long Beach that are
22 localized changes?

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Yee? Commissioner
25 Sadhwani?

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. For a localized change, I
2 want to try bringing Wilmington down to Coastal San Pedro
3 into AD South L.A., and then swapping that for as much of
4 North Long Beach as it takes to balance out.

5 MS. CLARK: One moment, please.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: In the meantime, let's hear from
7 Commissioner Sadhwani.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Mine was similar. I was
9 going to say I know that there's been conflicting --
10 conflicted testimony about North Long -- actually, it's
11 not that conflicted, right? Even the City of Long Beach
12 has said that it's reasonable to split North Long Beach.
13 And I believe the boundary that they've consistently said
14 is Del Amo Boulevard. So to me, if we went as North as
15 Del Amo, could we pick up whatever else we needed by
16 dipping into Orange County?

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: How about let's explore that next.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Of course. Yes, absolutely.
19 It's actually just - it's not terribly different from
20 Commissioner Yee. I think -- I want to be sensitive,
21 though, because I know that there are considerations that
22 have been raised by historic African-American
23 communities, and I want to -- I definitely want to see
24 what the possibilities are to respect both of those
25 communities of interest, if possible.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

2 MS. CLARK: So I'm just going to make this switch,
3 so that we can see the impacts on the districts. Both of
4 them would be within plus or minus five percent
5 deviation.

6 For AD South L.A., the percent deviation would be
7 negative .4 percent, the Latino CVAP would be 47.54
8 percent, the Black CVP would be 26.19 percent, Asian CVAP
9 would be 10.7 percent, and white CVAP would be 13.26
10 percent.

11 For the Long Beach District, the percent deviation
12 would be negative 1.6 percent, Latino CVAP -- I'm sorry.
13 I'm going to slow down for the -- for the interpreters.
14 Sorry about that. For the Long Beach District, the
15 percent deviation would be negative 1.6 percent, Latino
16 CVAP 31.65 percent, Asian CVAP 4 -- I'm sorry -- Black
17 CVAP 14.69 percent, Asian CVAP 14.29 percent, white CVAP
18 36.85 percent.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much. Let's hear from
20 the floor. It does look, to me, that we are,
21 potentially, fulfilling some essential worker communities
22 and working class and low income communities in this
23 area. But let's hear from the floor. I just want to see
24 if there's consensus on this, in terms of moving forward.
25 So if you're interested in moving forward with this,

1 please -- I'm just looking for consensus. And I'm not
2 seeing consensus.

3 MS. CLARK: Chair Toledo, should I revert these
4 changes?

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, let's revert these changes.
6 And let's go to Commissioner Sadhwani's proposal.
7 Commissioner Sadhwani has her hand up, actually, so let's
8 hear from Sadhwani, and then from Yee, and then from
9 Akutagawa.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, before we -- before we
11 revert them, I think what I've been wanting to try for
12 quite some time is, you know, maintaining a portion of
13 North Long Beach with the 80 STHLA, but then looking at
14 how much population we would have to pick up, whether
15 that's portions of -- portions coming out of NOC, which
16 is already underpopulated, or you know, Seal Beach --
17 something in Orange County, potentially.

18 The 80 Gateway, I know Lakewood -- 80 Gateway,
19 currently, is slightly overpopulated. I'm trying to see
20 how much population it is that we would actually need to
21 account for. Lakewood previously had been split and
22 paired with Long Beach and was not in that VRA district,
23 so I think that there's -- I'm curious if there's
24 opportunities that can be explored, if we put a portion
25 of North Long Beach back in with the 80 STHLA.

1 MS. CLARK: Commissioner Sadhwani, just to clarify,
2 would Wilmington and San Pedro be with AD -- the South --
3 this Compton and Crescent district?

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Well, we're currently
5 somewhat underpopulated. So what I'd like to see is,
6 yes, keep them together, and how much of North Long Beach
7 can we be putting in.

8 MS. CLARK: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Does that make sense?

10 MS. CLARK: So start from here and then add areas in
11 North Long Beach to AD South L.A.?

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. And I'm curious about
13 what impact that has on the ADSTHLA.

14 MS. CLARK: One moment, please. So for example,
15 just this --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. It looks like we're having
17 some technical difficulties. And we're almost at our
18 break -- our 8 o'clock break. So let's see if we get her
19 back in a second. While we're waiting for her, how about
20 we check in with Commissioner Yee and Akutagawa.

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I had
22 the same idea as Commissioner Sadhwani. And so
23 obviously, all of North Long Beach is too many folks, so
24 maybe, starting on the West side -- the West of the 710
25 first.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Yee. Great
2 minds think alike. All right. So let's -- Jaime, you're
3 back.

4 MS. CLARK: Yes, I hope so. Can you hear me?

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: I hope so too. We can hear you.

6 MS. CLARK: Okay. Thank you. So I think I heard to
7 add areas West of the 710 to the South L.A. District.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, please.

9 MS. CLARK: So this highlighted area is West of the
10 710, and this would be 1.93 percent deviation for AD
11 South L.A., and for the Long Beach base district,
12 negative 3.93 percent. I'm just going to pull this down.
13 The Latino CVAP for South L.A. would be 57.76 percent,
14 the Black CVAP for South L.A. would be 26.21 percent, the
15 Asian CVAP for South L.A. would be 10.6 percent, and the
16 white CVAP would be 13.09 percent.

17 For Long Beach, the deviation would be negative 3.93
18 percent, the Latino CVAP would be 31.13 percent, the
19 Black CVAP would be 14.44 percent, the Asian CVAP would
20 be 14.45 percent, the white CVAP would be 37.47 percent.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for the exploration.
22 Thoughts from the floor? Commissioner Andersen, and then
23 Commissioner Turner.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I like the exploration. I'd
25 go a little bit more. We still have a percent there. We

1 could, maybe, add a bit to it from the Gateway area.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
3 Commissioner Turner?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I'm looking at -- I
5 appreciate what we're trying to do. I just think that it
6 further splits some of our other historic districts and
7 lessens their opportunity to elect candidates of choice.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Turner. Any
9 further exploration in this area? Suggestions? We're
10 about to go to break. So maybe -- Commissioner Sadhwani,
11 did we want to go to -- try the other options in this
12 area?

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm happy to, if there is
14 willingness, or interest from others.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think Commissioner Sinay had some
16 interest in exploring opportunities in linking the two --
17 actually, separating out the two ports. I believe it's
18 San Pedro and Long Beach. Commissioner Yee?

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure. There are other options.
20 I was just going to ask, that area on the East side of
21 Compton -- those two little pink areas -- just curious
22 what those are?

23 MS. CLARK: That is a census-designated place called
24 East Rancho Dominguez. And it's two areas that are --
25 oops -- there we go. It's -- they're noncontiguous, but

1 they're both part of East Rancho Dominguez.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: I see. Okay. I'd love to see
3 Commissioner Sadhwani's ideas.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So Commissioner Sadhwani or
5 Commissioner Sinay, you both raised the issue of
6 potential -- of separating the two ports in this area.
7 Any other thoughts on how to do that?

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Happy to.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Or other --

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I don't know.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- or other exploration in this area.

12 It doesn't have to be that. But I know that was -- that
13 one was raised. How about -- we're going to take our
14 break at 8 o'clock, so let's take it now. And
15 Commissioner Sadhwani, if you could -- you're exploring
16 the possibility of separating these two ports. If you
17 would work with Jaime, over the break, and see if there's
18 any suggestions, any visualizations you'd like to show
19 us, and then, of course, that will be brought back to the
20 public once we come back from break, just for efficiency
21 purposes. All right. Thank you. So we're on break.

22 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 6:13 p.m.
23 until 6:30 p.m.)

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
25 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We're coming back

1 from break. And we will be going back to the Coachella
2 Valley before we go back to Los Angeles, just for
3 efficiency sake.

4 We have Commissioner Kennedy and Sivan with us.
5 Sivan is our map -- our line drawer, and Commissioner
6 Kennedy was working on trying to unify La Quinta with
7 Palm Springs and other resort cities. And I hear they
8 have some good news. So let's go through what they have
9 been -- hear what the -- what they --

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Explored.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- explored, and also where we're at,
12 at this point. Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. And I
14 wanted to explore a number of things. First of all, as
15 the Chair said, was putting La Quinta back with the bulk
16 of the Coachella Valley. I also wanted to look at
17 bringing Idyllwild, Pine Cove, and Mountain Center into
18 MBCV.

19 We learned, probably late last year, that Idyllwild
20 was one of those locations where if you're looking at a
21 flat map, you know, it could go any number of ways. But
22 if you look at a relief map, you very quickly understand
23 that there are only a couple of ways to get there, one of
24 which is through Beaumont. The other of which is the
25 long way, through Palm Desert. But in either case, it

1 made more sense to bring Idyllwild into MBCV. So we were
2 able to do that.

3 We were not able to put Sage, and some of that area,
4 with the neighboring district to the West, nor were we
5 able to get Anza, and some of those areas, in with the
6 SESDC district to the South, so they remain as they were.
7 We did move Sky Valley from MBCV into SECA.

8 Then moving North from there, we ended up moving
9 Twentynine Palms, the marine base, and Homestead Valley
10 from MBCV into VDHD. We ended up moving Pinon Hills,
11 Fallon, a sliver of Hesperia that is there -- kind of,
12 almost a discontinuous portion of Hesperia -- well, not
13 so discontinuous. But anyway, that portion of Hesperia
14 that divides Oak Hills, we ended up putting that in with
15 Wrightwood and Lytle Creek in the 210 -- so-called 210
16 District. And so we ended up -- we did not touch
17 Antelope. We did not touch Santa Clarita Valley. And we
18 ended up with the 210 District at a 2.23 deviation, DVHD
19 at 4.99 --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Wow.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- MBCV at 4.98 --

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: My gosh.

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah, it's by a whisker.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: By a whisker.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And SECA at -- let's see,



1 SECA -- SECA at negative 4.89, maintaining --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Very good.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- 59 percent LCVAP. So it
4 was -- it was an interesting exploration. As I said, I
5 was not able to accomplish everything that I would've
6 hoped to, but I think, by and large, we improved the map
7 on balance.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: It does sound like it. Sivan, let's
9 compare the CVAPs for the VRA areas as that is our
10 fiduciary duty and responsibility. So like, for the
11 SECA, that did not change. I think it actually went up.
12 It's now at 59.28; is that correct?

13 MS. TRATT: One moment while I turn the -- yep, it
14 did go up. It was at 56 percent before.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Great. All right. And then next VRA
16 area.

17 MS. TRATT: Oh, did you want to revisit the --
18 the --

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No, I think --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: No, just the ones that were impacted
21 by these changes, just to make sure that they --

22 MS. TRATT: Oh, there were no other VRA areas that
23 were impacted.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, perfect. If that's the case,
25 then no other VRA district was impacted. All the

1 deviations are in compliance. There are -- I don't
2 believe I see any bottlenecks -- or any compactness
3 issues, rather. Can you pull up?

4 MS. TRATT: Zoom in, or zoom out? Sorry.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Zoom out.

6 MS. TRATT: Okay.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Just so we can see over
8 (indiscernible). I don't see anything of concern. Okay.
9 We have Commissioner Andersen and Fernandez.

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, first of all --

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we --

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- I want to say --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- were able to contain it. Wow.
14 That is impressive. All right, Commissioner Andersen and
15 Commissioner Fernandez. I'm just -- I'm still in shock
16 that we were able to do all of those things.
17 Commissioner Andersen?

18 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. No, I want to say, wow.
19 I knew it was going to be tight. I did not realize it
20 was going to be that tight. So it's amazing that you
21 were able to do these things, except the Victor Valley
22 area, which, you know, they're not happy with how the
23 maps, kind of, look.

24 Now, Pinon Hills, you know, that's an area -- those
25 are now all (indiscernible). Now, they are with

1 Wrightwood and Lynn -- Lytle Creek, but now, they're with
2 L.A. I mean, L.A., L.A. So I'm concerned about that.
3 You know, there wasn't any other, you know, messing
4 with -- I'm sure you looked at many, many things, but
5 that one, I really wish we could do something else.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner --

7 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: And these people --

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Andersen. Commissioner Kennedy?

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I
10 certainly would like that as well. But I would remind us
11 all that that district does currently include a
12 significant portion of Upland, and a portion of Rancho
13 Cucamonga, so it's not entirely orphaned from San
14 Bernadino County. I don't know what the population
15 balance is between the two counties, but it is not just
16 those Victor Valley communities and the Mountain
17 communities. It is San Bernadino County communities on
18 the Southern border of this district as well. Thank you.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy. Any
20 other questions, or any other parts of the maps that we
21 want to look at before we take a -- see if there's
22 general consensus on these changes?

23 It doesn't look like it, so I'm going to ask to see
24 if we can all -- you know, the standard I'm using right
25 now is, can we all live with this? And just looking

1 around -- Commissioner Sinay?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I understand why the SECA
3 District went all the way up to Needles, but it does
4 create a district that is huge. And we have heard from
5 the community that they would rather it take, you know,
6 more of the Coachella Valley than go up that -- up to
7 Needles. And I just -- I wanted to bring it up, because
8 this is a VRA district and they do -- you know, and these
9 communities are asking to be kept together in a VRA
10 district, nearby each other. And so I wanted -- you
11 know, just revisit this one more time for those who have
12 asked us to.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay, can you speak to
14 the -- what specific communities want to be protected
15 under the VRA district?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Are they currently not --

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, they're not --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- in a VRA District?

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- in it --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- currently.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you repeat their names, so we can
24 ask counsel --

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, if we --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- about it?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- can zoom in, kind of, by the
3 Indio Hills? You know, it's Desert Hot Springs and
4 Cathedral want to be part of the VRA district. I don't
5 know the demographic, but I know -- you know, so I
6 just -- I want us to be clear. You know, we're creating
7 this really noncontiguous -- you know, not compact --
8 it's all contiguous. Sorry. But does it make sense,
9 considering that other communities nearby -- the Latino
10 communities -- are asking to be part of the VRA?

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. And
12 one of the reasons it's not so compact is because it's
13 rural. And as we know, especially as we worked in the
14 North, the more rural and spread out, the population is a
15 little bigger -- the districts -- but each district has
16 the same number -- or about the same number of people.

17 Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner Kennedy, and then
18 we'll ask legal counsel about those communities.

19 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No, Chair. I think you -- no,
20 Chair. I think you just hit it. In light of what we've
21 done on other parts of the State for the sake of, we've
22 sacrificed some elements of compactness for communities
23 of interest of 445 criteria. Thank you.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Andersen,
25 and then Kennedy, and then we're going to go to legal

1 counsel after that.

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. Thank you. I
3 certainly appreciate where Commissioner Sinay is going
4 with this, because if you could add more areas that
5 should be in the VRA area district, you really want to.
6 The only thing I'd like to say is, if the line drawers
7 could give us the population in that chunk of San
8 Bernadino area that includes Needles, because Needles is
9 a little less than 5,000 people, and I think it's the
10 biggest population center in that area, so I would be
11 very surprised if it went more than 6 or 7,000.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
13 Andrew, do you have that data?

14 MR. DRECHSLER: Yes. That population -- good --
15 good job, Commissioner Andersen. That's 7,018, up in
16 that part, so I will take you as a partner on The Price
17 Is Right.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
19 Commissioner Kennedy, and then we'll go to Salvador -- or
20 Mr. Perez.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Just a
22 reminder that, you know, yes, we have communitive
23 interest testimony in one direction. We have it in any
24 number of other directions. Here, we have the Black
25 community wanting Desert Hot Springs, Palm Springs, and

1 Cathedral City together.

2 We have the Filipino community wanting Desert Hot
3 Springs, Palm Springs, and Cathedral City together.

4 We have the LGBTQ community wanting Palm Springs,
5 Desert Hot Springs, Cathedral City, and as much of the
6 Valley as possible together.

7 We have the Valley community at large wanting as
8 much of the nine Cities of the Coachella Valley together
9 as possible. So what we're trying to do is -- as
10 elsewhere -- trying to balance these many competing
11 interests, and you know, I think this does a good job of
12 it.

13 I'm certainly happy to hear community input on how
14 to make it better, but you know, we have to be able to
15 make it better without making lots of other people worse
16 off. Thank you.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And Mr. Perez, just in
18 response to Commissioner Sinay's question about Desert
19 Hot Springs and Cathedral City, I'm just wondering if
20 there are those two -- there are -- there was community
21 input about those communities wanting and -- to be part
22 of a VRA district to get VRA protection. I'm just
23 wondering if these areas fall under VRA?

24 MR. PEREZ: I think, as it's currently drawn, the
25 district satisfies the VRA. And at this point, you have

1 the discretion to include or exclude those communities.
2 It sort of reminds me of the issue you had with Barrio
3 Logan and this -- the Chula Vista district. So it's up
4 to you.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And that -- you know, we
6 try to put as many communities under VRA as -- but
7 there's only so many we can put in, and there's some
8 limitations on those, and of course, there's also other
9 factors as well, including compactness and contiguity.

10 Any other questions from the floor? And then I'm
11 going to see if there's general consensus with these
12 changes. We did have to balance quite a few community of
13 interest, COIs, and I think Commissioner Kennedy did a --
14 and Sivan, and the rest of the Commission, did an amazing
15 job of putting all this together.

16 Of course, it's not perfect. No, I haven't seen a
17 district that is, yet. But it does balance all of the
18 interests that were presented, and it does it quite
19 nicely, I think -- from my perspective -- especially
20 given all the concerns with the neighboring VRA districts
21 that are so difficult and complex. Commissioner Sinay?

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm sorry. I'm still having a
23 really hard time, though, with this VRA district going
24 into three different counties. I mean, I've been trying
25 to reconcile that all this time, and since we're getting

1 down to the end, I just wanted to voice it very, you
2 know, openly that it is a huge district. And when I hear
3 what has been said about everybody claiming everything --
4 but this is a Latino VRA district that is unique, because
5 they haven't had the, you know, Coachella Valley to
6 Imperial. So I just want to put it out there.

7 I'm not going to stop anything. I'm not going to
8 draw a line in the sand. But I do think we need to think
9 about how not -- how big it is, and what population is
10 being served here, and is it being served by having that
11 going all the way into San Bernadino?

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sivan, can you zoom out, so we can
13 see the whole district one more time? And Salvador, can
14 you speak to the -- to this very large VRA district? And
15 just compliance with the VRA. I think you said it. This
16 district does comply with VRA. Does -- compactness is
17 below the VRA, in terms of our requirements, and
18 certainly, this is a very rural community where it's --
19 where the population is spread out. But can you give any
20 more insight into this district, in terms of VRA risk?

21 MR. PEREZ: Not with respect to VRA risk. But as
22 Andrew mentioned earlier, that's -- that's about a 7,000-
23 person population in that corner of the district, and I
24 can imagine that, although you've gotten to this very
25 (indiscernible) wonderful, tentative solution here, you

1 might be able to swap some populations and -- and reduce
2 the -- the size of the geographic scope of this district.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Can -- with that, can we
4 see how many people are in the district, Hot Springs,
5 Cathedral City area? I imagine it would be way more than
6 7,000 people, though. I'm imagining tens of thousands,
7 right? Maybe sixty, maybe more. Let's see. My eyes are
8 not going to see that.

9 MS. TRATT: Yeah, Chair. So Desert Hot Springs is
10 about thirty-two and a half thousand people, and
11 Cathedral City is about fifty-one and a half thousand
12 people.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're talking about 80,000 people
14 here. Commissioner Vazquez? And Commissioner Sinay?

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Just wanted to say that I
16 hear that concern about, sort of, the geographic size of
17 this district. That being said, I think it's a little
18 bit -- at least how I view the other, potentially, larger
19 districts from Inyo onward -- that, you know, these
20 regions, compared to the rest of the State, are pretty,
21 you know, low population, much more rural, and I think
22 less so than, sort of, county affinity.

23 I think sort of where their geography and the
24 resource management and the resource -- maybe even -- the
25 lack of resources, generally, in many of these regions,

1 probably, ties many of these communities together, more
2 so than their county affinity, so I don't see, sort of,
3 an inherent problem with the district moving across three
4 counties.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez. I
6 appreciate that discussion. Let's see. Commissioner
7 Kennedy?

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Just to
9 remind colleagues that, you know, the main features of
10 this district -- of the SECA district -- are the Colorado
11 River Basin, which is the source of -- the main source of
12 water in this part of California. The Salton Sea -- with
13 the environmental issues that need to be resolved in
14 relation to the Salton Sea and the Southern border, those
15 are the main features of this district. And you know, I
16 would say that this district pretty well focuses those
17 concerns and interests. Thank you.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And with that, let's see
19 if there's general consensus. I'm moving forward with
20 these changes. Very impressive work here. And I am
21 looking around the room.

22 The standard that we're using, at this point, is,
23 can we live with it? I feel -- we've been informed by
24 VRA counsel that the SECA district does protect the
25 necessary populations. That there aren't -- that there

1 aren't any compliance issues with this district, at this
2 point. And then we were able to unify quite a few COIs
3 by the changes that were done by Commissioner Kennedy and
4 Sivan. Any -- I'm looking around the room for any
5 opposition. Can we live -- the standard is, can we live
6 with this?

7 The Coachella Valley was a priority for one, two,
8 three, four Commissioners. That's why we're spending
9 quite a bit of time here. And it's important for us to
10 do so and to ensure fair amounts for this region.
11 Commissioner Sinay? I think you had your hand up,
12 Commissioner Sinay, or no? Nope. So I'm not seeing any
13 opposition, at this point. Speak now, or we're going to
14 have general consensus. Commissioner Andersen?

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, I have to say this. I
16 know it's -- I know what we're -- how many things we've
17 done well. But I have to speak up and just mention it,
18 because we're going to hear about it, and we understand,
19 and we're sorry, but the Victor Valley and you know,
20 those three towns in there, now, they're not with the
21 Victor Valley and they're not in the high desert.
22 They're with -- they are with a great force of area,
23 so -- and it's -- they're not -- they probably have a
24 better say in this than any of the other towns connected
25 to the Los Angeles forest, but I do want to mention it,

1 'cause we're sorry about that.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen. We
3 try as hard as we can to keep all of the COIs together
4 and sometimes, we have to make difficult decisions. And
5 this is one of these situations. I am looking around the
6 room. It does appear we can all live with this district.
7 And we have general consensus to move forward.

8 Let's move on back to the Los Angeles region, where
9 we were prior to the Coachella Valley, and in the Los
10 Angeles region. We had Commissioner Sadhwani working
11 with the line drawer to explore the potential of the port
12 cities area and the coastal areas around Long Beach, so
13 interested in hearing some of the progress or challenges,
14 opportunities, what has transpired, if there's any
15 proposals on the table for this area.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. So a big thanks to
17 Jaime. We were able to just see what our options might
18 be to maintain separation between the two ports as well
19 as maintain some of those historic COI -- communities of
20 interest that we have heard from very loud and clear.

21 So this district does appear to have a neck.
22 However, I want to remind you about the shape of the City
23 of Los Angeles's boundaries. So this potential, or
24 proposed district, includes the top areas that had been
25 in the draft that Commissioner Turner had worked on. It

1 maintains more of just the North Long Beach areas. It's
2 actually above Del Amo Boulevard -- which was the piece
3 that the Long Beach folks had identified as their
4 community of interest boundary -- runs along the Los
5 Angeles city boundaries down along -- kind of, like,
6 along the 110 and out towards the 110 picking up a
7 portion of the City of Carson -- of West Carson there
8 along the 110 freeway and coming down into Wilmington and
9 San Pedro.

10 A portion of San Pedro is cut, so I just want to
11 acknowledge that. I'm not sure how folks feel about it,
12 but it was able to keep together the port itself and keep
13 it separate from the Long Beach port, while, I think,
14 doing a reasonable job of keeping together some of the
15 communities of interest that we have heard from in this
16 area. So I offer that as an option.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for working through that
18 with Jaime. Jaime, can you speak to any impacts to
19 minority, majority districts in this area? Are we still
20 at the same number as previously for African-American,
21 Asian, Latino areas?

22 MS. CLARK: Yes.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Wow. That's impressive. Thank you,
24 Commissioner Sadhwani, for working through that. And
25 Jaime as well.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, we were able --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's difficult.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: This is a very complex and difficult
5 area.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Exactly. We were able to
7 contain the changes in that area without going into --
8 touching Orange County and without touching the VRA
9 district, so I -- you know, I think it -- while it does,
10 then, lead to some splits in cities -- in two cities --
11 it -- you know, I hope, meets some of our goals. But I'm
12 very curious to hear --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: It sounds like it does. Okay. So
14 let's see -- let's hear from Commissioner Kennedy and
15 Sinay.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, good
17 work. A couple of questions. One, the little triangle
18 to the right -- yeah, right -- to the right of where it
19 says, "Los Angeles." That appears to be part of the --
20 yeah, that triangle right there -- I'm just wondering if
21 we would want to move that into the South L.A. district,
22 since it seems to be part of L.A.?

23 I also wanted to ask. Do we have a shapefile for, I
24 believe, it's the Filipino community in Carson and West
25 Carson? Because if Carson is already split, and we have

1 a little bit of leeway on our population deviation -- so
2 I'm wondering if there's any need to bring part of Carson
3 East of the 110 into that South L.A. district as well?

4 Thank you.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much, Mr. -- or
6 Commissioner Kennedy. Commissioner Sinay? And if --

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think that was -- you know,
8 building on what Commissioner Kennedy was asking, does
9 Wilmington go up in an arm right here?

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's get Jaime to answer all of
11 those questions.

12 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So this area is included in
13 Wilmington Neighborhood Council. In the area, in total,
14 there are fifty people. And I believe that the Filipino
15 COI was Carson and West Carson together. I'm looking.
16 I'm not sure if I have that shapefile. I have so many
17 COIs loaded, so I'm -- I'm looking right now. It might
18 take one second.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And then after that's done,
20 Jaime, my question was going to be, if we could zoom into
21 the part of San Pedro where it's cut, just so I could see
22 the streets and stuff?

23 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So it's generally following the
24 110. And just zooming in here. This is the 110 to
25 Cabrillo, West 18th, and then to Western.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Would it be able to go down
2 Gaffey, instead of Cabrillo?

3 MS. CLARK: Let's give it a whirl.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That's where the community
5 usually splits -- splits where the port, you know?

6 MS. CLARK: One moment, please. Let me just check
7 that out. Oh, why is --

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's just hear from
9 Commissioner Kennedy while we're waiting.

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Just, as
11 always, I'm thinking of election officials, and what
12 they're going to have to administer down the road. So
13 you know, to the extent possible, I would say, you know,
14 let's include all of the City of Los Angeles's portions,
15 and not leave them in a different district. Thanks.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy. So
17 let's hear from Commissioner Sadhwani as well, while
18 we're -- while we're here. And then we'll go back to
19 this.

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I was just -- I mean,
21 I don't know, from a process standpoint, how we want to
22 work on this, but you know, with these kind of changes,
23 we're doing them on fly, in, like, a fifteen-minute
24 chunk, so I'm totally -- if folks are liking the general
25 direction of this, I think it's totally reasonable just

1 to do some minor cleanup. In those kinds of regards, I
2 think that makes sense. But again, from a process
3 standpoint, I don't know exactly which way we want to go;
4 if we want to do that live, or, you know, send that back
5 to (indiscernible).

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Turner?

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I would not
8 mind having that done off-line as given -- having given
9 previous direction --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- to ensure that we do not
12 start to break up some of the other COIs that we've
13 talked about already, and maintain the percentages and
14 the strength of the COIs that we have in the districts
15 that we were able to create.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Turner. All
17 right. So let's do that. Let's, perhaps -- while --
18 when we go back to Orange County, perhaps, Jaime can work
19 on this a little bit with Commissioner Sadhwani to try to
20 do some -- a little bit of cleanup -- or whichever
21 Commissioner wants to do the cleanup. It doesn't have to
22 be Commissioner Sadhwani. Whoever is the most familiar
23 with this area -- and if -- Commissioner Sinay, are you
24 wanting to do that, 'cause -- since you brought up some
25 of these things? All right. So how about --

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If it's --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Jaime --

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- helpful. I mean, I'm about
4 two miles from that area right now.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So maybe Commissioner --
6 Jaime, if you'd work with Commissioner Sinay on that when
7 we -- 'cause we're going to go to Sivan soon.
8 Commissioner Turner?

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. No,
10 that's -- I've already spoken what I'm looking for.
11 Thank you.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, excellent. Thank you. Yes. And
13 of course, we have the direction from Commissioner Turner
14 that I agree with. So I'm just looking down on the
15 priorities list -- Jaime?

16 MS. CLARK: So sorry to interrupt.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: No worries.

18 MS. CLARK: Should I make this change, which is
19 moving the line to Gaffey? And the percent deviations
20 for both districts would remain within plus or minus five
21 percent.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm looking at the room. Everyone is
23 fine with this change that I can tell. Let's see.
24 Twenty -- I'm looking at the data.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Can we see the full

1 deviations?

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. Can we see the full
3 deviations, please?

4 MS. CLARK: Yes. So I --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: The data --

6 MS. CLARK: -- made -- I made the change. And the
7 data is on the map.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: And the deviations are 2.08. And the
11 rest of the data is there for Commissioners to see. All
12 right. And then -- so Commissioner Sadhwani -- or
13 Commissioner Sinay will be working with Clark to -- Ms.
14 Clark to see if there's any other refinement that's
15 necessary in that district.

16 I'm looking through the sheet of priorities for the
17 Commissioners. We did highlight the San Fernando Valley
18 as a priority -- and Los Angeles -- and that appears to
19 be the last priority in Los Angeles, so we probably
20 should go there and take a look. We have --

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Sure. Excuse me.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, sure.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Kimberly is asking for some
24 clarity on what's being done, so that she can take the
25 proper notes.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Kimberly, let's see. So
2 no major changes to the iterations. Just minor
3 refinements to San -- so at this point, there were some
4 minor refinements done to the Long Beach area; is that
5 right? Can you just --

6 MS. CLARK: There were --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- do the changes that were made,
8 Jaime?

9 MS. CLARK: Yes. Yes. So the changes that were
10 made to Iteration Plan T-1, which was posted online
11 earlier today, is that, now, Koreatown is whole -- the
12 Koreatown COI is whole -- and NELA District -- and the
13 South L.A. District, now, includes Wilmington and San
14 Pedro and splits Carson, and the ADLBC District includes
15 Southern Carson and does not include Northern parts of
16 the City of Long Beach. And those are the changes that
17 had been made to Iteration Plan T-1.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much, Jaime, for that
19 recap. All right. So I'm looking at -- through the
20 priority list for the Commissioners, which is driving
21 where we spend more -- most of our attention.

22 We do have some attention that needs to be paid to
23 the San Fernando Valley, and then we also have Orange
24 County, which was raised by Commissioner Akutagawa.
25 We -- at this point, because the line drawers -- our line

1 drawers that are working on Orange County are on the East
2 coast, and the time difference, I want to go to Orange
3 County first, finish up Orange County, and then come back
4 to the San Fernando Valley.

5 In the meantime, those of you who are -- who have a
6 priority in the San Fernando Valley, if you could be very
7 specific with your priorities, and then think through
8 some of the changes you'd like to see in the San Fernando
9 Valley. So let's go to Orange County, and then with
10 Sivan. So let's change line drawers and we'll go through
11 the Orange County proposals.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Actually, before you do
13 that --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's hear from
15 Commissioner --

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Akutagawa.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think I need to do a
19 check-in with them real quick, 'cause we had a question
20 about one of the shapefiles. So I need to just do a
21 quick check-in.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's take a five-minute
23 break for Commissioner Akutagawa to check in with the --
24 with Sivan, and to do the change, and then we'll be back
25 in five minutes, and focusing on Orange County, before we

1 move up to the San Fernando Valley. And then we'll be
2 wrapping up the Southern California, Los Angeles area and
3 moving up to the Central Valley, which is a priority for
4 one, two Commissioners. Thank you.

5 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 7:59 p.m.
6 until 8:15 p.m.)

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
8 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We are now back in
9 Orange County, where I hear we have some solutions --
10 potential solutions for some of the issues we've been
11 grappling with.

12 I'm going to turn it over to Commissioner Akutagawa
13 and Sivan to share some of the process -- some of their
14 thinking, what they've gone through, and some -- and
15 explore it, and where they're at now. Commissioner
16 Akutagawa?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I am just going to
18 start out by saying, as I was afraid, the mapping
19 software that I had included La Habra, when it wasn't
20 supposed to, and it just threw off all of my very tight
21 deviations. So we have -- we did have a plan B. And
22 Sivan, if I could just have you present it, perhaps, that
23 would be most efficient.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
25 Sivan?

1 MS. TRATT: Absolutely. So for the public and
2 Commissioners, you can see this change outlined in
3 Assembly District Iteration A-1. The gist of the swap is
4 it's contained to two districts, NOCCOAST and GGW.

5 The swap that was made was the majority of Seal
6 Beach. To be more specific, it's the portion of Seal
7 Beach that's South of the 22. And then that was
8 exchanged for population in Huntington Beach. That would
9 satisfy two COIs, at the request of the Little Saigon
10 community, to have part of Huntington Beach kept with the
11 rest of Little Saigon COI, and it would also place Seal
12 Beach in with what is turning out to be the closest to an
13 all-coast district that is going to be allowed with the
14 current configuration. And that's the change.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Sivan and Commissioner
16 Akutagawa. Any questions from the floor? So we have --
17 the biggest change here is the Seal Beach change. If I'm
18 understanding this correctly, Seal Beach is now with
19 Huntington Beach, Little Saigon, which reflects COI
20 testimony that we've been hearing. Commissioner
21 Sadhwani, any thoughts on -- what are your thoughts on
22 this -- these changes?

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. No. Thanks. This is
24 exciting to see. I'm just wondering if we can, maybe,
25 pull out? The --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- initial --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: No problem.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: The original changes,
5 Commissioner Akutagawa, that you were proposing had cut
6 up Costa Mesa, Irvine. But it looks like those are back
7 together. I'm just, kind of, curious. How does this fit
8 with what we just did in Los Angeles, where Hawaiian
9 Gardens was a part of NOC and Fullerton, under
10 Commissioner Turner's plan, had adjusted where the cut in
11 Fullerton was to include the community -- excuse me --
12 the college and educational areas? I'm just wondering --
13 I'm just trying to get a sense of it, in light of all of
14 the other changes that we're making in the region.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

16 MS. TRATT: Absolutely. I can address that, if
17 that's okay. I have in this orange-ish, red color the
18 original Iteration Plan T-1. Obviously, I don't have the
19 changes that were just made, but it's my understanding
20 that the NOC district wasn't touched in those kind of
21 tweaks, so you can see those overlaid on the current
22 plan. You can see that small change in this district
23 here and where that Fullerton swap was happening. And I
24 can zoom in further to show where that is in Fullerton,
25 again keeping intact those college communities, and the

1 line drawers are going to merge these two plans that
2 we've been working on, so the changes in orange will be
3 pasted into this Orange County map. Does that answer
4 your question, Commissioner Sadhwani?

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, I think so. So the
6 changes, then, that are being made are just localized to
7 Seal Beach; is that --

8 MS. TRATT: Exactly. They're contained to --

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it.

10 MS. TRATT: -- NOCCOAST and to GW. They don't
11 impact any other districts.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. Okay.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: So the majority of the changes are --
14 actually, most of the -- it really has been localized to
15 the coast area is my understanding, right?

16 MS. TRATT: That's exactly right.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's hear from Linda and --
18 or sorry -- Commissioner Akutagawa. It's getting late.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I just want to thank the
20 Commission for going on my ride earlier this morning. I
21 really was trying to accommodate and to meet different
22 COIs. I also just want to say, I know that we did get
23 COI testimony that there were residents -- including
24 myself, who is a resident. I would prefer not to see a
25 city split. I live in Huntington Beach. However, we

1 felt that this was the best way to try to bring Seal
2 Beach back into a more coastal district. That made more
3 sense, based on the COI testimony that we got.

4 Again, I do want to address Little Saigon. I know
5 that they want to be in a coastal district. We did try
6 different iterations. But I also want to just say out
7 loud that, while Little Saigon is the major -- or the
8 Little Saigon business district is a major area, and the
9 Vietnamese community is the majority Asian population in
10 this GGW district, I do also want just say out loud that
11 we did hear COI testimony from the Pacific Islander
12 communities.

13 There are also Latino communities in this district
14 as well as pockets of Korean-Americans and Arab-Americans
15 and other South Asians in this district, and of course,
16 there is various African-American and various communities
17 from -- you know, of different social economic statuses
18 in the white community as well, too -- so keeping that,
19 also, in mind, too -- you know, the bigger picture -- I
20 think that's what we're all trying to do, and what's best
21 for the majority of the people, and not just one COI
22 only, and so there were sacrifices that we all had to
23 make. And as much as, you know, I think we've tried to
24 accommodate all the COIs as much as we can, sometimes, it
25 just becomes very painful that we cannot. And so I hope

1 that -- as we've been saying, I hope the communities are
2 okay living with it, too. Thank you.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa. I
4 know you worked really hard to balance all of the COIs in
5 this area, and been working very hard with our line
6 drawer to look at solutions, and with the Commission
7 yesterday in public session, and for the last couple of
8 months, at this point, to look at -- through the
9 visualization process.

10 So I am going to open up to the floor for questions,
11 and then for general consensus in this area.

12 Commissioner Kennedy?

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thanks. I was trying to look
14 back in my notes from public comment earlier today. If
15 we can go back to Southeastern Fullerton? My
16 recollection -- and I may have heard wrong, or I may have
17 written it down wrong -- I recall hearing that the
18 student population, generally, lives to the North of Cal
19 State Fullerton, and by changing to this red line, we
20 would be cutting them from the campus; is that, in fact,
21 the case?

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sivan, can you please look at that
23 and --

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thanks.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- answer -- respond, rather?

1 MS. TRATT: So I didn't hear 100 percent of the COI
2 testimony today -- earlier -- the public comment. I do
3 remember Commissioners asking, yesterday, if there was a
4 possibility of including the portion of Fullerton that's
5 on the East side of the 57 -- and where my cursor is
6 circling.

7 If I am correct, the deviation of the NOC district,
8 with the proposed changes, is somewhere around 4.85 -- if
9 I'm correct -- and I can get exacts from Yee -- but I
10 don't believe -- I -- I do think that, off-line, we tried
11 to add that population in, and it is too densely
12 populated to accommodate in this district.

13 There may be other swaps in L.A., or elsewhere, that
14 we could play around with to try and grab that -- the
15 rest of the population, but I can't say, with certainty,
16 what those would be.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Any other questions,
18 comments, or information from the Commission?

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I was trying -- oh, I
20 took my hand down some kind of way -- yeah, I had the COI
21 up. I was trying to find it quick enough -- and Jaime
22 may still have it up -- but when we drew that particular
23 line, we were following directly from -- I believe it was
24 someone from one of the colleges -- the -- that submitted
25 the COI that directed those lines -- and I'm just going

1 to keep clicking here to see if I can come back across
2 it. Jaime, do you have it -- the COI from this area?

3 MS. CLARK: Hi, I'm so sorry. I missed the
4 question.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: It's the Fullerton --
6 remember, we had that COI testimony when we drew the line
7 in Fullerton? We moved it up. I think it was North of
8 the campuses or --

9 MS. CLARK: Yes. The line here is North of the
10 campuses. And the COI testimony that we were looking at
11 was requesting the college -- the line to be North of the
12 campuses and to be separate from the golf courses, or the
13 country clubs, I think, and that is this configuration.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Jaime. So we have
15 something else. That's just what we were going by,
16 but -- okay. Thank you.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Any other questions for
18 this area? I'm seeing none. Let's look for general
19 consensus on these maps. Sivan, can you go back?
20 Just -- can you zoom out, so we can see all of these
21 changes?

22 The changes have been localized to the Seal Beach
23 area with Huntington Beach. Other than that, the
24 district remain as we had general consensus previously,
25 so the change that we're looking at is really with the

1 NOCCOAST district. And I'm looking for general
2 consensus, here, for moving forward. Can we live with
3 these changes? Commissioner Akutagawa?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sivan, could you just zoom
5 in again? Because in that Fullerton area -- 'cause it
6 looked there was a line going right straight through
7 Fullerton College. And then in another time, it looked
8 like it was fine. And I just want to --

9 MS. TRATT: Yeah. So let me turn off these lines
10 quickly, just so it won't be confusing. The lines that
11 I'm turning on now are the changes proposed by
12 Commissioner Turner. And let me turn on the Google map.
13 So the lines intentionally go North of both SCU Fullerton
14 and Fullerton College.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And then just one more
16 question. That line is not cutting through Troy High
17 School, right?

18 MS. TRATT: Can you tell me where Troy High School
19 is?

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's right next to Cal
21 State --

22 MS. TRATT: Oh, right --

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- Fullerton.

24 MS. TRATT: -- here?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Okay.

1 MS. TRATT: It looks like --

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: What's that --

3 MS. TRATT: -- it is right here.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, it's a park. Okay.

5 Okay. Thank you. It looks good.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Any concerns around these
7 changes? I'm looking around the room. All right. We
8 have general consensus to move forward with these. Let's
9 adopt these into our maps. Commissioner Kennedy?

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I don't fully understand
11 what's happening, because it looks like that proposed
12 change in Fullerton disappeared when the map zoomed back
13 out.

14 MS. TRATT: I can explain. So Jaime --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

16 MS. TRATT: -- and I had been working on different
17 computers. So as soon as we are moving on from, and I
18 have the approval of the Commission, I will export the
19 geographic files for the districts that we worked on.
20 Those will then get merged in with the plan that Jaime
21 has been working on in her districts. And that's why the
22 lines were two different colors. So I just turned that
23 off, because I think it was getting confusing for
24 Commissioners, but the -- the red lines are what was
25 proposed in Iteration T-1, and these changes will be

1 merged with the current plan, which is reflected in the
2 black lines.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you very much
4 for that explanation.

5 MS. TRATT: Yeah, absolutely.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. I guess, Commissioner
7 Akutagawa.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm sorry. I just wanted
9 to ask. I know -- I think -- sorry. It's getting late.
10 I think somebody asked this question, but I've got to --
11 I think it didn't sink through. The section of Fullerton
12 that's across the 57 freeway -- that we did get some
13 feedback that that's part of, you know, some of the
14 student housing -- since there's a negative deviation,
15 does it make sense to just, kind of, pick up a few extra
16 people from that area and go across the 57 and pick up
17 some of those Cal State, Fullerton students as well, too?

18 MS. TRATT: So my --

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Or am I --

20 MS. TRATT: -- understanding is that --

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- looking at it wrong?

22 MS. TRATT: Oh, yeah. So my understanding is that
23 the negative deviation is moving population out of the
24 district that is already negative and so that would push
25 it beyond the legal limit of negative five percent

1 deviation.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, you mean so if you
3 moved the -- that line East a little bit towards
4 Placentia, you would lose population? I thought we're
5 gaining population.

6 MS. TRATT: Jaime, could you confirm just what the
7 deviation on NOC, with these changes, are?

8 MS. CLARK: Yes, I can. Please, one moment. NOC,
9 with these changes, NOC is negative 4.2 percent, and that
10 is accomplished by, in the T-1 Plan, Lakewood being whole
11 with AD Gateway.

12 MS. TRATT: And what is the deviation of the LAOSB?

13 MS. CLARK: The LAOSB district, the deviation is
14 negative 4.75 percent.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, okay. I thought I saw
16 it was something, like -- I saw a much smaller deviation,
17 so I thought there was space to pick up a few extra one
18 of those students into that district. Okay.

19 MS. TRATT: Yeah. So as I explained, Jaime and I
20 did try to move this portion of Fullerton into the NOC
21 district off-line --

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Uh-huh.

23 MS. TRATT: -- and without making population swaps
24 elsewhere, that would not be possible, without pushing
25 the deviation of LAOSB beyond negative five --

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

2 MS. TRATT: -- percent.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. All right.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you --

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- to the line drawers. Thank you

7 to --

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Commissioner Akutagawa. We have
10 general consensus on these changes. We're going to move
11 forward onto L.A. Again, thank you for all the work
12 Commissioner Akutagawa has done, here. It's been pretty
13 impressive. And thank you to the line drawers as well.

14 Now, back to Los Angeles and the refinement that was
15 done at the -- in the areas where Commissioner Sinay and
16 Jaime were working on. Let's take a look at some of the
17 proposals that we have to these lines. My understanding
18 is they do not significantly change any of the
19 deviations, or other criteria, so let's take a look.
20 Jaime?

21 MS. CLARK: That is correct. We moved this line
22 from 19th Street South to -- or excuse me. We moved it
23 from West 18th Street South to 19th Street, because 19th
24 Street intersects with Western Ave.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

1 MS. CLARK: And then moving North, the line follows
2 South Gaffey Street following the 110 North. That's the
3 only change to that boundary between ADSTHLA and
4 ADSTHBAY. And we included the rest of Wilmington
5 Neighborhood Council, including the disco finger (ph.) --
6 we decided to call it -- so just to make Wilmington
7 Neighborhood Council more full. And again, this area was
8 fifty people in total.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. I just want to check in
10 with counsel on the compactness issue with regards to
11 that area right there.

12 MR. LARSON: Thank you, Chair.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: I don't even know what to call it,
14 so --

15 MR. LARSON: There was a name for it
16 (indiscernible).

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- the little line. The little neck,
18 that's what it is. Thank you.

19 MR. LARSON: Jaime, could you tell me again what
20 exactly that represents? That's part of the Wilmington
21 area.

22 MS. CLARK: That is part of Wilmington Neighborhood
23 Council. It follows the boundary of the City of Los
24 Angeles.

25 MR. LARSON: Okay. Yeah, I mean, there's a very

1 strong basis for that line, so I think you should be
2 comfortable with it.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. No concern?

4 MR. LARSON: No.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Perfect. Any concerns with
6 these changes? Commissioner Kennedy?

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Jaime,
8 just to the West of the 110 below that East, West
9 segment, is that a separate -- exactly -- is that a
10 separate neighborhood council area, or is that part of
11 the Harbor City Neighborhood Council area?

12 MS. CLARK: So I'm going to turn off the district
13 boundaries. This is part of Wilmington.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. I was just thinking
15 that we could clean up the line by including that, since
16 it's part of the district on the other side of the -- of
17 the neighborhood council on the other side of the 110.
18 Thank you.

19 MS. CLARK: I think that that causes the ADSTHBAY to
20 drop below the five percent deviation. That's something
21 Commissioner Sadhwani and I tried, also.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So that was tried. And
23 we weren't able to achieve -- while being within
24 compliance requirements. Any other concerns about this
25 area? If not, I'm going to seek general consensus. I'm

1 seeing no concerns. Do we have general consensus on
2 these minor refinements? Yes, we do. Commissioner
3 Sinay?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just want to say, San Pedro,
5 yes, we split you again. But now -- but the two
6 harbors -- yeah, the two ports have been separated. So
7 we tried to do both. But we couldn't do both.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, all. This is -- this
9 looks like we have general consensus for this change.
10 And we'll move forward with the next area of priority.
11 And I have --

12 MR. LARSON: Excuse me, Chair.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, Dale.

14 MR. LARSON: I'm sorry. Before we move on. Just
15 for clarification, that -- that the other neck, where it
16 says, "West Carson" on the right, that's all of the City
17 of Carson? That's a city boundary on the right there; is
18 that correct?

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Line --

20 MS. CLARK: So --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Jaime, can you please --

22 MS. CLARK: Yes. This is the boundary between the
23 City of Carson and the census-designated place of West
24 Carson --

25 MR. LARSON: Okay.

1 MS. CLARK: -- and then further West, this is the
2 boundary between the City of Los Angeles and Torrance,
3 and the City of Los Angeles and Lomita.

4 MR. LARSON: Great. That's great. Thank you so
5 much.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Mr. Larson. All right.
7 So with that, here are the priorities moving forward. So
8 we have the San Fernando Valley, which is next, here in
9 Los Angeles. After that, we're shifting to the Central
10 Valley, where we're going to focus on the South Fresno
11 area. Then the Eastern Sierras. Then moving -- we're
12 going to move to the Bay area, where we'll focus on
13 Oakland -- minor changes and refinements in the Oakland
14 area -- and then Redwood City. Vineyard is -- and
15 Vineyard as well. So those are the areas. So that's
16 the plan for tonight. Let's go to the South Fernando
17 Valley. Thank you. Jaime, can you take us to the San
18 Fernando Valley?

19 MS. CLARK: So on screen is the current iteration
20 for San Fernando Valley. For the South SFV iteration, it
21 shows Sunland-Tujunga with Northern parts of Glendale,
22 the entire City of Burbank, North Hollywood Neighborhood
23 Council, Greater Toluca Lake, Studio City out to Encino.
24 The Southern boundary of this is Mulholland and San
25 Fernando Valley.

1 Central SFV iteration includes Canoga Park out to
2 Lake Balboa. It includes Arleta, part of Pacoima, and
3 Mission Hills Neighborhood Council.

4 The East San Fernando Valley iteration includes
5 Granada Hills, Sylmar, the City of San Fernando, parts of
6 Pacoima, Foothill Trails District Neighborhood Council,
7 Sun Valley area, Greater Valley Glen -- I think this is
8 North Hollywood North and North Hollywood West -- and
9 then Van Nuys, that's North of Oxnard Street.

10 Finally, we have, in the Santa -- in the iteration
11 with Santa Clarita Valley, the parts of San Fernando
12 Valley. Included in this are Porter Ranch, Chatsworth,
13 West Hills, Woodland Hills, Tarzana, also including
14 Hidden Hills. And in Ventura County, Bell Canyon.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime. We'll open up to
16 the floor, where this is -- where we have virtually
17 significant community of interest testimony, both written
18 and via public testimony. Commissioner Sadhwani?

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I don't have a plan,
20 here. I will say that. I think a couple of things,
21 maybe to get us started -- two options, perhaps.

22 One, we definitely heard from the Santa Clarita
23 folks that there might be more -- and I -- living in
24 this -- sort of in this area, I do think that there's
25 some (indiscernible) to this, right? That Sunland-

1 Tujunga, going out that way -- and I believe we had made
2 this swap in -- I think it was our Congressional maps --
3 makes more sense to run the district along the 210,
4 because that's a natural corridor, rather than having it
5 connect to Porter Ranch, Chatsworth, et cetera.

6 So I don't know if we want to do this live, or if we
7 want to work off-line on this. I think, overwhelmingly,
8 what we're hearing is, we created these maps, because we
9 had heard from communities on the ground that they wanted
10 to see us try, at least, to consolidate some of the
11 essential worker communities, some of -- you know, some
12 of the more working class components of the San Fernando
13 Valley. I think in attempting to do that, though, we've
14 set off some changes in this region that, clearly, folks
15 are responding to. And I'm wondering -- you know, Jaime,
16 maybe you can walk us through -- or I don't know if you
17 have, still, up the draft maps -- or we have them in
18 District Viewer -- I'm looking at them right now -- but
19 if there's -- if you have any thoughts or suggestions?
20 You've been working and reworking these areas.

21 A lot of what we might be able to do now, given
22 where we are -- I think one of the big changes was that
23 split in South Glendale, so now -- now, the Northern --
24 you know, Glendale North of the 134, or thereabouts, is
25 in the San Fernando Valley, and that's a -- I'm guessing

1 a whole lot of population that we are having to contend
2 with, but it allowed us to keep certain COIs in Los
3 Angeles together.

4 I'm also just noting in the drafts that we're
5 working on, that there's some -- it looks like,
6 potentially, some wiggle room between the 210 district
7 and that district where Glendale currently is in. I
8 don't -- I'm guessing that it's too much population to
9 move it over. But I see that as, potentially, some
10 opportunities for us to make some swaps. But I would be
11 really curious to hear Jaime's thoughts on what's
12 possible in this area, without setting off ripple effects
13 throughout the rest of Los Angeles. And I feel like we
14 have done so much work, made so many refinements in L.A.,
15 that I really would prefer to try and localize these
16 changes to the greatest extent possible.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: So a quick question for you,
18 Commissioner Sadhwani. What are the COIs that we'd be
19 prioritizing here, and which are the COIs that we'd be
20 deprioritizing? So I'm trying to understand the
21 rationale for these changes and -- just from the COI
22 testimony that we're getting, right?

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: What are -- 'cause -- I mean, any
25 time we do this, we're balancing COIs and trying to

1 balance interests, and oftentimes -- I mean, we just need
2 to just have the conversation. What are we prioritizing,
3 and what are we deprioritizing? And so that's the
4 question on the table -- for the whole Commission to
5 understand -- because it's such a -- it's a --

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- such a interesting area, and we
8 should -- just need to talk through it, and to figure out
9 what it is we want to do.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yep. Did you want me to
11 respond to that?

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. Oh, yes. Absolutely.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, sure. So I mean, I
14 think definitely maintaining that Central SFV. That was
15 originally the one where communities were being kept
16 together, I believe. I don't think that that changed
17 too -- changed slightly in terms of Van Nuys, I think,
18 from our draft map -- oh, it changed it little bit more
19 than that -- but more or less maintaining that in the
20 center part of the Central Valley.

21 And then I think the concern that we were hearing
22 is, like, having Sunland-Tujunga go all the way out to
23 Encino is really connecting very different kinds of
24 communities, and so I think reorienting -- maybe, even if
25 it continues to include Glendale, I think some of the

1 maps that folks have sent us would have that portion of
2 Glendale still going further out into Tarzana and other
3 areas, which it's still pretty far, but I think, perhaps,
4 a little bit better. In any case, they're all more
5 suburban areas.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So I think some of that
8 reorienting that way.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And then for Jaime,
10 there's another question to add to the many questions
11 that have been posed. Would these changes make a
12 difference -- impact the number of Asian, Latino, or
13 Black fifty percent or more -- greater -- it's fifty
14 percent or more majority districts?

15 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So thank you for that question.
16 And thanks for that input, Commissioner Sadhwani.

17 So compared to the draft, a big change in this area
18 is that, generally, North of 134, Glendale is included,
19 sort of, in this cluster of districts, and that really
20 changes populations, and it changes what districts -- but
21 to get -- you know, like, how districts fit together.

22 Also, just something that Commissioner Sadhwani had
23 noted previously, was that the 210, in this iteration, is
24 underpopulated, and my -- I know that what Sivan and
25 Commissioner Kennedy had worked on added some population

1 to 210. And I don't have that. I don't have that GIS
2 layer just yet coming from Sivan. But I know it's
3 coming. So I would -- I would just say that, right now,
4 we probably wouldn't want to add any population to the
5 210 district from these areas, because we don't know
6 precisely the percent deviations that's currently in
7 that -- in that district, so making changes really, in
8 general, to these districts would definitely change the
9 number of fifty percent or more Latino CVAP districts in
10 L.A. County. Absolutely.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Would that be a reduction, or an
12 increase?

13 MS. CLARK: It would be a reduction.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Any other questions from
15 the floor? Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Vazquez,
16 Commissioner Sadhwani.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Three
18 things. First of all, I thought the other night, when we
19 were looking at this, I had asked that the South SFV
20 district extend North up to that horizontal line dividing
21 the 210 district from -- whatever that is. North of
22 that, is at the Antelope district. But that -- so that
23 the South SFV district go up and meet that horizontal
24 line.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum.

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Second -- I've lost that one.
2 The third thing is that -- and particularly if we can't
3 add any population to the 210 -- oh, it was -- it was I
4 agree with Commissioner Sadhwani that connecting Santa
5 Clarita through the 210, rather than on the West side
6 through Porter Ranch and Chatsworth, makes a whole lot
7 more sense.

8 And third is -- particularly if we can't add any
9 population to 210 right now -- the only underpopulated
10 district in the entire San Fernando Valley is this
11 Central SFV district. And I know that we have to be
12 careful of the LCVAP. So we are really in a very tight
13 corner here as far as what we can do. Thank you.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.
15 Commissioner Vazquez?

16 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I'm going to move to a
17 different topic, so --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh.

19 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: -- this conversation should
20 continue.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, okay. We'll call on you after we
22 finish this. Commissioner Akutagawa?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry. I thought
24 Commissioner Sadhwani was next. I know that there was a
25 lot of work trying to get to the fifty percent CVAP, but

1 we heard a lot of comments from a lot of people who, I
2 guess, seem pretty hoppy (phonetic) mad about some of the
3 combinations that we've made, and I guess the question
4 is -- since this is -- I hate to ask this, but I'm going
5 to ask this -- since this is not a VRA district, at fifty
6 percent, is that high enough anyways, or are we doing
7 more harm by trying to put together communities that
8 don't really belong together in pursuit of something that
9 may or may not be effective? And if not, is there
10 another way to make it work?

11 And I guess, you know, with what Commissioner
12 Kennedy was saying, maybe that will give us the kind
13 of -- the wiggle room that we need to reconstruct it, so
14 that we can create something that makes sense, but also
15 puts communities together that make sense, because it
16 sounded like -- I don't know by the way people were
17 identifying themselves -- that we heard from a pretty
18 diverse cross section of the San Fernando Valley, and
19 they valued their connections to their communities as
20 much as anything else, so I thought I'd just ask that
21 question.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So let's reach out to Mr.
23 Larson.

24 MR. LARSON: Thank you, Chair. I just want to -- I
25 think you all know this. We've talked about this. But

1 we did not find that the third Gingles precondition was
2 met in this area. This is not an area where you have a
3 VRA obligation, so the -- you know, there is no, sort of,
4 is fifty percent enough? That's not a relevant question
5 to be asked here.

6 Instead, you guys are free to consider the COI and
7 put that you've received a -- and use the other criteria
8 for designing these districts.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum. Commissioner -- oh, Jaime,
10 and then Commissioner Vazquez after that.

11 MS. CLARK: Just one moment, please. Mr. Larson
12 took the words out of my mouth. Thank you.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Vazquez?

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I was going to make,
15 more or less, the same observation as Mr. Larson.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, thank you. Commissioner Taylor?

17 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. Thank you. Is there no
18 consideration to adding Sunland-Tujunga to the 210
19 district? Would that help to even out the numbers for
20 population? And it sort of meshes, I guess -- yeah --
21 no -- even out the numbers for population that's the
22 similar communities. I think when you add that to the
23 district, it runs the gamut of social economic levels as
24 well. And there's a certain amount of synergy again --
25 210 corridor with adding Sunland-Tujunga to the 210 and

1 taking it out of South SFV. It might open it up to --
2 for some other considerations South of that location.

3 MS. CLARK: So thank --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Jaime?

5 MS. CLARK: -- you -- thank you for that suggestion.
6 I am still -- and I'm sure it's coming soon -- I'm
7 looking for -- oh, I might've just gotten the GIS layer
8 from Sivan that would include the changes to the 210 that
9 Sivan and Commissioner Kennedy worked on together, so I
10 will load that. If you just give me one moment, please,
11 I will load that into the map, and then we can more
12 accurately assess the deviation of 210, based on those
13 changes. One moment.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime. You're the best.
15 You're all the best. Everyone's the best. Commissioner
16 Vazquez, while we're waiting.

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I mean, this is now
18 relevant. I am still holding out hope to protect the
19 political interests of folks in historic Northeast L.A.
20 And I think, potentially, as Commissioner Taylor noted,
21 if there's room to move Sunland-Tujunga into the 210
22 district, in its new form, I would like to see if, at
23 least, Glendale could be kept whole -- part of the San
24 Fernando Valley district -- if that's possible.

25 And also, I just wanted to note -- just to refresh

1 my memory -- I went through and started reading some of
2 the COI testimony from Northeast Los Angeles -- and just
3 want to, again, remind myself and remind the rest of the
4 Commission that, prior to releasing our draft maps, we
5 heard quite a bit of conflicting testimony about the
6 region -- so I read a couple of COI testimonies that
7 said, Boyle Heights has nothing to do with K-Town. Do
8 not put us with K-Town. There were several that said,
9 please keep Boyle Heights and East L.A. together. Don't
10 put us with Eagle Rock. So there's -- were -- there's a
11 variety of perspectives in this community. Again,
12 because it's shifting so rapidly.

13 So I just wanted to note that I know that recently
14 we have -- we've heard the -- loud and clear -- the
15 testimony to separate Boyle Heights and East L.A., but
16 that's not been universal input throughout our process.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And it's almost 10 p.m.
18 We still have to get through the Central Valley, Eastern
19 Sierra, and some minor refinements in the North --
20 Northern California, Bay area. So I'm not so worried
21 about the Northern Bay area -- knock on wood -- or the
22 South Fresno changes, but I believe there will be a
23 discussion with regards to Vineyard and to the Eastern
24 Sierra, so the Inyo, Monyo (ph.), Mono district, so just
25 letting everyone know that, in terms of time management.

1 And here, in the office, we have -- thanks to
2 Commissioner Akutagawa -- we have some ice cream, so
3 we've been having an ice cream party -- a milkshake
4 party.

5 MS. CLARK: So I'm -- that's amazing that everyone
6 is having ice cream. I'm very happy for all of you.

7 And --

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: We wish we --

9 MS. CLARK: -- I --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- could give you some. If you were
11 here with us, we --

12 MS. CLARK: And --

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm not having any, Jaime.

14 MS. CLARK: -- we have been having some dessert over
15 here ourselves. And I wanted to let you know that I got
16 the file from Sivan. Thank you, Sivan. And added the
17 areas to the 210 corridor that Sivan and Commissioner
18 Kennedy had worked out -- had worked on -- and so now,
19 we're working with the appropriate percent deviation for
20 210.

21 So we have all of the information that we need to be
22 able to make changes to the San Fernando Valley based
23 districts. I -- if you wanted to start with something
24 similar to the draft map, and this is just I -- I think
25 one of the Commissioner's previously asked if I had any

1 suggestions. And so I can just walk through some high-
2 level suggestions. And this is kind of just based on,
3 you know, earlier in the meeting, we were in the meeting.
4 I was listening to the feedback along with Commissioners
5 and noted that a number of callers mentioned that they
6 liked the draft.

7 So --

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

9 MS. CLARK: -- that's why I just -- I was, like,
10 okay, let's look at the draft. See what we could do now
11 that the draft -- or, yeah. Just see what we can do now.
12 In considering that this -- there is this part of
13 Glendale that's included with San Fernando Valley stuff.
14 And we can look at making Glendale whole, and I haven't
15 taken a look at that quite yet.

16 So that being said, what is up in green right now is
17 the draft. If you wanted to go back to something like
18 the draft, then this, I think, would balance just in
19 terms of population, the districts. So too -- I'll zoom
20 in a little bit to the SFV district. You could add North
21 Hills. Like, going back to this and then adding North
22 Hills and South SFV, again starting with the draft. And
23 then, making this line at Oxnard for the POSO crowd. And
24 also, I think for population, just extending East on
25 Oxnard and Valley Glen Council as a suggestion.

1 In the central SFV, if you start with the draft, if
2 you add Arleta and maybe Mission Hills, I think that that
3 would balance population. That might not be possible if
4 you want to include Toluca Lake with this area. And then
5 for the East SFV, if you start with the draft, it would
6 be similar. But of course, Arleta would not be in here.
7 And then, you could add the Glendale area also in this.

8 So those are just some suggestions, if you want to
9 start with the draft, and I think there would be wiggle
10 room.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. Let's hear from
12 Commissioner's and see what the thought -- thoughts are.
13 Commissioner Sadhwani, Fornaciari, Vazquez, Akutagawa,
14 recognizing that we are prioritizing some points over
15 others, and we need to articulate what those are.

16 Commissioner Sadhwani.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I think the changes
18 that Jaime is suggesting sound reasonable and just from a
19 processing point, I know we have other parts of the map
20 to get to. I think it -- if we can clarify what our
21 goals are here, and it -- I think to me, the goal is to
22 get closer back towards where we were before in terms of
23 our approach to San Fernando Valley. I think it's
24 reasonable to work offline on this so we can do those
25 other things and then come back to this area after

1 some -- some potential changes can be suggested.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fornaciari, Commissioner
3 Vazquez, Commissioner Akutagawa, and Le Mons.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sure. Commissioner
5 Kennedy will remember this, but wasn't Hidden Hills in a
6 COG with Calabasas and those guys down there or am I --
7 am I getting it mixed up? Wasn't it like a five city COG
8 down here?

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And Hidden Hills was part
11 of it? So we have 10.2 percent is my calculation to play
12 with the spread around in those four districts. I'm
13 wondering if we could put the COG together.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Commissioner -- so that's one
15 priority. Put the COG together.

16 Commissioner Vazquez, and then Akutagawa, and then
17 Commissioner Le Mons.

18 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. My priority would --
19 would be obviously to keep Glendale whole. I do think
20 Eagle Rock can and -- and probably should probably stay
21 with what is now GLENNLA. Also, if possible, I would
22 like to, sort of, reunify Silver Lake and Los Feliz with
23 the Hollywood or, I guess, westside district.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

25 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: But priority -- in order of

1 priority for me, it's Glendale whole out of GLENNLA and
2 then Silver Lake, Los Feliz, if possible.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.

4 Commissioner Le Mons and then --

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: And it looks like Jaime had a
6 response maybe --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, I didn't hear her.

8 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: -- to tell me that I'm crazy.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: At this point, we're just trying to
10 gather priorities. But, so let's gather priorities and
11 see which -- and then we'll get a reaction from Jaime
12 after we have all the priorities.

13 Commissioner Le Mons, Commissioner Akutagawa?

14 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah, I'd have a priority for
15 Silver Lake being merged with West Hollywood. Also,
16 Toluca Lake with North Hollywood. Not -- yes, North
17 Hollywood. That's correct. That will be important,
18 because I know the visualization we just saw a moment
19 ago, there was a question that Jaime raised about those
20 two, so I think they should stay together as we make
21 whatever changes that we make. Thank you, Chair.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons.

23 Commissioner Akutagawa, then Commissioner Kennedy.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Can I -- can I just
25 clarify? Is this the previous drafts or is this the

1 current changes that we had made that everybody hated?

2 MS. CLARK: This is actually really similar to the
3 iteration 12.04 and 12.06 that was approved by the
4 Commission and includes additionally in the City of --
5 like, South of Mulholland in the City of Los Angeles.
6 Like, Plan T1, so it includes everything that we've been
7 working on today. And also, this is very similar to how
8 it has been the last couple days.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So it's --

10 MS. CLARK: So this is the one everybody hated,
11 yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I -- I -- just
13 checking. I -- I -- I just wanted to -- okay. One other
14 thing I wanted to just note, piggybacking on what
15 Commissioner Le Mons said. I think we got quite a bit of
16 co-testimony about NoHo being together with Van Nuys,
17 Valley Glenn, and Valley Village. So I -- I'll just note
18 that as a -- as something that was requested.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
20 Commissioner Kennedy?

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. Thank you to
22 Commissioner Akutagawa for that last part. The other
23 part is in response to Commissioner Fornaciari, the Las
24 Virgenes-Malibu Council of Governments is Agoura Hills,
25 Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, and West Lake Village.

1 So it would seem that we might be doing folks in Hidden
2 Hills a favor if we were to group them with the other
3 members of their Council of Governments, if that's
4 possible. Thank you.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Great.

6 Anybody else with a priority? I'll just share mine.
7 Mine would be that we not make such a huge -- that we --
8 if we make any changes, that it be localized to this area
9 and not beyond this area. And -- and that we try as much
10 as possible to respect working-class communities and to
11 keep them as whole as possible, as well as the rural
12 communities.

13 Let's see. Jaime, let's talk about opportunities,
14 challenges, and what you see -- what you're seeing at
15 this point since you've visualized this area many times.

16 MS. CLARK: Yeah. I think -- just responding to --
17 responding, I guess, to some of the -- some of the
18 priorities that aren't -- that I think would not
19 necessarily be in -- just in this localized to San
20 Fernando Valley include -- so I guess, like, thinking
21 about the Glen North LA district, adding Glendale --
22 taking Glendale out of that district. And also taking
23 Silver Lake and Los Feliz would definitely leave it
24 underpopulated. Additionally, just a reminder that we
25 looked just at adding Los Feliz to the West side district

1 and the West side district was --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think we lost Jaime. We'll wait a
3 couple more minutes. It looks like we're having
4 technical difficulties.

5 The next break is at 9:45. So it was at 9:45. I
6 think we have a little bit of wiggle room because we took
7 that nine-minute break. But because of the nine-minute
8 break, we're right around the fifteen-minute break.

9 So let's take the fifteen-minute break now while we
10 wait for Jaime to hop back on. And we'll be back in
11 fifteen minutes.

12 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 8:51 p.m.
13 until 9:00 p.m.)

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
15 Citizen's Redistricting -- I'm saying foundation.
16 Commission. We're working on -- we're in the San
17 Fernando Valley working through some of the -- some
18 potential changes to their -- our districts here. We've
19 received so much community input regarding these maps.
20 And -- and some conflicting and some just wanting some
21 minor refinements, some wanting larger refinements.

22 Given that -- that we have two more large areas to
23 go to, I'm going to ask the Commissioner to take -- to
24 work with Jaime offline and to try to reconcile some of
25 this. Commissioner Vazquez has volunteered to work with

1 Jaime over the next thirty minutes and try to see if she
2 can bring forward some solutions to this, and we'll come
3 back in later today and see what we came up with.

4 But in the meantime, let's hit the road to the
5 Central Valley. We're going to journey up to the Central
6 Valley and go to South Fresno. Then we're going to talk
7 about INYO_MONO and then we're going to head up to
8 Oakland, Redwood City, and lastly, Vineyard. And then of
9 course, if -- when we have the Los Angeles information,
10 we'll come back to the San Fernando Valley.

11 Thank you. So let's hit the road to South Fresno.
12 And I believe that's Kennedy?

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, it is.

14 MS. WILSON: It is. Hello.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Hi, Kennedy. I haven't seen you all
16 day. We're excited to have you.

17 MS. WILSON: No, good night.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Good evening, good night.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Chair, I think I'd
20 asked for South Fresno.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: You did.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. And I wanted to lift
23 up, again, the opportunity to unify some communities of
24 interest while maintaining, of course, the Latinx VRA
25 district.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: The request was to try and
3 bring in old fig -- excuse me. Old fig area and college
4 areas South of Willard, North of Shaw (phonetic). They
5 gave very good direction.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And then, also, bringing in
8 the neighborhood West of 99 between Shaw, Ashland, and
9 Hayes. And then there was a secondary, because they both
10 have the same end answer, I'll say with the Kings-Tulare
11 area, putting (indiscernible) in the area, completely in
12 the district. However, in working through with Kennedy,
13 and Kennedy is on again to -- just in case we need to see
14 any of that, these are all things that we've tried to
15 accomplish before, and we were not successful in doing
16 so. They all lowered the Latina CVAP too far in areas
17 that -- where they were areas of VRA districts. And so
18 there was only area, Kennedy, I think that we were
19 actually able to kind of take a look at. I think that
20 was around the 99 neighborhood, if we want to take a look
21 at that.

22 MS. WILSON: Yes, of course. And --

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. It's late. I'm trying
24 to think. Were we even able to make that one work? I
25 think that's still lowered.

1 MS. WILSON: Yes, it still did lower the CVAP. And
2 so I can go ahead and show you that. But it was a
3 neighborhood that was going from East Shaw to Ashland
4 Avenue to North Hayes. And as far as Fresno is
5 concerned, it would also include -- because of how the
6 district is going down to West Shields, just for
7 contiguity. And so I can go ahead and just show everyone
8 what that looks like. Just quickly. So I'm going from
9 North Hays, Shaw, and including West Ashland Avenue. And
10 let me continue to grab this portion here. And get my
11 pending changes window up for you. Sorry about that, it
12 is not already there. And so as you can see, Fresno --
13 the district Fresno, goes from a 1.58 percent deviation
14 to a 7.36 percent deviation.

15 So that, numbers wise, isn't possible to bring that
16 in. And then we go from a 53.07 percent Latino CVAP to a
17 52.53 percent Latino CVAP.

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

19 Thank you. We could just keep looking. We looked
20 at -- at this area a couple of different ways to try and
21 be able to accomplish it. And it just did not work with
22 what -- the constraints that we had. So I just wanted to
23 show that because we've got several community of interest
24 testimony for this area and the kind of feeling that
25 we're not paying attention for the Central Valley area.

1 We have looked at the Central Valley area and just
2 wanting to be able to show that.

3 So thank you, Kennedy.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner --

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: (Indiscernible) --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Turner for trying to unite some
7 COI's in this area. Although, it's so difficult now that
8 we have so many constraints and so many issues and -- and
9 we've balanced the issues here quite well, although not
10 perfectly as --

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, there was -- there was
12 one other area. Kennedy, I don't know if we ever
13 showed --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: No.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- which was in the San
16 Joaquin area. There was also community of interest to
17 keep areas together. And I think August, Garden,
18 Stockton, Kennedy, and Morada, it was another area that
19 we were not able to balance in and of itself. I think we
20 were able to bring in Kennedy and not any of the other
21 areas and still keep the deviations that's required.

22 MS. WILSON: Yes. And we have August that we were
23 able to bring in and keep the deviations balanced.

24 However, adding Morada and Garden Acres was too much.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

2 MS. WILSON: As far as (indiscernible) --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: I feel like we made that change
4 already, right?

5 MS. WILSON: Correct. We made that change.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, yeah. We made that yesterday.
7 Perfect. Or yeah, it was two days ago, but it feels like
8 yesterday.

9 Thank you so much Commissioner Turner and Kennedy.
10 That's amazing.

11 We're going to go on to now the Eastern Sierra.

12 Oh, Commissioner Akutagawa. Sorry, I didn't see
13 you.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Just -- just a -- a
15 real quick question. I guess this is maybe a question
16 for -- I don't know who's on. It's Dale or Sal. Just in
17 terms of that, going back to that Fresno area, I believe
18 that there was kind of some joint community testimony for
19 that area. In terms of the VRA analysis, I know that it
20 was said once before that there -- there may be some
21 different voting patterns that are much more -- what is
22 it that they said? Unified voting patterns between not
23 only just the Latino community but Black and Asian
24 communities as well, too. If they were to be added in,
25 would that still be enough to ensure that the Latino

1 community can elect a candidate of their choice?

2 MR. LARSON: So are you -- I wouldn't -- I wouldn't
3 want to go -- we -- we do see some -- some crossover with
4 the Black community there. I wouldn't want to go, even
5 so -- much, you know, below that fifty-one percent in
6 Merced, Fresno. You know, if -- if there were some move
7 that instead of having the fifty-one and the fifty-three
8 and brought them both to say like say fifty-two, you
9 know, I think -- I'd support that at this point, and we
10 would go back and look at it more closely.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, okay. Thank you.
12 Yeah, I forgot Merced, Fresno would just go down as well.

13 MR. LARSON: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was just thinking about
15 just Fresno. So -- okay. Thank you. Thanks for the
16 reminder.

17 MR. LARSON: Uh-huh.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

19 Seeing no other hands raised, we will move on to the
20 Sierra's, to the Eastern Sierra's. And I want to see who
21 that was. Let me see. That was Commissioner -- that was
22 actually a couple of -- that was quite a few
23 Commissioners that wanted to raise this issue.

24 Fernandez, Turner, Yee, others as well. Andersen.

25 So let's -- let's -- Andersen has her hand raised.

1 Then Yee. And we do have a draft proposal from
2 Commissioner Yee, I believe.

3 So let's go, Commissioner Andersen.

4 MS. WILSON: Would you like me to pull that up? The
5 draft?

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, please.

7 MS. WILSON: Okay.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Please pull Commissioner Yee's draft
9 proposal. But in the meantime, let's hear from
10 Commissioner Andersen as well.

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. I'm sorry. Is this --
12 is this for the -- the Sierra's or Oakland?

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: My understanding is it's Inyo to
14 Amador County.

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: But we'll see --

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. So okay. Well, I
18 haven't seen this but basically --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's posted in -- in our handouts.
20 Just for -- for the public. The public and for also for
21 all Commissioners, this was posted in the public earlier
22 today to -- to our handouts earlier today. And it should
23 be accessible to the public and to Commissioners.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Ahh. Well, yes, this is
25 exactly what happened. The way to do that is Alpine,

1 Mono, and Inyo are about 33,000 or so versus Amador which
2 is about 36,000. And essentially, you would switch.
3 Take Amador out of, you know, the CALA_INYO and put
4 Alpine, Mono, and Inyo in. And so the swap for swap.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think it --

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: What happens there is --
7 instead of those three counties essentially being
8 represented -- probably be -- chances are by someone in
9 Redding, they're now going to be represented by someone
10 in Fresno. So that's kind of a summary of that.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

12 We will go to Commissioner Yee who will present his
13 draft map to the Commission and some of the -- I mean,
14 I'm really hoping that you'll give us the rationale for
15 this and explain the reasoning for the changes given that
16 this is a plan that we've all said we can live with. So
17 know, as we go in through, I -- I just want to make sure
18 want to make sure that we're also providing rationale.
19 So -- and -- and certainly there's strong rationale for
20 this, as I've been seeing the COI testimony come in. So
21 Commissioner Yee and then Commissioner Fernandez after
22 that.

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. Yes, so
24 Commissioner Fernandez and I did work on this plan that
25 you see now. And it is along the same lines, exact same

1 lines that Commissioner Andersen just described. So as
2 you'll recall, in our draft we had a very, very, very,
3 very, very large district. And all are from Inyo all the
4 way to the Oregon border. At some point we were talking
5 about that as a mountain district and so forth. But as
6 we thought about it more, it was really just -- just too
7 big, so, and just too far.

8 So the swap. The swap is moving Amador North in
9 exchange for keeping Inyo, Mono, and Alpine with
10 Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Madera, and part of
11 Fresno. So with the COI testimony, did not find any COI
12 testimony about Amador and Calaveras specifically. There
13 was a handful of COI testimony about Amador and the other
14 adjacent counties, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa. So we
15 would be breaking that COI. But only in one county,
16 Amador, and keeping Amador whole is the important thing.
17 So then the NORCAL district is only from Amador up. It
18 is still very, very large, of course, but California is a
19 large state, but at least not all the way down to Inyo.
20 And all those counties are kept whole.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Yee. Just a
22 quick question for you and also for Kennedy. Were --
23 were you able to keep the changes localized to the
24 Eastern Sierra's or were there other districts that you
25 had to take in in order to accomplish this goal?

1 MS. WILSON: Yeah. So CALA-INYO -- NORCAL and CALA-
2 INYO were the only two that were affected. It didn't go
3 into the ECA or into Sacramento at all.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate that.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: And the deviation actually
6 improved slightly.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Wow, that's impressive.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: I -- I see we're all becoming
10 geospatial experts now. Let's see. Let's reach out to
11 Commission Fernandez, then Akutagawa.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Definitely not a GIS expert
13 as Jaime and Kennedy know. But I just wanted to respond
14 because I know, Chair, that you said that the prior -- or
15 the -- the current one we have we can all live with. And
16 I think the majority of us voiced concern about how long
17 this district was. So I can definitely -- this is more
18 palatable for me.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And hopefully it is for the
21 rest of the Commission. And it was good that it was a
22 simple -- a simple change. So thank you, Commissioner
23 Yee, for that, too. And for Kennedy. Thanks.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Yeah, certainly. We all
25 said we could live it. Certainly, we all have some --

1 not all -- but some of us raised concerns about the --
2 the -- the district. And hopefully this is a much more
3 compact district. Certainly, that's a key criteria.

4 Commissioner Akutagawa, Andersen, Sadhwani.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. First off, I just
6 want to say thank you for the work on this. And -- and
7 I -- I feel better about it especially because we did
8 hear some testimony today that -- that -- that did
9 express some of the preferences. So I think that that
10 was helpful. We were just trying to be, as we have been
11 all along, responsive.

12 I just have a question in terms of the testimonies
13 that we've heard about the Native American tribes up in
14 the North Coast. You had mentioned that all the counties
15 were kept whole. So was -- can you maybe speak to a
16 little bit about how you managed to keep Siskiyou whole
17 and still also meet the needs of the Karuk Tribe, as well
18 as the other tribes that are in that area.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. So the Yurok are still
20 whole and Del Norte and Humboldt. The Karuk, we had
21 actually gotten some changes in testimony. And I don't
22 know if I can call on Commissioner Kennedy. Perhaps he
23 tracked that more closely than anyone.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes. So --

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: But this does reflect the latest

1 COI testimony we received, even though it does not
2 include that corner of Humboldt. They requested to take
3 it out so that they would have a presence in both
4 districts basically.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And I -- I can respond to
6 that. So the Karuk Tribe which we discussed, that -- on
7 Saturday. And we had to make difficult decisions. You
8 know, the first priority would have been to have their --
9 their reservation with the coast. They also said that if
10 we couldn't do that, they at least wanted the portion of
11 the district and Humboldt County -- to remain with
12 Humboldt County as they have a strong connection with --
13 with Humboldt County as well.

14 So that we were able to honor the compromise. It
15 essentially was a compromise and provide them with --
16 with what they needed. It wasn't their first choice, but
17 it was their second choice.

18 Commissioner Andersen, Commissioner Sadhwani.

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, I was just going to --
20 actually, a little bit back on the Alpine, Inyo, Mono. I
21 was hoping to hear from them today because it is sort of,
22 you know, their trade with Amador. I was hoping to hear
23 from in each -- each of those specific areas. A lot of
24 people are, like, well, I don't like the way it looks,
25 but I always like to go with who's being affected.

1 And unfortunately, I did not see that today. So but
2 this -- those, you know, that -- you heard why we did
3 that. So -- and it was a straightforward one swap for,
4 you know, those three for that one. But -- and -- and I
5 was at -- talking about another -- the next topic so --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let me just clarify with that.

7 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- I'll --

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: So that was -- we did not hear from
9 them in public testimony. So they didn't not call in and
10 we didn't receive too much feedback in written form.
11 That -- I just wanted to make sure --

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: That -- that's --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- that the public understood what
14 was meant. All right.

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
17 And you had one more point I think you were going to
18 make.

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, that's for the next -- the
20 Vineyard --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh.

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- and the -- this area. So
23 just to --

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, oh, oh. Thank you.

25 So let's go to Commissioner Sadhwani.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, thanks. I -- I
2 apologize because there were so many additional drafts
3 that folks worked on that I haven't had a chance to
4 really wrap my head around all of them. In this one, in
5 general, I'm comfortable moving in this direction and
6 that long, huge district never sat well with me. But I
7 also had on my priority list the Vineyard issue. Does
8 this change, pulling in these counties such as Calaveras,
9 Amador, et cetera? Does that limit our options to make
10 changes in the -- to bring Vineyard in with Elk Grove?
11 My --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- understanding is we were
14 looking at some of those counties as potential swaps.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: So Commissioner Fernandez had
16 initially raised that issue so we'll --

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- go to her.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. It -- it doesn't
20 impact that. I -- I did not -- it's something to talk
21 about, for sure, but I have a new version that I worked
22 with Kennedy on that kind of just stayed within the
23 SSAC_STANIS, and Elk Grove, and the Stockton kind of. So
24 I did not write -- my version did not include Calaveras,
25 and Tuolumne, and Mariposa. However, that's something

1 that we should discuss based on the testimony that we
2 heard today. And also that has been if -- if you've been
3 able to read the COI in our database, there's been
4 feedback on that as well.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, I was --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: So yeah, and Vineyard is the next
8 area to be discussed. And then, after that we will be
9 going to -- to the Bay Area. No, because -- because of
10 the -- I'm going based on who is the line drawer to --
11 are assigned to the things as opposed to, like, regions.

12 So -- so where are we right now? Commissioner
13 Andersen, and then Fernandez, and then we'll -- we'll hit
14 other -- well, then we'll find if -- we'll see if we have
15 general consensus on these two districts first.

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you, Chair. I
17 just want to say something that's -- today we have, and I
18 hope for all the people who are still with us, or may not
19 have heard that or anything. We had a great thing happen
20 today that made me proud to be a Californian. The people
21 in the hills of Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne heard that
22 their neighbor in Sacramento had trouble. The Vineyard,
23 they really wanted to be in. And they all kind of, you
24 know, I don't know if they did this together or what, but
25 many of them called in and said, hey, you know, in the

1 little foothills here, we've got stuff in common with the
2 guys in the valley and Stanislaus. So why not, you know,
3 take our area? And you know, that just shows you what
4 kind of people we have here in this state; it's not in
5 their economic interests, but it helps their neighbor.

6 And so they, you know, they offered that up, which I
7 really want to bring -- bring forward and say thank you
8 very much. I -- I don't know unfortunately if they
9 realize the amount they'd have to give up, but it was the
10 intent there, and I just think that's wonderful. Thank
11 you.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, we love to see neighborly love.

13 All right. So where are we? We are with
14 Commissioner Fernandez.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, I'm sorry. I was just
16 going to -- I was up for the Vineyard. So let's do this
17 (indiscernible).

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's see if we have
19 general consensus on these two districts. These are Inyo
20 to Amador and then the -- the larger NORCAL district.

21 Any concerns with these districts?

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Inyo -- I mean, Inyo, Mono,
23 Alpine for Amador.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate the clarification.

2 Commissioner Sadhwani?

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I -- I mean, like I
4 said, yes but so I -- I -- my final yes on this is -- is
5 going to be in conjunction with the conversation about
6 Vineyard. Because I want to see where we're going to go
7 in that direction. So yeah --

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: So what --

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- let's keep moving but
10 yes.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you can live with us but we're --
12 but also, we're going to talk about Vineyard and that may
13 change some -- some --

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I could live with a huge
17 long one that's what, the size of Kentucky or whatever?

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I could live with that too.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. I think we all did. We all
21 said we could, but we didn't particularly like it.

22 All right. So let's go to Vineyard, Sacramento.

23 MS. WILSON: And shall I go to Vineyard keeping this
24 change?

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's -- for now, since we have

1 general consensus, let's keep the change and let's go to
2 Vineyard and see -- see changes out there. Potential
3 changes out there.

4 MS. WILSON: Okay. Thank you, Chair. Oh, am I
5 done? I'm going --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: You are. You are up.

7 MS. WILSON: Yes, right? Okay. I'm going. Okay.
8 And --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Actually, you -- it's you and
10 Commissioner Andersen who raised this issue so --

11 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- we'll -- we'll have
13 conversation --

14 MS. WILSON: Okay.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and discussion.

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right. Thank you. It --
17 if you recall, I believe it was on Thursday we tried to
18 take a journey on bringing Vineyard and -- and it
19 honors -- what we're trying to do is honor the diversity
20 of Sacramento and the many cultural communities.

21 We heard from the -- our Asian, Punjabi, Hmong, and
22 Black communities and revolving around the schools,
23 family, college, and business. And when we talked about
24 this on Thursday, initially the Commission wanted to try
25 to keep all of the changes within Sacramento County. And

1 initially, we had gone into Folsom, but after thinking
2 about that, that's a very inappropriate place to be
3 pulling -- or population from because that is a suburb
4 community. And as you can see from the -- the district
5 below, the STANIS district below, it's a rural community.

6 So I went back and what Kennedy -- so this was my
7 iteration for today, but I'm thinking we might go back to
8 the one I had on Thursday because right now, in order to
9 keep everything self-contained somewhat within Sacramento
10 County and STANIS, what I ended up having to do was cut
11 Vineyard. As you can tell, I cut Vineyard at Excelsior
12 and Excelsior -- East of Excelsior is more of a --
13 acreage -- there -- there are homes but it's more of
14 homes on acreage, so it's not that compact, condensed
15 community.

16 And then the only other area that was somewhat self-
17 contained was what we call Laguna West.

18 So Kennedy, if you move over to the West -- and that
19 is not a rural area. It's very condense. I think the
20 population was like 10,000. It's -- it's connected to --
21 it is part of Elk Grove and the reason I drew the line
22 there is there is, like, a train track. So there is a
23 separation and they do call themselves Laguna West versus
24 Laguna. But however, based on the testimony today, I --
25 oh, and then also what -- to come up with some more of

1 the population that we needed to make up for the negative
2 ten percent is we went into the STANIS and the San
3 Joaquin -- oops. Where are you? There. Thank you.
4 There we go.

5 The STANIS and the Stockton and what we did -- what
6 I did was take some of the unincorporated areas of some
7 of the communities that were already in the STANIS, such
8 as Lathrop and Manteca and then also Ripon. So we -- so
9 I cut across some of those areas to come up with the
10 population that we needed. But however, what I'm
11 wondering is based on the feedback that we received
12 today, I believe it would be more appropriate to pull
13 some of the communities from the neighbors and
14 potentially Calaveras maybe, Or maybe Amador. I'm not
15 sure. I looked up some of the towns instead of --
16 instead of from Elk Grove that is a suburb of -- of
17 Sacramento.

18 And also, if possible, trying to keep Vineyard whole
19 also. So that's -- that's kind of the question that I
20 want to bring forward is which option do we want to go
21 with? Do we want to go with combining some suburban
22 communities with this rural district or go with the input
23 that we received not only in public input today verbally,
24 but also in our communities of interest in our database.
25 We also have some feedback there regarding pulling

1 maybe -- just like, maybe, Copperopolis. And if you were
2 to turn on the terrain, you could see that not all of it
3 is foothills. There is some valley agricultural areas in
4 there as well.

5 So before I -- we start making changes, Chair,
6 should we -- I mean, my -- my recommendation would be to
7 go with some of the more rural areas which makes sense.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's hear from Andersen and
9 Akutagawa and then we'll start looking at potential
10 locations.

11 Commissioner Andersen, Akutagawa, and then --

12 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Yes, you
13 know, I --

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and Turner.

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- when I -- when I heard that
16 offer today, I had a look at actually the area that was
17 suggested which was from the Don Pedro Reservoir which is
18 actually at the -- is essentially at the Tuolumne-
19 Mariposa border, up through Copperopolis, and I believe
20 essentially following all the way -- that up past Ione in
21 Amador.

22 And because Commissioner Turner -- Commissioner --

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Fernandez.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- Fernandez, thank you.

25 It is late.

1 You know, she's right. That is the flatter portion
2 of -- and so it is even valley area. However, and I'm
3 looking at the numbers and I -- correct me if this is
4 not -- this is -- as it was wrong, but Vineyard is like
5 44,000 people. And because of the numbers, which they
6 were, basically all of that had to come from someplace
7 else --

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- because there wasn't enough
10 play anywhere. And unfortunately, the numbers in Amador,
11 Calaveras, and Tuolumne together are, like, 144,000. And
12 so basically, you'd have to take a third of each of those
13 counties. So you would -- you'd go much further in or --
14 now, if -- considering Amador has actually moved away,
15 Calaveras is 45,000 people. So you'd basically have to
16 take the entire county and it's -- you know, that's why I
17 was saying when I -- I really appreciated that offer. It
18 was wonderful, but I don't think they realized the
19 numbers of -- how -- how large Vineyard is. Because, you
20 know, that's -- they don't think that way. Their entire
21 county is that size. So while I think we should have a
22 look at it, I think we'll be a bit, like -- I think we'll
23 be a bit taken aback --

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- by how much we lose.

1 Because it isn't the valley then at all. It's really --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner
3 Andersen.

4 And just because it's almost -- we're only a
5 couple -- and hour and so away from midnight -- a little
6 bit longer, but about an hour and a half from midnight,
7 I'm going to enforce a one-minute rule.

8 Kristian, if you could help me.

9 And so that we can get through all of the -- the
10 conversation. So all right.

11 Commissioner Akutagawa and then Turner, Fernandez,
12 and others.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I would like to see if
14 there's a way forward where more rural communities can be
15 put together. They -- I think we've heard lots of
16 testimony that rural communities want to stay together.

17 Just a question, and I don't know if it was possible
18 to do this. I think we heard quite a bit of COI
19 testimony from the Punjabi Sikh community, saying that
20 they wanted Manteca, Ripon, and -- I forgot. There was
21 one more. They wanted it to -- they wanted to either be
22 with Stockton --

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- or Stanislaus. So did
25 the numbers just not work, because they said they didn't

1 want to be with Lodi. So -- and they're with Lodi.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think we can -- I think there'll be
3 a response to that as we go through.

4 Commissioner Turner, then Commissioner Fernandez.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I'm just wanting -- I
6 just wanted to say I am really glad that we're exploring
7 this. And while we're working it out, if we can also
8 look at Little Pocket. I'd like to see where that is to
9 see if we can bring that in with Vineyard as we're trying
10 to make this work.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: And that community is called Little
12 Pocket?

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you.

15 Let's -- I have it on my list.

16 Commissioner Fernandez, then Commissioner Akutagawa.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you, Chair. I
18 just wanted to respond and say that my -- my
19 recommendation isn't to just take from the Calaveras or
20 the Foothills. I also would still recommend that we take
21 some of the unincorporated areas in the Stockton area.
22 So that's going to -- it's not the entire extra five
23 percent will have to come from the Foothills community.
24 So I was trying to minimize that as well.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

1 Did -- did I hear you correctly that you have a
2 visualization for this version that -- or that you're
3 working on a visualization?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So I have a quasi-
5 visualization and fortunately, Kennedy did take a
6 snapshot of what was presented on Thursday. So that
7 would be for the Sac-Elk Grove, West Sac, and Placer,
8 what that impact would be. And then -- then we would
9 take the information from this iteration that shows where
10 we would go into the unincorporated areas. And then we
11 would actually have to go into the Foothills to -- to
12 pick up more.

13 So it's -- we're close. Very close. I just
14 wasn't -- I didn't know we were going to go this
15 direction.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Got it. So it sounds like we're
17 very, very close.

18 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Uh-huh.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa and
20 Fornaciari.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Just real quick, I
22 wanted to also lift up -- I think is what Commissioner
23 Turner was referring to. There's some Black communities
24 in Sacramento that wanted to make sure that their COI was
25 going to be met. I also wanted to lift up that there is

1 an Afghan refugee community in Arden-Arcade and
2 Carmichael. And that's been also something that's been
3 part of COI testimony, and I know currently right now
4 they're separate. I don't know if there's a way -- a
5 path forward to bring them together. But just wanted to
6 bring that up too. Thank you.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

8 So I do want to hear from Kennedy. But before that,
9 let's hear from Commissioner Fornaciari, and then after
10 that Kennedy to see what she -- what her thoughts are
11 on -- on all of these ideas about -- about putting
12 this -- aligning these interests and these COI's.

13 Commissioner Fornaciari.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Just a couple
15 comments. As Commissioner Fernandez said, it's going to
16 have to be a balance of -- maybe a little bit of -- of
17 those Foothill counties. A little bit of probably -- I
18 mean, the East Vineyard. You know, we saw feedback that
19 East Vineyard is less populated. And I'll just offer,
20 Manteca and Lathrop are not rural communities. They
21 are --

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: They are highly populated
24 communities. So this is not a fully rural district
25 anyway and so balancing those trade-offs with --

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- is -- reasonable.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.

4 Now Kennedy, can you tell us about reasonable trade-
5 offs and how we can put this district together without
6 causing too much of an architectural challenge?

7 MS. WILSON: So if you are okay with taking from
8 Amador and Calaveras, that is what we did have last time.
9 And you know, before there wasn't as much agreement on
10 it, but this is exactly what we had last time, and we
11 were able to balance it with taking from Amador and
12 Calaveras.

13 And I'm just putting in Commissioner Fernandez's
14 old -- the plan from -- from Thursday because I didn't
15 have it with your new changes from CALA_INYO and NOR_CAL.
16 So I'm not putting that in. I just am doing the last
17 district and then we'll be able to see -- oh, my
18 apologies. Let me go back on that. But I'm going to put
19 that in. But if we are able to take from Amador and
20 Calaveras, that is what balanced it before.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Does this district that we haven't
22 highlighted, did that include the Little Pocket
23 community?

24 MS. WILSON: So let's take a look because I know
25 that the Pocket area is right here where exactly Little

1 Pocket is. You know, I don't have, like, a neighborhood
2 layer. But as you can see, the Pocket area is here. I
3 would assume Little Pocket to be -- I -- somewhere over
4 here. But -- so this is Little Pocket.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, you found it. That's excellent.

6 MS. WILSON: So there's the big pocket and this is
7 the Little Pocket. So we could explore bringing this
8 area in from Riverside Boulevard inwards.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

10 All right. So let's see. Hands up. We have
11 Fernandez, Turner, Andersen.

12 Okay. Okay, Fernandez just has it up in case we
13 need her.

14 So Turner and then Andersen.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, did we -- Commissioner
16 Fernandez and Commission, did we look at moving Arden-
17 Arcade from West Sac into West Placer to free up some
18 space?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Arden-Arcade from -- I'm
20 sorry. One more time.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh. Arden-Arcade, moving
22 it from West Sac --

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- into Placer.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, it was -- the

1 population is too high. It is -- if you look on our
2 sheet of the -- what is that sheet you gave us?

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: The reference?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. It's one of the
5 higher --

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's 95,000. Yeah. And
8 then Carmichael that is right next to it is 80,000. So
9 it was -- it was too high to move from one to the other.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much.

11 Let's see. Commissioner Turner. Oh, you just went.
12 Commissioner Andersen.

13 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yeah, with the
14 idea of --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: (Indiscernible).

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- trying to minimize how much
17 of the Gold Country we take, can you go ahead and get
18 those -- you know, the -- the unincorporated areas, you
19 know, say between Mather and Vineyard? You know,
20 actually put that into the rural area and the other one
21 on the West side of the -- yeah. Just a little further
22 South from where you are right now.

23 MS. WILSON: Sorry. I was looking at doing the
24 Little Pocket edition.

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: So --

1 MS. WILSON: And then I --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh.

3 MS. WILSON: -- if that's okay to -- or I don't --

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

5 MS. WILSON: You --

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I missed that.

7 MS. WILSON: -- were talking.

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Little Pocket is going to move
9 into Sac, Elk Grove?

10 MS. WILSON: Yes, which I was going to also say it's
11 at a 4.84 percent so I can see what the numbers will do.
12 But that is --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's highlight Little Pocket.

14 MS. WILSON: And one moment please. Bless you.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Jane.

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually, it was my daughter.

17 MS. WILSON: So taking in the Little Pocket, one
18 block group here, it is -- it does put the Sac, Elk Grove
19 at a 5.1 deviation, which I'm not entirely sure if you
20 are 100 percent happy with the boundaries here. But we
21 could move these around a slight bit if you want to bring
22 Little Pocket in.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: And Commissioner Fernandez, then
24 Commissioner Andersen.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

1 Kennedy, can you zoom out just a little bit, please?
2 A little bit more. I'd like to see the bottom of this
3 district. Okay, can you move -- okay. Can you highlight
4 what the Sac -- okay. That's the Sac, Elk Grove. Part
5 of it too, right there where you -- go back. Right
6 there. We could potentially move that part out and put
7 it into the STANIS. Or I guess we could also --

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- put it into the -- the
10 West Placer. But that section right there that is
11 unincorporated. You see what I'm talking about?

12 MS. WILSON: Yes.

13 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: That was the area -- yes, that
14 was the area --

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- that I was hoping would go
17 to STANIS.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: And also the one down
20 between -- I guess it's Freeport and Elk Grove. That
21 chunk on the West side, that unincorporated area, to
22 minimize how much the Gold Country we take.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, I'm just going
24 to let you know that's sixty people, but we can do that.

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Well, I know. It

1 could -- could be the same area in the hills.

2 MS. WILSON: So if I do -- do you want to proceed
3 forward with bringing in Little Pocket? I would have to
4 make that change first.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would like to see it and
6 then --

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can we have consensus of -- on
8 visualizing this? Yes. Okay, let's get it done and
9 let's find the swap. All right. Usually I prefer having
10 a place to swap first.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: There's a neck problem.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: But we'll find something. Yeah,
13 there -- I see the neck.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: There's a neck, Dale. Did
15 you see the neck?

16 MS. WILSON: So I will go ahead in this
17 incorporated area. Would you like it with the South Sac
18 STANIS or West Placer Sac?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would like it with the
20 STANIS to try to minimize the impact, please. I believe
21 that's what Commissioner Andersen also mentioned.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's highlight that area of
23 all fifty people who live there.

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Chair, can I --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, Commissioner Ahmad.

1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: -- jump in?

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: So sorry, Commissioner Ahmad.

3 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Ah, no worries. No worries. I
4 just -- I know we're moving along this exploration of
5 committing this change, but can I hear some reasoning as
6 to why this wouldn't be added to West Placer.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. The reason that --
8 it does make sense to add to West Placer but we're also
9 going to have a negative ten percent in the district
10 right next to it, so we're trying to minimize cutting
11 into the foothill counties as much as possible.

12 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: And -- and when you say the
13 district right next to it, which one are you referring
14 to?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's the STANIS. It's the
16 Istan (phonetic) -- STANIS --

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: The one with Wilton?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Uh-huh.

19 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Oh, okay. Okay. I just --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And that's all still part
21 of -- like, Wilton is still part of Sacramento County as
22 well.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. But we do need population in
24 there. So let's -- let's commit this change because
25 there's literally -- I believe a hundred people. Oh,

1 let's do the unincorporated area below that as well.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. To the Vineyard.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: That -- that white space right
4 there --

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- with probably another 200 people.
7 And let's find some numbers.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sorry. And while we're
9 doing that, there -- is that an unincorporated area
10 between Rancho Cordova and Folsom? I was just wondering
11 if you could grab that maybe too? But I don't know
12 exactly what it is.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: All -- almost 500 people.

14 MS. WILSON: Yeah. So --

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: There's -- I think there's a little
16 space right underneath it, too, near Vineyard.

17 MS. WILSON: And -- oh, yes, here. And it does
18 bring you to a 4.92. Still a little high but that does.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: But it's -- it -- it makes -- we'll
20 take a -- let's -- we'll take it.

21 MS. WILSON: Okay. I will commit that change.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: And then what's the next change
23 you're going to propose, Commissioner Fernandez?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: There's a little bit of
25 unincorporated area between Folsom and Rancho. I -- I

1 don't know if there's any population there honestly, but
2 we could try --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's highlight it and --
4 let's highlight it and put it in.

5 MS. WILSON: Okay. I will do. One moment.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

7 And if we can start looking for places that actually
8 have more population, that would be helpful. We'll do it
9 but -- seventeen. One person. It's okay. It'll make
10 the lines look pretty (indiscernible).

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, there's only -- I
12 would recommend just keeping it how it is.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: I guess -- so let -- let's -- let's
14 not accept this change because it makes our lines look
15 less. So in order to -- so I'm trying to figure out the
16 goal. What's our goal here --

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- in terms of how many people we
19 need --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. So --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- (indiscernible)?

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- the goal now -- so I -- I
23 guess the Sac-Elk Grove District. So if we go down to
24 the STANIS, right? That -- that's probably about ten --
25 oh, it's negative 9.56.

1 So Kennedy, the -- the one I sent today. The
2 iteration I sent today had picked up some of the
3 unincorporated areas in Stockton. So could you please
4 try to -- yes. With the French Camp and then right --
5 oh, yeah. There you go.

6 MS. WILSON: They are taken in.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, you already did? Okay.
8 So then --

9 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- we've got negative 9.56
11 to find in the --

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: I guess --

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, I'm sorry. One more
14 thing. If we want, we can cut into Vineyard into East of
15 Excelsior because that -- that is --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's cut Vineyard.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. East of Excelsior. Let's
21 see how many people are there.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, and then just --
23 yeah. Thank you.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: All the way to Grant Line

1 Road --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Excellent.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- please. Thank you,
4 Kennedy.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's share the pain --

6 MS. WILSON: So I see Excelsior here, so just this
7 portion here of Vineyard?

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: And anything that's required for
9 contiguity --

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: All the way down to Grant
11 Line please.

12 MS. WILSON: And that's in Elk Grove?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

14 MS. WILSON: Okay. So down to -- I believe here's
15 Grant Line. Okay. One moment.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And let's hear folks in
17 the queue.

18 So Andersen, Akutagawa, and Sinay, while we're
19 highlighting this area -- oh, it's highlighted. So how
20 many people are here? We have about a 1,000, almost
21 2,000 people. All right. So let's commit this change.
22 And let's find another place to find population.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can I just make a
24 recommendation? I would also include -- you see right
25 there, Kennedy, on the -- yeah. Grant Line, yeah. Thank

1 you.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. That's -- let's -- I'm
3 looking around. It looks like we have consensus on this
4 so let's take it. And we still need about 8,000 more
5 people, if I remember correctly. Nope? Okay. How many
6 more do we need? So let's figure out how many we need.
7 In the meantime, let's hear from Andersen and Akutagawa.

8 Kennedy, can you speak to how many folks we need?

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: We'd love 20,000.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. We need a lot. So let's find
11 a large community to cut. I'm going to -- I'm accepting
12 ideas from the floor.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would -- I would consider
14 maybe -- I can't even pronounce it.

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Copperopolis.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Copperopolis? Thank you.
17 It's really cool looking though, I'm just going to tell
18 you, the name.

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: You can have it.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. So let's hear from
21 Commissioner Andersen, Commissioner Akutagawa, and
22 Commissioner Kennedy as we start finding -- as we're
23 looking for 20,000 people to put into this district.

24 Commissioner Andersen.

25 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: As I said, 20,000 people's a

1 lot. Yeah, Calaveras has -- the entire county is 35,000.
2 Tuolumne has 53,000.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. And -- and -- you're --
5 you're taking, basically, you know, the chunk of the --
6 the Gold Country and putting it in the -- in the valley.
7 Yeah, I'd -- I -- I -- I'm not sure. I mean, you can
8 take a lot -- a lot of people to -- to get there. You'd
9 probably have to go all the way up to Murphys and cross
10 all the way through that down to Buck Meadows which is
11 essentially the Gold Country.

12 That's where all the cities area. That's where
13 the --

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- Sonora, and the --
16 actually, there's that, you know, that cool train thing
17 there. That's a -- it's a really neat area. But --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you. Any other
19 communities you'd suggest we cut?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I think if you just
21 try to connect it. Thank you.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: We're at 24,000 people. And this
23 is -- I believe this is something that we looked at
24 earlier. It was very similar to what we looked at on
25 Saturday.

1 Commissioner Andersen --

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And it -- oh.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, no. Go ahead. Sorry.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I was just going to say
5 right now it's at negative 3.44, but if we can maybe try
6 to minimize it for the -- yeah.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So now -- that's be great.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: So if we can keep it to the required
10 number.

11 And then Andersen, Akutagawa, Kennedy, and Ahmad,
12 and Turner.

13 MS. WILSON: I'm sorry. What would you -- what
14 cities or -- would you like me to remove? Or what would
15 you like me to remove from, so I know where to start
16 or --

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: How big is Copperopolis?
18 I'm going to get that. Oh, it's 3,400. That might be
19 too much. Uh-huh. Okay, yeah. I -- how about, like,
20 around that area, if you can get rid of that? That would
21 be great. Thank you so much.

22 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually, again, it --
23 Calaveras is the capital of -- the city is the capital of
24 a county. Maybe if you could give that back.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's a good compromise,

1 Commissioner Andersen. Let's give that back and find
2 another community. Oh, it has been given back and --

3 MS. WILSON: Rancho -- this is Rancho Calaveras.

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, yeah. I -- sorry. I -- I
5 see that now, thank you.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we -- we have the population we
7 need to get into compliance. I'm going to let --

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- could we see the terrain
11 which might help us in terms of where the line goes?

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Absolutely.

13 Kennedy, can we see the terrain please?

14 And it does look like it's in the valley area. And
15 some -- of course, it's reaching the mountains.

16 Commissioner Andersen?

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Actually, you know, if
18 we could maybe -- excuse me. Pull it back up into Amador
19 a little bit and -- and go down -- down the -- you can
20 see sort of there's a slight ridge just West of
21 Copperopolis, if you could kind of go down that slice.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. That -- that's helpful.

23 Let's try to find population down. We'll take
24 population from wherever we can get it. Thanks for that
25 solution, Commissioner Andersen.

1 Commissioner Akutagawa?

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I -- I looked at the -- I
3 guess, the PDF of the Afghan community, and they don't
4 take up all of Arden-Arcade and they don't take up all of
5 Carmichael. I'm wondering, Commissioner Fernandez, is
6 there a possibility that we could split Arden-Arcade,
7 Carmichael, and then maybe push it into that West
8 PLACER_SAC District, and then maybe even push part of
9 Rancho Cordova into this? That might make picking up
10 some of that population easier?-

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think we have the population,
12 right? No?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh wait. No, we have the
14 population already.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. We've met population numbers.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, I see. Yeah. So maybe
17 after we do this one, if you want to go back up that'd be
18 great.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's see. I think we have
20 population here. I'm going to reach out to Commissioner
21 Ahmad, and then Turner, and then we'll have a
22 conversation about next steps.

23 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I just have
24 a question that I think I need clarity on.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Right now, SAC_STANISLAUS, sits
2 at negative 9.21 as on the map prior --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

4 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: -- before these proposed
5 changes. And then Elk Grove, SAC Elk Grove, which is
6 behind the chart now, once that -- there you go, sits at
7 4.57. Why are we not trying to balance between those two
8 districts?

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez and others,
10 please answer -- please respond.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. Initially, my
12 proposal was to do that, but as I was mentioning, the
13 part of Elk Grove that I would cut out is a very -- it's
14 part of the suburb areas. And we did hear input today
15 from the community as well as submitted through our -- in
16 our database, that they would prefer that to be with --
17 to give up some of the Foothill communities and have the
18 suburb areas of the Sacramento area in their district
19 because the district is more rural.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're to keep rural communities a
21 whole.

22 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: So this is based off COI?

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and trying to keep some of the
24 urban communities out of the rural areas, is what you're
25 saying. You're prioritizing the rural over the urban

1 areas? I'm just -- is that -- did I get that correctly?

2 Okay. The -- so that's the explanation and rationale.

3 Commissioner Andersen, then Commissioner Turner.

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. Could I --
5 I'd really like to pare it down to as little as possible.
6 Like, if we could give, particularly above Copperopolis,
7 I think you kind of cut into half a city in -- actually
8 in that very area. And then even if we could give the --
9 we have Rancho Calaveras, the other town next to it. You
10 know, if we could give that back. Any -- up by Plymouth,
11 if we could trim that area back, too. I mean, you're
12 giving over Ione, so I just -- I'm trying to keep up --

13 MS. WILSON: (Indiscernible).

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Go ahead.

15 MS. WILSON: Oh, sorry. When I give back Valley
16 Springs, it goes to a negative 5.26.

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: So it looks like we -- deviation --
19 we'd be out of deviation.

20 MS. WILSON: And that one here, this was a block, a
21 census block, that does have unfortunately a kind of
22 funky shape. But this one --

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.

24 MS. WILSON: -- block, you know, the smallest unit
25 we can click from, it doesn't go into Copperopolis. It

1 actually is right on the edge of that city. But it does
2 make that contiguous unless I were to get rid of this
3 bottom part.

4 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I see what you're saying.
5 And that's alone -- that doesn't do it. No, it's still
6 5.26.

7 MS. WILSON: I would have to add back Valley Springs
8 in which I could add back Valley Springs and get rid of
9 this down here.

10 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well -- yeah. I'm not sure on
11 that one. I -- you know, it -- yeah, I guess if you
12 have -- if you're adding Valley Springs, you know, you
13 might as well give the rest of that little bit back.
14 Although, I -- well, except I think, you know, there,
15 we're giving up -- keeping flat in, and taking hills out
16 so.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Again, this is --

18 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: That (indiscernible) --

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: I think this is a compromise so.

20 MS. WILSON: I could try doing Copperopolis over
21 Valley Springs or choosing one of them. I'm not sure if
22 that will do it, but taking Copperopolis out, and then
23 putting Valley Springs in. I mean --

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

25 MS. WILSON: -- so -- yeah. One of those has to go

1 to meet the deviation.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. Let's hear from the
3 floor. So we've heard from Fernandez, Andersen. Let's
4 hear from Turner, Sinay, and Kennedy.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I was
6 wondering, Kennedy, can we zoom out, so we can see what
7 this district is looking like? And is there -- between
8 Stanislaus, Riverbank -- oh, okay. No, the other
9 district, we're already under as well. Okay. Thank you.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much. Let's hear from
11 Commissioner Sinay, then Commissioner Kennedy,
12 Commissioner Sadhwani.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So we had received input a
14 couple of times from the Rancho Cordova. Yeah, that one
15 city saying you can split us a little so that you can get
16 it done. Is there a reason why we're not doing what the
17 Mayor -- I think it was the Mayor. Commissioner
18 Akutagawa had brought it up before.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's a good question. Rancho
20 Cordova, the mayor asking to be split. So Commissioner
21 Fernandez, can you please respond?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: He wasn't asking to be
23 split.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: He was like -- he's willing

1 to give it --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: He's suggesting?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- up. Right.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: He also did not deal with
6 the SSAC-STANIS. He just dealt with the Sacramento
7 communities.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, okay.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And again, Rancho Cordova
10 is also a suburb. And they didn't want Folsom. And they
11 probably don't want -- I realize if a community is
12 willing to give themselves up, but it's the same suburban-
13 type community.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
15 Thank you for explaining that and for clarifying.

16 Commissioner Turner, Commissioner Kennedy,
17 Commissioner Sadhwani. Okay. Commissioner Kennedy and
18 then Sadhwani.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thanks. so we still have
20 some to add to South SAC_STANIS. And -- but I was also
21 wanting to say, if we are adding this lowland population,
22 essentially, Valley population or almost Valley
23 population from Amador, Calaveras, could we -- should we
24 restore Vineyard and Elk Grove to be whole? Thanks.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernand -- I mean,

1 Sadhwani and then we'll go back to Fernandez and then
2 Turner.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I'm trying to jump in
4 on this one here. So we're trying to keep Copperopolis,
5 I really just wanted to say Copperopolis. We're trying
6 to keep that whole and out of this district; is that kind
7 of the plan? Maybe? Yeah? Yeah? I mean, can we not
8 take that on? Can we go -- I mean, CAL_INYO is also
9 overpopulated at 3.98 percent. Like, we could have this
10 strip running all the way down into Tuolumne if we wanted
11 to, just to pick up some more of that population and --

12 MS. WILSON: And taking Copperopolis is all you need
13 to get to negative 4. So either Copperopolis or Valley
14 Springs within these two districts will get you to
15 negative --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani. So
17 let's highlight Copperopolis. I hope I said it right,
18 Copperopolis. And then let's go to Commissioner Turner,
19 then Andersen, and we'll make decisions after that.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I wanted to go back to
21 Commissioner Kennedy's comment because I think we only
22 took part of --

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- Vineyard. And if we take
25 the entirety of Vineyard and grab Copperopolis and that

1 whole area straight down, will we be able to balance?

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, that's a great suggestion by
3 Kennedy, and also Turner. Do -- should we accept --
4 should we highlight this and then go back to -- so let's
5 get this highlighted and get a contiguous. And then
6 let's go and look at Vineyard. And then we will take it
7 one step at a time.

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. On this, could we turn
9 the tray layer on because --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- actually, he did off -- you
12 know, he was saying from down Don --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Don Pedro.

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- Don Pedro reservoir, which
15 is --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- which is down at the
18 boar -- you can see and that is the flat where actually
19 Ione is actually already up in the hills. It's that kind
20 of actually where from Comanche Village down through Don
21 Pedro, lower is still in the valley.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So let's take a look at
23 that. It's --

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, Commissioner Fernandez. Do you

1 have some refinement?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would recommend -- why
3 don't -- okay. If we would accept it and then only add
4 more if the Elk Grove, Vineyard requires it.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Does that makes sense?

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Give it some back.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's accept it. And then let's go
10 to Elk Grove and Vineyard and begin the process of
11 cutting. And we'll --

12 MS. WILSON: And why don't --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- only accept as much as we need.

14 MS. WILSON: -- refinement.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: You weren't hijacked.

16 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm concerned about Plymouth.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen, you're --

18 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- on mute.

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I'm sorry. I'm
21 concerned actually up at the top there, if we could zoom
22 in a little bit --

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

24 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- you know, Plymouth and
25 Drytown, they'll -- they're on 49. But I'm wondering in

1 terms of that area --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- have we taken out -- yeah.

4 I'd rather go like straight across in that area North.

5 See where we're on the 16, but then -- yeah, essentially
6 go a little bit North of that to -- no.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you'd like to --

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: That area.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- also -- you'd also like to cut
10 this area?

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, not that huge, but just
12 from the -- that one is -- straight up. That --
13 exactly -- that's (indiscernible) meant. If we're taking
14 a line, I kind of like to make it a clean line. But
15 we're not -- yep, take the -- yeah, you're headed in the
16 right direction, Kennedy.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. We'll take every person we
18 can. So that's about a hundred people.

19 MS. WILSON: And so this block here on the border
20 just kind of is a --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh.

22 MS. WILSON: -- bigger block, so -- yeah.

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's go to Vineyard. And
25 Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Turner.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah --

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- if you can just -- that
4 piece over there in Vineyard on the East that we took
5 out, could you see what that population is that goes from
6 Vineyard to Elk Grove, please? Thank you. And then the
7 bottom part of Elk Grove. That one's going to be a
8 little bit higher. And I think --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: About 2,000.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- we're done.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Outstanding.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

13 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'll be like Commissioner
14 Fornaciari. I can't -- he can't go to his hometown
15 anymore. I won't be able to go visit my cousins anymore.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right. So let's see. I think
17 these -- this area is now complete.

18 Questions, concerns, comments. Commissioner
19 Fornaciari, I'm going to say general consensus on these.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm not going to be able
21 to visit my in-laws anymore.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, no.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: You're welcome.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-oh. Now, general consensus. I'm
25 looking for general consensus here.

1 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's definitely a compromise. And
3 not -- no one's terribly happy with this, but let's
4 see --

5 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I think a lot --

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- except I think --

7 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- a lot of --

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- a couple of people --

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- a lot of --

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- are very happy.

11 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- of people, a lot of, lot of
12 people made a sacrifice on this one.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: I agree with you, Commissioner --

14 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: A lot of people.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Andersen. All right. We're good
16 here. We're going to move on to -- we're actually going
17 back to Los Angeles to see what they were able to
18 accomplish out in the San Fernando Valley, and then we'll
19 come back to Oakland and Redwood City. Yes.

20 Commissioner --

21 MS. WILSON: One second while we --

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Akutagawa.

23 MS. WILSON: -- search our computers. Just one
24 moment.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Before you do that, I had
2 asked about the Arden-Arcade --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- and Carmichael.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Sorry.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: The COI there.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Arden-Arcade, COI. I believe there's
8 an Afghan community.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. And according to the
10 PDF of a COI, I guess, map of the area, it's only -- it
11 looks like it's the Northern part of Arden-Arcade and
12 part of Carmichael. It's not the whole entire area, so
13 just my question is, is there a way to bring in either a
14 portion of Carmichael, or in this case split Arden-Arcade
15 and Carmichael, and whether or not it goes to the Placer
16 District just to keep that COI whole?

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sadhwani.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I hear you,
19 Commissioner Akutagawa. And if we go back actually
20 several days, that had been my initial suggestion when we
21 started this whole journey of trying to shift all of this
22 population around to get Vineyard in. I think at this
23 point, we haven't achieved it here, but let's keep it on
24 our list for Congress and Senate as we move forward.
25 That's my perspective on it. I hear you, though, and I'm

1 aware of the COI that we're breaking up but.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I mean, could we just see
3 what the COI looks like? Maybe that will also help, too.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I think there's a lot
5 of population in here, going to set off all --

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. They gave some
7 specific boundaries. And it doesn't look that large.
8 That's why I'm pushing it. Otherwise, I would just be
9 happy to move on. But it didn't look like that large,
10 but I don't know if, Kennedy, you have the -- if they
11 sent you a shapefile for this community.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's -- Kennedy, if you
13 have the shapefile, can we take a look at it?

14 MS. WILSON: I do not have that loaded into this
15 machine. But if you were able to tell me the boundaries,
16 I could --

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa, do you the
18 boundaries of the --

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- the COI?

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm just looking for that
22 right now. I had it and then -- now I don't --

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I had it, but I can't find
24 it.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- yeah.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: They sent a map. It was on
3 the -- it was in the database that we got.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Fabulous. Okay.

5 Commissioner Sinay.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I appreciate all we're doing,
7 but I remember we started today's conversation with our
8 two or three top priorities.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I think it was actually one
11 or two priorities and some of us went up to three
12 including myself. But now, every time we go in
13 somewhere, we're looking up COIs again and we're starting
14 back at the what-ifs and adding. Can we stick to our
15 priorities and really try to get this done because we are
16 going to be here for another two, three hours if we keep
17 this way.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The time to look at --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. Thank you. Commissioner --

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- at COIs and all that was
22 during the what-ifs.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's true. So let's -- we have
24 three regions that are still on our priority list. We
25 have Oakland; we have Redwood City; and we have the San

1 Gabriel Valley. Let's go back to the San Gabriel Valley
2 where we're having a switch. And then if we are able to
3 get the Afghan community --

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I have it now.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- shapefile then to Kennedy, then
6 she can work on it.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- while we're finalizing the San
9 Gabriel Valley and then we can come back to at the end if
10 there's time. All right. So let's try to -- and I think
11 Oakland and Redwood City will be fast. The San Gabriel
12 Valley may not be so quick.

13 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Could we do those then
14 quickly, maybe, please, please? Do Oakland and Redwood
15 City and knock them out?

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: No, let's just -- let's go to the San
17 Gabriel Valley because that's a --

18 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- that's a more difficult
20 conversation.

21 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Okay.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: We'll come back.

23 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I might have to check out,
24 guys.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, you want to -- you're not --

1 MS. CLARK: Commissioners --

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- hopefully, this will be a --

3 MS. CLARK: I --

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- quick conversation, it'll be here.

5 MS. CLARK: -- don't know if Commissioner Vazquez is
6 still on.

7 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: She's not.

8 MS. CLARK: Oh, she's not. Okay. So I will review
9 the changes that she made. And just a quick note is that
10 we did move Hidden Hills with the Westlake Village,
11 Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Topanga. So this is the only
12 switch that is not self-contained in San Fernando Valley.
13 And to accomplish that, we moved the line here in Bel
14 Air. It was -- Bel Air was already split in between the
15 Maui (ph.) East -- Malibu East Ventura District, and the
16 Westside District. And we just moved that to include
17 Hidden Hills.

18 And the rest of the changes are as follows: This is
19 very similar in a lot of ways to the draft map that the
20 Commission got positive feedback on. This in SCV, it
21 includes Santa Clarita Valley with Granada Hills, Porter
22 Ranch, Chatsworth, Northridge. This district is at 1.95
23 percent deviation.

24 South San Fernando Valley includes Bell Canyon, West
25 Hills, Canoga Park, Winnetka, Woodland Hills, Tarzana,

1 and Encino, Sherman Oaks, HoSo (ph.). For population, we
2 included Greater Valley Glen. It also includes Valley
3 Village and Studio City. And that's 3.94 percent
4 deviation.

5 Central SFV includes the Northern part of Reseda.
6 For population, we had to split that a little bit. And
7 so that's Reseda, Lake Balboa, Van Nuys, North Hollywood,
8 including Greater Toluca Lake. Sun Valley area, this
9 dividing line along the 5 and includes Mission Hills and
10 includes Arleta. And then East San Fernando Valley
11 includes Sylmar, San Fernando, Pacoima, Burbank, this
12 Northern part, the City of Glendale, and Sun Lanta Hunga
13 (ph.).

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime. Can you speak to
15 the changes that were made on the impact to goal? So did
16 this change any of the Black/Asian/Latino majority
17 districts? Are our numbers about the same? Are they
18 different? Did they -- did these changes change the
19 number of minority/majority districts?

20 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So in Central San Fernando Valley
21 District, the percent Latino CVAP is 50.08 percent. Now,
22 this is the only 50 percent plus Latino CVAP district in
23 San Fernando Valley. So that was a change. And this is
24 not a VRA area per your VRA council. And so --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we dropped from eleven-fifty --

1 eleven Latino majority districts to ten with this change?

2 MS. CLARK: That's correct.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. A conversation -- let's
4 have a conversation about this. Let's -- Commissioner
5 Sadhwani.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I think these changes
7 seem reasonable to me. The only little thing I was going
8 to add, and full disclosure, I live next door in La
9 Canada (ph.) and used to still live in Glendale. La
10 Crescenta is a part of the Glendale School District. And
11 it seems like -- I don't know what the population exactly
12 is, but putting that little yellow bit of La Crescenta
13 into that district might make sense because they do share
14 a school district. But I have no skin in the game, so if
15 it doesn't happen, it doesn't happen.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner -- any other comments on
17 this?

18 Commissioner Turner.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Going back to, Jaime,
20 Central South -- I mean, Central San Fernando Valley.
21 I'm looking at -- can we -- Toluca Lake. Yeah. Can we
22 take it out?

23 MS. CLARK: Yes, and I had received previous
24 direction from the Commission to include Toluca Lake with
25 North Hollywood.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Can we just remove it and see
2 what it does to the deviations and the CVAP?

3 (Pause)

4 MS. CLARK: So the -- where's my -- so this would
5 make the percent deviation of South SFV 6.76 percent and
6 the percent deviation of Central SFV 0.1 percent.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Can you put the full block on
8 that shows all of the -- all of the CVAP area?

9 MS. CLARK: Did you want to see Latino CVAP?

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, please. So it went
11 from -- without Toluca, it moved and it's a non-VRA area,
12 but it moved from fifty to what?

13 MS. CLARK: To 51.27.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. But then we're over.
15 Okay. Six and South -- so then -- okay. I don't have
16 anything else, but I don't like losing the other.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah. I don't like it either, but
18 we'll have to see what we can come up with. And let's
19 see with Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Akutagawa,
20 and others.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. Just noting that
22 instead of moving towards consolidating the North
23 Hollywood area, which is not just the nor -- the NoHo
24 Neighborhood Council, but Toluca Lake, Valley Glen, NoHo,
25 North Hollywood Northeast, North Hollywood West, Valley

1 Village, Van Nuys, all of that, just -- it seems to be
2 less coherent than it was. Again --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- if --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: I agree.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- we have to, we have to.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Akutagawa.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Just for
9 clarification, what is the CVAPs for East San Fernando
10 Valley again, especially the Latino one?

11 MS. CLARK: In this iteration, the Latino CVAP for
12 East San Fernando Valley, is 39.18 percent.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So then if you were to add
14 La Crescenta, it's probably going to go down even more.

15 Just the Santa Clarita Valley one, I think that that
16 includes -- what are -- what's the cities that are right
17 next to that central San Fernando Valley in that corner?
18 Yeah, like where your cursor is right now?

19 MS. CLARK: That's Northridge and North Hills West
20 Neighborhood Council.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And what's the deviations
22 for Santa Clarita Valley and -- well, it looks like
23 Central is about two points -- in other words, can you
24 maybe pick up that corner, that North Hills West and
25 maybe even that Northridge area to maybe bring up some of

1 that CVAP since there seems to be a -- you know, along
2 those edges, it might help bring that up without blowing
3 the deviation?

4 MS. CLARK: No.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Too many people?
6 Okay.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: We did get quite a few -- a lot of
8 feedback from communities including -- and I want to say
9 dozens and dozens, scores of feedback from VICA (ph.),
10 which did that do a really good job of putting this
11 together. I'm sure that there might be -- you know, that
12 was business community. That was the community. That
13 was individuals in this area. I'm just wondering if
14 maybe we can take -- if we can take a look at the VICA
15 maps as we develop this. Commissioner Sadhwani, I know
16 you had your hand raised.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. That was --

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Then Turner, then Kennedy.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. That was exactly
20 going to be what I was going to say is -- you know, I
21 think this is one option for us. I see the VICA maps
22 that came in, and I feel like reorienting slightly,
23 having Glendale, Burbank still go --

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: So --

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- westward could be another

1 option to kind of preserve the communities right there in
2 the central region of the Central Valley, going up
3 through Sylmar, San Fernando, Pacoima, et cetera, and
4 kind of reorienting us that way. (Indiscernible) --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.
6 I'm wondering if you could work with Jaime over the next
7 couple of minutes to try to see if there's a way we can
8 kind of reorient in that direction, see if there's a
9 possibility. And while we go to Oakland and Redwood City
10 because I know we may have -- Commissioner Andersen maybe
11 leaving in a -- no, she's still there. She -- Linda,
12 she's there.

13 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Oh.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, I don't know -- she may stay if
15 we're working on Oakland. So -- but I -- but anyways.
16 So let's go to Oakland and Redwood City and have
17 Commissioner Sadhwani work on this offline. If
18 Commissioner Kennedy has a comment, any suggestions for
19 Commissioner Sadhwani and -- or feedback for Commissioner
20 Sadhwani, and Jaime, while we're --

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. I
22 don't know, Commissioner Sadhwani, if this is along the
23 lines of what you were saying, but if we brought that
24 line that's currently at the 5 to the West, and then
25 picked up additional population for Central SFV in

1 Winnetka and Canoga Park, does -- what does that do to
2 our LCVAP in East SFV? I just get the sense that that
3 might help us if we did shift that line West from the 5
4 and then push the Central SFV District a little bit to
5 the West. Thank you.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Good point, Commissioner Kennedy. And in
7 the meantime, let's switch line drawers. Let's go to the
8 Bay Area, where we have Redwood City and Oakland to look
9 at. And I know we have maps for those areas that have
10 been drawn, and so -- and for us to look at. I don't
11 think it'll take too long to come back to --

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: This, should not take long.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- but -- and so -- but in the
14 meantime, we'll -- if Commissioner Sadhwani could work
15 with Jaime.

16 Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani, for volunteering.

17 MS. WILSON: And one moment while we have --

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Volun-told (ph.).

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: I volunteered her. Volun-told.
20 She's not going to like -- fight back that.

21 MS. WILSON: -- also -- excuse me. Really quickly.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah.

23 MS. WILSON: Commissioner Akutagawa, do you have a
24 shapefile that you're able to send?

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, that's right. The shapefile for

1 the Afghan community in Sacramento.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I -- I'll try to look and
3 see. The PDF was the only one that I found, so I'll
4 look.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And in the meantime,
6 let's get Tamina, who we haven't gotten a chance to work
7 with all day on -- online. And we're getting closer.
8 It's Bay Area, San Fernando Valley, and potentially
9 taking a look at a little bit of Sacramento and be -- and
10 we'll be done.

11 Hey, Tamina, welcome.

12 Oh, she can't hear us.

13 MS. RAMOS ALON: Good evening, everybody.

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: Hi, Tamina.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Hey, Tamina. You're so happy and you
16 have so much energy this evening.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Are you in a different time zone?

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Are you in Hawaii?

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: I wish (indiscernible) there.

20 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm just trying to be my best.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, thank you. We always appreciate
22 you, and everybody else on staff, and the Commissioners.
23 Let's see. And the public who is sending in so much
24 feedback. All right. So let's go to Oakland.

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. Yes, Chair.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: And we have Commissioner Yee, who has
2 his -- who's been able to work on the Oakland area and is
3 doing some cleanup.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. The hometown hero/GOAT. So
5 we received quite a bit of feedback, including calls this
6 morning about the split in Rockridge, that's in North
7 Oakland. You see there in the yellow line what we had,
8 and that feedback was richly deserved. I don't know what
9 I was thinking. So we have moved the line.

10 The line now goes down Shattuck. From Shattuck over
11 to -- okay. From Shattuck crossing the -- Highway 24,
12 over to 51st Ave. This keeps the Kono community of
13 interest, which is actually also an Eritrean Ethiopian
14 community of interest whole with Oakland. Comes down
15 Broadway, and comes over 40th Ave, which turns into Monte
16 Vista, I believe, and over to the Piedmont border.

17 Follows the Piedmont border -- Southern border and
18 goes straight up Park Boulevard. Full disclosure, this
19 changes my district all the way to Highway 13, then comes
20 up on the Northern side of Joaquin Miller Park, and then
21 continues out as it was before. So this keeps Rockridge
22 whole.

23 I want to say about it. It does shift, so all
24 the -- all the Oakland Hills communities go with East
25 Bay. Kaiser Hospital Oakland stays with Oakland.

1 Children's Hospital actually goes with East Bay.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Anything else to point out?

4 Yeah, the deviations look good. So we
5 feel -- Commissioner Andersen and I feel good about this.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Anything you want to add
7 about the -- add to this, Commissioner Andersen?

8 Commissioner Kennedy?

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Nope. It's great.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Nope. Okay. It's great. It looks
11 reasonable to me.

12 Commissioner Kennedy.

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Just two
14 small cleanup items. On the Eastern edge of Piedmont, if
15 we could zoom in.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Such an eye you have.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And some more.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Fine.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Incredible.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: There's a little -- that
21 little speck of yellow on the left side -- on the Eastern
22 edge of Piedmont.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Coming up Park Boulevard.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. Yeah. Is that -- is

1 there population in -- on the left-hand side of that
2 road, there's a little strip of yellow. Yeah. Is that
3 that populated?

4 MS. RAMOS ALON: There are four people here, and
5 five people here.

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah, I would suggest that we
7 move those to join the people on the other side of the
8 road.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Tamina, is that the Piedmont city
10 limit?

11 MS. RAMOS ALON: The Piedmont city limit is the
12 purple. So it's -- the Piedmont -- the yellow would
13 still be Oakland.

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. Okay. Yeah. That's a
15 good move, then. Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And then at the Northern end
17 of the park on the Eastern edge of this district, I think
18 it was.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Oh, Joaquin Miller, perhaps?

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. There's that
21 little -- it almost looks like kangaroo ears or something
22 up at the top there. Again, that looks like part
23 of -- oh, I see. That's all Oakland.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. It still looks a bit
2 odd.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: We were going for the park
4 boundary. But the park has actually expanded over time,
5 and so we're thinking that's why it probably crossed
6 over. If we took all of the park, then we would end up
7 with more to the streets to the Northwest, and we didn't
8 want to do that.

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Okay.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: So just for counsel, does the neck
11 cause any problem here?

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: It's not -- it's --

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: No population there.

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- (indiscernible) park there,
15 yeah. Although, I see a 12 there.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's unpopulated. Okay. Great. Any
17 other changes for the Oakland area? Any other proposed
18 changes for the Oakland area?

19 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Can we zoom out and just see
20 it again?

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: And also, I just wanted to ask if the
22 VICA folks are listening -- and I know they are always
23 listening, if you could send your shapefiles to Voters
24 FIRST email, that would be greatly appreciated. Thank
25 you. As we're working through our maps in the San

1 Fernando Valley.

2 All right. The Oakland area looks good.

3 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: What's at the top of East Bay?

4 Oh, that's there that we did.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Rodeo --

6 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I remember.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah.

8 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: I got it.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Excellent.

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: So I recommend we take --

11 finalize this.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: I am looking at the room, in
13 the -- in our portal. Everyone is in agreement, or at
14 least we have consensus -- a general consensus is what
15 I'm seeing. So let's move on to Redwood City. Let's
16 accept it. Let's move on to Redwood City. And then if
17 we have time, we'll go out to Sacramento.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. The one unhappy split we
19 had in Redwood City was -- I'm sorry, in this district
20 was Redwood City. You'll recall, we tried to split the
21 Lamar Hill (ph.) parts of Redwood City from the flats.
22 So this is a proposal to make Redwood City whole. We do
23 that by taking in Pacifica to Half Moon Bay, into South
24 Penn (ph.) and also adjusting that line at Gato Santa
25 Cruz to shift a little bit of the unincorporated

1 population. And so this makes Redwood City whole.

2 So wondering if anyone has any thoughts about moving
3 Half Moon Bay with the South Bay communities of -- you
4 know, all the way down to Los Altos --

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- Mountainview.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- to break, Chair.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And it does look like
9 they're in the county of San Mateo. Did we keep the
10 County of San Mateo whole? And we do need to go break in
11 a minute, so --

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- you can -- if somebody knows the
14 answer to that. Well, we don't, right? We have a
15 portion in -- out of the district, but --

16 MS. RAMOS ALON: The county of San Mateo is in three
17 districts, but this actually reduces, it used to be in
18 four; so now it is back in three.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's good. So there's one fewer
20 cut. Looking around the room, any concern about this
21 change? We're getting a lot of consensus here, so let's
22 move -- let's accept this change, and then we'll go to
23 break, 15 minutes. And then after that, we'll go to
24 Sacramento if we have the shapefiles for the Afghan
25 community. Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Tamina.

2 (Whereupon, a recess was held 9:53 p.m. until
3 10:10 p.m.)

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
5 Citizens Redistricting. We're in Sacramento exploring
6 some communities of interest focused on the Afghan
7 community in Sacramento.

8 Commissioner Akutagawa and Kennedy, can you
9 please --

10 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- let -- just tell us a little bit
12 about this Afghan community in Sacramento, and where
13 they're located, and how many people are in this
14 district?

15 MS. WILSON: So here is the COI; I went ahead and
16 added it to West SAC just because the deviation is lower
17 here. So this would -- bringing it over to West Placer
18 would bring it too far over. We are at a 5.09. This
19 goes out to Manzanita Avenue, in their COI testimony I
20 read, and it said West of Manzanita Avenue. So that's
21 what we took in and followed their shapefile. I think we
22 could explore bringing this in and either putting La
23 Riviera or McClellan Park into West Placer SAC to balance
24 it. That's the short, and that's all I have to say.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Can you -- what are your thoughts

1 about the opportunities and the challenges of
2 putting -- of shifting these populations?

3 MS. WILSON: I think it's, you know, community
4 interest for your decision. But --

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

6 MS. WILSON: -- but making a swap like -- it's at
7 5.09, so it's not very high. So taking one of these out
8 would do the trick.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: So potentially taking out Rosemont or
10 swapping out Rosemont might do the trip -- trick; is that
11 what you're saying, or is it --

12 MS. WILSON: Sorry, it's La Riviera.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, La Riviera and McClellan Park.

14 MS. WILSON: Well, I just see those as kind of an
15 easy fix for one of these two to move out. They're both
16 not very big, but enough to bring the deviation down.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're looking at La Riviera or
18 McClellan Park as potential swaps. Thoughts from the
19 floor? Linda -- Commissioner Akutagawa, and then
20 Commissioner Fernandez, and then we'll -- oh, my -- my
21 face wasn't showing. Here we go.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'll have Commissioner
23 Fernandez go first.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: That's good.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think got my question in,

1 so thanks.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez, then.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: And then Commissioner Sinay.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. I would
6 prefer not to move La Riviera, because that's somewhat
7 close to SAC State and some of the housing in that area.
8 Maybe McClellan Park might be a better swap. Is that
9 what you said, Kennedy, was McClellan Park or La Riviera?
10 Yeah, I would -- I would prefer to keep La Riviera where
11 it is. Thank you.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Sinay.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'll be honest. At this hour,
14 I do not remember what all the communities of interest
15 were, and there were a lot here; and we did a lot of work
16 to make sure we had different communities of interest
17 together.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So my concern would be, if we
20 do anything, it's just going to mess up another one. I
21 just really want us to be careful, because I feel like we
22 worked really hard and really, really, really, really
23 long in this area, and that we may just do less harm if
24 we (audio interference).

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So Let's go to

1 Commissioner Akutagawa, then Fernandez.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think we've been hearing
3 consistently about this particular COI. I think there
4 were some other COIs we weren't able to meet, but I think
5 this seems like this one, based on what I've read, that
6 we can accomplish now that we have the shapefiles, and
7 the addition is a lot smaller than the entirety of
8 Carmichael.

9 So you know, as much as we can, I think we've tried
10 to make sure that we've, you know, tried to keep the COIs
11 together. And this one seems like, for a refugee
12 community, it would be important for them to be able to
13 be together.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner --

15 MS. WILSON: And --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: I'm sorry, Kennedy.

17 MS. WILSON: If I may, just from, you know,
18 testimony in courts I've worked with, I have seen
19 McClellan Park, North Highlands and Foothill Farms being
20 a COI.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: So the -- so in fact, these
22 would -- it would be appropriate to put McClellan, North
23 Highlands, and Foothill, based on community of input
24 testimony is what you're saying?

25 MS. WILSON: Yes.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Potentially.

2 MS. WILSON: That's -- yeah, potentially, but --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: That the COIs are aligned. Okay.

4 MS. WILSON: -- yeah, that's a COI that I have seen.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner

6 Fernandez, you have additional testimony or advice --

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- suggestions?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: One of those. I'm glad you
10 gave me choices. Can you -- Kennedy, can you please zoom
11 into that area that you have highlighted? I didn't -- I
12 kind of cut the tail end of the boundaries.

13 MS. WILSON: Oh, yes, of course. So we have here at
14 the top is Winding Way, and then this is Manzanita Avenue
15 going down on the Eastern border, and then towards the
16 bottom we have Kenneth Avenue here and El Camino Avenue.
17 And then just following the COI that was sent in, I'm
18 just following their shapefile lines, but those are -- or
19 this is actually Fair Oaks Boulevard.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Right. The COI I read did
21 say Fair Oaks Boulevard.

22 MS. WILSON: Yes, and that's my apologies. Fair
23 Oaks Boulevard, not --

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- well, and Manzanita Avenue

1 turns into Fair Oaks Boulevard.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Right. And that's what
3 they -- it was Fair Oaks and Eastern Manzanita,
4 so -- okay.

5 MS. WILSON: So those ran into each other.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you. I
7 was just trying to make sure it wasn't running into a
8 major -- okay. Thank you.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez, what are your
10 thoughts about the swap? And others.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Let me think. I would
12 honestly prefer to keep Carmichael together,
13 but -- because that's one -- somebody's playing, because
14 that's -- that is a separate COI also, is to keep the
15 communities full. So I'm --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Jaime.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- either way at this
18 point. It's midnight.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- so --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It's Tuesday.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- okay. So let's hear from others.
22 Commissioner Sinay.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I think I'm going to say
24 the same thing as Commissioner Fernandez. I mean, we've
25 got a lot of testimony kind of saying keep Carmichael

1 together, keep Carmichael with Arden-Arcade together.
2 And I guess here we keep parts of both of those together.
3 And then we've got another -- I mean, I just feel like we
4 work -- part of why we worked so hard here was there was
5 this priority to keep cities whole, and that's why we
6 couldn't do that Viejo. And yes, I'm going to bring up
7 Viejo again. And so I just -- either way, but let's be
8 consistent. I mean, we can't --

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

10 Commissioner Akutagawa.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I just want to remind
12 everybody that as much as we want to keep cities whole,
13 they're on the same level as COIs. And I believe what I
14 read is the reason to keep Carmichael with Arden-Arcade
15 was because of this refugee community. And so that's
16 what I read. So anyways, COIs and cities are on the same
17 level; they're number 4. So that's all I'll say.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Looking for general consensus
19 here. Okay. Anyone in opposition to this change? I'm
20 looking for opposition at this point. Or not. Is not
21 willing -- not able to live with this.

22 Commissioner Sinay.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm not in opposition. I'm
24 just getting -- I just think we need -- I feel like when
25 I bring up communities of interest, people kind of go

1 over it really quickly, and it's not important. I do
2 feel that we're -- gotten to the point -- we are in the
3 12th hour, literally, and it's time, you know -- just
4 let's be more -- either we put in all the communities of
5 interest that everyone brings up, because when another
6 place is -- when they've been brought up, people ignore
7 them; or we just -- you know, this is really pretty late
8 into the process to try to look up every COI that we
9 might be missing, because we're going to be missing them.

10 I mean, you know, we -- San Pedro asked not to be
11 with Long Beach and they asked to be together. They
12 got -- they're not with Long Beach, necessarily, but
13 they're not together. I mean, we've been hacking, and
14 all over the place doing all sorts of things. So yes,
15 let's move forward on this. But let's also agree that
16 it's time not to dig deep into the COIs, but to just move
17 forward.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Ms. Sinay -- or
19 Commissioner Sinay. And you know, it's hard when we're
20 balancing COIs and having to make difficult decisions.
21 I'm looking for general consensus here. No, I don't see
22 anyone particularly loving it or not -- you know, not
23 particularly opposed, so -- or not in opposition, I
24 should say. It's late, so I'm not as clear as I should
25 be.

1 So with that, I do see general consensus to move
2 forward as folks can live with this change. And it
3 potentially brings together the Afghan refugee
4 community -- or it does bring together the Afghan refugee
5 community. Fabulous. So with that, we will move back
6 down to Los Angeles, San Fernando Valley. It's the last
7 region to be looked up. And so we will -- thank you so
8 much, Kennedy. Thank you for staying with us, for
9 everything you do for us, and for helping us through the
10 Northern California Assembly Districts; really appreciate
11 it. Thank you, Karin, too, for all you do.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just -- hi. Just one moment,
13 please. Jaime is on the way over here. She's just
14 talking with Commissioner Sadhwani.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Excellent. Thank you so much. And
16 thank you all for everything you're doing. And we will
17 switch over.

18 Kennedy, anything you have to say before you go?

19 MS. WILSON: Good night.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Good night and have a good evening.
21 Sleep well. Thank you, again.

22 MS. WILSON: You, too.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we're going to take a five-minute
24 break so that we can switch line drawers and get a glass
25 of water, maybe some caffeinated drinks, and then we'll

1 be right back. I do see that -- I do hear that there has
2 been some progress made in the San Fernando Valley, so
3 let's keep our fingers crossed. All right. We'll see
4 you in a couple of minutes.

5 (Pause)

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California
7 Citizens Redistricting Commission. We are looking at the
8 San -- at the San Fernando Valley region. This is our
9 final region before we complete our maps. And I believe
10 we have two versions of a map. So I will turn it over to
11 Jaime and Sara to walk us through all of the iterations
12 that they've been able to walk through over the last half
13 hour or so, and to present on the options.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. So I'll just start us
15 off, and then Jaime can walk us through some of the
16 options. I'll just note we were able to identify and
17 find the VICA shapefiles, thankfully. Unfortunately,
18 what we received seemed to be based on an older version
19 of our map, not on where we are right now with different
20 proportions of Glendale, it seemed.

21 So it didn't fit with what we had exactly. So
22 the -- it -- the proportions were still off, the
23 deviations were still off. So we took a stab at
24 reworking something. Yeah, let us know what you think.
25 We have two different versions. I think, notably, we

1 took Glendale, Burbank out of that that East SFV
2 district, which is, you know, where, you know, going up
3 to Sylmar, San Fernando, Pacoima.

4 In that area, you'll notice that that has most
5 certainly connected many of those communities of interest
6 that we've heard from, many essential workers and others.
7 It does still pair Glendale all the way out to Woodland
8 Hills. We offer two versions; neither is perfect, for
9 sure.

10 In the one that we're looking at right now -- and
11 I'll let Jaime talk more about it, we are certainly
12 cutting into Neighborhood Councils districts; and we are
13 doing so kind of close to the 101. And I recognize that
14 was not something anyone is asking for. But at the same
15 time, we're trying to work with what we have, and keep
16 the changes localized and meet all of our goals. So this
17 is one option.

18 And then a second option that we'll -- I'll let
19 Jaime go through this, and a second option that you're
20 going to see in just a second is going to take a look at
21 Woodland Hills, in particular, and bringing that in to
22 that central SFV.

23 So Jaime, do you want to walk us through some of
24 these options that we looked at?

25 MS. CLARK: Sure. So for both options, SCV and East

1 SFV are the same; so I'm just going to sort of show those
2 first, and then move on to the other ones. So Santa
3 Clarita Valley with this is included with Granada Hills,
4 Northridge areas, Porter Ranch, Chatsworth, West Hills,
5 and Bell Canyon.

6 In East SFV, it's Sylmar, San Fernando, Mission
7 Hills, Pacoima, Arleta, Sun Valley, NoHo areas, Greater
8 Valley Glen, Sun Lanta Hunga, and Foothills Trails, and
9 includes the Burbank Airport. As Commissioner Sadhwani
10 noted, Glendale and Burbank are not with these other
11 communities along the 210.

12 And as such, this South SFV-based district includes
13 Glendale, North of 134, Burbank, except for the areas
14 around the airport, North Hollywood Neighborhood Council,
15 Greater Toluca Lake, Studio City, Sherman Oaks, South of
16 POSO. And then Encino, Tarzana, and Woodland Hills areas
17 South of the 101.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

19 MS. CLARK: And then the other version, which I will
20 switch to right now -- one moment, please, while I load
21 that up, basically, is very similar in the South SFV
22 district. And instead of following the 101, it keeps
23 more Neighborhood Council areas full, but it includes --
24 it includes Woodland Hills with the Central SFV-based
25 district. So you can see here --

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

2 MS. CLARK: -- Woodland Hills, Warner Center is with
3 Central SFV. And Glendale and Burbank go out to Tarzana.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime. And Commissioner
5 Sadhwani.

6 Any comments on the floor? And I think we do have
7 three options. So the three options that we have is,
8 one, we have a map that we -- that the community didn't
9 particularly like, but that we had consensus on two days
10 ago.

11 And then we have these two additional that we're
12 working through. If we could, you know -- and it's
13 getting late, so let's try to see if we can find a
14 consensus on this. And maybe -- maybe the option is that
15 we stick with the ones we have approved now, and that
16 we -- we don't have to make a final decision on these
17 until the 18th of December, but we have general consensus
18 throughout the maps. And it is difficult at this late
19 hour to really make final decisions on this,
20 so -- Commissioner Sadhwani, what are your thoughts?

21 And the rest of the floor, what are your thoughts?
22 Because -- especially if we're going to be making such
23 important decisions in the final region, trying to redraw
24 this whole area with -- now we -- we've lost a couple of
25 Commissioners as well.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I mean, I'm -- I
2 would be fine to like, let this region sit with anyone of
3 those versions, and happy to continue to work with Jaime.
4 We might -- maybe we'll get additional testimony as well
5 about different iterations. I mean, I think what I'm
6 hearing is that we're -- we are feeling really good about
7 Los Angeles underneath this.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And so whatever changes we
10 make need to be localized here. So I would feel totally
11 comfortable to continue working on this. But I see other
12 hands. So I'm happy to hear what other folks are
13 thinking. And -- yeah.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Turner, Commissioner
15 Sinay.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I think the maps have
17 great potential. And I would just like to
18 understand -- Jaime, could you tell me between the two
19 presentations that were just made, what are the
20 differences, just the high level? I didn't get it. Not
21 what's different from --

22 MS. CLARK: So the --

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- what we've had before;
24 what's the difference in those two?

25 MS. CLARK: -- so the difference in these two is that in

1 this version, Woodland Hills Warner Center is almost
2 entirely included with these central San Fernando Valley
3 areas that I'm circling with the hand right now --

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh.

5 MS. CLARK: -- whereas in the other version that we
6 saw, Glendale and Burbank go all the way out to the --
7 sort of the edge of where I'm highlighting with the hand
8 now, and then these areas, which are North of the 101,
9 are included in central San Fernando Valley. So a
10 difference --

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So --

12 MS. CLARK: -- is that more Neighborhood Council
13 areas are split. And in this one, Woodland Hills Warner
14 Center is still split -- the split is smaller, and it's
15 with these central San Fernando Valley-based districts.
16 So yeah.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was going to ask what I think
19 you just answered at the end, which is, there's less
20 splits in this version we're looking at right now than
21 the prior version. And if that's -- so what I would like
22 us to think about is actually --

23 I hear what you're saying, Chair, but I would like
24 us to throw out the map that wasn't working and maybe
25 keep two of, you know, these two maps with this one that

1 has the least amount of splits in the map visualization
2 now so -- the iteration -- the map iteration -- so that
3 the community can give us input on this one. Because I
4 would rather us not leave one in the map tool and
5 continue to get input on the wrong, you know -- on the
6 map that we know they don't like, that at least if we're
7 on the right path or we can find out if we're on the
8 right path, but I don't want to leave the one that
9 they've already been critiquing, and we've already done
10 some work to fix.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Turner.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yep, I totally agree. I think
13 that's where we cause confusion when we leave too many
14 things out.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And it would be great if we
17 can even say what our favorite of these are, and then
18 just get the community to respond from that. Because the
19 other iterations are posted, they will see them, they'll
20 have that as an option, but perhaps we can say this is
21 what we're leaning towards. And I'd love to lean towards
22 the one with the fewer splits, but one of these two.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's compare the two. And I'm
24 going to look around the room to see if we have
25 consensus. Okay. Let's take a look at the two.

1 MS. CLARK: So we can't look at them side by side,
2 so just everybody take a good look at this one, and then
3 I'm going to switch to the other version. So just again,
4 highlighting the -- in this one, Woodland Hills Warner
5 Center is with these areas I'm circling, and Glendale and
6 Burbank only go out to Tarzana; so that's the difference,
7 so just commit that to memory, please.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, that's a good idea.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We're all going to be dreaming
10 this map now.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: I lost it. It looks exactly the
12 same.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Are you messing with
14 (indiscernible)?

15 MS. CLARK: No, I'm not trying to.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Now I feel like I'm in the optometry
17 office. Yeah, that's very different.

18 MS. CLARK: So here is -- again, this district, it's
19 these -- the areas I'm circling are the same in both
20 versions, and then this line goes down and follows the
21 highway, and this district goes from Glendale out to the
22 county border and includes this part of the Woodland
23 Hills area. So basically, this district is longer.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

25 MS. CLARK: And in the other version, this district

1 includes this area; those are the differences.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can you put the other one back
3 on?

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

5 MS. CLARK: One second, please.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So while Jaime's doing that,
7 I'll just note, like, Woodland Hills -- from what I know
8 of Woodland Hills, is -- it's pretty different than Van
9 Nuys and other areas in the central SFV area. And we've
10 heard testimony in the past about the differences that
11 exist within the San Fernando Valley, which is why these
12 maps -- you know, even as we were drawing them, we're
13 just trying to find solutions in a -- in the time that we
14 have. They give me a little bit of pause, and you know,
15 so I -- you know, this map that we're looking at here
16 brings in all of Woodland Hills; definitely a different
17 sort of profile from some of the other areas in the
18 central SFV region. But given the Glendale/Burbank
19 piece, right, that we have Glendale to contend with here
20 in this area, we -- Glendale can either go North or it
21 can go West. And so I think Commissioner Vazquez's map
22 had it going North; in this iteration, we have it
23 shifting westward. These are the things that we're kind
24 of playing around with and this was as much as we could
25 do in the time that we had, but certainly, I think -- I

1 know that we're scheduled on December 18th to come back
2 to not just Assembly, but Assembly, Senate, and Board of
3 Equalization, but if there's a desire to continue kind of
4 thinking about this, I think that could be an upper --
5 this might be a reasonable place to spend a little time
6 on the 18th, and we could come back with some additional
7 ideas for this region if need be.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yeah, and we can also ask the
9 community to provide additional ideas, including VICA,
10 who's been so active in this area.

11 So Commissioner Sinay, Commissioner Fornaciari.

12 It's best if they use their latest version of the
13 maps.

14 Commissioner Sinay --

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would like --

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- and Fornaciari.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would like us to use this
18 map, and I would also like us to explore it because it
19 looks like East San Fernando Valley is at a negative, and
20 South San Fernando Valley is at a positive, if it's
21 possible to add more of Burbank -- I mean, to make
22 Burbank more whole. I know that might change it.

23 And I'm not saying now, Jaime, so you don't have to
24 worry; I'm just saying as we're exploring. But it would
25 be great if we could -- I would say this map.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: So you're suggesting we balance the
2 two -- the central SFV and the East SFV in terms of
3 population.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes, but very specifically with
5 Burbank.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: And very specifically with Burbank.
7 I get you.

8 All right. Commissioner Fornaciari.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I was going to say I
10 would go with this map to get feedback on.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And Jaime, we owe you a
13 vacation.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: We do, a big one. We'll take you to
15 our next vacation.

16 Commissioner Sadhwani, and then Commissioner
17 Kennedy.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I just wanted to note,
19 responding to Commissioner Sinay, the challenge with
20 Burbank is that it -- it's the gateway to Glendale; so
21 where Burbank goes, if it goes in whole, so must
22 Glendale. So that's the one thing that we're just trying
23 to play around with because of the geography of how
24 there -- the -- those two are so closely connected. And
25 they are, right? I mean, they certainly are very much

1 connected, also culturally as well, but that's definitely
2 one of the key pieces that we're thinking about.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

4 Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Fornaciari.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: My own preference at this
6 point would be to continue with the current maps, but ask
7 the team working on it to continue to look at other
8 options and see what other options we have by the time we
9 get back to this on the 18th. Thank you.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

11 Commissioner Fornaciari.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Just a question. Is this
13 210 over here, where I'm waving my mouse, is that correct
14 at this point, or does that -- that includes the changes
15 that they made earlier. Okay. Okay. Well, that's
16 something to think about. All right. Thank you.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

18 Okay. So we need to come to some kind of general
19 consensus on it.

20 Commissioner Fernandez.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, did I miss it in
22 the beginning?

23 Commissioner Sadhwani, were you recommending one of
24 them? And I apologize, you might have said it, but I
25 might have missed it.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I mean, maybe this
2 splitsville one, right, where it's splitting through
3 along the 101, at least those areas are a little bit more
4 connected than the Woodland Hills one -- this one that
5 we're looking at. But I mean, either one, honestly,
6 whatever the Commission feels comfortable with, I'm
7 definitely happy to collect public comment on this area
8 and continue to work with Jaime to think about additional
9 potential options when we have more than twenty minutes
10 to do so.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Fernandez.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, I guess at this point
13 I'm kind of leaning towards this one or the other new one
14 only because the feedback so far has been the one we have
15 now is horrible. So I feel if we at least post, maybe
16 we're getting warmer, maybe we're getting colder, but at
17 least that gives us another -- gives us different
18 feedback.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Commissioner Fornaciari,
20 Commissioner Yee.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I think that, you
22 know, now that -- now this is our constraint at this
23 point, right? I mean, this is the constraint. The
24 feedback we're going to get is within the constraint that
25 we have, and so you know, I think that will help guide us

1 to get to a better place.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

3 Commissioner Yee and Commissioner -- and rather,
4 Jaime.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, thanks to everyone who's
6 worked on this. You know, I'm thinking whatever we post,
7 we're going to get feedback, and it's going to be mixed,
8 you know? And if we post the other one, we'll get
9 feedback, and it's going to be mixed. So I'm looking for
10 help how -- and not being personally familiar with this
11 area -- looking for help. How am I going to weigh which
12 side of the mix to fall, you know? What principles, what
13 general things can we say about this area that are going
14 to help guide my thinking? You know, Commissioner
15 Sadhwani just mentioned some things about West Hills, for
16 instance. You know, just looking for some help to make
17 that decision.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner.

19 Or rather, Commissioner Akutagawa, and then I think
20 we had Karin and Jaime who had something to say, too.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was just going to ask
22 Commissioner Yee what kind of -- what kind of help are
23 you looking for that could be helpful?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: You know, anything that could
25 help me -- you know, help me lean one way or the other.

1 I mean, you know, for instance, the Mulholland Drive, you
2 know? But I mean, this is the one input that's been so,
3 you know, clear and consistent. Well, that really helps,
4 right? Because I really just got -- started thinking. I
5 don't know, you know, whatever help is decided.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: So let's see if Karin and Jaime have
7 some thoughts.

8 I think you're on mute.

9 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah. Oh, very sorry. I didn't
10 realize you called on us.

11 Hello, Commissioners. I just need to just say
12 something, just realistically speaking, about continuing
13 to map on the Assembly and looking at your schedule and
14 of the schedule that we have been working. So when we're
15 not sitting in meetings, we are all working with at least
16 one of you. And for Jaime in particular, that has meant
17 working twenty-hour days right now, or eighteen-hour
18 days. So we're going to Congress tomorrow, and we're
19 going to be mapping with one or more of you on Congress
20 starting tomorrow. I don't know when there is time to
21 continue to work on the Assembly. I just don't know.
22 There's just not -- we just don't have the capacity. I'm
23 sorry. I mean, we're burning the candles on both ends
24 here, and we're really at the limit. It's, what, 12:37
25 right now. We've been working since this morning at 9, I

1 think, in meetings. And I know you also have long days,
2 but, you know, we're going to be mapping tonight. We're
3 putting maps together tonight, and then tomorrow morning
4 it's going to continue. So it's just -- really it's
5 unrealistic to think that there's going to be much more
6 happening on Assembly unless you take some days off.
7 Just wanted to throw that out there. And I know this is
8 not going to be a popular little statement here, and I
9 apologize. That's my job to be the unpopular one, so
10 there you go.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime -- Thank you, Karin,
12 rather.

13 Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Akutagawa.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And I do agree with
15 Karin, so thank you for that. I think we have to make a
16 decision, because we've got to move on. And if there's
17 something, you know, that comes up that we can change
18 later that's somewhat quickly, that's great, but I would
19 recommend we go with the one right now that's on the
20 screen.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa,
22 Commissioner Turner.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, first off, Jaime and
24 Karin, thank you so much for just hanging in there with
25 us. You know, while we're up late, you're up late, and

1 even later than us, too, so I wanted to first say that.

2 Secondly, I do like this newer map better than the
3 previous maps. I think it -- there's pairings or
4 groupings that make more sense from a city's perspective,
5 and I think we can try to get some of the reactions from
6 there, and yeah. Thank you.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Turner.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Love, kisses, hugs.
9 Thank you, line drawers. I think this is the right map
10 for us to go forward with.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's just get general
12 consensus if this is the map that we're going to go with.
13 Looking around the room. I mean, whether we can live
14 with it -- the standard is whether we can live with it,
15 right? So let's say we can kind of live with it. I'll
16 live with it. All right. And I think -- let me just
17 make sure everyone else can live with it. Everyone else
18 is asleep, so I think for now we'll live with it, and
19 we'll decide on the 18th, right, whether this is the map
20 we're going to take.

21 All right. Moving forward. So Karin, I will ask
22 you if you could number the map -- number it across so
23 that we can try to nest the Assembly's district with the
24 State Senate.

25 MS. MAC DONALD: We can do that, and we'll do that

1 offline. And we will not be able to post that tomorrow
2 morning by 8 o'clock, obviously, so it's going to take a
3 couple of days doing, you know, all the various checks
4 and so forth. So we'll let you know tomorrow a good
5 estimate of when you can expect it, but I'm guessing a
6 couple of days with PDFs and all of that, if that works.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much. And with that, we
8 will be adjourning. Thank you, everyone. Thank you,
9 staff. Thank you -- thank you, Karin and all the line
10 drawers. Thank you to everyone. Thank you to the public
11 who's still listening to us, and to the Commissioners.
12 We will be back tomorrow at, I believe, 11 a.m.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Today.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Chair?

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Today. Today. We're back today at
16 11 o'clock.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Chair?

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes, thank you, Commissioner -- yes.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Quick question for Kimberly.
20 The least amount of splits for San Fernando Valley was
21 decided, correct?

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: We decided to go with the map that
23 had the fewer --

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: That's right --

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- splits.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- Kimberly. Thank you.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: All right.

3 So we will be moving forward, and we will have --
4 we'll be meeting tomorrow, 11 a.m., working on the
5 Congressional maps. Thank you all.

6 And we will see each other -- get a good night's
7 sleep, we'll see each other tomorrow.

8 (Whereupon, the 2021 Citizens Redistricting
9 Commission (CRC) meeting adjourned at 12:40
10 a.m.)

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