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P R O C E E D I N G S

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

10:40 a.m.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, good morning. And welcome to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. This week -- well, now that it's Tuesday from now on this week, we will be dealing with the Congressional districts. I'm Jane Andersen. I'll be your Chair for this week with my Vice Chair Ray Kennedy.

So could you please take roll?

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: (No audible response.)

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: (No audible response.)

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: (No audible response.)



1 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

3 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez?

4 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: (No audible response.)

5 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

7 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

8 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

9 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

11 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Andersen?

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And I'm here. Thank you, Ravi.

13 MR. SINGH: You're welcome.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Before we jump into actual work,

15 I'm going to give you an overview of what we're doing

16 this week, today, and when public comment will be

17 happening. So today is Tuesday, and it's a little

18 tricky. Because this is the whole beginning of a new set

19 of meetings. They start on Tuesday, Tuesday through

20 Saturday. And what we have been doing in the last week

21 and is on our original mapping plan, is we are going to

22 one section of the state on one day, jumping to the

23 second, and going back on the third and then back on the

24 fourth. We're going to reverse that this time.

25 Today and tomorrow, we'll be doing the Southern part

1 of the state. That includes Los Angeles, Orange County,
2 San Diego, Imperial, San Bernadino, Riverside. We're
3 going to do that Monday -- Tuesday and Wednesday. On
4 Thursday and Friday, we will be doing the Central Valley,
5 the Bay area, the coasts, and the North. Then Saturday,
6 we'll be revisiting everything that needs work and trying
7 to wrap it up Saturday evening.

8 So that's the game plan for the week. For today,
9 we're going to do a overview of the draft or draft map
10 for the Congressional districts because we've been
11 working hard and long on our Assembly districts. And so
12 now it's time to change gears, remember what those draft
13 Congressional districts looked like, and we will then
14 also go through each Commissioner to say now what parts
15 of this state do you want to work on. And we'll take
16 notes on that. Get a whole list going. And then, we'll
17 actually go into a quick closed session. And jump into
18 line drawing in the Southern part of the state.

19 So and that's what's going on today. So now, what
20 everyone wants to hear about is public comment. We're
21 trying to be very consistent. We've been trying to take
22 public comment every day. We value and appreciate the
23 public calling in. And what we've decided is we will --
24 the lines will open for public comment at 5:54 and they
25 will close at 6:15. At 6:15, we'll be back from a

1 15-minute break and we will start taking public comments.
2 The plan is to do that every day, Tuesday, Wednesday,
3 Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

4 Now, on some days, we will probably have to come
5 back and continue working on mapping. When that happens,
6 we will let you know, because we have to let all our
7 vendors know. And we'll let you know during the day.
8 Additionally, what I will try to do is several times
9 during the day, I'll make the announcement about public
10 comment so everyone has an idea. And I will also tell us
11 where we are for the people who (indiscernible).
12 Additionally, for public comments, the time will be a
13 minute and a half. And you'll be notified in the 30
14 seconds and notified at 15 seconds.

15 So with that, I'd like to have our staff -- well,
16 first of all, any other announcements from the -- from
17 other Commissioners, any questions about what -- anything
18 I've said so far? Oh, yes. Commissioner Sinay?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was wondering, since we
20 worked so hard on the Assembly map, can we put -- would
21 it be smart or one way to start is saying what we liked
22 and what we learned so that we make sure that we apply
23 that to the Congressional? You know, so we have that
24 list of what, you know, we spent so many hours, let's
25 make sure that we learn from that.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Commissioner Sadhwani?

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. So I'll just offer,
3 you know, in the sense that certainly, you know,
4 Commissioner Fornaciari and I had worked on a plan for,
5 you know, our approach to mapping at each of the levels.
6 And I think the general thought process was that there
7 would be time to discuss and review the priorities that
8 were identified last week on Monday by everyone. As well
9 as hopefully an opportunity for folks to reflect on
10 Assembly and identify those key priorities before we jump
11 into the actual mapping today.

12 So you know, I'm not sure if we'll have time for all
13 of that. But I think I agree with you that having a
14 little time to discuss what we've learned through this
15 process thus far as well as what are our top priorities
16 in mapping I think can help us not go so far down into
17 the weeds in some areas and stay focused on those top
18 level issues.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you for that. Yes, I -- if
20 the Commission would like to review what we did and
21 particularly process-wise what we liked, I -- in terms of
22 returning to the pre -- previous priority list, I know
23 myself, several of those were specifically for the
24 Assembly districts. And so what I want to do is
25 essentially update that now for the Congressional

1 districts. You know, there'll be certain areas that, you
2 know, at different phases we learned different things.

3 And I know that working on the Assembly district, I
4 realized, oh, we've worked that out on the Congressional.
5 And so I'd like to -- we can certainly have a -- you
6 know, pull that up. But I'd like us to make sure we look
7 at what we want to change on these maps. So yes,
8 let's -- certainly, let's jump in and get a -- sort of a
9 bit of a round robin here on what we learned from the
10 Assembly, what we liked, what we didn't like. And
11 whoever wants to go first, raise your hand. Well, I
12 think we're all quiet today.

13 Oh, Commissioner Sinay. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I don't have all my thoughts in
15 line, but I didn't want to waste precious minutes that we
16 have. But I see that Russell has his hand up. So can --
17 I'm going to let Russell go first while I jot down my
18 notes that I do have but I want them in one place.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner
20 Sinay.

21 Commissioner Yee.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. What I
23 learned -- I learned to appreciate you all, all the more.
24 There's a lot of wisdom in having 14 of us and you know
25 40,000,000 people is a lot of people divide up fairly.

1 So just super appreciating of the process and the
2 structure of our Commission and the fabulous staff. And
3 how that all works out when we're actually drawing maps.
4 And you know, what I learned is every area is -- has
5 very, very specific considerations.

6 I'm a little hesitant actually to draw any
7 widespread lessons because, you know, each region just
8 depends on its own particular -- its own particulars.
9 And that's what I'm learning is that we have to look at
10 each region, take into consideration everything that we
11 can, and make fair minded decisions. And I think we
12 have.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Yee.
14 You know, I might just say for myself, I appreciate
15 Commissioner Toledo who was value -- you know, you
16 valiantly led us through the entire process last week and
17 for the first time. So that's always much more difficult
18 and he did so with a cheery attitude, kept all working
19 together, and cheered us along. And I really appreciate
20 that, so. Commissioner Fornaciari.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sure, I'll jump in. I
22 really like what Commissioner Yee just said. I think
23 that was very insightful. I think one of the lessons
24 learned right -- in addition to each area, the individual
25 and having individual needs and we have to focus on those

1 needs. I think just kind of, you know, we identified
2 some big-picture issues that we needed to address.

3 And I thought yesterday, we were pretty effective
4 at, you know, staying out of the weeds and -- for the
5 most, and focusing on those big picture items that we
6 need to address. And I left yesterday feeling a whole
7 lot feeling a whole lot better than I went in yesterday.
8 I was pretty pessimistic going into yesterday, frankly,
9 that we would get somewhere where we were pretty happy.

10 Septically for Congress, though, there are a few
11 things -- a few items that I want to put on the list.
12 First item is, what is our target population for our
13 districts? We've got to figure that out, right? Last
14 time it was plus or minus one, I think, ish. Is it one,
15 is it ten? Probably not 100, but what's that going to
16 be?

17 Second thing is, we've got about -- according to my
18 calculations, we have about 17,000 people in the North
19 state to me. And so we have to march that up population
20 down. And how are we going to do it? You know, we've
21 got our VRA districts in the Central Valley so, you know,
22 we need to think down the coast, marching down the
23 mountains. And as you move population down, you move
24 district lines up.

25 So you know, just something we need to think about.

1 A couple specifics, I mean, you know, we want to get our
2 VRA districts right. We want to put Tahoe back with its
3 counties. And then, you know, we got a lot of work in
4 Southern California.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.
6 At this point, I -- that's what I was sort of hoping to
7 do. We're kind of mixing what we're doing here. I
8 was -- we were going to do -- the staff have a look at
9 the whole Congressional map, and the, do our -- let's
10 make our priority list. And you know, that's sort of
11 what you were saying is, we have Tahoe, and we have -- so
12 if we want to do that at the same time, right now.

13 Don't just talk about, you know, what we liked and
14 didn't like from the Assembly maps, but make our list,
15 then we can do that now. But as I see -- I might ask my
16 Vice Chair on that one.

17 Do you have a comment on that? No? Okay. Sorry
18 about that.

19 Okay. So I'd like to kind of keep this about --
20 I -- maybe I misunderstood. But this is sort of a review
21 of what we -- what we did or a process that we want to
22 bring into this week? Yeah. And then, we're going to do
23 a quick overview of the maps and write our list up of the
24 different areas. So that's okay. Thank you.

25 Commissioner Fernandez.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. What I
2 learned is that individually we can work with the
3 mappers, which I feel really helped us move things along,
4 especially yesterday. And I just want to say that I
5 really appreciate our mappers and how responsive they
6 are, and just their positive attitude. And I mean, I
7 just can't say enough about that.

8 And in terms of moving forward, I think time was
9 spent in terms -- I mean, in my opinion, there was wasted
10 time in terms of how do I say this, questioning why we're
11 going into a certain area if the Commissioner wants to go
12 into a certain area. That's what the first few days are
13 for. If we go into the week, it's for -- that's what the
14 first few days are for. The last day, maybe not so much.

15 But what I learned is that we need to be respectful
16 of each other's what we want to go into or not and we try
17 to provide the same respect to all of them. So just
18 because we're done with one section, we still have to
19 show the same respect for the next section. So that's my
20 lesson -- I don't know if lessons learned if that's a
21 good way to put it. And I think that's a wrap because
22 we're not talking about priorities yet. Thank you.

23 Oh, I'm sorry. One more thing was -- thing I
24 learned is we're all dedicated to this process and we're
25 all willing to go past midnight, so thank you very much.

1 And if it does go past midnight, you know, we've got to
2 do it right. And we don't want to rush it. So thank you
3 all very much.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
5 Commissioner Kennedy.

6 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. In addition
7 to what's already been said, I found it very useful to
8 set some time parameters before we started explorations.
9 So that we knew going into it, that we're not planning to
10 spend more than half an hour. If we got the end of half
11 an hour and felt that we were very close, we could make a
12 conscious decision to extend that half an hour. But I
13 think it was very useful for us to establish that kind of
14 time parameter before we started explorations and then,
15 it kept us all focused on the time limitations that we
16 are facing. Thank you.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry. Commissioner Sinay.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'd say, I love our passion,
19 vision, commitment, persistence, and sometimes all of
20 those also annoy me. Yeah, our good is sometimes our
21 bad. I do appreciate everyone's understanding of local
22 communities. But I feel that sometimes we take -- that
23 we need to make sure we check that we're doing something
24 collectively versus individually. And that what are
25 other people's thoughts, and feelings, and what they have

1 heard because, you know, we've got thousands and
2 thousands of communities of interest and we all have
3 different perspectives.

4 I think Commissioner Vazquez was, you know, was
5 right yesterday that we -- you know, when you get draft
6 maps, you hear one thing and then -- but if you look
7 back, there might have been another perspective. And so
8 we can always find a perspective that's going to support
9 what we're saying. I think sometimes we need to look for
10 the perspective that's not supporting what we think to
11 really check ourselves. We need to constantly be
12 checking ourselves and our assumptions.

13 And checking each other. I really appreciate when
14 people say, wait, I just looked at this and it says that.
15 You know, when I'm trying to -- when I'm struggling with
16 a piece, I really appreciate that team work.

17 The other piece it think is really critical. It
18 should matter if we're in the room in Sacramento or if
19 we're online. We should all be getting equal voice and
20 our opinions should be seen and heard equally. And there
21 was -- last week there were times when those of you in
22 the room would be laughing and giggling and it looked
23 like conversation -- we could tell conversations were
24 happening.

25 And there were times we weren't being seen online

1 when we were raising our hands and try to disagree or
2 agree with something. So I think it's very critical
3 to -- for the Chair to maybe have two screens up or
4 what -- maybe no. But just to be able to see every hand,
5 every person so that we're all equally accessible to the
6 conversation.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, thank you. Well, on that,
8 that's -- you got your wish because I'm chairing and I'm
9 here in by myself in my own house. So I can only see the
10 people who are on the screen and when they raise their
11 hands, they go to the top left corner. So that's how I
12 plan on doing it.

13 And I will -- if it turns out that you have your
14 hand raised and I cannot see you, please speak up. Say
15 Chair because I do not mean to not call on the people.
16 So it -- I appreciate everything that's been said so far.
17 Any other -- any other thoughts and lessons learned? I
18 actually like sitting -- I like -- oh, Commissioner
19 Taylor.

20 Commissioner Taylor? Okay. As soon as you are able
21 to get to come on, we'll let you in.

22 In the meantime, we'll take Commissioner Akutagawa.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Chair. I think
24 a lot of the things that my fellow Commissioners have
25 said, I agree wholeheartedly with. And I appreciate all

1 of their lessons learned. And I think my -- my one
2 lesson learned that I want to add to this conversation
3 right now is that aspect of teamwork and collaboration
4 that we all had. You know, I think what it comes down to
5 is there are 14 of us and, you know, I think all 14 of
6 use don't have to repeat the same things.

7 I think if there's disagreement, someone will say
8 it. But if there's not disagreement, it means for the
9 most part -- I guess, maybe this is wrong of me to assume
10 this. But I'm going to assume there's general agreement
11 on it. And I think we saw that when Commissioner Toledo
12 was also chairing in terms of finding consensus. So --
13 and on that note, I also want to just say that just
14 because someone on the Commission may mention an area, it
15 doesn't mean the any one of us have forgotten about an
16 area.

17 I think this is the teamwork. There's a lot of -- a
18 lot of information that we're working with and we're all
19 trying our best to try to be mindful and stay on top of
20 everything. But at some point, you know, it's not that
21 we're going to forget, but we may be focused on something
22 else at that moment or something else and someone else.
23 I think this is the teamwork where someone else on the
24 Commission is able to uplift areas where we have talked
25 about where that we want to make sure we don't forget.

1 So I appreciated that and I just wanted to point that
2 out.

3 One other thing, if I could just mention too, is
4 just establishing a consistency of process so that all of
5 us and as well as all of the -- I guess, public, will
6 also understand too. I think, you know, we try to do
7 that. But I think we've just got to continue to work on
8 that. And sometimes we -- it'll -- it will mean that
9 we'll be kind of stopping ourselves and saying hold on,
10 wait.

11 But I just wanted to lift that up as well because I
12 think it just helps with clarity as well so that
13 everybody knows where we are and what we're trying to do.
14 So thank you.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yes. Actually, on the
16 process notes, I do have an idea that what I would like
17 to do here is when we actually say -- I mean, I know
18 you're trying to make some changes. I want you state the
19 goal, and the steps to get to the goal. And then we can
20 actually -- so we all know where you're going on that.

21 Like, you know, Commissioner Akutagawa had that
22 marvelous idea of making the North coast section or a
23 coastal section. And then she basically sort of said,
24 okay, and then so I'm going to take this bit from the
25 that, and that one from this. This one from that.

1 That's what I mean. I -- kind of walk us through where
2 you're going.

3 And so we can have an idea of -- you know, we don't
4 want to go halfway through it and not know, you know, why
5 are you doing it and how you're getting there. And I
6 think -- and also, I'd like us to keep that in mind kind
7 of be a process. And we'll also probably talk about an
8 area to get -- come to a kind of consensus idea and then
9 draw it.

10 So there's are a couple of changes we might --
11 it's -- actually, it's what we've been doing. It's just
12 kind of making it a little bit more -- not quite
13 formalized but trying to get it a little bit more
14 streamlined because we're trying to get a lot done in a
15 little bit of time here. So I'd really appreciate
16 everyone's input and how hard we're all working together
17 on it.

18 At this point, I would like to have, I'll believe
19 it's Alvaro, he's going to help us. He's going to walk
20 through on the map viewer the -- our draft map for the
21 Congressional districts. Just to kind of get us all
22 familiar with, oh, yeah, that's what those actually look
23 like. And also for the public who can follow us, and
24 when they want to look at something -- wait, what were
25 they saying, I didn't catch that. You can go back to

1 this map viewer and blow up the area that you're -- that
2 we're looking at so you understand what we're talking
3 about.

4 So with that, the Executive Director Hernandez,
5 could you please just walk us through it?

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Sure thing. First, you know, how to
7 get the map viewer for those -- for the public. This is
8 the home page, wedrawthelinesca.org. You'll want to go
9 to the data tab. And then, select map viewer.

10 So it will load and it gives you some options on the
11 right-hand side of what maps you want to look at. And so
12 for this you'll see all the different options. We have
13 the current day Congressional districts. That's what is
14 actually what the districts are we are speaking.

15 Then we have the drafts, and I'm going to uncheck
16 this right here. We have the counties that will come up
17 and uncheck that. And I'm unchecking them because it's a
18 little bit hard to see if they are checked. So we'll
19 start with the draft Congressional map, if that's okay?

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually, no. I'd I do want the
21 counties on, please, because we want to see what counties
22 are in each of the districts.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. We -- when we tested it this
24 morning, it's very hard to see because of the color.
25 It's a very light color. Hopefully you can see that.

1 And then, we'll overlay the Congressional district map on
2 there. I'm going to resize this so that you can a look
3 at it. Hopefully it's a little bit bigger and I'll be
4 zooming into the different areas as we go.

5 And we'll start in the North. And this here is the
6 Congressional district North coast, this that you see
7 here. And when you click on here, it will show you some
8 of the information. The name, the deviation from the
9 ideal value, the Latino CVAP, Black CVAP, White CVAP, and
10 the Asian CVAP. So you can take a look at that
11 information, it'll come up.

12 So again, this is the North coast draft map. And we
13 continue in the North here. Go onto the next one. This
14 here is the NORCAL -- NORCA I should say. This
15 includes -- just second.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right, could you go ahead and
17 turn the map -- the box off then?

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes. It comes up when you -- hold
19 on a second. I need to get rid of this. This is the
20 district, so I apologize. Let me try to move this. It's
21 not working.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's okay. Yeah. We're doing an
23 overview of what they look like, so to get everyone
24 familiar with it, so.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: So this is Siskiyou, Modoc,

1 Shasta -- I'm not going to make it as a mapper.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, no. Alvaro, that's okay. We
3 just want to have a look at what they are. You don't
4 actually have to do -- you don't have to --

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That information, you can click
7 that, then turn so -- just a little outline, and turn the
8 box off. Yeah, see, there we go.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: I'm trying to --

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: But do name them as you -- thank
11 you.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: This is the Sierras draft right
13 here. Now, we'll go over to the left; we have Yolo Lake.
14 Here we have the North coast again. I'm going to go to
15 the right. This is the North SAC. We have the
16 Sacramento which includes Elk Grove, and then we have
17 this down here. Over to the right here, we have the ECA
18 draft. Now, we're going back into the Central Valley
19 area, San Joaquin. We have the South Contra Costa,
20 Alameda. We have Oakland. I believe we had -- I hadn't
21 gone over here. This is the North Contra Costa area.
22 And please feel free to jump in any time if I miss
23 anything or if you want to look at something more
24 specifically.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, you're doing perfectly. Thank

1 you.

2 Commissioners, this might help us jog our memory of
3 the things that we wanted to work on. So feel free to
4 write your list up as we're reviewing this.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Alameda again. BERRY SUNY draft.
6 This is (indiscernible)CLARA draft. CLARBENITO. We have
7 the STANFRESNO area.

8 MR. LARSON: Madam Chair, would it be useful to
9 point out those that are currently designated as VRA
10 opportunity districts, or should we, for now, just do an
11 overview and leave that for later?

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually, though, if you could do
13 that, please, Dale. That would be --

14 MR. LARSON: Sure. This is the first one we've seen
15 so far that we've designated as a VRA district.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: This is the midcoast. One second.
18 This is the South coast. Here we have the Fresno-Tulare.

19 MR. LARSON: This is another VRA district, as is the
20 next one.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: And then the KING-TUOL-KERN. Then
22 we have the FRESNO_KERN. The ECA draft, we've already
23 gone over that one. This is High Desert SB AVSCV. We've
24 got the Ventura and the South coast. I'm going to zoom
25 in here because we're going into the very populated

1 areas. This is the Malibu-SFV. We have SFV, San
2 Fernando Valley. This is the GLEN 2BA. This one here is
3 the shoreline. We have the 10 corridor. Here is the --
4 I forget what that stands for -- STHLA. Now, we have the
5 shoreline down here. This is the 710. STHLA. 710
6 again. Long Beach North.

7 MR. LARSON: So this is another VRA district here.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: CDNELA. This is CDCOV.

9 MR. LARSON: That one's also a VRA district. As is
10 South 60.

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: SEAL BREA. Santa Ana. North coast.
12 The NOC Coast. Inland OC. TVAL MENIFEE. I don't even
13 know what that stands for. And that's a large one there.
14 Zoom out a little bit. Riverside Moreno Perris.

15 MR. LARSON: It's also a VRA district.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: High Desert, another large area.
17 SECA draft.

18 MR. LARSON: Also VRA.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: CSVK draft.

20 South bay San Diego. We have San Diego coast.
21 There's SANTEE, SEDC. Another large area. And that's
22 just a high level overview. Hopefully, it refreshed your
23 memory of the different areas that we're going to be
24 talking about this week.

25 Any questions? Or any area that you'd like for me

1 to go back to, Commissioner? Or Chair?

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No. Thank you very much, Alvaro.
3 I hope that helped everyone realize the areas that we
4 need to work on, or that they particularly would like to
5 work on. Because at this point, I would like to create a
6 list of areas we need to work on. And we have both staff
7 taping to make sure they get everything we say. And
8 Commissioner Sadhwani kindly volunteered to kind of help
9 with prioritize some of those. But as you know, as we
10 sort of did, we end up doing most of them. But you don't
11 just have to say one or two. You can say however many
12 you think you need to say. And you could also say, if
13 it's been covered, but you still -- that's one of yours,
14 say, like everything Commissioner Fornaciari said, and
15 such-and-such. So great.

16 Commissioner Yee?

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure. I'll start off. Thank
18 you, Chair. My priorities, first, get the VRA districts
19 right, especially for me the San Benito one. In the Bay
20 area I want to get Albany back into Alameda County. I
21 want to try to put the Tri-Valley together. It's going
22 to be hard. I've tried and not found a way yet. And
23 then throughout the state, continue to recognize and
24 respect tribal lands. Thank you.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Commissioner Fernandez?

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. In terms of
2 priority, VRA is always the top for me, but it's actually
3 the entire state, because this is a Congressional. We've
4 got to get it down to, like, almost nothing in terms of
5 deviation. So that is my priority -- is to get them down
6 to as close to zero as possible, but at the same time
7 trying to have as clean lines as possible. Let's not cut
8 through right in the middle of a neighborhood or
9 something like that. So I can't -- I don't want to
10 specify a certain area. I'm statewide. That's my
11 priority. Thanks.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you. I don't see
13 other hands. Any other volunteers here for their items?
14 Commissioner Sadhwani?

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure, I can go. Many things
16 throughout the state, but some of the top priorities for
17 me is reuniting that Asian-American COI in the San
18 Gabriel Valley along the 210 corridor. Definitely some
19 cleanup in the San Benito area. In the Salinas Valley,
20 we heard from a lot of communities of interest testimony
21 that we did not serve them well in our draft maps, and I
22 definitely want to take a closer eye towards agricultural
23 workers in that area. Certainly, cleaning up the VRA
24 districts, including in the Central Valley. My
25 impression is that in doing so, that's going to lead to

1 potential ripples further North in the map up in towards
2 Sacramento and other areas. So definitely the VRA
3 districts are always a priority for me. Thank you.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you. Before I call
5 on Commissioner Akutagawa, I do want to acknowledge that
6 there are system outages across -- I guess quite a bit of
7 the state. We've had some issues with our livestream as
8 people are saying it keeps on stopping, or things like
9 that. So there's a bit of server issues going on, so.
10 If it gets to a point where we need to stop to take a
11 break because we don't have any public that can watch us,
12 we will be doing that. Just thought I'd mention that.
13 And I'm terribly sorry for the people who are trying to
14 watch. We'll do everything we possibly can.

15 MR. MANOFF: The livestream is back up now, Chair.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you very much,
17 Kristian.

18 Commissioner Akutagawa.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. I would also
20 agree with what Commissioner Fernandez also said as well,
21 too. I think there's obviously going to be ripple
22 effects throughout the state. I, too, also want to just
23 state that I think there's work that is a priority for me
24 in the San Gabriel Valley as well. That for sure is
25 something. Also, in addition to the VRA districts --

1 because there are a number in L.A. L.A. is also a high
2 priority as well, too, because I think there's a lot that
3 we got to make sure we get right there. And then the
4 Central Coast as well as the mountain Sierras area, and
5 then just generally speaking, there are some parts in the
6 Northern California area that we've also been hearing,
7 so. Thank you.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you. Commissioner
9 Ahmad.

10 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. Just the VRA
11 districts, I would start there, obviously, based off of
12 our criteria. And then, more specifically, I feel like
13 I'm at the stage of refinements and not major edits at
14 this point, so really would want to focus in on the
15 Sacramento area. There's a district that has a tail that
16 I just want to revisit. Then, looking into the Sierras,
17 so the ECA district. We have quite a bit of testimony on
18 that district in particular. And then moving South to So
19 CAL, the King-Tulare-Kern district as well as the North
20 Long Beach area, I just wanted to revisit. Thank you.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.
22 Commissioner Sinay.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Overall, I really -- because
24 it's Congress -- I really want to make sure that we get
25 right what are the current communities and voices and

1 emerging and growing communities in certain places. Make
2 sure we're really listening to the locals, and what
3 they're seeing, because sometimes it's different than
4 what others are seeing. So I want to just really make
5 sure that we capture those voices. Everything everyone
6 said is very accurate. As much as I would love to say,
7 let's just do refinement, we left San Diego -- we just
8 kind of dumped things in certain places and moved on. So
9 there is some building that needs to take place in San
10 Diego County. And on the whole, everything -- I've got
11 my list, and I'll be checking it twice, since none of us
12 are really doing the holidays, we might as well bring it
13 in. So I'll just be looking at those, but I am really
14 confident with this team that we're going to cover what
15 needs to be covered.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you.

17 Commissioner Kennedy.

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Two things.
19 One, we're never going to achieve our target populations
20 unless we take a very serious look at where we have large
21 pockets of surplus population and large pockets of
22 deficit population. We have to have a clear
23 understanding of that and have a sense of how we're going
24 to move those large pockets of excess population to even
25 out the population. Second of all -- and I think -- as

1 Commissioner Sinay just said, there are places where the
2 map really -- at least gives the impression -- that we
3 just got things to a certain point and left them without
4 being fully intentional. And I think, for example, I
5 know that we have VRA constraints both in Eastern
6 Riverside County as well as Western Riverside County.
7 But we have some areas that look like leftovers rather
8 than intentional effort on our part, and I think we can
9 take a look at some of those and clean those up. Thank
10 you.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. That was a very
12 valuable addition. Commissioner Vazquez.

13 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Thanks, Chair. I want to
14 reiterate for me it's a priority to revisit the West San
15 Gabriel Valley, and do what we can to unite that COI.
16 And also feel like it's a priority, obviously, and we
17 have to look at population deviation. That said, I'm
18 hoping when we do -- when we do start refining the
19 populations, that we both have evidence or community of
20 interest testimony to support specific lines, but also
21 remembering that both the Voting Rights Act and really
22 our work at large is protecting people and representation
23 for people and not necessarily cities or other political
24 boundaries which we do have to consider. But especially
25 when we're looking at such small deviations in Congress.

1 I'd like us to be really mindful that often, especially
2 larger cities, concentrate and marginalize populations in
3 certain geographies of those cities. And that may be
4 helpful for us to consider when we are drawing lines.
5 Thanks so much.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Excuse me.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Bless you.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Toledo, do you
9 want to go while Commissioner Andersen is catching her
10 breath?

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Oh, thank you. Yeah. So for
12 me, people of color represented the largest population
13 increase over the last ten years. It's one of the
14 reasons we didn't lose more seats. And I want to make
15 sure that that's recognized through this process. And
16 certainly the Section 2 VRA districts are all a priority.
17 And I am particularly interested -- my first priority
18 will be the San Benito Valley area, making sure that that
19 area gets the representation it deserves. Central Valley
20 as well. And then, in the Los Angeles area, historically
21 excluded populations -- making sure that those
22 populations that have been historically excluded get the
23 representation they need. Not just African-American but
24 also Latino and Asian communities and others that are out
25 there, working class communities that have struggled so

1 hard, and making sure that they are represented. I know
2 it's difficult. We'll have to -- I know this is going to
3 be an interesting process, and we'll work it out as a
4 team. Thank you.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Excuse me. Sorry about
6 that. Thank you, Commissioner Toledo. Excuse me.
7 Commissioner Fornaciari.

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Has anyone not spoken that
9 would like to contribute to this listing of priorities?
10 Commissioner Turner?

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Vice Chair.
12 Nothing additive. I'm in agreement. I think we need to
13 review all of it and ensure that it meets the VRA and the
14 deviations, and that's it.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I believe I have my voice back now.
16 Thank you. Sorry about that. Now, I also wanted to add,
17 though, Commissioner Fornaciari did say -- now what did
18 you say right at the beginning? And that's why I called
19 on you or tried to call. Could you give us those items
20 as well?

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sure. So I said, target
22 population. We have to figure out how we're going to
23 move about 17,000 people from the Northern part of the
24 state to the Southern part of the state, Tahoe, and VRA
25 districts. And also I want to concur with San Benito.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you. In the Bay
2 area, there is also -- I did want to reunite the Ashland
3 COI and the -- I don't know what we're calling it, but
4 essentially from Vallejo across North Contra Costa. So
5 with that, we've kind of done our whole list -- our list
6 of items. Could we do a quick a -- Commissioner
7 Sadhwani, were you able to kind of do a -- prioritize or
8 just give us a quick review of it, please?

9 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Chair, before we do,
10 Commissioner Sinay had her hand up.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. I'm terribly sorry. Thank you
12 very much. Commissioner Sinay.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So last on my priority list
14 just so that my neighbors invite me to some of their
15 holiday gatherings, I would like to put Encinitas back
16 together again. If possible.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. And Commissioner
18 Turner, did I already call on you?

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I was called on, and I raised
20 my hand again.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Okay. Then, sorry -- I do
22 have Commissioner Sinay, I guess, up first, and then
23 Commissioner -- no, no. Okay. Commissioner Turner,
24 please.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I also wanted --

1 because I couldn't recall if this was already said, to
2 look at the three areas in the Central Valley, Fresno-
3 Tulare, Kings-Tulare-Kern and Fresno-Kern.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Perfect. Thank you very much. All
5 right. So moving on --

6 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Chair, Commissioner Akutagawa's
7 hand is up.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's why you're a great vice
9 chair. Thank you. Commissioner Akutagawa.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Chair. Thank
11 you, Vice Chair Kennedy. Just two comments. One, I
12 don't know if Commissioner Taylor is available to
13 speak -- I know he tried earlier, so I wanted to just not
14 forget about him. Secondly, Commissioner Fornaciari, I'm
15 interested in what you said about the Northern part,
16 about 17,000. Did you look at any of the other parts of
17 California to see whether or not there's excess
18 population that we'll also need to think about? And at
19 what point and where those two places are going to meet,
20 or multiple places are going to meet? Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. So what I did is I
22 took the spreadsheet from -- with all the population data
23 in it for our draft maps. I ordered the districts from
24 North to South. I figured out what the deviation was and
25 then I summed up that deviation as you go South. And

1 it's really kind of interesting, because we've got about
2 forty -- what do we got? And I can share this with
3 everyone, if you would like. But I got -- we got 4,700
4 too many in the North coast. And then you go down in the
5 Contra Costas, we've got about 13,000 too many in Contra
6 Costa. We got a couple thousand -- well, it averages out
7 to not too many in Sacramento, but if you look at the
8 middle of the state -- all the way across the middle of
9 the state, the deviations are really close to zero all
10 the way across the middle of the state.

11 So if you look at it, you sum up our plusses in the
12 North state are about 17-, 18,000 too many. Then you've
13 got a swath of very close to zero across the state, and
14 then you go down further and you get up to, like, 30,000
15 total deviation. But the districts are so packed
16 together, it's not clear how we have to move that
17 population around until we really dig into it. And I
18 guess I could -- oops, sorry. I guess I could look into
19 that a little more closely, but we're going to be moving
20 the districts around. I'm not sure exactly how to handle
21 that in the South state at this point. Does that make
22 sense? Does that help?

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually, that really does. Thank
24 you very much. Because that sort of gives us directions.
25 You have to start where you have borders, and move in.

1 And the lines will shift as they do. So it does give us
2 an idea of what lines are sort of going to move where,
3 because there are too many people, as Commissioner
4 Fornaciari already said. So those districts align --
5 will actually move higher or lower, depending on where
6 you are. So I like that idea quite a bit. Okay.
7 Commissioner Sadhwani, I'm sorry, I had asked you to give
8 us a quick review of the list.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. So what we did last
10 week between Commissioner Fornaciari and myself, is we've
11 taken notes on everyone's specific pieces and then we'll
12 synthesize them into, like, regions of how many people
13 kind of said what areas. But some of the things that are
14 kind of generally popping up: Of course, VRA districts
15 and ensuring that we get those right. Population
16 deviations for sure. We heard San Benito numerous times
17 from many Commissioners. We also, of course, had a whole
18 lot of comment on our draft maps from the San Benito
19 region. The West San Gabriel Valley was raised by
20 several Commissioners as well. There were a number of
21 pieces that were raised around cleanup. Cleanup in San
22 Diego and Riverside in the Bay area with places like
23 Albany and -- Commissioner Yee had another one -- the
24 Tri-Valley, excuse me. So we will work to synthesize all
25 of those. That's not a completely representative list by

1 any means, but certainly those were many of the pieces
2 that rose to the top.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you. And the staff
4 is also taking notes on everything, so if staff could
5 sort of give all that information to Commissioner
6 Sadhwani to put together, that would be great. Thank
7 you. Now, well -- what we're going to be doing is we
8 will be headed to the South for our line drawing. We're
9 hoping at any minute now we might go actually to a short,
10 closed session. As soon as our counsel comes. So we
11 might just take a -- I think we might adjourn into closed
12 session at this time, and we should be back -- actually,
13 I'm hoping, right after our normal break. So at this
14 point, we'll adjourn from this one -- not adjourn, but
15 we'll leave this one and we'll go into a closed session
16 for pending litigation exception.

17 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Welcome back to our California
19 Citizens Redistricting Commission. I'm Jane Andersen,
20 the Chair right now, for those of you just checking in.
21 And my vice chair is Commissioner Kennedy. We just are
22 coming out of closed session, and there were no
23 decisions, no action was taken. So at this time what we
24 want to do is a little bit about Congressional districts,
25 which is different than the Assembly, and also the

1 Senate. And this is a Federal district. And where
2 you've seen us talk about Assemblies and the Senate, the
3 deviation can be plus or minus five percent, on
4 Congressional you are supposed to have equal population,
5 essentially zero deviation. Now, because the maps are
6 put together by census blocks, which do not have -- well,
7 some of them have zero people in them, but they're all
8 different sizes. They're not all one consistent size,
9 and they are not all with one consistent population.
10 Consequently, getting to zero will be very, very
11 difficult. And so what we need to do is, as a
12 Commission, come up with what do we think we want our
13 range to be? A realistic range to be, and then stick
14 with that. So I'd like to have any comments from the
15 public -- from the public, sorry. Comments from any of
16 the Commissioners on where you believe we should go. And
17 I see Commissioner Toledo's hand's raised.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Chair. I would be
19 committed to, and in support of, getting as close to zero
20 as possible, and would recommend a plus or minus one.
21 Thank you.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. Commissioner
23 Yee?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: I concur with plus or minus one,
25 and just want to mention that we've been told by line

1 drawers that it's easier to go bigger if needed later,
2 and it's virtually impossible to go smaller if needed
3 later. So starting with one gives us a little bit of
4 flexibility later if we need it. So one sounds like a
5 good number to me.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Unless someone has
7 another idea, I do believe we should go ahead with let's
8 try for plus or minus one. There will probably be times
9 where you can't get there because you have all your --
10 Congressional blocks are 320 people versus another 325,
11 and you can't do the combination that's going to get you
12 there. So if we run into that situation, I suggest we
13 address it at that time. So any other thoughts? Or
14 we'll go with that number and move into -- at this point,
15 what we'd like to do is move South into -- we have Sivan
16 and Andrew with us. So we'll be actually looking at the
17 San Diego and Imperial, and the whole Inland Empire, and
18 we want to go over the VRA districts first, please. So
19 go ahead.

20 MS. TRATT: Thank you so much, Chair Andersen. I'm
21 just zooming into our first VRA district here. It is
22 called SESDELC, so Southeast San Diego, El Cajon. I
23 believe it was at one point. Obviously, we don't have El
24 Cajon in there anymore, so we'll change these names. But
25 the composition of this district is similar to the VRA

1 district that we saw on the Assembly maps for this
2 region. It includes Imperial Beach, the San Ysidro
3 portion of San Diego City. It includes a little bit of
4 East County, an unincorporated area outside of the city
5 as well, all of Chula Vista, all of Bonita, National
6 City, Lemon Grove, and La Presa. And then it also
7 contains a portion of the City of San Diego, including
8 the historic barrios, Barrio Logan, Logan Heights, and it
9 goes as far North as -- let me turn on the streets
10 layer -- yeah, so it looks like it cuts above the 94 as
11 its Northern border. And currently, this district is
12 underpopulated by 1,575 people, so we are going to need
13 to add that many people, plus or minus one, to this
14 district for it to be balanced. Chair, should I move on
15 to the next district, or should we just jump into
16 changes?

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Please, go on to the next district.
18 We want to have a look at all the VRA districts in this
19 area --

20 MS. TRATT: Okay.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- so we have any idea what we're
22 working with.

23 MS. TRATT: All right. The next district is SECA --
24 S-E-C-A. This district is currently overpopulated by 583
25 people, so those are 583 people we will need to remove.

1 And it's Latino CVAP percentage is 51.81 percent. Oh,
2 and I forgot to mention for SESDELIC it is 50.62. Again,
3 similarly to this district in the Assembly district map,
4 this stops at the San Diego County border to include all
5 of Imperial County. In Riverside County, it includes the
6 majority of the Coachella Valley, excluding Palm Springs
7 and some cities on the Western side of the Valley. It
8 also dips into the Hemet area to pick up population, and
9 then goes North into San Bernardino County to pick up the
10 City of Needles. And as Commissioner Kennedy had
11 mentioned, this shape is the same in all three district
12 plans, so they are all matching Congressional lines
13 currently.

14 The next VRA consideration district is moving into
15 the Inland Empire. We have this district here, which has
16 the City of Riverside, Moreno Valley, and Perris, so it's
17 called RIVMORPER. This district is underpopulated by
18 4,463 people, and is at a LVAP of 51.1 percent. Just to
19 the Northwest is district POMONTFON, which, as the name
20 might suggest, is centered around the Cities of Pomona,
21 Ontario, and Fontana. Again, this district is
22 underpopulated, so we are looking to add 5,192 people to
23 this district. And its Latino CVAP is at 58.56 percent.

24 The next VRA district in this area is RIASB, so
25 centering around the Cities of Rialto and San Bernardino.

1 It also contains portions of several cities surrounding,
2 including the Northern portion of Fontana, the Southern
3 portion of Rancho Cucamonga, the majority of the City of
4 Highland, Northern Redlands and the majority of Colton.

5 And then we also have the Santa Ana District, which
6 is at negative deviation currently of 1,215 people. And
7 currently the Latino CVAP is at 49.87 percent. This
8 district is centered around the cities of Santa Ana and
9 the Valley portion of Anaheim, as well as the Western
10 portion of the City of Orange.

11 Does Counsel have anything to add about these
12 districts, or the direction that we need to move for VRA
13 in this region?

14 MR. BECKER: Can you please put all of the CVAP
15 labels on, please?

16 MS. TRATT: Yes. For all these? One moment,
17 please.

18 MR. BECKER: So I think we've seen several districts
19 here that are in -- Santa Ana is below fifty percent. It
20 is a VRA area of consideration. There are several
21 districts that get into the fifties and even the low
22 fifty-one percent. These are at the lower edges of
23 Latino CVAPs for districts of this type. It might not
24 be -- it's an open question as to whether it's possible
25 to get higher in these VRA areas on that. As you adjust

1 for population equality between these districts, though,
2 one thing I'll say, is in districts that are fifty-one
3 percent or below, I would highly advise that they don't
4 go any lower as you adjust for population with regard to
5 the Latino CVAP. I can't see the whole map and all of
6 the -- some of the districts are -- the Santa Ana
7 district is one I think there might be some -- there
8 should be some attention to trying to improve from a
9 minority perspective, because of the Voting Rights Act
10 considerations. If you can scroll to the East? And then
11 scroll down, please. The other districts are stronger,
12 given the demographic composition of those districts. I
13 think as long as you attempt not to reduce the Latino
14 CVAPs in those areas that you're likely well within range
15 of compliance with the Voting Rights Act.

16 MS. TRATT: So just looking at this region again as
17 a whole, we are at a net negative for these Southern
18 districts -- all of the VRA, except for SECA, but also
19 just the surrounding districts. So since there is
20 nowhere to draw population from South, what we'll have to
21 do in refining these district deviations is balance the
22 farthest South one and then continue to balance as we
23 move North. So that net negative is going to continue to
24 accumulate and accumulate and it's going to look really
25 scary, and then we're going to run into population from

1 the other end, and then that's going to be how it
2 balances out. So if you'll bear with me, that's how I
3 think we should go about thinking about tackling this.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Sivan. That is exactly
5 how we'll go about tackling it. We have questions from
6 Commissioner Sinay?

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So San Diego, as I mentioned
8 earlier, is kind of a place where we need to do some
9 architectural changes first, and then we need to balance
10 it all out. Is it okay if we do it that way? I mean,
11 I'm just trying to figure out -- I don't want people --
12 there's kind of two objectives here -- one is get it
13 right and then one is get the right COIs and communities
14 together. And then the second one is getting it right
15 based on deviation.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's correct. What I would like
17 us to do is we are going to start -- well, the Commission
18 knows that these have to get down to the right number.
19 And as we have -- you can see here, we have in SECA, we
20 have 583 people too many. We have to move that
21 population, and this still has to be a VRA district. The
22 same is true in our SESDELIC. So I recommend that we
23 start with those two districts and get those balanced.
24 Then, because you're absolutely correct, Commissioner
25 Sinay, if we go and work on the next VRA district like we

1 have done before, we'll end up creating a population
2 bubble. So because these are the border, and they are
3 VRA districts, I would recommend that we do these first,
4 and then, actually, do live line drawing to do some
5 reconstruction where we need to, and then we'll finalize
6 those districts. And how does the Commission feel about
7 that?

8 Commissioner Sinay?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think that makes sense, but
10 some of the reconstruction is within the VRA district,
11 and I think it'll keep it, but it's just -- some of it is
12 within the VRA district.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.
14 Commissioner Fernandez.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, that was my question.
16 If the architectural changes are in the VRA district,
17 we've got to address that if we decide to do something
18 with it, and then we'd have to get the population down.
19 Thanks.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Absolutely. And as we do go
21 through the maps, I would like us to address the
22 architectural changes before we get into -- before we
23 start working on any of those areas. So with that in
24 mind, now -- I just want to make sure the public, who's
25 following us -- we will be working in this area going

1 from San Diego up through Riverside, the Imperial Valley
2 and in the Inland Valley, I guess you'd -- Inland Empire.
3 And that's what we'll be doing today. I'm not sure how
4 much, if we can get all this done, then we'll -- Los
5 Angeles and we will identify the VRA districts, and
6 trying to do Los Angeles as well. But we have -- what's
7 different about the Assembly -- the Congressional from
8 the Assembly -- is we can't really work on just sort of
9 one area and jump around. We have to kind of move the
10 population either up or down to get our numbers -- to
11 make our numbers work. So with that, I -- let's see.
12 Commissioner Sinay, since you would like to do some
13 architectural changes on this -- in the Southern area,
14 how about if you lead us with one, what your goal is,
15 two, your steps to get there, and then we can talk about
16 that, and then we'll proceed with line drawing. So.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. I would rather -- I
18 don't want -- I want to put it out there like I did last
19 time on San Diego and kind of -- so here's the overview:
20 I think our VRA district is okay. But we have Lemon
21 Grove and La Presa in that VRA district which the COI is
22 actually City Heights, which is not in this district.
23 It's City Heights with Southeast San Diego, Lemon Grove,
24 La Presa and La Mesa, to El Cajon. And so we kind of
25 split two pieces here in this area. And so there's also

1 that sliver of 94 that I would like us to put back into
2 Sherman Heights. That's a little thing. So that's kind
3 of the big picture, and I don't know if any Commissioners
4 have been thinking about how they might want to see that
5 COI -- I know we can -- I know we're going to have to
6 split COIs, so don't get me wrong -- but the East County
7 it usually starts at El Cajon and goes East into the
8 rural areas, but as we've discussed, there's been kind
9 of -- there's always been an immigrant and refugee
10 communities that have moved from City Heights towards El
11 Cajon. And so the question is, do we see El Cajon as a
12 rural East County or El Cajon as urban part of the kind
13 of the migration pattern of immigrants and refugees? And
14 Latinos, because it has a large majority -- a large
15 Latino community. We've got some wiggle room in that
16 area. I mean, I think if we can fix this part down here,
17 we can then move things around kind of in the University
18 of Mira Mesa, Poway, similar to what we did in the
19 Assembly district. It's just getting that corner done
20 right.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Thank you very much. And
22 that's what we're going to work on. Commissioner
23 Fornaciari.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. So what I was
25 thinking is we have this desire input to keep La Presa,

1 Lemon Grove, Spring Valley, La Mesa together. That's too
2 much for this district, I think. And last time we had
3 talked about the desire of some of the communities --
4 some Latino communities to have City Heights included
5 with them. Last time, we decided to go City Heights East
6 with the Assembly, so I'm wondering if this time we want
7 to move out La Presa and Lemon Grove, and then go up and
8 grab City Heights. Which would be up about to where that
9 black line is going horizontally. And then fix the
10 little blip below the 94, include that, too, and kind of
11 see where we're at. If that sounds like a reasonable
12 approach.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. I see where you're trying to
14 go there. Commissioner Toledo?

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. Similar vein to
16 Commissioner Fornaciari, and I believe Commissioner
17 Sinay, but perhaps a little bit different. I'm thinking
18 potentially take out Lemon Grove. Add as much of City
19 Heights as reasonably -- or as much as we can
20 accommodate. As we get -- with an effort to try to get
21 as close to zero deviation and trying to maintain the
22 CVAP. So that would be my priority. And that's all
23 based on COIs that I've seen. Trying to get as much of
24 it -- we'll have to split City Heights, probably cut
25 Lemon Grove. I'd keep La Presa, and try to get to zero

1 on the deviation so that we can move on to the next
2 district and have a strong VRA district. Thank you.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Commissioner Sadhwani.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yep. Actually, just plus
5 one on everything Commissioner Fornaciari and Toledo have
6 just laid out. We didn't get City Heights completely in
7 the Assembly map. Let's try and get it done here.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Commissioner Fernandez.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you. Yes, and
10 I agree with that, because there's also some other COIs
11 with La Mesa with Lemon Grove. But also -- Sivan, could
12 you put the Latino CVAP heat map, because this is a VRA
13 district. Thank you.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. And could we see all of this
15 district, please? You can just move that. Yeah.
16 Perfect. I'm sorry. Commissioner Fernandez, did you
17 want to -- something else, or no that was --

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, no. I just wanted to
19 note that I agreed with the COIs, plus there was another
20 COI with La Mesa and Lemon Grove. I just want the heat
21 map on there just as we're making changes so that we can
22 see what the impact may be, and what areas we might want
23 to pull from. Thank you.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you. Commissioner
25 Sinay.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks. I think that that's a
2 great direction to go in. If I could make some
3 recommendations based on what you all said. I would
4 actually pull out Southeast San Diego with Lemon Grove --
5 Southeast San Diego, Lemon Grove, and La Presa. And the
6 reason I'm keeping La Presa and Lemon Grove together is,
7 remember they said that the ZIP code it's basically -- I
8 think it was with Lemon Grove -- maybe it's with Spring
9 Valley -- that there's a lot of overlap. And I found out
10 that there is also overlap between Bonita and -- the name
11 is the same, but it's in two different cities. And so
12 that's what's happening with La Presa as well. I don't
13 know why they did that in San Diego. It's probably when
14 it was incorporated. But my thought would be to do
15 Paradise -- well, Paradise Hill potentially, but
16 Southeast San Diego with Lemon Grove, La Presa, and La
17 Mesa and El Cajon. And do as you all were saying about
18 bringing in City Heights. And I think we can get to City
19 Heights through Golden Hill. Golden Hill and South Park
20 are very diverse communities as well. And yes, we will
21 be breaking up some of the LGBT COI, but a lot of where
22 the LGBT COI goes is a lot of places where it's very
23 mixed communities where there's been a lot of -- again,
24 mixed communities, and this is a VRA district.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. I want us to make sure

1 we're realizing that we're adding close to 1,600 people
2 from somewhere. So I see where we're going to lose
3 something and gain something else. Commissioner Turner.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I'm looking
5 also at COI testimony that's suggesting taking out
6 communities North of military facilities and putting them
7 into the San Diego coast. Taking out some -- I think
8 Commissioner Sinay said earlier, some Eastern areas of
9 San Diego, but they're being perhaps -- that'll give some
10 population relief as well. And this particular COI is
11 looking for Lemon Grove, La Presa, North Park, Normal
12 Heights neighborhood, Clairemont Mesa, Linda Mesa, Kearny
13 Mesa, Serra Mesa, and UCSD, and the Mira Mesa-Convoy area
14 to be together in a central district. And I see that's
15 going in a different direction.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I think, if I could just
17 interject -- I think, Commissioner Turner, that's a good
18 idea for step 2, because that's a lot of the Asian
19 business COI and UCSD students and that other La Mesa
20 COI. But I think for step one we first need to figure
21 out the VRA, so I think you're on the right track for
22 step two.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. So at this point, let's jump
24 in here. I'm hearing that we'd like to remove Lemon
25 Grove -- we're removing -- and La Presa? So that's a

1 yes? And then, what areas will we be adding?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can we just remove Lemon Grove,
3 La Presa, and Southeastern San Diego and put them with La
4 Mesa for right now?

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Yes. Let's have a look at
6 that, please. And Commissioner --

7 Ms. TRATT: When you place Southeastern San Diego,
8 do you just mean like this area that's kind of that I'm
9 circling here, or is there a specific street you'd like
10 me to snap to?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The City of Southeast San --
12 the City of San Diego, so I think it's more like Bonita
13 East of National City and South of the 94.

14 MS. TRATT: Okay. So that would be a lot of this
15 area. Let me turn on the -- so that would be all of this
16 that I'm circling here. Does that look right to you?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I believe that's right.

18 MS. TRATT: One moment, please.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And obviously, we're going to
20 have to add and subtract anyway, and we're going to be
21 breaking up things, unfortunately.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, but -- okay. Commissioner
23 Toledo?

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I agree in taking out
25 Lemon Grove. La Presa, I think, has more in common with

1 the rest of the anchor district. If our anchor is Chula
2 vista, as it looks like that's -- when I look at this
3 district that it's anchored in Chula Vista, moving up
4 towards National City, I would think La Presa has very
5 close cultural and affinities, and the communities are
6 very similar, including transportation. So I would -- I
7 would want to keep La Presa, so I would start with
8 cutting out Lemon Grove and leaving La Presa first. And
9 then if we need to take out La Presa -- unless we're
10 trying to include both City Heights and Chula Vista in
11 this, that might be -- I don't know if that's possible to
12 keep both whole, but if that's the case, then perhaps I'd
13 be in favor of taking La Presa. But that no longer has
14 an anchor in Chula Vista. That would be a different
15 anchor of sorts.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Commissioner
19 Fornaciari.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I was just going to offer
21 an alternative approach to add all the pieces that we're
22 committed to adding, and then seeing how much we need to
23 take out. That'll help define whether we're going to
24 take Lemon Grove and La Presa, and then if we're going to
25 take some of the city. But I think we're committed to

1 bringing the black line I am pointing at -- bringing up
2 to the 94 just like we did in the Assembly, and then
3 moving North and grabbing City Heights. And then seeing
4 where we are in population and going from there, so.
5 Thank you.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you. So let me make
7 sure I understand this. So basically, one alternative is
8 you take out Lemon Grove and maybe La Presa, maybe not.
9 What I'm still wondering is, where are we grabbing the
10 population from? Where are we going with that? Now,
11 with Commissioner Fornaciari, I understand we are going
12 to take out Lemon Grove, and then we're going North.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. What I was
14 proposing is, let's add this area that's being circled
15 now. Then, slightly kind of to the right or the left --
16 East of the 15, go North up and get City Heights -- is
17 what it's called -- and add that in, and then we'll know
18 how much we need to take out. And then we can decide La
19 Presa, Lemon Grove, and --

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- where we're going from
22 there?

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: How does that sound, Commissioner
24 Sinay?

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think it's brilliant. I have

1 just a quick question to Commissioner Toledo around his
2 assessment of La Presa. Because, I'll be honest, it was
3 a community I didn't know existed until we started this.
4 Obviously, I've driven through it and stuff, but when
5 they called us they said, we're really with -- I have to
6 look it up if it was Lemon Grove or Spring Valley, and to
7 make sure that we were keeping them -- Spring Valley --
8 anyway, La Mesa or Lemon Grove, and they want to make
9 sure we were keeping them with them because they share
10 ZIP codes and such. So I was just wondering --

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. And what area in here --
12 let's go ahead and add that, please. And what area in
13 here are we talking about now?

14 MS. TRATT: So I have a couple COIs for City Heights
15 I can turn on, but Commissioner Sinay, if you have a
16 specific boundary we can look at that as well. These
17 were two different community submissions defining
18 immigrant and refugee community in City Heights. And you
19 can see how they vary, but the core area is where they
20 overlap, which I'm circling with my hand.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So who's going to -- do we
22 want to add this entire area? And how many people is
23 that?

24 MS. TRATT: One moment, please. I can select -- do
25 we want to draw population from up here or are we just

1 grabbing from this district?

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would encourage us -- again,
4 well, the way the COIs are -- we're looking at the Latino
5 CVAP right now for the VRA --

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So is there a way that we can
8 better look at -- I think what we'll want to grab --
9 where we feel we've got the strongest Latino --

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Yeah. That does not look
11 very dense.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's a very dense area and it's
13 also an area that would've been really hard to count
14 during the census, but that doesn't mean that -- we can't
15 do anything about that -- but it is a very, very dense
16 area.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So at this point we need
18 someone to say yes, no. We'll add these in?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I would encourage us to
20 add them in. And your question on where to go for City
21 Heights, I think that we've gotten -- I don't know --
22 somewhere we do have -- let's just start with what you
23 have for City Heights and then we'll look for the -- I'll
24 look for the boundary that others have found for, kind of
25 where the refugee and the immigrant communities separate.

1 It's not an easy split because they're very mixed.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. Okay. Commissioner Turner.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Thank you. I agree,
4 it's not an easy split, and I'm wondering, Chair, if
5 Sivan could overlay Advancing Justice that included some
6 of the COIs that Commissioner Sinay is talking about.
7 Can we see where those boundaries are?

8 MS. TRATT: I do not have that -- if someone from
9 staff wants to email it to me, I can have it pulled up in
10 a few minutes.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fornaciari.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I'm sorry. I
13 didn't realize I had my hand raised.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, okay. All right. Commissioner
15 Toledo.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: This appears to be City
17 Heights -- I mean, I think there's various different
18 perspectives on it, but this appears to be close to it
19 and I would say if we could perhaps pare it down to a
20 lesser population, or keep this and begin the process
21 of --

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Removing.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- removing population from
24 Lemon Grove or other -- I would start with Lemon Grove,
25 actually. Thank you.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner
2 Sinay, did you --

3 MS. TRATT: Oh, I do have a COI -- sorry. Sorry,
4 Chair to interrupt. Just to address Commissioner Turner
5 for Advancing Justice, is that also the Asian Law Caucus?
6 I do have one of their COIs that they submitted which
7 they defined as the Asian and AMEMSA communities.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That's right. That's the one
9 we're looking --

10 MS. TRATT: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And that's the part that
12 wouldn't be in this -- in the VRA.

13 MS. TRATT: They wanted to exclude --

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

15 MS. TRATT: So there's two components to this
16 Shapefile. There's this part that -- let me turn off
17 these other two -- there's this portion in the City
18 Heights area, but it also includes what they're defining
19 as the Asian Business District, I believe, which -- the
20 Convoy and Kearny --

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

22 MS. TRATT: -- Mesa areas.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. You're not at that part
24 yet.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, so --

1 MS. TRATT: So just focusing on the Southern part,
2 correct?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes. And please just take the
4 area that's in the city. Don't jump into La Mesa.

5 MS. TRATT: Okay. I will continue to grab blocks to
6 snap to this border.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I would go all the way down
8 to the 94, so Fairmount and 94.

9 MS. TRATT: So the 94 is already in. Is that what
10 you mean?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, okay. All right. Sorry
12 about that. It gets all confusing with all the different
13 layers and colors.

14 MS. TRATT: I know it does. No worries. I'm going
15 to continue to add blocks. One moment, please.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Then, we'll add this and then we'll
17 remove Lemon Grove.

18 MS. TRATT: All right. So should I go ahead and
19 commit this change? This is moving about 84,000 people.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. If we do that -- now, I'm
21 sorry, which -- oh, I see that change. So what other
22 areas, guys, are we taking out? Lemon Grove is 27.6.
23 So --

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We also said Southeast San
25 Diego.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm sorry; you're taking out
2 Southeast San Diego?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Um-hum.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Well, do they connect, then?
5 I wasn't clear where Southeast San Diego is. But let's
6 commit to that, please. Okay. So we have that one.
7 Please, add that.

8 MS. TRATT: Based on the definition that
9 Commissioner Sinay just gave, it's from the 94 North to
10 the National City border, and then only what is inside
11 the City of San Diego.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Commissioner Toledo.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm just thinking, since we
14 have the heat map on, I hate splitting cities, but I do
15 see portions of Lemon Grove that do have high LVAP, and
16 perhaps keeping a portion of that city in the district in
17 order to maintain it. But as I say, I hate splitting
18 cities. If we're going to split a city, let's split City
19 Heights. I think we included a very large portion of it.
20 And take out all of Lemon Grove and put that in another
21 district. Thank you.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. Yes. Let's at
23 this point, take out Lemon Grove, please. And then,
24 Commissioner Sinay, we're losing a lot of -- if we take
25 that entire area of the South San Diego out, we're losing

1 a lot of what appears to be the Latino vote area in this
2 heat map. No, I'm sorry; are we taking out La Presa as
3 well? No. I don't believe so.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would recommend we do take La
5 Presa, or if we're concerned about the Latinos, we
6 could --

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- we could cut East of the
9 125. I hear what you're saying. There's also portions
10 here of a traditional working class community that's not
11 immigrant, and so I was trying to connect them as much as
12 possible to Lemon Grove and La Mesa. But I can go
13 whichever way that works best for the greater good.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Let's take out Lemon Grove.
15 Let's commit to that, please.

16 MS. TRATT: All right. That change is committed.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. And then can we see -- what
18 is the CVAP on that?

19 MS. TRATT: Let me make the font bigger so you can
20 see it better.

21 MR. DRECHSLER: It is at the bottom so you do see --

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

23 MR. DRECHSLER: -- 49.71 percent. We want to be
24 showing the -- you have the wrong district. Yep. There
25 it is.

1 MS. TRATT: Oh, yeah. Thank you. 49.71, but
2 because it's still overpopulated by 56,000 people --

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right.

4 MS. TRATT: -- I wouldn't worry too much about that
5 until we --

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

7 MS. TRATT: -- get closer to the population.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Got it. Now, I don't see -- how
9 are we -- how are we taking out the Southeast San Diego
10 if it's right in the middle? Commissioner Fornaciari.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: When you had selected a
12 preset to move out, we were over fifty percent LCVAP.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Ah, okay. I could not see that.
14 Well, then I think that's -- okay, well, let's do that.
15 Because that's a community of interest, correct?

16 MS. TRATT: -- on my screen for you to see. So
17 ignore this whole column. This is what the district is
18 currently, and this one is what it will change to be. So
19 SESDEL C will be at 50.15 percent Latino CVAP, but will
20 still be overpopulated by 2.75 percent. Or -- yes.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right, so -- Commissioner
22 Toledo.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah --

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm sorry -- so we'll go ahead and
25 take out La Presa?

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. That's fine.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So I would start paring down
4 City Heights and try to get the CVAP up and closer to the
5 deviation. If we can get closer to the -- because that's
6 a population center -- there's plenty of population there
7 to cut. And of course, because it's a VRA district, VRA
8 trumps COIs and unfortunately, the city and some COIs
9 will need to be split. But when I look at the heat map,
10 that's one of the areas --

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- there's areas there that
13 don't have significant Latino population, and maybe the
14 best place to cut at this point. Thank you.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Just breaking it -- cutting
17 it.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. I agree. So can
19 we go ahead and -- now, we're coming up on our -- the
20 lunch break is at 2:15, so let's try to reduce. We need
21 to take out, what, 20,000 people?

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sinay?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Could we start on the corner
25 that's closest to La Mesa, and then move West?

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Start over here and move West.
3 That way, because we've heard this is a community of
4 interest, so this way we're starting with the part that
5 feels closest to it.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Please, Sivan, can you do
7 that?

8 MS. TRATT: Absolutely. One moment, please.

9 MR. DRECHSLER: Sivan, I think we're going too much.

10 MS. TRATT: Oh, you're right. I was looking at the
11 wrong --

12 MR. DRECHSLER: Okay. Yep.

13 MS. TRATT: We're at 0.02, so we have to get rid of
14 119 people.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

16 MS. TRATT: Is this an acceptable place to accept
17 for now, and then I can go up and clean up some blocks?
18 Perfect.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Please, do that.
20 Commissioner Sinay? No. Okay.

21 MS. TRATT: So that would be a deviation of --

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Minus thirty-three people.

23 MS. TRATT: Let me see if I can find --

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: There is a thirty-three right
25 here.

1 MS. TRATT: Oh, there we go. Oh, not contiguous,
2 though, but maybe we can swap it out. I feel like I'm --

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: If you do that, we need to grab
4 something elsewhere.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Chair?

6 MS. TRATT: Okay. Should I go ahead and --

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

8 MS. TRATT: I can clean this up at the break, too.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Commissioner Fernandez?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you. Sivan,
11 can't we get these, like, the numbers that are showing up
12 for the census -- can't we get them down to, like, the
13 street level so you actually aren't working with such
14 big -- if you're trying to get to thirty-three or
15 whatever the number was. It might be easier to get down
16 to, like, the actual street numbers or house numbers.

17 MS. TRATT: Right. So the building blocks that
18 we're making these district maps from, the smallest unit
19 is census block. I can turn on the Google map so you can
20 see. Generally, they do roughly line up with what the
21 street kind of looks like, but not always. It's just
22 kind of --

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

24 MS. TRATT: -- one of the quirks of the census,
25 though.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

2 MS. TRATT: And over break, I can turn on the
3 borders of where the blocks are, if that would be helpful
4 as well.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. I think so. Commissioner
6 Fornaciari.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I was just going to
8 say, this is the smallest block?

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: This is what makes it
11 really hard.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. It doesn't get smaller than
13 this. This is why the Commissioners and for the public
14 this can be excruciating, quite frankly, trying to get to
15 that little number. This could take a devil of a long
16 time. So at this point -- and we're supposed to be going
17 into our lunch so we can jump back onto our schedule.
18 Sivan, can you try to do a little bit of this just for a
19 few minutes so you can also have a bit of a break, since
20 we're coming back to you? Or we can just stop now. So
21 where are we -- can you show us where we are right now,
22 because that's the other district? The information for
23 it.

24 MS. TRATT: Absolutely.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: What do we have?

1 MS. TRATT: SESDELC we need 115 more people.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

3 MS. TRATT: And we are at a LVAP of 51.06 percent.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Andrew?

5 MR. DRECHSLER: Yeah. I just wanted to point out
6 the Latino CVAP when we started this was at 50.62, so
7 we've been able to raise that just a little bit. So I
8 just wanted to put that in the picture.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you. At this point,
10 let's pause here and actually -- Sivan, could you leave
11 this on and actually even put our little blocks -- put
12 that on so we can -- if we have our lunch, we can kind of
13 be pondering what we might give you as direction to go
14 next?

15 MS. TRATT: Yeah. So do you not want me to clean up
16 this deviation over lunch?

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. Well --

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: She has to -- she has to
19 unshare --

20 MS. TRATT: I'm happy to --

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- to work on it.

22 MS. TRATT: -- but, yeah.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. All right. Yes, but I also
24 want to make sure that you have a -- get a bit of a break
25 here, too.

1 MS. TRATT: No. I appreciate that. I think I'll
2 just -- it'll just take a few more minute to --

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Great. Then, please do
4 that. And at this point, we're going to go to lunch.
5 It's already 2:20. I don't want to push it too much
6 further, but we do need to have at least half-an-hour, so
7 we will come back at 2:50. Is that correct? Yeah, 2:50.

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Chair?

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes?

10 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Sorry. If we are out until 3,
11 then the next ninety-minute block goes to 4:30. Fifteen-
12 minute break at 4:30 takes us to 4:45. That ninety-
13 minute block would go until 6:15.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. And then we'd be on
15 break --

16 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- until 6:30, so --

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. So we're running five
19 minutes late, basically.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

21 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Okay. Yeah. So let's come
23 back at the 2:50. No, I'm sorry. Do people already have
24 their lunches there? Anybody? I think they've already
25 gone to lunch. Okay. All right. So thank you, Sivan.

1 If you could do a little bit of cleanup on that, and
2 we'll see you back at 2:50. Thank you.

3 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 2:20 p.m.
4 until 2:50 p.m.)

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Good afternoon. And welcome back
6 to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
7 meeting. We are working on the Congressional districts.
8 We are in the San Diego area, and we are right down at
9 the border. The next -- we will be proceeding with this
10 San Diego today, moving up into -- and Imperial County,
11 moving up into the Inland Empire, which is San Bernardino
12 and Riverside.

13 So we'll turn this back over to our line drawers,
14 who are going to give us an update on where we are.

15 MS. TRATT: Thanks, Chair, I hope everyone enjoyed
16 their break. While I was off camera, I quickly grabbed a
17 few census blocks to balance out the population. I
18 grabbed a few census blocks just right outside of our
19 border in the city of San Diego, and then one that was in
20 unincorporated San Diego County. And we are currently at
21 a deviation of 1 person, and our Latino CVAP is at 51.06
22 percent.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Wonderful. Great job.

24 Does anyone have a comment about -- I see
25 Commissioner Kennedy's hand up.

1 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Again, I'm
2 going to advocate on behalf of election administrators
3 everywhere and say that grabbing one census block from
4 unincorporated San Diego County is going to complicate
5 their lives. If there's a possibility of finding another
6 one somewhere inside San Diego, it just -- thanks.

7 MS. TRATT: I would note you already are including a
8 portion of unincorporated San Diego County. So if you'd
9 like me to address that, I think you would have to remove
10 whatever population is in here as well. But my
11 understanding is this kind of -- this is kind of how it
12 goes with these districts when you get down to the wire
13 in balancing, is it does become a bit of a population
14 bubble at the block level.

15 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Or find one in that --
16 along that -- is that where that unincorporated block
17 was, was along that far Southeastern corner?

18 MS. TRATT: It was a block with one person in it
19 right outside of the city of Chula Vista.

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Oh.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sivan, if we drop that, it only had
22 one person in it?

23 MS. TRATT: That is correct.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Then we would be a zero. We're
25 exactly at 760,000 --



1 MS. TRATT: So excuse me. There are four people in
2 there. I was at negative 3, and then I grabbed this
3 block that had four and it balanced to one person.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I see. I see. Yes. Well, if you
5 could, at a later date, have a look at that and see if
6 you can find that, but we won't stop right now on that
7 one. Thank you.

8 Thank you for bringing that up, Commissioner
9 Kennedy.

10 Commissioner Akutagawa?

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I just have a
12 question. Can you kind of, like, go pan out again and
13 just see the -- there was -- I guess it's that little
14 spot right there. Is that not captured? Because it
15 looks like --

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Are you talking about the
17 area around that, it looks like a little hook to the
18 right at the top on the right there, that has a little --

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, I'm just talking about,
20 like, it's right smack in the middle of the district,
21 next to the pink?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You mean the white part?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: The white part? Does that
24 mean -- no, go down, down, down. Yeah. Right there.
25 Does that mean that that's not captured? It just looks

1 weird. Like it's not part of the district. Like it got
2 missed.

3 MS. TRATT: Yep. That means it's an unincorporated
4 area that's outside of a census-designated place.
5 Probably has to do with property and land ownership in
6 the city of Chula Vista, but it is inside the boundaries
7 of the district. If it was excluded, it would also have
8 a green outline around it.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, okay. Good to know.
10 Thank you.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

12 Commissioner Toledo?

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I just wanted to uplift
14 Commissioner Kennedy's point about unincorporated areas,
15 and just trying our best to, when practicable and when
16 possible, to keep the unincorporated areas out to help
17 support the electoral offices. Thank you.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you.

19 Now, so I'm just wondering, yes, what does that
20 little glitch? That's just in a census designated place
21 that's outside of our area? That little gray --

22 MS. TRATT: I believe this is part of the City of
23 San Diego. I think it is one of their reservoirs.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

25 MS. TRATT: Yeah, there's no population here, but

1 I'm happy to grab this block because it's technically
2 part of the City of San Diego, if you'd like.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. If that would make a
4 difference for the election officials, certainly.

5 MS. TRATT: I don't know that anyone lives here,
6 that it would matter for those election officials, but
7 let --

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I don't know.

9 MS. TRATT: -- grab it for you anyways.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

11 Commissioner Sinay?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Are we ready to go to the next
13 one?

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. That's where I was headed,
15 but -- Commissioner Turner?

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Just a process question
17 again. Is this where, when we leave things to be figured
18 out later, we get in -- later on, get into trouble behind
19 not being able to match. I just feel like starting out
20 with leaving maybe one, maybe four, maybe in an area we
21 didn't want it to be in, is kind of going to start us out
22 with gradually increasing issues. We said it was going
23 to take time, so I'm just wondering about from a process
24 standpoint, do we indeed leave things that we don't want
25 to see for line drawers to figure out, and then figure

1 the next area perfectly, and then we can't go back? I
2 thought that's one of the things -- principles we talked
3 about, trying to make sure that we are as close as we
4 can.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, yes. I'm sorry. But we are
6 by one person. I might not be following you.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Well, so Chair, we're by one
8 person, but we have concerns that's --

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: yes --

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- been expressed from
11 Commissioners that the resolution to get to the one
12 person, it may not be what we want to see.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, that's -- the idea is here now,
14 we will review it all, and have a look. And if it isn't,
15 then we would certainly change it. Yes. If there is
16 something in here that you didn't want to be in here, or
17 something that is not like, as Commissioner Kennedy
18 happened to say, that was an unincorporated area. So
19 yes, we're going to ask Sivan to do an adjustment, and
20 not take that.

21 Should we review in a more detail of what -- what
22 changes did you make, Sivan? I thought you did go
23 through that with us.

24 Yeah. Andrew?

25 MR. DRECHSLER: Thank you, Chair. And to address

1 Commissioner Turner's question, I think if we could get
2 down to -- I think if we, just as we did in this last
3 break, where we went off and cleaned a couple of things
4 up by going around the districts, I think if we're
5 allowed to do that, that may be easier to do, but -- and
6 I think the best one, I think we all take very careful
7 notes, and as Commissioner Kennedy said, try not to go to
8 unincorporated areas and we'll stick within the City of
9 San Diego. I think that's something that we can do and
10 be very precise on that during the breaks.

11 And I think, if that's acceptable, that would be the
12 recommendation to moving forward, if we get close, and
13 then clean these up at break. And then, once we come
14 back from break, if we just wanted to say, here's where
15 we cleaned up, and big picture, and then we will use --
16 we'll try not to cut unincorporated areas moving forward,
17 as a principle.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Andrew.

19 Yes, I would like to -- I would like to proceed in
20 that direction, because if we -- because fourteen people
21 will probably say, no, no, the other block that's over
22 here on the right, kind of down lower, we are never going
23 to get these things done. So I would like us to get
24 within, oh, we're, like, fifty people or something. Or
25 if it is -- but and this is the area we'd like you to

1 work to adjust things in. Like say, this border right
2 here.

3 And we'll do several of those districts like that,
4 that won't cause problems with the other one. And
5 then -- because Sivan can do that much, much faster than
6 we can, and then come back, and she'll show us, I did
7 this, I did that, I did this, to verify that it is what
8 we were talking about. And then we can move on. That's
9 what I would recommend.

10 But I'd like to -- let's talk about that and see if
11 we come to consensus.

12 Commissioner Sinay?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted to move on, but
14 go ahead and finish this conversation.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yep. Okay. Commissioner Kennedy?

16 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

17 It's not so much that it's necessarily an issue of
18 incorporated versus unincorporated. It's minimizing the
19 number of jurisdictions involved in these things. So you
20 know, if the choice is between adding another block in a
21 jurisdiction where you've already added blocks, and going
22 into a new jurisdiction, whether it be incorporated or
23 unincorporated, it's always better to minimize the number
24 of jurisdictions involved. Thank you.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you for that

1 clarification, Commissioner Kennedy.

2 Yeah, Commissioner Akutagawa?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I am a little
4 concerned about just pushing too much -- put too much off
5 too early in our process, especially because of the
6 preciseness that we have to be at, zero or one. I mean,
7 obviously, that's our goal. And as we move on and march
8 on to other places, and as the line drawers try to then
9 fix all these things during a break, there may be
10 multiple changes that could really change the kind of
11 analysis and calculations that we're making as we're
12 creating these, and so I think we acknowledge that this
13 is going to be work that's going to be very long, but
14 it's necessary to just try to get to doing it right
15 versus just kind of pushing it off and then coming back
16 and trying to fix everything. Because given our time, I
17 think it's better to just -- let's just get it as close
18 to the zero deviation as we want -- what we're trying to
19 get to and then move on.

20 So I do agree with what Commissioner Kennedy is
21 saying, since there wasn't any just kind of reason for
22 just going into one new location, let's just maybe go
23 back to the previous location where Sivan grabbed
24 population and try to see if we could find the additional
25 three people that's needed from that same location.

1 Thank you.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.

3 Commissioner Turner?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair.

5 The last thing I'd like to say, in all love and
6 respect and appreciation, is I have very little evidence
7 that we actually will let line drawers go off and make
8 decisions in several areas and come back and be good with
9 it. I think we'll still want to weigh in on it, and
10 it'll just delay the process.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Commissioner Fernandez.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you.

13 Although I appreciate what Commissioner Kennedy
14 said, I guess, one, do we have that layer, in terms of
15 jurisdiction? And then I also feel that we have so many
16 constraints to begin with, to get it to zero. And then
17 adding another constraint makes it more challenging not
18 only for us, obviously, but for our line drawers. So
19 I'm -- again, do we even have the layer that would show
20 jurisdiction so that we could see that information? And
21 I understand that it's more work for them, but it's also
22 more work for us as well.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you very much. I see
24 where -- it might be an unpopular call, but we really do
25 need to -- we have to get these done, and when we're down

1 to literally a very small number, rather than spending
2 another half hour trying to get -- we have one person. I
3 believe it will be much faster if we say now, work in
4 this area, like along this border and play back and forth
5 to adjust the correct -- to the number, and then have
6 them -- have the line drawer just kind of give us a quick
7 overview. Go back and go, see I did this instead of that
8 one, and that's where they got it, because we're not
9 talking about different areas. We're not talking about
10 large, large things. We're actually talking about
11 little, tiny lines here.

12 And so what I'd like to do -- we like this district,
13 okay? Why don't we go to the next -- the large VRA
14 district, which I think is CECA (ph.), I believe it is.
15 And let's see how that goes. And if we really say no, we
16 actually have to all point at different blocks, we can
17 start that at that point, but I believe it's -- do I have
18 anyone who has an issue with our first block, our first
19 Congressional district we put together.

20 I can't see everybody, so if you have an issue,
21 please raise your hand and -- I don't see anybody.
22 Great. Let's move to the CECA and -- so we need 583
23 people to take out. Can we have a look at all our
24 borders? And is there an area that jumps out in terms
25 of -- in terms of the content -- ah, I'd like to put this

1 back.

2 So I see Commissioner Kennedy's hand is raised.

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

4 Reprising yesterday, would we create problems for
5 ourselves as far as VRA if we switched La Quinta in and
6 Hemet, or what's remaining of Hemet, or enough of Hemet
7 out to balance it? Thank you.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Well, why don't we have
9 a look, because we're trying to get -- I don't know the
10 difference there. So we'll keep this -- oh. Well, you
11 have quite a population difference there.

12 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, we had Hemet split, I
13 believe, in the Assembly plan. I don't recall exactly
14 where the split was, but we might look at where that was,
15 and whether we can make this happen with a trade over
16 there.

17 MS. TRATT: Here, I brought up the Assembly lines --

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

19 MS. TRATT: -- that we (indiscernible, simultaneous
20 speech) and this yellow line where my mouse is moving is
21 where we split Hemet in those -- in those districts.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

23 MS. TRATT: Would you like --

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So Commissioner -- oh, sorry.

25 MS. TRATT: -- (indiscernible, simultaneous speech)

1 split for La Quinta and see what it looks like?

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, let's try that. Because we do
3 know there was a lot of community interests said they're
4 two completely different areas, and we don't necessarily
5 want La Quinta in the VRA district.

6 (Pause)

7 MS. TRATT: So I think because of the shape of the
8 district, it might have been a little bit confusing, but
9 they're actually in the same district, so instead of
10 splitting Hemet, which would lose population and put us
11 further negative, we actually need to be looking at areas
12 to add.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I see. All right.

14 Commissioner Kennedy, did you have another area
15 you'd like to add?

16 MS. TRATT: From the BEAVICVAL into SECA,
17 preferably, if we're looking to reduce the impacts.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. Sivan, could you please put
19 the Latino CVAP on, the heat layer?

20 MS. TRATT: I definitely can. I also think that we
21 could maybe take a look at adding Beaumont. It's
22 currently separated from Banning, and if my memory
23 serves, it's about the same population as La Quinta.

24 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: And that does make the most
25 sense. Thank you, Sivan.

1 MS. TRATT: Absolutely.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Let's try that again. Can
3 we also see -- because it's easy to grab. So we'll grab
4 that and see what our population is.

5 MS. TRATT: Woah. Sorry. Let me just make this --
6 I keep forgetting that it's probably showing up much
7 smaller for you all on your screens.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

9 MS. TRATT: Okay. So adding Beaumont, and I believe
10 I'll probably have to pick up this bubble right here, but
11 we can look at that in one moment, adding that would make
12 the deviation of SECA negative .25. So still looking to
13 add about 2,000 people, and the Latino CVAP would become
14 52.63 percent.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And what was it before?

16 MR. DRECHSLER: 51.81.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: 51?

18 MR. DRECHSLER: Yeah. .81.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Oh, okay. So it's gone up?
20 So it increased?

21 MR. DRECHSLER: Yes.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Wonderful. All right.

23 Let's see if there's another area, or Commissioner
24 Kennedy, do you have a -- well, I guess we have to --
25 let's grab that little bit that's above.

1 MS. TRATT: Yes. Just one moment.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Don't want to leave it orphaned out
3 there.

4 MS. TRATT: So it looks like a portion of Beaumont
5 is included in this MORCOA district, so I can contain it
6 to two districts, or if we'd prefer to see if we can try
7 and keep the city whole, I can leave that in and see what
8 happens.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry. So that little bit, is it
10 the City of Cherry Valley? Is that what you're saying?

11 MS. TRATT: That's the city of Beaumont, but it's
12 included in a different district.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.

14 MS. TRATT: Just that -- just this small portion.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Was that district included in a VRA
16 district?

17 MS. TRATT: MORCOA is not a VRA district, no.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Then yes, because that would keep
19 the city of Beaumont whole, correct?

20 MS. TRATT: Yes.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So yes.

22 Commissioner Kennedy, do you have a -- no?

23 Or Commissioner Toledo?

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay. I was just wondering,
25 after the line drawer looks at this, if we can just zoom

1 out a little bit so we can take a look at the map a
2 little bit better? Thank you.

3 MS. TRATT: Sorry. That didn't help. Did you want
4 me to zoom in on any particular area of the map?

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm just wondering, the area
6 above La Quinta, if there might be some population there
7 that we might be able to -- well, actually, I think
8 that's already in. I was thinking of Bermuda Dunes, but
9 it's already in the district, it appears. Thank you.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, it does. Thank you,
11 Commissioner Toledo.

12 So I'm sorry. Could we see what that did to our
13 district, please?

14 MS. TRATT: Yeah, absolutely. So adding that, and
15 again, the MORCOA is here because that small portion of
16 the City of Beaumont is inside that district, but adding
17 Beaumont and that small unincorporated area between
18 districts would still put us at a negative --

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay.

20 MS. TRATT: --23 deviation, so we still need 1,734
21 people.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right.

23 MS. TRATT: Should I go ahead and accept this
24 change? It'll make --

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, please.

1 MS. TRATT: -- the maps go a little faster.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, please. Okay.

3 So we need to have a look at an area that we might
4 be able to do as an exchange for something like that.

5 MS. TRATT: Yes.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Could you, sort of, either kind of
7 go all around the areas --

8 MS. TRATT: Yeah, so we could (indiscernible,
9 simultaneous speech) --

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: (Indiscernible, simultaneous
11 speech) --

12 MS. TRATT: Oh, did you --

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Go ahead.

14 MS. TRATT: Did you want me to make recommendations
15 or --

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Please.

17 MS. TRATT: Just looking at areas that are kind of
18 right on the outskirts, we have this Lake Riverside,
19 California, which looks like it's about 1,300 people. We
20 also have Whitewater, or we could add Cabazon,
21 potentially, as well, or we could look to the
22 unincorporated areas to see if we can grab 1,000 people
23 from there.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

25 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: I would suggest Whitewater and

1 that unincorporated area South of it.

2 MS. TRATT: Cool. Let me go ahead --

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

4 MS. TRATT: -- and highlight that.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Also, Sivan, there's that
6 little triangle, which that would be sort of natural to
7 pick up.

8 MS. TRATT: Hold. I'm so sorry. The shape of the
9 district is confusing me as well. Let me fill in the
10 color so that doesn't happen. So I take that back.
11 Whitewater is already in the district, so --

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. Okay.

13 MS. TRATT: -- potentially looking -- we could make
14 a little finger and grab Lake Riverside. Does that seem
15 like a good --

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually, you know, possibly --
17 what's the population of the tribal areas here, which we
18 really don't want to cut up? And there's also -- there's
19 one there. So what was the population? If we do grab
20 out to Lake Riverside, what population do we have there?

21 MS. TRATT: Forty-three people here.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, you don't have to like that.
23 I mean --

24 MS. TRATT: Oh, you mean you want me to select it
25 and see -- okay.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right, right. However we could do
2 it faster, that's --

3 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Absolutely.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- what we want to do.

5 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Sorry about that.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry. I never know -- is your if
7 hand still raised or? We have Commissioner Kennedy,
8 Commissioner Toledo, Commissioner Akutagawa.

9 Commissioner Toledo?

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm just looking at the --
11 maybe perhaps some of the -- I believe it's
12 unincorporated areas, Ranger Park (ph.) and Indian
13 Mountain, perhaps there's some land around there, or some
14 people around that area, after we do this. If we still
15 need population.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

17 MS. TRATT: Woah. So that would put our deviation
18 at negative 1,161 people.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So if we grab Riverside, is there
20 a, like a census block we could drop, make it down to
21 plus or minus one?

22 MS. TRATT: To add --

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Do you think that --

24 MS. TRATT: -- the city or the -- add Lake
25 Riverside, you said?

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, correct.

2 MS. TRATT: Yes. Let me --

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So Lake Riverside would have us
4 then at, what, a positive --

5 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Again, the population numbers to
6 swing are the pre-adjusted totals, so we will have to
7 audit to see what that will do. So yeah, it looks like
8 now we're at eighty-nine people over, so looking to get
9 rid of eighty-nine people.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

11 MR. DRECHSLER: Sivan, can you just go a little bit
12 North here and make sure that this reservation -- I think
13 it's split. If you just want to grab that little box
14 straight up, I think that's part of the -- thank you.

15 MS. TRATT: So actually, I don't think this is
16 actually a native reservation. It's a little bit
17 confusing. I have landmark areas. So this is probably
18 a --

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, it wasn't tribal?

20 MS. TRATT: This is not showing up as part of my
21 tribal layer. Oh, yes, it is. Sorry about that.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. So please grab the rest of
23 that --

24 MS. TRATT: Okay. This district? Okay.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Now, that is Anza, like as in

1 Anza-Borrego. So are we sort of dividing this right
2 smack in half, or?

3 MS. TRATT: The city? So it looks like this is
4 outside of the city of Anza.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Yes. Please add that. We'll
6 see where we are.

7 Commissioner Akutagawa?

8 So now we have -- well, we needed to put -- we
9 needed to keep that area together, so now we need to get
10 rid of a 156 people.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sivan, could you just --
12 yeah -- zoom, kind of, so we could see a little bit more
13 of the area instead of so zoomed in, so we could just get
14 a context for -- and can you go a little bit more North?

15 MS. TRATT: More North?

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Well, actually, can you
17 just -- so that we could see the whole district in its
18 entirety now, with some of these changes. It's just such
19 a huge district, and it's getting even more larger. Can
20 you -- okay -- could you just kind of zoom in now in that
21 Palm Springs area that -- just a little bit more, so we
22 could see more of that detail? Okay.

23 So can I just ask? There's also, I noticed that it
24 looks like there's a tribal area next to Valle Vista. I
25 think that's in BEAVICVAL. Is that something that --

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Can we see -- can we just
2 temporarily see what we -- so we're talking about adding.
3 Could we, I'll go ahead and say this, what if we add
4 that? Do we need to --

5 MS. TRATT: Yeah. You can definitely add it. We
6 are looking -- we are over deviation by 156 people, but I
7 could --

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, that's if you add the other
9 area --

10 MS. TRATT: -- (indiscernible, simultaneous speech)
11 to know how many people we would --

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct. But what if we -- what if
13 we switch one to the other. So could we see --

14 MS. TRATT: I think the problem with that is that
15 then the -- it would be noncontiguous because this is
16 what connects it to the SECA district.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, I think she meant
18 getting rid of that --

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That little piece that we said
20 we're going to put in, that gets us now to 156 people?
21 What if, instead of that, we took the tribal land?

22 MS. TRATT: Okay. One moment, please.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Or actually, can you do it the
24 same -- just not do anything with that. Could you go
25 over and grab the tribal land, and we would see how much

1 that population is?

2 MS. TRATT: Yes.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I think what we
5 really need to do is, we need to step back and we need to
6 look at the districts, and are we okay with what's in the
7 districts now, and then maybe give the line drawers
8 directions to go back to try to get it down to zero.
9 Because if we're going to go through each district to
10 this level, it's -- we're not going to get done. So I
11 just think we just really need to step back, and if we're
12 okay with what the major things that are in there, then
13 we just hopefully move on to the next one. Thanks.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. I like that idea, but we do
15 need to give them direction in terms of what to grab in
16 something like this. Where to go -- like once we get
17 close, then they can say yes, go ahead.

18 But I'm sorry. I did not review this district. I
19 did assume that everyone was okay with it, and I
20 apologize. I should have said that first.

21 MS. TRATT: so there are 563 citizen voting age
22 population in this highlighted area in red, which
23 includes, I believe it's the Soboba Reservation, but let
24 me double-check. Yes.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So we'd still need another

1 1,000 people.

2 MS. TRATT: Would you like me --

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

4 MS. TRATT: -- to accept this change?

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, actually, I'm sorry. Do we
6 already have part of that tribal area in our district?

7 What's the little -- yes -- what's that one?

8 MS. TRATT: Yes, that is overlaps with the City of
9 San Jacinto.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: But is it of -- or is this all
11 one -- that piece and the one you just have highlighted,
12 is that the same tribe? The same area?

13 MS. TRATT: I'm not sure.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Not contiguous?

15 MS. TRATT: It looks like the location of a casino,
16 which I would assume is, yes, part of --

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

18 MS. TRATT: -- the reservation.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So do we think we -- should
20 we add this, everybody, because we already have part of
21 it in our area, or do we want to take the other one? And
22 give -- basically, what I'm looking for is, at what point
23 we believe we can say, Sivan, can you adjust this and fix
24 it for us?

25 Andrew?

1 MR. DRECHSLER: Yeah. If we wanted to maybe take
2 this and then go back down, I believe that was Riverside
3 Lake, not going all the way into Riverside Lake, but
4 there was the other area near the border that we could
5 look at adding. So that -- I was just going to make that
6 point.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, okay. Yes.

8 And Commissioner Akutagawa?

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Two things, Chair.
10 One, I do agree, since where we have part of the Soboba,
11 kind of, tribal enterprise, and also their tribal lands,
12 they should be together, so I would agree that we should
13 include that.

14 Secondly, Chair, if I can, with the utmost request,
15 or respect for you, could I just request that you play
16 the role of our facilitator as the chair, and not try to
17 do all the line drawing? Otherwise, this will become a
18 much longer process, and may not enable others to
19 participate as much because you're trying to line draw
20 instead of trying to facilitate. And it's with the most
21 respect that I do say this to you.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, thank you, Commissioner
23 Akutagawa.

24 The reason I was saying, because -- the reason I was
25 actually giving you direction is because we'd also gotten

1 public comment about everybody -- should it just be the
2 chair who is then saying, go ahead and please make that.
3 I agree that I can -- I'm looking for other people to
4 make the suggestions, and I will step back gladly. But
5 we do need to (audio interference) who's ultimately
6 leading the line drawers, I guess, is the way I would say
7 about that.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That is you, ultimately,
9 but you are in this role, and I'd like to suggest, the
10 main facilitator.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, yes. I'll be happy to. All
12 right.

13 And Commissioner Fernandez?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. My recommendation
15 would be to accept this, and then all of the -- oh, my
16 gosh -- unincorporated area going North, we try to grab
17 as much as we can until we even out. So at least it's --
18 yeah. Thanks.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. My understanding of that is
20 basically, make sure there's no gaps in between it; is
21 that what you were saying?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Please do that. So Sivan,
24 could you go ahead -- great. Thank you.

25 Commissioner Toledo?

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I would support that,
2 as long as the CVAP doesn't go down. So I'm just
3 interested in making sure that we do that, as long as the
4 CVAP doesn't go down. It appears to be maintained, so
5 that will be fine. Thank you.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Thank you very much. And
7 everyone, this is a -- that is the important -- the big
8 difference between -- we need to keep the CVAP up. We
9 have to make other changes if the CVAP gets low, so.
10 Thank you.

11 So what is another idea that the -- I guess we do
12 have a -- Andrew gave us an idea on the floor. Would we
13 maybe go over and have a look at that, please? And what
14 does everyone think of?

15 MS. TRATT: I was going to start adding the
16 population that was suggested by Commissioner Fernandez,
17 but if that's what --

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you
19 already did. Please do that.

20 MS. TRATT: Oh, no. And I just wanted to confirm
21 that it was this area here; is that correct?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, that's correct. Thank
23 you, Sivan.

24 MS. TRATT: Okay. Perfect. I will start adding
25 population, and you can keep an eye on the Latino CVAP

1 and the population in this box.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And just a reminder
4 to everyone that the prior CECA Latino CVAP was 51.81.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Looks like we're not
7 getting a lot of population there.

8 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Do you want me to commit this, or
9 continue grabbing unincorporated population?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I like that. Is there any
11 way to put the numbers up again, Sivan, like you did, in
12 terms of what the census numbers? Thank you.

13 MS. TRATT: On each census block?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

15 MS. TRATT: Yeah. So only to zoom in to show that.
16 Let me grab this. Let me -- I added a second layer that
17 has the outlines only, so let me see if I can turn the
18 labels on. Okay. Find. Are you able to see those? I
19 can make them a little bit darker, if not.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can you zoom out, please?
21 Just so I can see what the district looks like now.
22 Thank you.

23 MS. TRATT: Oh, yep.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Commissioner Fernandez,
25 do you have an idea here or?

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, not really, right now.
2 It's just, I was thinking of going in and taking more of
3 San Bernardino, but it's just -- yeah. I'm open for
4 other suggestions. Thanks.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Could we put the heat map on,
6 please? And then we can go around, say, the edges, to
7 see if there's an area close by of Latino population,
8 which we may have missed?

9 MS. TRATT: Where would you like me to start zooming
10 in and looking on the edges?

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Kennedy?

12 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Chair, I would take up Andrew's
13 suggestion to look there South of Anza.

14 MS. TRATT: Would you like me to start bringing in
15 population from the census box here?

16 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Chair, I would say yes.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry. I realized my -- I'm not
18 on. Yes, please.

19 MS. TRATT: Would you like me to add the reservation
20 or the -- I'm not sure if it's (audio interference) or
21 this tribal area right here?

22 MS. TRATT: We did have -- that was Andrew's
23 suggestion, so could you please put that on the -- you
24 capture that and give us the numbers on it, please?

25 MS. TRATT: Yeah. So grabbing that, it looks like

1 we still need about 343 people.

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Sivan, can you make sure you
3 grab that little part that went up into the neighboring
4 district to the North?

5 MS. TRATT: Yes. I'm just cleaning up the edges.

6 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Thank you.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So Sivan, I'm sorry, do you have
8 heat map on now?

9 MS. TRATT: Yep. The heat map is on.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And that certainly looks like an
11 area where we should probably try, then. Can you put --
12 could put the block -- yeah. Thank you.

13 MS. TRATT: So now we're 4 --

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Wait. Ooh. I'm sorry. Because
15 there was a number 4 right next to you. Did anyone see
16 it? Did anyone see that, or am I seeing things? Back
17 over to where you just added stuff? Yeah. That's it.

18 MS. TRATT: (Indiscernible, simultaneous speech)
19 four over, so this is -- we need to get rid of a four
20 that would be --

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry. I made
22 a mistake. Yes. So shall we -- at this point, shall we
23 just say, hey, let Sivan do this, and we move to the next
24 area, and when she finds that, she can get back to us?
25 I'm seen a couple of nods, but again, I don't really

1 see -- yes. I'm getting thumbs up. Yes.

2 So Sivan, would you please do that? And let's move
3 on to our next area, which --

4 MS. TRATT: Also, I'd just like to note the CVAP,
5 the Latino CVAP ended with was 52.52 percent.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. And that went up from the
7 51.8; is that correct? Yes.

8 MR. DRECHSLER: Correct. Correct.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Now, if you could back out,
10 please? And so at this point, we could do -- we have
11 two, sort of, options, we could go and work on the other
12 VRA districts in Riverside, or we could do the
13 architectural changes in San Diego. What's the
14 preference here?

15 Commissioner Kennedy?

16 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Chair, I think we need to
17 finish up San Diego before we start moving North, because
18 otherwise, we are creating a possibility of a bubble that
19 will cause us problems down the road.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

21 Commissioner Toledo?

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I would agree. I think if we
23 if we go up, then we -- there's less of a chance we'll
24 have a bubble, given the plus one deviation.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Wonderful. Then I say --

1 does anyone really not want to do that?

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I normally like to go through
3 the VRA first, but I think this is the only way to ensure
4 that we are in compliance with our equal population
5 requirement, which is before VRA, right?

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: This is a different thing. So
9 thank you very much.

10 So with that now, who wanted to -- what was the
11 architectural change in here? And can you give us a
12 goal, and steps, and we can go through it and talk about
13 it, and then to do the line drawing?

14 Commissioner Toledo?

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Pardon? I missed that. I
16 missed the question.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, for the architectural changes
18 in the San Diego, did you have an idea?

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think Commissioners Sinay
20 had some suggestions or recommendations. I think, let's
21 start there, and then I think that we can add to it.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Okay. I thought you had -- I
23 didn't know if your hand was raised with an idea.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Oh, sorry. I'm sorry. I
25 meant to take it down.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.

2 Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: This is building on what
4 Commissioner Turner had mentioned for step two. So the
5 long term goal would be to have all of the rural areas
6 together like we did in the Assembly map. To get
7 there -- can you zoom out a little bit, so we have all of
8 San Diego together? I mean, you can see all of San
9 Diego? To get there, we would need to -- my suggestion,
10 and others may see a quicker route, but would be to take
11 what's rural right now in SMESCPOW and put it into
12 Southwest Riverside.

13 And then, we're going to be pulling -- we'll pull
14 some population from SD coast into the SE -- yeah -- SM,
15 blah, blah, blah, and we're going to basically create a
16 central San Diego district like we did with the Assembly,
17 and then an East rural district. And then, so that would
18 be kind of -- that's where my thinking is coming, and
19 where we would cut -- we would need to look to see which
20 ones of the big -- there's different cities that are
21 bigger populations than others, to see which goes with
22 the rural community to make sure that we get the right
23 numbers.

24 But the first thing I would do is pull in all the
25 South -- all along the border, the part that's not part

1 of the VRA district, along the border -- down, yeah --
2 along the border, and then start picking up the cities
3 and leave out what we just put in, which was La Mesa,
4 Lemon Grove, La Presa, make sure those are all -- it kind
5 of surrounds them.

6 Am I making sense, or does make sense to -- yeah --
7 because that's going to be coastal, so yes.

8 Oh, I'm sorry. I'm not making sense. So I guess
9 you would take the Southwest Riverside and go down to the
10 border, going around those communities.

11 Is that right, Andrew and Sivan? Am I sounding
12 better there?

13 MR. DRECHSLER: So we need to add just under 6,000
14 people to this SME district, so if you wanted --

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, right now, we're still
16 doing structural changes --

17 MR. DRECHSLER: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- then fixing.

19 MR. DRECHSLER: Okay.

20 MS. TRATT: Right. I'm just -- I guess I'm just
21 trying to get a better sense of what you're envisioning.
22 I'm going to put on the Assembly lines in yellow, and
23 maybe you could describe what you were picturing here.
24 Do you want it just kind of a East county, so instead of
25 splitting it here, just orienting population more North-

1 South? Am I getting that right?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

3 MS. TRATT: Okay. So I would say we should, instead
4 of going down, we should start with this district, remove
5 the areas that you don't want in it, and then add back
6 the areas that you do want, or vice versa.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And move it to which area? I
8 guess that's where I was being confused -- I was
9 confusing myself.

10 MS. TRATT: Well, it depends on your vision, I
11 guess. If you want more of the City of San Diego in this
12 district. Yeah, we'll just kind of have to see what it
13 looks like, but yup.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I guess I was -- yeah.
15 That makes sense. I guess I was trying to figure out how
16 one would kind of become more of a V. How do you move a
17 horizontal line to a vertical line is where I was
18 struggling.

19 MS. TRATT: So yeah. Maybe I can just start kind of
20 reorienting the shape of the district, unless there's
21 different direction from the chair.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I think --

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry. Go ahead, Commissioner
25 Sinay.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, no. I wanted to encourage
2 others to think this through.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. And Commissioner Akutagawa,
4 could I get -- let's get a couple of ideas here, because
5 I'm not clear what you're -- at this point, it might be
6 good, like, I'd like to have these and these and these
7 together. I'd like to have that and that and that
8 together.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. I can say all of it if
10 you want to see -- okay. So what eventually I would like
11 is to have all of East coast -- East coast, sorry -- the
12 rural community together, because they've asked to be
13 together over and over again, and that would include, if
14 it works, Valley Center, Pala, Jamul -- I mean, up --
15 yeah -- that one corner all the way down to Jamul, and
16 all the way down to the border. Wrapping around the --
17 that one COI, that's El Cajon to La Mesa.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The other -- we would want to
20 have a coastal, and it looks -- right now, coming from
21 Orange County down to San Diego, and then downtown San
22 Diego. We'd have to see exact -- it's hard without
23 knowing exactly what the numbers are, but downtown San
24 Diego and some of the community -- well, wait.

25 So La Mesa and all that would be, as Commissioner

1 Turner said, with the Asian business COI, if it works,
2 and then, downtown San Diego would go up the coast.

3 And --

4 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Can we -- sorry -- can we just
5 keep on this district. Do you want me to remove the
6 portion of the City of San Diego? Are you trying to
7 remove the City of San Diego from the East county
8 district? Okay.

9 I'm going to add the portion of San Diego that's in
10 SMESCPOW into SD coast, and that will give us at least a
11 better sense of a starting point.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. And while you're doing
13 that, can we hear from Commissioner Akutagawa?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. So two things. One,
15 we did just -- I just saw an email that our -- the maps
16 that are being shown do not match what is on the map
17 viewer, and we have individuals who are commenting on
18 what's on the map viewer, not what's being shown here.
19 So I just wanted to note that. I have let -- Fredy, I've
20 let you know. So I wanted to just say that.

21 Separately, I appreciate what Commissioner Sinay is
22 trying to do, but I think it might be good to just do
23 more -- start with a larger overview of the area. I
24 mean, the SMESCPOW, the San Diego coast has 7,000 under
25 deviation. We're looking at SOCNSD at minus 4,200,

1 roughly under. So we're talking big bits of population
2 that we're going to have to pick up here. So I think --
3 I wanted to just say that out loud, too, so that we're
4 conscious of just the bigger picture of this area, and
5 how that is going to mean, again, yet another large
6 district moving up, most likely up into Riverside, up the
7 15, probably makes the most sense, because then that will
8 keep a lot of the inland cities that want to stay inland
9 and together with other inland cities together.

10 And then the coastal cities, we've heard a lot from
11 San Diego that want a really, truly coastal area. So if
12 it's a city touching the water, then it should be in a
13 coastal district. So maybe that might be a good way to
14 just break things down and kind of start pulling in the
15 cities that need to be in a district. Thank you.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.

17 Commissioner Fornaciari?

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I agree with that.
19 I mean, I think we're going in the right direction. I
20 just think we need to keep going, because --

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- we've got to blow this
23 whole thing up and then dial it in because it's
24 completely wrong.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, exactly.

1 Commissioner Taylor?

2 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. Again, I would have to
3 agree. I don't think we have to overcomplicate this. We
4 have certain natural barriers that we created. We have a
5 district we already created. We have water on the left
6 side, on the West of us. So we either look at it
7 vertically or horizontally, either it's the North and
8 South or East or West. Just the sheer numbers is going
9 to dictate that we have to do that. We have to fill in
10 the space to the right bordering the district we've
11 created, so --

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Exactly.

13 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: -- I think that's how we
14 should -- how we should go.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Yes, I completely agree.
16 Commissioner Turner?

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I just wanted to say I
18 definitely was in support of what Commissioner Sinay is
19 trying to do, and I think the deviations will look a
20 little wonky. The numbers will look a little off until
21 she completes shifting some things around.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, yes. Exactly. Yeah. The only
23 thing I would ask is -- I'm sorry. Now, who's new on
24 this?

25 Neal, you also want to say something? Commissioner

1 Fornaciari? No.

2 Commissioner Taylor, you just finished?

3 And then, so is it Commissioner Sinay?

4 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. (Indiscernible,
5 simultaneous speech) --

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So finish your -- yeah --
7 okay.

8 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I'm finished. I'm finished.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I did a Fernandez.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think it is predominantly --

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Wow.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It is predominantly North-
16 South, but there is -- it may be up by Vista,
17 depending -- it depends once we see the deviations, but
18 there is a COI that goes along the 78 corridor that's
19 Escondido, San Marcos, Carlsbad.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So as we build it, it -- and,
22 ironically, one of the -- one of the comments that we got
23 was that folks in San Diego don't see it as one long
24 coastal district. They see North coast and downtown.
25 But if it's one long North coastal, it's -- I mean, one

1 long coastal, that would be great.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you. So yeah. I
3 understand where you're headed here on this one. And
4 then, what I would appreciate is if then, if you started
5 at -- because again, we don't want to lose any -- have a
6 bubble. But the one at the coast, if you could go that
7 one, and then if you want to -- what's in the middle of
8 that, that's great. But can you continue on what you
9 want to take out of this, or what you want to keep into
10 it?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sivan, where you at right now?
12 Sorry.

13 MS. TRATT: So I just removed the portion of the
14 City of San Diego that's in this now East county
15 district, and then that will give us a better starting
16 point of knowing how much to add. So I'm going to go
17 ahead and accept this, if that's okay.

18 And now we know that we're looking for -- unless
19 there's any further refinements, we're looking for
20 192,956 people.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And since this is where -- can
22 I recommend -- so we want -- and we need to add that many
23 people, right?

24 MS. TRATT: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: All right. So let's put Poway

1 in that district, please.

2 MS. TRATT: Okay. You still need 48 --

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yep. Can you put -- and we're
4 going to go over, just so everybody knows. Can you put
5 Rainbow, Fallbrook, and Bonsall in that district, please?

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: While we're waiting on this,
7 Commissioner Akutagawa, do you have something to add to
8 this?

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, I'll see where this
10 goes.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Commissioner Toledo?

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. I mean, I do see
13 the San Marcos, Escondido COI potentially being in this
14 district as well. It would overpopulate, but that's a
15 potential population center, and we are looking for
16 significant population.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Is that in your vision,
18 Commissioner Sinay?

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It depends. Right now, I'm
20 trying to grab all the different -- because we're now
21 also pull out down below. So that is a definite
22 potential. Can we also add all the unincorporated area
23 all the way around -- down in Escondido and around
24 Escondido?

25 MS. TRATT: To the -- on this side, or towards --

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: On that side, and then up
2 above. Yeah.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And Commissioner Fornaciari?

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I'm sorry. I was
5 going to say something earlier, but I'll (audio
6 interference).

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm open for any help.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Chair, can I make a comment
9 here, now?

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, please.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: All right. I'll be honest.
12 I think, instead of putting in Rainbow, Fallbrook, and
13 Bonsall into this district, to keep it a little bit more
14 compact, perhaps we should look at Escondido. I mean,
15 it's 150,000 people right there, and to see what can we
16 do with that, and then maybe look at -- I mean, I don't
17 know. I don't think we can fit both Poway and Escondido,
18 but maybe split part of Escondido to make it a little bit
19 more compact.

20 And then the Rainbow, Fallbrook, and Bonsall, I
21 think is better going into the Southwest Riverside
22 district, because there was -- I know that there were
23 some about not wanting to cross counties, but we've
24 already gotten over that. And I think they are better
25 paired with Temecula, and Lake Elsinore, and the counties

1 that go a little -- the cities that go a little bit more
2 North. Plus it'll be a much more compact district
3 because this is already a large district.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I hear you. This is similar to
5 the Assembly, and the COI, they specifically, Fallbrook,
6 those guys asked to be with all of it. But I'm okay
7 either way. So yes, let's go that way then.

8 I just want to remind folks that we are going to
9 pull still from this -- out from this district, because
10 we've heard often that Lemon Grove and all those, it's a
11 different -- that one goes more towards the city of San
12 Diego versus East county.

13 So go ahead and put Escondido, as everyone's asking.
14 I think that's great.

15 MS. TRATT: (Indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. As long as the chair
17 wants (audio interference).

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: You're muted. Chair,
19 you're muted.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yes. On this, if we
21 could grab that? And then, I believe what I was --

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Can I interject here real
23 quick?

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: We're going to -- we're

1 going to redo this again if we go this route.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: What we need to do is go
4 down to the bottom. We need to pull out of this district
5 what we want to pull out because we've got to squish it
6 up.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. That's actually -- I'm sorry.
8 That's what I was saying about --

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And then we'll have to
10 figure out the balance later.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. We'll do this part, stop on
12 this one, go back down to the bottom, and grab in what we
13 need to, or get out what we need to. So let's sort of
14 start from that area, because I believe everyone's
15 concerned that what's going to happen here is we'll have
16 taken too much, and there's no area to grab the people.

17 So let's go ahead and do this one, please.

18 And then, Commissioner Sinay, I might have you start
19 on a slightly different area, or pull out at the bottom,
20 as Commissioner Sinay -- as Commissioner Fornaciari was
21 saying.

22 And Commissioner Sadhwani?

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I mean, I definitely
24 agree with the piece around pulling out and starting down
25 at the bottom. But just conceptually, and kind of big

1 picture, and I think we've heard a lot from the Fallbrook
2 folks, and some of it has been conflicting testimony, but
3 in general, I would support them being in this district
4 because it also, then, supports keeping the county
5 together.

6 So to me, it's bringing in Escondido, maintaining
7 that COI of Fallbrook, Rainbow, Bonsall, and keeping them
8 all together within a San Diego based district.

9 MS. TRATT: So Chair, am I able to accept this
10 change, and move to remove more population?

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. So please, accept this
12 change. And I believe we're going to hold on this one,
13 and go down to the bottom and grab -- so Commissioner
14 Sinay, you're grabbing stuff out of this area, down in
15 this area, down to here; is that correct?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes. And this is where you all
17 can help me on which communities do we want to pull out
18 for the COI that we have heard of that -- this is the
19 City Heights East COI.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Maybe we could start with
21 the -- at the border and do that COI first, or that
22 district first? Because right now, that's the hold, or
23 are you only -- you're not doing anything on that side?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, we're not doing anything on
25 that side. Okay. I'm just going to --

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. It is a little --

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was trying to do this
3 collaboratively, but I'm going to move us forward. So if
4 we could do La Mesa, La Presa --

5 MS. TRATT: Adding (audio interference)?

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. Move it to the coast.

7 MS. TRATT: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Lemon Grove. And I believe
9 that's Spring Valley in this one, or not? Does anyone
10 remember? In the COI? I think so.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Bring down (audio
12 interference).

13 MS. TRATT: Just to note, we're intentionally moving
14 population out of an already -- a district that already
15 needs 30,000 people. We're aware of that? Okay. Just
16 wanted to make sure. Should I go ahead and accept this
17 change, or did you want to also add Spring Valley?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think I would keep Spring
19 Valley out unless we find a -- I can't confirm which way.
20 Usually, these were the ones mentioned.

21 MS. TRATT: And what about El Cajon and Santee? Did
22 you want to keep them in separate districts, or keep them
23 both in East county?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioners?

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, yeah. Commissioner Turner?

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Before we respond
2 there, I'm just wondering if we can address again,
3 publicly, what's going on with the maps, because we're
4 still getting information that's coming in that says
5 we're working off of a refined -- or refining a map
6 that's not posted. Different than what's in district
7 viewer. Map names that they're not seeing posted. And
8 I'm just wondering if we can address that, so that we're
9 not confusing those that's trying to call in and follow
10 the process.

11 So can we is there a way, staff, that we can line
12 up, check, name what we're working on, as opposed to what
13 is posted, and if that's different than what we're
14 working from in our map viewer?

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
16 Yes. Is it literally just the names that are different,
17 or do we know? Is it the same document?

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I don't know the specifics. I
19 do know the names are different. There is apparently
20 differences in South Bay, San Diego, or South Bay SD, and
21 a BEAVICVAL that is posted in maybe map viewer, but
22 not -- it doesn't appear in both places, so I'm not sure.
23 I'm trying to look for it now.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen, can I
25 suggest we take a break so that we can contact the line

1 drawn and just verify --

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Yeah. Thank you very much
3 for bringing this up, Commissioner Turner. This is
4 extremely important. We do not want the public to be
5 confused about what we're doing. There is only one draft
6 map that we're looking at, and I believe it's just
7 misnaming that's different. But this isn't another
8 document that we've created that we haven't been posting.

9 So we'll pause right now. Take a break, and figure
10 out the differences, so the public is not confused, and
11 we're all looking at the same thing. Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Chair, just so that
13 everybody is clear, for those who are using, like, some
14 kind of program, could we also request that the
15 Shapefiles also be posted, so that way then there's less
16 confusion? Just looking at a PDF may not be enough, and
17 it may be best to post up the Shapefiles, which I did
18 (indiscernible), but they're not posted. I went looking
19 for it myself, too.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And you say, go to our draft maps
21 here, and it brought you to a page that had all of the
22 Shapefiles, it had everything on there.

23 We'll take a break, and we'll come back, and we'll
24 show the public where these things are on our website.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

1 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:00 p.m.
2 until 4:19 p.m.)

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, welcome back, everyone. And
4 sorry for that bit of confusion, but they are indeed the
5 same files on our -- our map viewer is the same file.
6 It's the same district. The names were made sort of
7 easier to understand. There's a short name and a long
8 name on our files. The short name is what we're looking
9 at on our map, and it was the long name that was on the
10 website.

11 So what we're doing is we're -- and the Shapefiles
12 are indeed on our website. If you go to the very first
13 page, the homepage, and you scroll down that homepage,
14 and it says "draft maps", and you click on that, it's
15 going to take you to the map viewer. And the very first
16 thing on the map viewer is, we have our draft -- the
17 draft maps are on this, if you want the Shapefiles, and
18 click right there, and it takes you to all the listings
19 of all the files.

20 So I'm sorry for the confusion. It was done,
21 actually, to make it easier for people to understand.
22 But we all know, if you put a label on something -- as
23 long as it's the same label, we don't really know -- we
24 don't really care what it is. So that's being sorted out
25 now. I believe it is good, or at least I hope.

1 And could I have a staff -- has that indeed been
2 verified? All right.

3 While we're waiting for that, we do need to move
4 along here, so.

5 And Commissioner Sadhwani, I'm going to call on you
6 first.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure. So I think where we
8 left off was looking at what cities would move out of the
9 SMESCPOW. I believe -- I don't know if it was
10 Commissioner Sinay or someone else who had mentioned La
11 Mesa and La Presa -- I believe La Presa as well. I just
12 wanted to also put in there El Cajon. We've heard quite
13 a lot from the community about not wanting to be with
14 other areas. We weren't able to keep the city whole in
15 the Assembly maps, but it would be great to explore if
16 that would be an option for us this time around in the
17 Congressional maps.

18 I recognize, however, we're continuing to pull
19 populations out of this district, so we're going to need
20 to pick them up somewhere else as we move further up. I
21 think there's some ideas about how to do that. So thank
22 you.

23 Chair, you're on mute.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. So your recommendation,
25 at this point, is to, what? To pull La Mesa --

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: La Mesa, La Presa, El Cajon,
2 possibly also Spring Valley, and pull all of them out of
3 this district.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Out of the --

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: SMESCPOW.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And put them where? In SD coast?

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: For now, into the SD coast.
8 I think, actually, what I would like to see is, actually,
9 two different districts in this area down here. One
10 that's more centralized, and then the more coastal one
11 that I think Commissioner Sinay was talking about.

12 So this has been a strong COI. We've heard a lot
13 about these areas, and so pulling them into a district
14 that's more centered in this center area.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. All right. That's an idea.
16 Commissioner Akutagawa?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I actually, I do
18 like what Commissioner Sadhwani just said about, perhaps
19 maybe it's creating a central inland district, but the
20 thing is, is that it might just be another long district.
21 So I don't know if that's going to be possible to do.

22 From the COI testimony that we've received, Spring
23 Valley, I heard included often with La Presa, and La
24 Mesa, and El Cajon. While their preference was to be
25 with what is currently the VRA district, clearly from the

1 population numbers, we're not going to be able to do
2 that. They didn't really want to be with the coastal
3 district, but right now, perhaps that's where we put
4 them, and then see what we can do about creating more of
5 a central inland district on the Eastern San Diego side,
6 going further North to try to pick up more population as
7 we take those populations out.

8 I would also say then, we should -- we've taken out
9 as Escondido. I would also like to see, in taking out El
10 Cajon, La Presa, La Mesa, and Spring Valley, perhaps we
11 could put in Poway and those unincorporated areas in
12 between, just so that it, again, it stays a little bit
13 more compact. We also heard or saw COI testimony, as
14 well, too, about the connection between Poway and Ramona.
15 So that would probably be good to at least bring them in.
16 So I'll stop there. Thank you.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Commissioner Fernandez.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry. I did a
19 Commissioner Taylor.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Commissioner Fornaciari?

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Pull the trigger. Let's
22 go.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. All right. So --

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm just curious. Let's
25 figure out what the coastal district looks like --

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- then we'll figure out
3 what this central district looks like. Go, go, go.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I like it. I like it a lot. Okay.
5 So we've got that. Now, who's going to work on our next
6 district? Are we still --

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: (Indiscernible,
8 simultaneous speech) --

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Pardon?

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Can I keep going?

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Do I still have -- is
13 there time left --

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- in my minute?

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No. We've actually --

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Zoom in. Zoom in
18 on the coast and go -- I want to look a little further
19 South. South. The other South. Okay. So right now --
20 yeah -- zoom in just above Coronado, there.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry. Are we are all right
22 down -- could you go down the border here for just one
23 second? Just scroll that on down to make sure we're
24 not -- okay, great. So Coronado is the last thing that
25 the -- great.

1 Go ahead, Commissioner Fornaciari.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. So we have SD coast
3 there. So we want -- I mean, I think what we want to
4 have is a coastal district like we have with the Assembly
5 district, with the Assembly. And that was, I think, I-5
6 was the delineator at that; was that correct? So why
7 don't we go ahead and just start grabbing everything
8 that's on the East -- or the West side of I-5, and head
9 on up. And put it in -- oh, it's already in SD coast.
10 Where does -- okay. Yeah. I mean, just recreate that
11 going North. The yellow lines are the Assembly district,
12 correct?

13 MS. TRATT: That's correct. Yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

15 MS. TRATT: So right now , let me turn it off again
16 so you can see the shape of the SD coast district. Right
17 now, it includes basically all of the City of San Diego.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh, I got you. Okay.
19 Well, we need to make a new district in the middle, then,
20 or something. I mean, what happened? I guess the other
21 districts are all way up there, huh?

22 MS. TRATT: Yeah. We're down by 300,000 people in
23 both of these two districts.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Well, we'll get
25 that fixed when we get up there. I think we need to just

1 do the middle. Can you make, like, a new district that's
2 like central San Diego or something, and put La Mesa, El
3 Cajon, Spring Valley, and those other -- the other yellow
4 and green one, and then a bunch of San Diego in there, or
5 something?

6 MS. TRATT: Yes. One moment, please. So you would
7 like me to unassign -- you said all of these cities,
8 correct?

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah.

10 MS. TRATT: Okay. Those are all unassigned to a
11 district.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. All right. And
13 then we'll zoom in to San Diego, and find -- let's just
14 start -- yeah. Where were the roads? Oh, okay. There
15 we go. So just --

16 MS. TRATT: You wanted me to keep adding to the --

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Just keep --

18 MS. TRATT: -- unassigned population?

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Just keep adding.
20 Go all the way to 5 and add to that, and we'll see -- up
21 to the 52, and see where we'll get.

22 MS. TRATT: Okay. One moment, please.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: This okay? Is everybody
24 okay with where we're going here? Okay.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry. So basically, you're taking

1 this out of the SD coast --

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: SD coast.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- and putting it into this new
4 district, correct?

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right. And then we'll
6 make sure we got the correct COI in the middle with
7 the -- I don't know if the Convoy district and all that's
8 going to be further North, but we're going to --

9 MS. TRATT: This is Convoy right here, this little
10 upside down triangle.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. So we're in a --

12 MS. TRATT: I think it's all (audio interference)
13 business district as well.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No, we're good. Okay.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. While Sivan is doing that,
16 is that's also what you're envisioning, Commissioner
17 Akutagawa and/or Commissioner Sinay?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I mean, either way.
19 Either way is fine. I know that Commissioner Sinay said
20 that there's a -- and there is, a North county and a
21 South county split. San Diego's one and North County's
22 another one, but perhaps for the sake of just trying to
23 achieve the deviation that we need, and especially if
24 we're going to try to create this more central district,
25 as well, too, I think we're going to have to go further

1 up the coast on this as well.

2 The other alternative is to just split somewhere in
3 the middle, that central area, and half of it is going to
4 go to the coast and the other half is going to go to the
5 East. Right now, I guess I'm just thinking about it in
6 terms of the population deviations that we're trying to
7 meet, and then at the same time, trying to also keep in
8 mind the COIs that we want, so. Yeah.

9 I don't know, Commissioner Fornaciari, if this is
10 kind of like what you were thinking as well, too.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I didn't know
12 how -- I mean, we're almost there. We're 67,000 people
13 sort of a district right now, so I think -- so you got --
14 I mean, we want to take out the stuff on the other side
15 of 5, but I think we're getting so close, and I just -- I
16 want to make sure we're -- then, once we get here, then
17 we figure out how to massage it to get the COIs we want.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. And Commissioner Sinay, is
19 this the -- are we taking too much, not enough, different
20 area?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, I think it's great, and we
22 do have alternatives if we want to pull out some of the
23 neighborhood. I mean, I like this district. I think
24 this is a great district. It brings in a lot of people.

25 What I want -- I do want to say that Ramona is

1 absolutely rural, so pulling it into this mid-city --
2 this inland wouldn't be a good idea that -- what was
3 being said about Poway and Ramona. It's better to go
4 Poway and Ramona out than Poway and --

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- Ramona in

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. But we're not there yet.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think this looks great.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, great. Thank you,
10 Commissioner Sinay.

11 Commissioner Turner? No.

12 Commissioner Sadhwani? Wait. Oh. I'm sorry. One
13 minute.

14 Commissioner Fornaciari, I did intend for you to --
15 are you done with that? And you want to add that?

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I do. We need 68,000 more
17 people.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. And --

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think Commissioner
20 Sadhwani has an idea.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Sadhwani has a --

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I'm guessing that
23 this area right along the 5 is probably highly populated,
24 so my preference would actually be -- Sivan, are we
25 looking at that Convoy district COI that we've heard a

1 lot about?

2 MS. TRATT: Yeah. That was --

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Is that the orange?

4 MS. TRATT: Yep.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yep. So my preference, and
6 I just want to feel others out on this, is rather than
7 going all the way out to the 5, trying to spread this
8 district slightly more Northward. And that might mean
9 coming up closer along the border of that COI, but that
10 way, we could attempt to keep it more intact. And
11 picking up those areas, we had looked at this, also, on
12 the Assembly side, of Mira Mesa and some of those
13 neighborhoods that are further up there that include that
14 Convoy district, that business and commerce area. I'd
15 like to try and respect that COI to the extent possible.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And are these --

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, go ahead.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I was just going to say,
20 if possible. Just to remember, it's not the 56. But the
21 Penasquitos Creek is what locals have told us. So that
22 captures both sides of the 56. And I think there is a
23 way to take some down from the lower part. There are
24 some communities that we can move out into the coastal
25 area that makes sense, because they're close to the

1 downtown area.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So --

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So that can be done.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So are you saying -- because
5 Commissioner Sadhwani is saying move the West line,
6 instead of at the 5, move it basically inland to
7 essentially right beside that COI district; is that
8 correct, yeah? Okay.

9 MS. TRATT: Alternatively, we could try using the
10 805. That might be a more major dividing line. And
11 then, once we've grabbed the majority up to the 56, if we
12 still have -- we can try and accommodate those folks.
13 But we don't want to leave a hole right here.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If we do 805, my only concern
15 is that we leave out Linda Vista.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. I'm not sure where that is.
17 So basically, do we want to -- again, we're trying to
18 move this bottom -- this West line into that, essentially
19 COI area, and then, grab the rest of the COI? Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That would be my preference.
21 And that could even mean cutting that lower -- is that
22 what, the 8 fits underneath there?

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: You know that lower portion
25 of San Diego could even stay for the Coastal District,

1 potentially. But I don't know.

2 Commissioner Sinay, do you have thoughts on that?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. We could go 8 to the
4 805. And then, to the VRA District and put all that in
5 the Coastal. That would work.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So Commissioner Sinay, from where
7 we are right there and on the 8, that cut, you're saying
8 take that -- the portion that is now between the 8 and
9 the 805 and the 5, and remove that from this new
10 district?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. And was that -- do we have
13 consensus on trying to do that? Sort of? No?

14 Commissioner Akutagawa?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Just a quick
16 question, two questions. One, there's that La Mesa, I
17 believe El Cajon, Spring Valley, La Presa area, did that
18 get moved into this area, or did it get put back into
19 that East San Diego area? Because, I think from the COI
20 testimony, I think they would be better suited to be in
21 this, kind of, more Central Inland District.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: They are.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: The other thing --

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: They are.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: The other thing too is

1 that --

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Looks like they are.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: They are?

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Is it fixed?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, they're not.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think they got moved out.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Yes, they are.

9 MS. TRATT: They are in the --

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: They're getting moved in.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: We're getting them moved in?

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, so they're going
14 to -- so we'll need to see them moved in, so that we'll
15 see what the numbers are.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: The other --

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes, they're already --

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: They're on there.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. The other thing is,
21 is that along the 8, you have San Diego State University.
22 So I just want to caution where we're going to the cut,
23 and just look to see and make sure we're not going to
24 split the university, split dorms and other student
25 housing areas, so.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Great.

2 MS. TRATT: So this can update you where are
3 currently with the map. The area highlighted in red is
4 proposed to be add to those areas that we removed from
5 the East County District. So that's El Cajon, La Mesa,
6 Spring Valley. And currently, the size of this
7 population total is 7.18 percent over deviation. So we
8 need to get rid of 54,593 people before -- yeah.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. So I say we accept it, and
10 then, chop some out.

11 MS. TRATT: One moment, please.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And also, what is our -- oh, okay.
13 Our coast is extremely low. Okay. Now, so what areas do
14 we want to -- what, you know, according to COIs, what
15 area are we trying to get rid of 54,000 people? What
16 should not be in this area?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That 8. That 8 slice we were
18 talking about.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That little triangle that Sivan is
20 pointing to?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: All the way to the 805. If you
22 go to the 163, you'll cut the LGBT COI.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

24 Sivan, could you grab that and see -- give our
25 numbers on that, please?

1 MS. TRATT: So -- yeah. So keep an eye on this
2 number here. So it doesn't look like I'm going to be
3 able to make it all the way out to the 805. Would you
4 like me to abandon this change and look elsewhere, or
5 accept, and then, refine? Because we are quite close to
6 our deviation.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sinay, Commissioner
8 Akutagawa, ideas?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think I would rather go all
10 the way there. And then, we can fix it up above.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right.

12 Ms. Akutagawa, you're scratching your head. Was
13 that not a good idea?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That's good.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So please do that, Sivan.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: What about --

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So taking this --

18 Sorry, go ahead.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: What about along the Santee
20 border? Can we remove some of the unincorporated areas
21 along there as well too?

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, we also now notice we're
23 going negative in this. So we need to then add. If we
24 want to take areas out around the Santee border --

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, okay.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- we also need to add someplace
2 else. So if we -- does this look right, according to
3 the -- our communities' interest?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If we can clean up above the 8.

5 MS. TRATT: Yes.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

7 MS. TRATT: I'm doing that now.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And Sivan, this will go into the SD
9 Coast District, correct? Yes. Okay.

10 MS. TRATT: Yes.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Can I just ask, what is
13 that road that's right above the 8? Is that Friars Road?

14 MS. TRATT: That's above.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It seems too far up, but.

16 MS. TRATT: Yes. That is Friars Road.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Yeah, that would
18 make sense. That's also that big shopping and condos
19 area too, so that part --

20 MS. TRATT: So do you not want me to snap to the 8
21 then?

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No. No, no, no. You
23 should include that. That --

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, no, no. It's better to
25 stop at the 8.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, at the 8? Yeah. Oh,
2 wait.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: You want -- but they
5 need -- is it overpopulation now? We're under.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: But we're going to grab from up
7 North.

8 MS. KLONER: We're making it longer and skinnier.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That's a -- well, it used
10 to be a pretty, kind of -- it matches with the coast
11 area. Okay.

12 Put your show -- could you share why you think up to
13 Friars wouldn't work?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The natural boundary for San
15 Diego is the 8. And you -- it's North of 8 or South of
16 8, that's how the individuals talk. Because it's not
17 just the 8, but it's also the river. So it's -- people
18 just use the 8 as just, kind of, a harbor area. And my
19 thought right now -- I mean, it could work. But I wanted
20 before -- we're at negative right now in that Central
21 District. And I think that's the first one we want to
22 get right, before we look at the Coastal District, if I'm
23 correct.

24 Right, Andrew and --

25 MS. TRATT: Oh.

1 MR. TURNER: That is correct. And we want to add --
2 to the Central District, we need to add 48,000. So we --
3 if you have suggestions of where to add population?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would say Mira Mesa at the
5 far right.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's in there already.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: It's in there.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Great.

9 MS. TRATT: Perhaps Carmel --

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Carmel Valley? So using again
11 the Rancho Penasquitos Creek border.

12 MS. TRATT: Well, that's where the border is
13 currently. Would you like me to move it up to the 56,
14 and see how many people that would be?

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sure.

16 MS. TRATT: Or -- oh.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Now, are these in the same -- you
18 know, who -- is this type of people, same, you know,
19 what -- is this a COI, or are we just doing this
20 randomly?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: They're all -- they're very
22 similar.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: My understanding is Carmel
25 Valley is pretty relatively affluent. It's definitely

1 upper-middle class.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And Commissioner Turner?

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I wanted to go back down
4 to the Southern border and see what was down there to add
5 in, rather than Carmel Valley.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, okay. So we have a -- yeah, we
7 need to come to a consensus on this. It's a -- so if we
8 hold on Carmel Valley, and pop down to see -- and move to
9 the South. Let's clean the -- let's clean up the areas,
10 please. Okay. And so that meets -- that changes us to a
11 just down negative 20,000. But before we add that, could
12 we -- I'm sorry. Oh, I'm sorry.

13 MS. TRATT: Twenty-eight-and-a-half thousand.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Twenty-eight and a half? Sorry, I
15 was looking at the wrong number. Thank you. So could we
16 go down to the Southern area of this for Commissioner
17 Turner?

18 MS. TRATT: Should I go ahead and accept this
19 change?

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I believe that's a no, because
21 we're having some thoughts. So let's just go at the
22 bottom. And before we -- okay. Can we go at the bottom
23 and have a look at it, so we could see if there's areas
24 that we do want to add at the bottom? Okay. So any
25 ideas in here?

1 Commissioner Fernandez?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We have a bubble right there,
3 don't we?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm just wondering, over by
5 the University of San Diego, it looks like we're
6 potentially breaking up the university? Can we zoom in
7 to that? Right up there. Yeah. My thought was maybe to
8 go all the way to the 5. See, I'm saying the -- all the
9 way to the 5 on that one. Yes. Or Interstate 5.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So is that a yes? I think we're --

11 MS. TRATT: I'd be happy to explore that. Let me
12 start adding population.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That's beautiful.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And then -- so Commissioner Sinay,
15 are you of additional, or -- additional area here --
16 Commissioner Akutagawa?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I guess, maybe this
18 is just a question. I know that right now, we're trying
19 to keep COIs together, but we're also trying to maintain
20 population. In terms of San Diego State University,
21 which is along the 8 there, I am wondering if we're
22 better off -- and also, yes, that's right, with the 5,
23 you see San Diego got split too. But along the 8, did we
24 include San Diego State University in this, kind of,
25 Central Inland District as well too? Because I think

1 they would be better off being in this grouping versus
2 being with the East San Diego rural districts.

3 MS. TRATT: Oh, Commissioner, could you tell me
4 where San Diego --

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Do you see where it says
6 college area, kind of, to the --

7 MR. DRECHSLER: It is.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- right of your screen?
9 Yeah.

10 MR. DRECHSLER: There it is. It is in this
11 district.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It is? Okay. All right.

13 MR. DRECHSLER: This centrum, yes.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

15 MR. DRECHSLER: Yes. Yep. We got it.

16 And if -- Sivan, you just put up the change
17 population. And if we did add this, we would be 2,631
18 people short.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Um-hum. I think we should.
20 Oh, raise my hand.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Do you want to add this?

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You're adding it to the San
24 Diego coast?

25 MS. TRATT: No. We're adding it into the Central

1 San Diego District.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The UC San Diego?

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm sorry. What Commissioner
4 Akutagawa?

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We're not cutting UC San Diego.
6 We're fine. UC San Diego

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- is on the West side --

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- of the 5.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Let's add that, please.

12 Unless, is there people who do not want that added? I
13 got some nods, that yes, we want to add that. Okay, so
14 now, we need 2,000 people. Unless we back out and see
15 the whole overall area, or --

16 Commissioner Akutagawa?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I know we just added this
18 space. But I also just checked real quick, Rancho
19 Penasquitos was also noted. It's up along the 15 there.
20 Was noted as a COI that belongs with that, kind of,
21 Central Inland San Diego area cities.

22 MS. TRATT: That's perfect. Well, should I grab
23 2,631 people from Rancho Penasquitos?

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Is that a yes, Commissioner
25 Akutagawa?

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And sorry, Commissioner Turner, you
3 were there?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I said yes.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, thank you.

6 Commissioner Sinay?

7 Oh, now we're over.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Are we better off removing
9 that other section that you just removed, so that at
10 least more of the city can be in there?

11 MS. TRATT: I would say no.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I was called on. So if I
13 could? Rancho Penasquitos, all this area is really
14 considered North County. It sometimes, Rancho
15 Penasquitos, (indiscernible), 4S Ranch, Rancho Bernardo,
16 Poway, Mira Mesa, all of those are looked together and
17 sometimes as communities. And then, sometime the Asian
18 community is separate. And what we've looked at is the
19 Asian business community. So I think that the original,
20 what we added, was great. And I would keep to the 5.
21 And then, I don't know if adding, you know, if there's a
22 road on this side of the 56 that we can use, since it
23 goes up and down, just make it finer?

24 MR. DRECHSLER: Sorry. So --

25 MS. TRATT: So these blocks over here are COI

1 densely populated. So we're only going to be able to
2 add, like, one or two blocks probably.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can you zoom out a second?
4 What do folks feel about just adding parts of Poway?
5 Yeah, 2,000 from Poway, or that's making that more
6 negative. But we're going to work on that.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Guys, what we're looking for areas
8 that have a similar, or similar to this, right? And
9 we're looking for 2,000 -- 2,600 people. So do we need
10 to back out and have a look at our overall and go in
11 someplace else?

12 MS. TRATT: Why is -- it won't listen to me?

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Yes. Commissioner
14 Akutagawa?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. So there is -- I
16 mean, there is COI testimony that has spoken about Rancho
17 Penasquitos being with Mira Mesa. Poway was noted as
18 being more of an East County rural, kind of, community
19 and should be then combined with communities to the East,
20 not this community here. And by the way, it also
21 mentioned Claremont, Mesa, UTC. It should be in more of
22 the kind of district that we're building right now.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, so -- all right. So what are
24 we adding? We just took that out. So are we trying to
25 put it back in, or what are we trying to add here?

1 MS. TRATT: Let me back out and just see the whole
2 piece that we've just built. Thank you.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you.

4 So -- and in this district, this -- we need 2,600
5 more people now. And remember, we're also this -- the SD
6 Coast, we have to, you know -- and basically, at some
7 point, we're adding. We're combining these. And one
8 district has to drop out. Because we added a district in
9 here to create this. So where are we? Anyone have an
10 idea of how to -- of what we should be doing here? If we
11 like the area between -- you know, so we just have these
12 two districts within.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would -- I think the idea
14 that Sivan had would make sense on -- underneath the 56,
15 there's that parallel line, maybe just keep going up
16 until you get some -- you get to that number.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right. Agreement on that one?
18 Disagreement? Not seeing.

19 Okay, please do that, Sivan.

20 Commissioner Akutagawa, did you have a different
21 idea, or you're going to talk about something a little
22 different here?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I guess that little,
24 kind of, square rectangular piece out to the 5 -- I know
25 it's by UC San Diego, but you know, UC San Diego is

1 actually on both sides of the 5. They have close
2 connections to Scripps -- the Scripps Institute, which is
3 you know, further closer to the, you know, the coastline
4 and other areas like that. I see what you're doing. But
5 I'm just thinking, you know, since there is COI testimony
6 that is requesting that Rancho Penasquitos be with the
7 cities of Claremont, Mesa, Mira Mesa, UTC, in this
8 district, it just seems like it would make more sense.
9 But I don't know if you could put the whole city in, or
10 you know, you're just taking a little piece of another
11 area. But if you're going to do this --

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- then, you've got take
14 the university too. But if you're not going to cross the
15 5, you're not going to take the university. You're
16 splitting it.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The only thing I'd want to add
19 is that the students have asked that this part of
20 University, UTC, be separated from the university. They
21 don't want to be in it.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So you're saying don't do what we
23 were just talking about, but take from a different area;
24 is that correct?

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Correct.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: What if we --

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm up for whatever.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Right. So why don't we
4 think about this for a minute. And do we need to move to
5 a different -- to the different districts, so we can -- I
6 mean, can we -- we need to have an idea of what we want
7 to add here.

8 Commissioner Turner?

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yep, two things real quick. A
10 while back, you asked me about my hand, and I forgot
11 totally why. It's just sleep deprivation, that's all.
12 The maps, and we are already working on it, the maps have
13 different names. They still are not correct. They show
14 that BEAVIS (ph.) whatever, which is in our draft maps,
15 but it's not currently. We traded that out for to a
16 Tminna -- T-val menaphie (ph.) or something. And so I
17 just wanted to say, so that we can -- and we appreciate
18 the comments. That has been flagged. They should be
19 working on it. And I understand that that may not be the
20 only one that we switched names on. And if we could
21 please carefully go through all of them to make sure of
22 that. It's not a matter of just the names being
23 shortened or lengthened. The names have been changed.
24 Thank you.

25 And then, I do think to the other question, the

1 current one on the table is, I think we should just find
2 an area here. I don't think we should move forward and
3 then come back to this. Because I think it's, again,
4 going to throw our deviations off.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. Thank you, Commissioner
6 Turner. I appreciate that. And I did think that had
7 been fixed. The whole staff is working on our website to
8 make sure that we're using the same on all -- same name
9 all the way through. And we -- well, need someone to
10 say, yes, we want this area or we don't want this area.
11 We were trying to add up to the 56, then we stopped. So
12 are we going to do that?

13 Commissioner Fornaciari?

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Can you zoom in at the
15 intersection of 52 and 805, please? So we already got a
16 little funkiness going on here. Can you zoom in some
17 more? I don't know what's happening in this area? Can
18 we grab -- so this is University City. I mean, what if
19 we grabbed some population -- a couple thousand people
20 here? Would that be okay?

21 Can you see what that would look like, please,
22 Sivan?

23 MS. TRATT: Yes, absolutely. I'm going to turn my
24 heat map on, because it has the population at the block
25 level. One moment, please.

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Ahmad, did you also
3 have something to add to this?

4 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah. Actually, Commissioner
5 Fornaciari took my idea. I think we should move that
6 line up and to the left, since we are trying to reach our
7 number one criteria of population deviation. I think we
8 should start there.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

10 MS. TRATT: (Indiscernible, simultaneous speech).
11 So it's not going to be very pretty. Oh, sorry, I'm
12 looking at the wrong box. I'm so sorry. It's what lack
13 of sleep will get you. Okay.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Wait. Now, we've gone positive.

15 MS. TRATT: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: It seems like that 1,000-
17 person block is going to mess us up here.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Can we -- what if we go to
20 the West a little bit?

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Can we get the underside
22 there?

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, let's look at
24 this -- Under Governor --

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- Drive down there, if we
2 go there.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, that's fine. Why
5 don't you --

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- maybe you can just get
8 rid of the duck there, and just take everybody under
9 Governor Drive.

10 MS. TRATT: Get rid of all of this?

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Get rid of all of that.
12 Because there's that -- it's surrounded by that 1,000-
13 person block that we had just --

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, we couldn't --

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- go there. Oh.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I see. Okay. We're almost
17 there.

18 MS. TRATT: I can definitely take a look at cleaning
19 this up off-line. Because this is where the --

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

21 MS. TRATT: -- time comes in, if Commissioners would
22 feel comfortable with accepting this. And then --

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. So you'll play with that,
24 either -- so either side? You know, dropping maybe a
25 little bit over there and adding a little over hundred or

1 something like that?

2 MS. TRATT: Yeah. So we need --

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

4 MS. TRATT: -- twenty-two people total.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Yes. I would say, let's
6 accept this. And then, you could clean that up and bring
7 it back to us, please. Okay. Now, we are going to be
8 working on that. But can we go -- can you just go out?

9 And we, folks, we need to work with the SD Coast.
10 Because, otherwise, we're going to get a bubble. So any
11 ideas of -- see how many people we need.

12 MS. TRATT: So right now, we have an extra district
13 too, because we unassigned all of this population. And
14 we're treating this like a district. So just to keep
15 that in mind. It might make sense too, at this point,
16 combine these two districts, so that we have a better
17 sense of population.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Akutagawa?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. That's -- I mean, I
20 realize that I was in favor of this idea. But what
21 struck me is that if we're going to put one here, where
22 are we taking away from? Unless we just decided we want
23 to take our 53rd seat back?

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So --

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, we're not doing that.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. So it does mean, you
3 know, if we're going to add one down here, then that
4 means somewhere else is going to get one less. And so
5 just food for thought right now.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No, we're combining,
7 delete one. We're going to delete one. We're going to
8 delete one here.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, we're deleting one. We're
10 combining them to make it one.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: We're definitely going to
12 delete one here.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: We'll just put a holder.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. And so I believe what the
16 suggestion on the table is to add SD Coast to SWRIV (ph.)
17 and make that one. Is that correct?

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I have a suggestion.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Mr. Fornaciari?

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Can I make a suggestion?

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: You certainly may. Please do.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Someway we have everything
23 East of I-5 that's in SDCOAST right now to SWRIV, and
24 then connect -- continue taking SDCOAST North.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry. What was that again?

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Zoom -- can you zoom in,
2 please?

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Ah. Just that one section there?

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Just that section West
5 of -- East of 5. Put that with SWRIV. And the rest --
6 the rest of the coast, just keep connecting it North.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I see. So the plan is to divide
8 SDCOAST -- part of it is going to go SWRIV, and the other
9 part is going to go SDCOAST or whatever that one is, SD.
10 And what names do we want to take or keep?

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Let's see this first, and
12 then --

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right. Neal, could you
14 continue -- Commissioner Fornaciari, can you continue to
15 take that for a minute? I have to step away for one
16 moment.

17 Or Commissioner Kennedy, could you take over,
18 please?

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'd rather take, like, a
20 20-minute break and do this myself and then come back.
21 Can we do that?

22 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: No.
23 Commissioner Akutagawa.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think what I'm seeing
25 Commissioner Fornaciari suggest is that we add the area

1 of Rancho Santa Fe and then some of those unincorporated
2 areas up above it. I think San Marcos is a COI with
3 Escondido. So Poway could go East, San Marcos could go
4 East, and then we keep going North to pick up the
5 population that we need. So that'll be Carlsbad, Vista,
6 Oceanside, and possibly, you know, Camp Pendleton up into
7 South OC.

8 Is that -- is that kind of what you're thinking?
9 Because then that does create somewhat of a coastal
10 district. This does not coastal, but I think they want
11 it to be together with Oceanside. And Rancho Santa Fe is
12 oftentimes together with Encinitas san dia, coastal
13 areas.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Actually, SDCOAST
15 is 381,000 people short. So I was just going to -- I
16 thought we'd move SDCOAST and take Fair Oaks Ranch,
17 Encinitas, Carlsbad, Oceanside, and whatever else we need
18 to balance that out. And then just sort of eliminate
19 SWRIV_SD and merge, you know, population to the East.

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

21 Commissioner Sadhwani.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I'm a little
23 concerned about that plan. I think that's going to set
24 off a whole big impact as we continue to move further
25 North up the map. And I'm just cognizant that we've got

1 a lot of other things happening further North. So in
2 addition, I think we've had a lot of testimony about the
3 fact that there is a difference between North county and
4 South county, North coastal, South coastal. They have
5 their own, kind of, feel.

6 That was my understanding of that testimony. So to
7 me, I think it seems reasonable to bring this coastal one
8 inland and localize some of these changes so that we --
9 I'm just really cautious about setting off a major ripple
10 that's going to -- especially rippling all the way up to
11 Los Angeles, and even in Orange County where we have a
12 lot of VRA districts that we're going to start contending
13 with.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: We got -- I mean, it's
15 kind of a zero-sum game thought, right, here in San
16 Diego? We got this many people in San Diego that we have
17 to district. And whatever number of people we can't put
18 in districts in San Diego are going somewhere else, and
19 it doesn't really matter how we can figure the districts
20 in San Diego. That number of people are going to be shot
21 out the top.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. And I think that we
23 have this population here in what is currently in green
24 that could help populate the SDCOAST district, right?
25 Like, we could be merging SDCOAST out to Poway to help

1 balance that population --

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh, okay.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- or more localized, and
4 kind of hopefully keeping folks a little bit more closely
5 together as opposed to having these long districts where
6 it's spanning all the way North where it's -- I mean, one
7 of the interesting pieces here in that green district,
8 right, is we already have this little, like -- it's kind
9 of synched in between there. And I know that Rainbow,
10 Bonsall, Fallbrook, they're all in that area and have
11 wanted to go rural in any case.

12 I'm trying to think about, like, big picture the
13 kinds of changes. So I'm thinking if coastal can go
14 Eastward here, then it still creates opportunities to
15 make shifts in other parts of the map and keeping those
16 communities of interest together is my thought.

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
18 Sadhwani.

19 I mean, we have three districts where we need to
20 have two. And we need to resolve those quickly before we
21 start creating too many waves and ripples into either
22 Riverside or Orange County.

23 Commissioner Sinay.

24 MS. TRATT: If I could make a suggestion. Maybe
25 just so that we're not dealing with this extra district,

1 I could bring this Northern part into this East county
2 district, and then allocate the rest to the coastal
3 district just so that we are then balancing between the
4 two districts rather than potentially cutting ourselves
5 off in a bottleneck somewhere else.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

7 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

9 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Thank you,
11 Commissioner.

12 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: And then Commissioner Sinay,
13 you're up next.

14 Commissioner Akutagawa. Sorry. I thought I had --
15 I thought you had just finished.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No. I'd like to make a
17 suggestion. I think we know that Poway has asked to be
18 more with Ramona. So I think that that should be brought
19 into the East county district. Since it's looking like
20 we're going to have to right now cross the Riverside
21 border, we have seen other testimony. I know Rainbow and
22 some of the others don't want to cross, but there are
23 others that said, you know, being with Temecula is not a
24 bad thing either too. So could we also move them into
25 this East county district and then look to see, you know,

1 what we have, you know, remaining to see how much more we
2 need to populate the SDCOAST district.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you, everyone. Can
4 we -- twenty-nine thou -- so can we go down to the border
5 and make sure we haven't missed anything, like, down to
6 the -- down South, and start from the bottom up, please.

7 MS. TRATT: Oh, excuse me. I was on mute. One
8 moment. I'm just cleaning up a noncontinuous area.
9 Which district did you want to look at in --

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Let's start at the bottom and make
11 sure let's, you know -- let's begin where are we, sort
12 of, overall. As Commissioner Sadhwani said, let's make
13 sure we have a district. We have one in the middle.

14 So what are we doing? Do we need to add more things
15 to this SMESCPOW? You know, were we going to try to put
16 Poway-Ramona in there? Let's put in San Diego what we
17 want to put in San Diego. Is that -- and then we need to
18 work on the coast one as well.

19 MS. TRATT: While you discuss, do you mind if I
20 finish making that change where I'm getting rid of that
21 extra district just so we don't forget about it?

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you had
23 done that. Please do so. Thank you.

24 MS. TRATT: Thank you.

25 (Pause)

1 MS. TRATT: We now have the correct number of
2 districts.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Sivan.

4 Now, so seeing that, which area do we want to work
5 on?

6 Commissioner Sinay.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. So the Southern
8 California-North San Diego -- or South Orange County,
9 sorry -- that one is 4,000 short, right?

10 MS. TRATT: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Could we see if we put all of
12 Encinitas together if that would cover that 4,000? So
13 it's at (indiscernible).

14 MS. TRATT: It looks like that would make SOCNSD
15 9,000 people over.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Darn. Okay. What we do want
17 to do for sure in this -- okay. Can we move Fallbrook to
18 the East? I guess, should we accept this for Encinitas
19 since that's coastal and then move Fallbrook out and see
20 where we are?

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Yes. Could we please do
22 that?

23 MS. TRATT: Would you like to move Fallbrook into
24 the coastal district or into the East county district?

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: East county.

1 MS. TRATT: One moment, please. Yeah, that would
2 make your deviation in the East county district .44
3 percent or 3,357 people over.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So where do we -- where --
5 you know, we still have in the -- oh, the SDCOAST now is
6 a little over? We still have that -- by 22, which we're
7 going to take care of. So where are we going to get more
8 on the POW? Oh, no. I'm sorry. That --

9 MS. TRATT: Can we move -- if we move Bonsall over
10 to the SMESCPOW, would that help that 29?

11 MR. DRECHSLER: Right now, no. We're -- so the
12 number that Sivan is showing up on the screen under SM,
13 we're now 7,000 over in the --

14 MS. TRATT: South Orange County.

15 MR. DRECHSLER: -- Eastern district. Yeah.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That Eastern district. Okay. So
17 we need to take something out of Eastern district now.
18 Is it -- unless we want to do a switch. Do we want to
19 take something out, send those in, or --

20 MS. TRATT: What I would do is put those in and then
21 shave off Escondido going inland. It is kind of weird to
22 go from San Diego city all the way up to Escondido, that
23 coastal. So I don't know if there's a way. I guess I
24 would have to pull out if we can pull out so we can see
25 better -- zoom out. Sorry.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Zoom out, please. Okay. All
2 right. So we need to add -- let's -- okay. I'm sorry.
3 That's not correct. I'm looking at the wrong map. So
4 we --

5 MS. TRATT: Should I (indiscernible) change here
6 before we talk about we're moving? (Indiscernible,
7 simultaneous speech) --

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, certainly.

9 MS. TRATT: -- (indiscernible, simultaneous speech).

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Please do. Please do.

11 All right. So we need to have this --

12 Thank you, Sivan, 'cause now the numbers we're
13 looking at are correct. And the North coast is -- has --
14 that's over; is that correct?

15 MS. TRATT: No. The -- it's needing 23,000 people.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, no. I'm sorry. The one --

17 MS. TRATT: If you're looking to remove 3,000 people
18 from the -- this East county district, we could look
19 North in Riverside County perhaps.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Please do. But now what do
21 we like -- do we like what's happening down in San Diego?
22 No. I'm getting a no from Commissioner Sinay.

23 So Commissioner Sinay, what were you trying to do
24 then? Commissioner Sinay, can you hear me, or can you
25 freeze?

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No. For some reason, my --
2 it's -- I couldn't unmute. My apologies. I'm try --
3 what is the San Diego post one? Where's the -- oh,
4 there's the numbers. Oh, it goes all the way -- so it's
5 going up and into Carlsbad? No. Oh, there it is. So
6 652.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct.

8 MS. TRATT: And Bonsall is still in there?

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct.

10 MS. TRATT: It wouldn't feel as weird if Bonsall
11 wasn't in there, but having Bonsall, which is very rural,
12 in with downtown San Diego and the beach is very strange.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right. So if we want to pull
14 that out. Commissioners -- okay. Why don't you think
15 about it for a minute.

16 And Commissioner Akutagawa. We'll come back to
17 Commissioner Sinay.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I understand what
19 Commissioner Fornaciari wanted to do is to try to keep it
20 all in San Diego and keep North county with North county,
21 but that is definitely not North county. What you have
22 is a coastal to inland long district versus, you know, if
23 you went from down by Coronado perhaps up the way up the
24 coast, because at least you would keep the coastal
25 counties together. I know that there is a difference

1 between North county and South county, but I think what
2 we have is even more weird, but we can do better. I'd
3 like to try to see if we could do something a little bit
4 different so that we could be better about this.

5 Perhaps -- perhaps we can look at moving --

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- Poway, and then -- or
8 not Poway. Let's -- let's -- let's go up to perhaps the
9 coast to Carlsbad. Would that -- and then we could
10 remove some of the, you know, North inland counties -- or
11 cities to either the East county or balance it out with
12 Riverside. Would that work?

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. All right. Why don't you --
14 you guys think about that one. So are we going to try
15 and do that? We're moving it now to the coast. So we're
16 rearranging now.

17 Commissioner Sadhwani.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I think we're going
19 to create a very long district. I'm wondering if we can
20 again localize a little bit. I definitely support
21 Bonsall needs to go to that more rural area. What is,
22 like, kind of a compromise, if we took in Solano Beach
23 and Encinitas -- and Commissioner Sinay, I'll let you
24 think about that. I know that's your hometown -- and try
25 to localize this district and create -- make it a little

1 bit more compact extending and kind of ending at
2 Encinitas and coming inwards and working it that way.
3 And up at the top, Bonsall is going to be coming out.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. So why don't we -- we know
5 that we want Bonsall out. So please take Bonsall and put
6 it into -- what -- the SEMPRO (sic) or POW while we
7 think. And so --

8 MS. TRATT: Would you --

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- and now you want to go ahead and
10 do this? Sorry. Go ahead.

11 MS. TRATT: Would you rather put Bonsall with
12 Oceanside and --

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, the other way.

14 MS. TRATT: Okay. And I accept this change or
15 abandon it?

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: We're going to accept that change.

17 MS. TRATT: Okay.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, please.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And I'm also wondering about
20 Hidden Meadows going in that more rural district as well.

21 MS. TRATT: One moment, please, and I will have that
22 up for you.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: We definitely want to put Bonsall
24 in the SMEPOW.

25 Okay. And as Sivan's doing this, what is our other

1 revision? We're taking this and putting this in with the
2 POW so in that which we'll have too many people when
3 we're taking the people out up in Riverside. Is that the
4 idea, I believe? Or what else are we doing with our
5 SDCOAST?

6 Sorry. Sivan, go ahead and do that one, please.
7 Finish that.

8 Okay. Sorry. And -- sorry. Commissioner Sadhwani
9 or who is -- we're taking that other little piece too; is
10 that correct?

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. The --

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: The little piece that's --

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. The seemingly --

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- unincorporated area. I'm
16 also curious -- I mean, what are -- we're at what,
17 21,000? I'm also wondering about the unincorporated area
18 on the East of Poway.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And Commissioner Kennedy, do you
20 also have an idea here?

21 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. Thank you, Chair. And
22 yes, I think there have been a number of voices saying
23 that we need to get Poway into the East county district.
24 So I would say continue not just the unincorporated area
25 there, but Poway. And then we look at rebalancing it by

1 moving some of Escondido back --

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: -- into the SDCOAST district.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Yeah.

5 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: I think that gets us closer to
6 where we're trying to go. Thank you.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Yes. Thank you.

8 Can you please do that one, Sivan?

9 MS. TRATT: So yes. So I've added all of Poway, and
10 it looks like we're about 5,000 people over our deviation
11 for the coastal district without Poway.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: But then you could move some of
13 that Riverside up into Riverside. Great. Thank you.
14 Please do -- yeah, please do. And make sure, did you get
15 all the unincorporated area there? Is there a neck?
16 There's a neck.

17 MS. TRATT: This is the City of San Diego though.
18 And that's --

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

20 MS. TRATT: -- the City of Poway, so.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, okay.

22 MS. TRATT: Should I start removing the
23 unincorporated area around the city of San Diego?

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, is that -- do we like the
25 geography here first, you know, or the architecture? Do

1 we want -- you know, what town should be in -- what other
2 town should be over in the POW? Anything else that
3 should be over there or that's over there that shouldn't?

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you zoom out a little
5 bit, please, thank you, so we can see the entire
6 district?

7 MS. TRATT: Oh, sorry. I thought we were still
8 talking about SDCOAST. I think we're going to -- or am
9 I -- are we talk -- which -- which -- I'm sorry, Chair.
10 Which district would you like me to focus on?

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I was thinking the POW, but no.
12 Commissioner Sinay, are you -- no. You're thinking
13 the other way.

14 MS. TRATT: I think we need to finish SDCOAST, and
15 then we can worry about this (indiscernible, simultaneous
16 speech) --

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Let's do SDCOAST.

18 MS. TRATT: Okay. Thank you. So this highlighted
19 in red is the SD coastal district.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

21 And Commissioner Sinay has her hand up waving
22 frantically.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. Is it -- can we
24 take -- can we add Escondido, San Marcos, to Vista -- to
25 the district that's Vista?

1 MS. TRATT: So yes. Again, we're talking about
2 different districts here. This is --

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

4 MS. TRATT: -- (indiscernible, simultaneous speech)
5 county connecting --

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right, but we're trying to make
7 this more realistic what this district looks like on this
8 side. So then we can move things around from there if it
9 works.

10 MS. TRATT: Maybe we can make, like, an arm going
11 down here.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I was thinking San Marcos
13 to Vista, and then Escondido. If we take San Marcos and
14 we connect it to -- am I missing something? San Marcos
15 connecting -- putting it into that -- the district South
16 coast North San Diego.

17 MS. TRATT: So we'll move San Marcos from SDCOAST
18 and put it in SOCNSD.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right.

20 MS. TRATT: Is that what you're saying?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

22 MS. TRATT: Okay.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No.

24 MS. TRATT: And so we're 5,000 people away from a
25 balanced district. Do you want me -- and then you want

1 to swap out Escondido? Sorry, Commissioner, I'm a little
2 confused.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, I'm confused here. I thought
4 we were working on the SDCOAST.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So what needs to be in that
7 district? We need 5,000 more people.

8 MS. TRATT: No. We need 5,000 less people. We need
9 to get rid of population.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm sorry. Yes. 5,000 less
11 people. So what is in here that should not be in here?

12 And Commissioner Sadhwani.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I just wanted to
14 reorient us. And thank you, Chair for doing that. I
15 think we need to finalize this SDCOAST piece and then
16 think about additional changes. And I think at this
17 point if Poway is with Ramona, then I think San Marcos
18 needs to be in the SDCOAST district. Those are -- you
19 know, those are the kinds of COI swaps that we have to,
20 you know, be making.

21 So here, I mean, I'm thinking -- I have no sense of
22 how populated some of these areas are, but I'm seeing a
23 lot of what seems to be unincorporated areas between the
24 city of San Diego and Escondido exactly, and then North
25 of San Marcos. And I think wherever possible if we can

1 hug up against the city borders and see where that gets
2 us, and then we can always start creeping into some of
3 these cities if we need to do so, but I think that would
4 be a reasonable place to start us off to shave off that
5 5,000.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Yes. So let's now --
7 actually, 'cause I have a lot of hands up. Do people all
8 have other ideas about the same, should we continue on --
9 we've been doing this for a long time. So are we on the
10 right path here? You have a different idea?

11 MS. TRATT: That works.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Does it? Where are we now?

13 MS. TRATT: So it's actually a little bit too
14 much -- too many people. Now, we're needing 8,000
15 people, but I can trend this -- like, reduce the
16 selection further.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Please do.

18 MS. TRATT: One moment, please.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And now the public, it is 5:30
20 where the lines will be -- getting in the queue will be
21 open at 5:45, and then the queue -- the lines will close
22 at 6:15.

23 MR. DRECHSLER: Too many.

24 MS. TRATT: Thanks, Andrew.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry. No wonder no one is

1 answering. So while Sivan is doing this and getting us
2 down to -- within the right number on here, where do we
3 want to go next? And we have --

4 Commissioner Akutagawa, do you have an idea? We're
5 fixing this one. 'Cause then should we go over to and
6 then fix the POW? That's our next -- isn't that
7 sequentially going up, or are we headed to --

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think we should try to
9 fix the East county San Diego and just, you know, try
10 to --

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- fix -- or finish up as
13 much of San Diego as possible. And then I guess once
14 Sivan is finished with it, then it'd be good to see just
15 the big picture of this SDCOAST district that we've made
16 these new adjustments to. Thank you.

17 MS. TRATT: So I got it to two people, and again, I
18 can pull that up at a later time if this looks
19 (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Wow. What does that look like? We
21 accept that. What are we left with?

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It'd just be good to know how
23 far up we are or how far North --

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- we are still.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Could you zoom out, please,
2 Sivan?

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

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. And we still have to work on
5 the San Diego here, that unnamed. What is with the
6 unnamed one? Call that central San Diego?

7 MS. TRATT: Yeah. I'm happy to name it whatever
8 Commissioners would like. I can do that now as well.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. That would be great. Okay.
10 So we need to clean that one up. And actually, our
11 coastal -- so let's work on the Poway.

12 MS. TRATT: One moment, please.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And while Sivan is finishing this,
14 I want people to come up with an idea of what they really
15 want to do on that. Not just generally, but specifically
16 what we want to do.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Chair, can I just ask you a
18 quick question?

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Certainly. Please do.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So since part of this was
21 to try to make the district a little bit more compact, I
22 want to return to the suggestion or the comment that
23 Commissioner Kennedy made about perhaps taking --
24 splitting Escondido and taking a portion of Escondido and
25 then allowing San Marcos to move up into the SOCNSD

1 district, so then it would at least be together with
2 Vista and then part of Escondido. That may be another
3 way to make it so that it's slightly bit more compact and
4 you don't get that kind of head at the top. Because
5 right now it looks like, you know. Yeah, it might be a
6 way to make it a little bit more compact.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, and do we have -- is that the
8 COI testimony would like to have is -- are those two
9 cities together? Yes, I'm seeing some -- yes.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible, simultaneous
11 speech) --

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Then yes, let's go ahead
13 and investigate that, please.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: There's a 78 corridor, which is
15 Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, and Carlsbad. If they all
16 work together -- and Escondido, they all work together,
17 and their business and their nonprofits --

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Then yes, we'd like to do that,
19 please.

20 MS. TRATT: I'm sorry. What was the direction from
21 Commissioners?

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I believe it's to add San Marcos to
23 the --

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: SOCNSD district and then to
25 split Escondido to balance out moving San Marcos out so

1 that, as Commissioner Sinay said, it preserves a COI.

2 MS. TRATT: Okay. Would you like to, I'm assuming,
3 include Lake San Marcos as well?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

5 MS. TRATT: Okay. One moment, please.

6 (Pause)

7 MS. TRATT: Yeah, so it looks like you could add the
8 majority of the City of Escondido. It would be over by
9 5.28 percent if you added the entire city that's selected
10 in red here.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I think you should
12 split it so that you can achieve the deviation you want.
13 I did also notice that there seems to be a kind of a
14 square of a unincorporated area between San Marcos,
15 Escondido, and Harmony Grove. And if that helps, maybe
16 take that as well too.

17 MS. TRATT: I can absolutely take that.

18 (Pause)

19 MR. DRECHSLER: Sivan, since you're in that
20 district, I was just going to make a recommendation. It
21 looks like Carlsbad in the Southeast corner is split and
22 maybe adding that --

23 MS. TRATT: (Indiscernible, simultaneous speech)?

24 MR. DRECHSLER: Yep. Just to keep that city whole.

25 MS. TRATT: Perfect. So it looks like we need

1 112,000 people from Escondido. Should I start adding
2 that population now?

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, please. Add the -- wait. I'm
4 sorry. I'm sorry. Wait. Wait. Where are we now?
5 We're trying to add --

6 MS. TRATT: We're trying to add the majority of
7 Escondido into SDCOAST.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct. And can --

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can I make a recommendation?
10 I'm sorry.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Please.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Escondido is going to feel
13 really weird being all the way down the coast. Could we
14 instead add parts of Carlsbad, or am I messing up my
15 numbers? And then add Escondido to the SOCNSD.

16 MS. TRATT: Chair, which direction would you like me
17 to move in first?

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm trying to understand what -- so
19 right now, I thought we were trying to put Carlsbad, San
20 Marcos, what the one above it is, Vista. I thought we
21 were trying to put all those together.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We are, but if we move -- the
23 recommendation was move Escondido to SDCOAST, and that
24 wasn't going to work.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: But --

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So my thought was if we end up
2 splitting Carlsbad because there's a North Carl -- you
3 know, the North part of the Carlsbad would go with the 78
4 corridor, and the Southern part of Carlsbad would go with
5 the coast. And then Escondido could move into -- parts
6 of Escondido could move into the North San Diego, which
7 they -- they'll feel more comfortable with that coast,
8 because they work with Carlsbad, than the coast that goes
9 all the way to downtown San Diego.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right. Any other -- other
11 ideas or additions like that? Ms. Sadhwani?

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I'm hesitant about
13 that only because, as currently formed, this coastal
14 district that includes Carlsbad is a coastal district
15 that goes to the Orange County Coast as well. So I'm not
16 sure how -- assuming we're maintaining that general
17 architecture, I'm not sure how those folks are going to
18 feel with Escondido. We've heard loud and clear,
19 coastal, coastal. So I'm not certain about that. It
20 gives me pause.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. We still need to add people
22 to this district.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I'm thinking stick to
24 the plan of Escondido. I saw Commissioner Sinay give a
25 thumbs up on that and --

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- not sure if she's going
3 to (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So that's the end. Commissioner
5 Kennedy, were you saying -- nope. I guess you're saying
6 the same thing.

7 Commissioner Fornaciari?

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, can you zoom out a
9 little bit for me please, Sivan? So this is kind of a
10 critical decision point here that we're making. Are we
11 going to balance -- are we going to balance the coastal
12 district and leave the internal district unbalanced, or
13 are we going to balance the internal district and leave
14 the coastal more balanced?

15 Because that's going to decide the direction that
16 we're pulling people to balance these districts, whether
17 we go up into Riverside or over into OC. And I don't
18 know the answer to that or how to figure the answer to
19 that out without giving it a lot of deep thought, but I'm
20 just -- we're sort of at a crossroad here.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, you're absolutely correct. We
22 need to do something with the SDCOAST. And you're right.
23 Which way is it going? Is it going up? Is it going
24 inland?

25 Because we have -- are these still correct? They're

1 still negative? What is our value on the SDCOAST?

2 MS. TRATT: SDCOAST needs 112,888 more people to be
3 balanced.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So those are correct numbers
5 that we're looking at.

6 MS. TRATT: Yes.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. And I'm sure Carlsbad is
8 only, what, fourteen -- how much is Carlsbad? Oh, 114.
9 It would take the whole thing. And then we'd be the
10 So -- that one's then extremely low.

11 MS. TRATT: So Chair, if we added Carlsbad into
12 SDCOAST, we would need to get rid of then 2,064 people.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I see what you're saying.
14 Okay. So that versus parts of Escondido. What is --

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And we'd need to pull
16 99,000 people from Orange County, other parts of Orange
17 County, to balance that district unless we did something
18 else in San Diego.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I see what you're saying. Yes,
20 absolutely.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And okay. Right now, so
22 if we pulled 112 people from Escondido in there, then
23 SMESCPOW would be --

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, --

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- whatever that minus

1 78 -- so it's, whatever, 30, 40,000 short --

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- which would have to
4 come from Riverside County. So yeah. And I don't know
5 the answer, but that's where we're at.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, this is where we need to have
7 a look at -- Commissioner Kennedy, have you been -- do
8 you have an idea for us?

9 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, another caution for us.
10 I think if Sivan could pull back even farther on the map,
11 we need to make certain we know what our quote, unquote
12 "escape route" looks like. Because if you look North in
13 Riverside County with SECA to the East and the Riverside,
14 Morongo Valley, Perris district there, the Pomona,
15 Ontario, Fontana district, there is an excruciatingly
16 narrow path through which to push population or pull
17 population. So we need to be -- we need to be very aware
18 of that. Thank you.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No. Thank you very much,
20 Commissioner Kennedy. Yes, I think we do need to have a
21 look at this because, yeah, this is the part where we
22 do -- we have to move people.

23 Commissioner Akutagawa, do you have an idea for us?

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I guess I wanted to
25 just make two kind of cautions as well too. One, I

1 think, as Commissioner Kennedy has said, there is a
2 narrow path up Riverside, but there is a path. My
3 caution is, I know in the Assembly we put South Orange
4 County with Riverside, but it was imperfect because,
5 remember, there is a mountain range.

6 And so if we're going to push up through Orange
7 County and into -- I'm thinking into Long Beach and L.A.
8 County now, that is an option from just a pure population
9 perspective. But remember, it is going to then be a
10 fairly long district because we also have a varied
11 district in Orange County as well too. So those are just
12 kind of these now other ripple effects that I also wanted
13 to just put out there.

14 And I guess the other last thought I have is looking
15 at San Diego Coast, perhaps one option is to take that
16 central SDCOAST District and maybe move it slightly a
17 little bit more East in certain areas, maybe like, a city
18 here or city there, so that we can pick up a little bit
19 more population down at the very bottom of the San Diego
20 Coast so that we don't have to push up so far North and
21 may also make balancing out some of the other two
22 districts a little bit more feasible. So that's just
23 another thought there too.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you. And on that, I
25 have to stop us for a minute. We need to have -- it is

1 5 -- well, it's actually past 5:45. We need to have the
2 instructions read for people to get into the queue. And
3 our break -- because we came back at 4:20, we then have
4 to take a break shortly thereafter.

5 We'll take a fifteen minute break, but we did say we
6 were going to take public comment at 6:15. So why don't
7 we think about this while we read the instructions, and
8 we'll probably have to -- at that point we'll probably go
9 on break.

10 So if we can leave this on the screen so we can come
11 up with ideas. And when we come back from our break,
12 we'll only have about twenty minutes or so. Actually,
13 wait. We'll only have ten minutes or so to try to wrap
14 this up.

15 And because we've already sort of said tonight we're
16 going to take the public comment. And then due to the
17 late night last night, I think we need to think about
18 this, and we'll come back again in the morning.

19 So Katy, could you please read the instructions for
20 public comment?

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair. In
22 order to maximize transparency and public participation
23 in our process, the Commissioners will be taking public
24 comment by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number
25 provided on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247.

1 When prompted to enter the meeting ID number
2 provided on the livestream feed, it is 811-4925-9556 for
3 this meeting. Once you -- when prompted to enter a
4 participant ID, simply press the pound key.

5 Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a
6 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press
7 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
8 When it is your turn to speak, you'll hear a message that
9 says the host would like you to talk and to press star 6
10 to speak.

11 If you would like to give your name, please state
12 and spell it for the record. You're not required to
13 provide your name to give public comment.

14 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
15 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
16 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
17 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn
18 down the livestream volume.

19 And I will hand it back to you, Chair. You are
20 still on mute, Chair, I believe.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Pardon me. Sorry about that.
22 Thank you, Katy. So with the lines -- I'm sorry. Did
23 you finish with the lines, when they'll close?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The lines will be closing
25 at 6:15 still, correct?

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, correct.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Okay. Great. Well, we're
4 right at a break right now. So I want to say, we'll go
5 off for a break, and we'll be back at --

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 6:05.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: 6:05. Thank you.

8 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 5:51 p.m.
9 until 6:04 p.m.)

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, welcome back to the
11 California Citizens Redistricting Commission meeting.
12 And today we're just finishing up because we are going to
13 take public comment, maybe not exactly at 6:15, but
14 shortly thereafter.

15 And so I believe we are just in the point we're
16 adding Carlsbad to the SDCOAST. That correct?

17 So please take over, Sivan.

18 MS. TRATT: Yeah, so I think that if we go ahead and
19 add Carlsbad into the coastal district, we will be able
20 to remove either Harmony Grove or Elfin Forest and then
21 trim the rest of the population from some of these
22 unincorporated areas.

23 If that sounds like an okay plan, I can go ahead and
24 commit this change and then move population out.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Unmute.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- I thought that was the plan.

2 Commissioner Sadhwani?

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I'm so sorry. I
4 thought that the plan was Escondido, a portion of
5 Escondido, maintaining Carlsbad here because there's also
6 things happening up -- there are communities that are
7 more linked in Orange County that are also coastal. And
8 after Escondido, then working on Poway.

9 Like, that more rural district in Riverside. Was I
10 on my own in that thinking?

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. I --

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I thought that's what we had
13 agreed upon, but I could -- maybe I'm wrong. Maybe I --

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Well, let's -- maybe I
15 misinterpreted.

16 Commissioner Fornaciari.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I just want to follow
18 up on some comments I made earlier about population
19 shortages. In total, we're about 19,000 short. In
20 looking at the two pathways that those 19,000 people
21 could come from, one is through the little, skinny thing
22 down from San Bernardino, Riverside, but that's all short
23 anyway.

24 The other way is through Orange County. So I guess
25 my point is it probably doesn't matter which of these

1 cities we pick. It's probably all coming -- or most of
2 it's going to go through Orange County.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Um-hum.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So that's sort of a vote for
5 let's take Carlsbad instead of --

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I don't -- it doesn't
7 matter. I mean, I don't think it's going to matter in
8 the long --

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Well, Commissioner Toledo.

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, I was leaning towards
11 Escondido, just moving through Escondido, and then
12 pushing up. Hopefully, that'll get us the population
13 that we need or at least shifting the population.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So you're saying leave Carlsbad
15 where it is and grab Escondido?

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, most of Escondido. Okay.
18 And is --

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Enough to be able to push
20 population up, yeah, and get the district in line.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, yeah. No, that would -- we
22 could take a -- we're missing 112, and Escondido has 151.
23 So we've got 40,000 left in Escondido.

24 Okay. Commissioner Fernandez.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, that was my thought

1 as well a while ago. I thought that's what we were going
2 to do. Thanks.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Commissioner Kennedy?

4 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Chair, to minimize the ripple
5 effect here, it looks to me like our best bet would be to
6 take the 78,128 that we need to reduce SMESCPOW by from
7 Escondido, put that into SDCOAST. That's still going to
8 leave us, what, 34,000 short. We take that from
9 Carlsbad, and then we've minimized our ripple.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I see what you're saying. So
11 instead of a --

12 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: It's not hundred percent
13 either/or. It's let's balance the East County district
14 by taking the part of Escondido that we need to balance
15 the East County district that goes into the coastal
16 district. And then we balance the coastal district with
17 what we need from Carlsbad. And we've minimized our
18 ripple. Thank you.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. That's an interesting idea.
20 That's sort of a combination of both.

21 And Commissioner Sinay -- or I'm sorry.
22 Commissioner Toledo.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No, I fully support that idea
24 just to get the deviations corrected in the Eastern
25 District and then start working up. Thank you.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And Commissioner Sinay?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just want to remind
3 everybody. I know it's ironic or hypocritical for me to
4 say this, but Escondido is an East County -- the COI
5 testimonies we've gotten from Escondido is either to keep
6 them in East County or put them in the 78 corridor, but
7 not to put them with San Diego Coast, even though the
8 corridor, they accept because it's part -- they're okay
9 with Carlsbad and Oceanside.

10 So we're doing the opposite of what they asked, but
11 I will follow my colleagues.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Did you have a different
13 idea? Do we want to back out and have -- yeah, where
14 else would we --

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, I want to -- I want to
16 support -- if the majority is seeing it as a way to go,
17 it's a team effort. I mean, I would have rather put
18 Carlsbad with Encinitas and then Escondido over with the
19 South, the South Orange County, North San Diego because
20 that's a little closer to what Escondido would like. But
21 I will go with my colleagues. I'm not --

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Well, can we back out just a
23 little bit and see -- because what we're trying to do is
24 balance the -- we do need to balance the Eastern area.
25 So like 78,000 has to come out of that. So where would

1 78,000 come out of that if it isn't there? I mean, it
2 can come out at the top, but we still have to -- land has
3 to go -- has to go into Carlsbad.

4 Okay. So we're talking about taking 70,000 out of
5 above?

6 Okay. Commissioner Toledo.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, no. I mean, we're
8 going -- our first requirement is population, equal
9 population.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So let's balance out the
12 Eastern portion -- the Eastern District through -- no one
13 likes this. No one likes this because we're going to
14 have to divide a COI, but divide Escondido as rationally
15 as we can -- Escondido as rationally as we can, 78,128
16 people. Get that aligned and then move upward so that we
17 can actually make it into Orange County sometime tonight.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sometime tonight.

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So okay. It strikes me as
21 easier to -- okay. All right. But we want to get
22 population. We'd like to get it back into there, kind of
23 keep San Diego in San Diego.

24 Okay. So I believe what we're sort of coming down
25 on is we want to do what Commissioner Kennedy said. I'm

1 sorry. Commissioner Kennedy, you have your hand up.

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, I want to make sure I
3 understood Commissioner Sinay. And we do have -- if I
4 understood her correctly, we do have another option.

5 So Commissioner Sinay, if you were saying that
6 Escondido would rather be in that South Orange County,
7 North San Diego district, then we would pull Carlsbad
8 back into SDCOAST and move the portion, move 78,128
9 people from Escondido into South Orange County, North San
10 Diego. I just want to make sure I -- whether I
11 understood you correctly or not. Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Wait. So you're putting
14 Carlsbad in South DN coast and then you're getting.
15 Okay, let's --

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And then 78,128 people from
17 Escondido go into the South Orange County North San
18 Diego. That balance is --

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I see. You're putting it over
20 there. Got it, okay. Great. And so and let's --
21 Commissioner Sadhwani, you don't want to do that.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I prefer Commissioner
23 Kennedy's first option. I thought it was a very
24 brilliant way of balancing out population between these
25 districts and in the spirit of sharing the pain I thought

1 that that was a reasonable way forward.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. I'm kind of thinking though
3 if we do this -- I can see where people -- we have two
4 options if we do this last move. We can get some into
5 Orange County as well as some into Riverside. So
6 Commissioner Akutagawa?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I do not -- I do not
8 support the idea of bringing Escondido into a coastal
9 district that includes South Orange County. There was a
10 lot of court testimony about, you know, trying to keep it
11 more coastal on that. You know, I also just want to note
12 that in an effort to try to, I think, group -- a group of
13 other COIs, we actually have just dismantled some other
14 ones and so I guess my question would be, you know, were
15 we better off with the previous maps before we started
16 this exercise. So that then the districts are more
17 compact and also, we do, at least for the most part,
18 preserve more of the COIs that wanted to be together and
19 not create, you know, other kind of groupings that may
20 not -- that may elicit, you know, a lot of public
21 comment. Thank you.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you. I'm just about
23 to -- Commissioner Turner, we'll hear from you.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I totally hear and
25 understand that. I do, however, like the central part

1 that in lieu -- if we reverse all of it - doggonit, did I
2 just -- did you lose me? You did?

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: We lost your picture.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Can you still hear me?

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, we can still hear you.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And so I don't necessarily
7 want to reverse all of it if it means that we're going to
8 lose that whole central part we did a couple hours ago.
9 But I'm wondering if we can then split, take part of from
10 Escondido, part of it from Carlsbad, and still minimize
11 the ripple effect. And then talking about sharing the
12 pain, maybe that's a way we can move forward.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Okay. Thank you very much.
14 We've heard everything and we are just about time to go
15 to public comments. At this point I believe let's put
16 Carlsbad into SD coast and then we'll balance the SM, you
17 know, the Poway by taking that number out and putting it
18 also into the SD. The SNCD (sic), you know, that one.
19 The not back with the coast but put it into the OC North
20 SD.

21 MS. TRATT: Could you repeat that direction again?

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Carlsbad into SD Coast.

23 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Andersen, I don't
24 think you have general consensus on that though. I think
25 there's quite a few of opposition at least with what I'm

1 hearing.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. All right. I'm sorry. I
3 thought that we -- well, okay, nope, let's see. No. So
4 are we putting part of Carlsbad in or none of Carlsbad
5 in?

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Starting with Escondido.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So you want to grab all of
8 Esc -- take -- put Escondido in, or most of Escondido to
9 balance this? Let's see, I'm sorry.

10 MS. TRATT: If I'm understanding Commissioner
11 Kennedy's suggestion, it was to take to take 78,128
12 people from the City of Escondido from this Poway
13 district out. That was the direction and I'm not sure if
14 you wanted it in the coastal district or in this SOCNSD
15 district?

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: You want to put it in SOCNS
17 district?

18 MS. TRATT: Coastal.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No. No, not the coastal. I
20 thought he wanted to put it in the --

21 MS. TRATT: Commissioner Kennedy, could you please
22 verify what your instructions were?

23 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: If I could, yes. So the first
24 option was to take 78,128 people from Escondido, put
25 those into SD Coast, and then finish balancing SD Coast

1 by taking approximately, what did we say, 34,000 people
2 from Carlsbad, and that would leave both the SD Coast
3 district and the East County district balanced.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, got it, thank you for
5 clarifying that. Andrew? Or no, sorry.

6 Commissioner Vazquez?

7 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I've been pretty quiet
8 through this conversation but just wanted to note as a
9 general strategy. I do think it's good strategy across
10 the state to try to balance populations through these
11 larger cities because you have a greater chance of at
12 least having a critical mass of population in, you know,
13 split, rather than sort of picking off, you know,
14 handfuls of neighborhoods from smaller communities. So
15 I'd like this proposal to balance between the two
16 districts.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great, thank you. So with that,
18 yes. Please do and then continue on Sivan for taking,
19 you're essentially getting your zeroing out the bureau
20 Poway.

21 Commissioner Akutagawa?

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Can we also take some of
23 that unincorporated area right there, yeah, next to
24 Escondido to minimize taking away more from Carlsbad as
25 well too? And adding that to the SD Coast?

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Any objection to that? I
2 don't see any objection. Yeah, so if you would go ahead
3 and grab the -- oh, sorry, Mr. Fornaciari, did you not
4 want to do that?

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: That's fine. I just want
6 to remember that we need 22 people --

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- to get to the SD Coast.
9 Maybe you talked about that when I was gone.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, we didn't. Yeah, I don't know.
11 I'm sorry. Sivan, did you get a chance to possibly work
12 that out while we were on break? Or did you actually get
13 a chance to take a break?

14 MS. TRATT: I was going to say I used the restroom;
15 so no, I did not have a chance to do that.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's quite all right. Thank you.
17 Okay, where are we now. So at this point, I believe we
18 know what we're going to do. We're taking the numbers.
19 We're balancing the Poway area into the coast, and then
20 we're taking -- then we're finishing balancing the coast
21 with Carlsbad. Is that correct? I don't know if that's
22 where we're headed?

23 Because what we can do now is we could have Sivan,
24 because we're already past what we told the public we
25 would start taking public comment, which we have eight

1 minutes until 6:30. We'll go -- we'll do this for eight
2 more minutes, then we're going to turn it over to Sivan
3 to clear up the 22 people, and clear this up, and bring
4 it back to us tomorrow.

5 Commissioner Akutagawa? Great. Okay. Now, we do
6 have the 22 people still, correct? And that's next to
7 the SD Coast? That's just below it, Sivan?

8 MS. TRATT: That's in the central SD so since I
9 think the Commissioner's instructions are clear to
10 balance population in the City of Carlsbad, I can first
11 balance the central and then take -- and then finish
12 balancing SD Coast. (Audio interference) if that's
13 acceptable?

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Perfect, thank you. Commissioner
15 Akutagawa?

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just a question. Would it
17 be better to take a small portion from San Marcos so that
18 at least part of San Marcos and Escondido are together?

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry. Take a bit of --
20 instead of taking Carlsbad?

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Instead of taking from
22 Carlsbad take from -- a small portion from San Marcos so
23 that at least San Marcos and part of Escondido are
24 together.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And put that -- okay, put that into

1 the SD Coast? Opinions? Thoughts? Anyone against that
2 idea? Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would probably -- I think I
4 would rather it go from Carlsbad so it remains on the
5 coast versus pushing more of the inland to the coast.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Commissioner Sadwani?

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I would agree with
8 that. We're already talking about splitting two cities
9 and prefer not to have to split a third if we can avoid
10 it.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Commissioner Toledo?

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'll support Carlsbad.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Moving up towards Carlsbad.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Do we have -- Commissioner
16 Akutagawa, does that go with the Carlsbad?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, that's fine. I just
18 wanted to ask that question since and I wasn't thinking
19 of three cities, I was just thinking just take the
20 remaining portion from San Marcos since San Marcos and
21 Escondido are together, but I'm fine either way. It was
22 just a question.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. All right. Great. So
24 Sivan, yes, could you balance between -- get the -- fix
25 the 22 and then get the remainder out of Carlsbad.

1 MS. TRATT: Yes, thank you.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And then that's going to take us --
3 oh, sorry.

4 Commissioner Sinay, did you want to, you know, is
5 there a particular line that you want to work on with --
6 for Carlsbad?

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I can try to help. Do we want
8 to -- can we zoom in?

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Or just do a -- we have about five
10 minutes and then we're going to go to public comment.
11 We're wrapping this up.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We need how many?

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: 34,000.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just try South Carlsbad down
15 here, at the, yeah, closest to Encinitas that area and
16 see how --

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sivan, you want to go ahead and
18 just grab that and kind of give us an idea of how much we
19 might be taking?

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And that makes sense because
21 they're part of the same school district.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Great. So it would be
23 looking something like that. Right. Okay. So I think
24 we have an idea. Does that -- I think at this point
25 we'll say great. Sivan, can you clean that up, and

1 balance it, and we'll get the how you did what first
2 thing tomorrow.

3 Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I just to make sure
5 that for Carlsbad, and also for Escondido that we, if
6 possible, zoom in to make sure that the splits look
7 right. Maybe there's a better way to do the splits
8 instead of arbitrarily grabbing. Thanks.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you. Do you want us
10 to do that tomorrow or in terms of -- because, you know,
11 yes, we do need to be careful of where we're trying to
12 clip neighborhoods and things like that. Oh, we might
13 go -- Andrew?

14 MR. DRECHSLER: Thank you Chair, and I think that's
15 a good idea and we will look a little bit closer at that
16 just to make sure that we're not doing anything egregious
17 along the way, so that's my suggestion. Thank you.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Okay. And we have one
19 more.

20 Commissioner Akutagawa?

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. If I can just
22 suggest -- I know that the suggestion was to take that
23 78,128 or something number from the Poway district and
24 take up that portion from Escondido, and then take the
25 remaining from Carlsbad, but I think Andrew, as you and

1 Sivan look at the numbers, too, I would be supportive of
2 if you had to take a little bit more from Escondido so
3 that your cut -- your, you know, your separation makes
4 sense, or the split makes sense.

5 I think I would suggest that we do that first to
6 make sure that we're making sense where the cuts are, and
7 maybe give you both the flexibility, or Sivan the
8 flexibility, to figure out where the most sense makes,
9 and the same with Carlsbad, too. So like if you needed
10 to take a little bit more from Carlsbad so that a split
11 makes sense, then you, you know, you give up a little
12 less in Escondido.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, Andrew?

14 MR. DRECHSLER: No and I was just going to say, I
15 think one big thing is making sure that the Eastern
16 district is balanced which I think it is down to zero or
17 minus one so -- but we will take that into consideration.
18 Thank you very much.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. And Commissioner Yee?

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yep, that was my thought, too.
21 Thanks.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. And yeah, if you could clean
23 these areas up and then we'll review what -- how we got
24 there first thing tomorrow. So with that, it's almost
25 6:30. And it's time to, let's see, recess -- no not

1 recess -- is it recess the meeting until tomorrow, I
2 believe. Yes, it's to recess the meeting until tomorrow
3 at 11 at the -- I mean, we're going to --

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Public comments.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: No, public comments.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Public comments, correct.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: So we're not recessing
8 yet.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No. Sorry. We're ending our --
10 what's our line drawing for tonight. And we're going to
11 take public comments until the end, at which time we will
12 just continue again and tomorrow morning. So thank you
13 very much everyone. All mappers, and other people who
14 are helping out in that regard, thank you very much. And
15 we'll have Katy, can you take it away for public comment?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.

17 Thank you so much. And I would like to invite all
18 those that have called in that have not already done so
19 if you'll please press star nine this will raise your
20 hand indicating you've called in with a comment. We do
21 have lots of raised hands. It's just for those who have
22 not done so.

23 We will be beginning this evening's comment with
24 caller 0123. And up next after that will be caller 0203.

25 Caller 0123, will you please follow the prompts to



1 unmute. 0123, if you will please press star six one more
2 time. The floor is yours.

3 MS. SILKS: Thank you. My name is Connie Silks
4 (ph.) I am of (indiscernible) origin and have been a
5 resident of Orange County for thirty-six years, of which
6 twelve have been spent in Costa Mesa. I am here on
7 behalf of the (indiscernible) community. Though we are a
8 small community in number, I am here to ensure that our
9 voice is heard and present. With that being said, I
10 would like to thank the Commissioners continual hard work
11 with the redistricting process.

12 While the Congressional draft map generally looks
13 good in Orange County, the division of Irvine and the
14 splitting of Irvine, Costa Mesa, and Tustin, county of
15 interest (sic) are major concerns.

16 You've written to people redistricting a life
17 members about the importance of keeping these
18 disproportionately immigrant communities whole and
19 together. Especially as one of the fastest growing major
20 cities in the state is coming into its own, the city can
21 be kept whole by drawing the portion of Irvine North of
22 the 5 Freeway into district North Orange County coast --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MS. SILKS: -- and balancing the population in the
25 South County area between district inland Orange County,

1 North Orange County Cove, and South Orange County
2 Northside. These (indiscernible) can be --

3 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

4 MS. SILKS: -- without distributing or without
5 disturbing the federal Voting Rights Act district or
6 overall architecture achieved in Orange County.

7 (Indiscernible). Thank you.

8 MR. MANOFF: And as a reminder to our callers we
9 will be enforcing a time limit of one minute and thirty
10 seconds with a warning at thirty seconds, and fifteen
11 seconds remaining. Back to you, Katy.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now we will have caller 0203, and up next after
14 that will be caller 2232.

15 Caller 0203, if you'll please follow the prompts to
16 unmute. The floor is yours.

17 MS. SALAVALENCIA: Good evening, Commissioners. My
18 name is Maria Salavalencia (ph.). I am a Santa Ana
19 resident and a community organizer with Orange County
20 Congregation Community Organizations. OCCCO works with
21 congregations across the county on the issues of housing,
22 and immigration justice, and education equity.

23 I want to acknowledge the Commission's hard work in
24 this process and as you're finalizing the map, please
25 keep in mind that the Santa Ana Latinx community. This

1 is a community that is low-income, immigrant mixed
2 status, and it's a concern for this community is
3 equitable housing and the majority of the residents are
4 (indiscernible). The same can be said with both West
5 Anaheim and South Fullerton.

6 In the Congressional maps we truly appreciate your
7 decision to maintain a federal Voting Rights Act district
8 for the Latinx community and South Fullerton and West
9 Anaheim communities of interest together with the
10 alliance Santa Ana community of interest. To improve
11 this VRA district and increase Latinx CVAP over 50
12 percent, please include the remainder of South Fullerton,
13 South Chapman, and West of Richmond Avenue, and remove
14 the parts of the City of Orange.

15 We know that there are remaining concerns in Orange
16 County about dividing Irvine, we understand Irvine can be
17 made whole and --

18 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

19 MS. SALVALENCIA: -- drawn together with Costa Mesa
20 without affecting the VRA district or the overall
21 architecture you have achieved. Thank you for your time
22 and attention.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
24 right now we have caller 2232. And up next after that
25 will be caller 3175.

1 Caller 2232, if you'll please follow the prompts to
2 unmute. The floor is yours.

3 MS. ASASSO: Can you hear me?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

5 MS. ASASSO: Great.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi.

7 MS. ASASSO: Kayla Asasso (ph.), a resident of the
8 City of Orange, calling again. Thank you for all of your
9 work on the Assembly maps, kind of the Congressional
10 maps, and just generally up to this point. I don't think
11 I need to say too much about Orange County Environmental
12 Justice. We are Orange County's foremost environmental
13 justice (indiscernible), addressing some of the
14 environmental toxins and pollutants and racism throughout
15 the county.

16 But I just wanted to take some time to talk about
17 the Congressional district, the full VRA district in
18 Orange County, and the importance of South Fullerton and
19 West Anaheim and somewhere in between the two area. Both
20 income, housing and secure Latinx, environmentally duck
21 this burden, lots of things they share --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MS. ASASSO: -- a super fun site North of the
24 (indiscernible) water basin. The maps are looking good
25 for Orange County in the Congressional level. We want to



1 keep the Voting Rights Act (indiscernible) intact between
2 South Fullerton, West Anaheim aligned with the South
3 Fullerton --

4 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

5 MS. ASASSO: -- and keep the Latinx CVAP over fifty
6 percent just remove the parts of Orange and address the
7 division of Irvine, keeping Irvine school and with Costa
8 Mesa can be achieved with that --

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
10 right now we want caller 3175 and up next after that will
11 be caller 3321.

12 Caller 3175, if you will please follow the prompts
13 to unmute. The floor is yours.

14 MR. PAKE: Hello, can you hear me?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

16 MR. PAKE: All right, hello. My name is Jonathan
17 Pake (ph.). I am a lifelong Korean-American resident in
18 North Orange County. I've lived in Fullerton for over
19 thirty-two years, where my grandparents and extended
20 family continue to live. I want to first thank the
21 Commissioners for the work that you've all done this past
22 year and that you for the district (indiscernible) and
23 the Congressional draft map. As a lifelong Korean-
24 American resident in Fullerton, I can share that the
25 (indiscernible) community has grown significantly over

1 the course of the last thirty years, across North Orange
2 County, and the adjacent city the (indiscernible).
3 (Indiscernible) skyrocket in our region there's a
4 critical need for a Congressional member that will
5 address at how we need to venture through both cities.
6 As working class Korean communities to seek to stay and
7 remain in our Korean community hub, we will urgently need
8 representation to ensure that working class communities
9 can remain in the culture creative hub located in North
10 Orange County.

11 In addition, many Korean-American high school
12 students are connected by attendings schools --

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 MR. PAKE: -- with (indiscernible) high school
15 district, many of whom are my lifelong friends to this
16 very day and were Korean families of students from both
17 Buena Park and (indiscernible) continues to merge, our
18 communities must be kept whole to ensure that the most
19 effective and culturally competent programs remain in
20 place --

21 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

22 MR. PAKE: -- in solidarity with our Latino, AMEMSA,
23 Pilipino and other community districts. I strongly urge
24 your citizens redistricting Commission to maintain the
25 district (indiscernible) as outlined in the draft map.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
2 right now we will have caller 3321. And up next after
3 that will be caller 4549.

4 Caller 3321, if you'll please follow the prompts to
5 unmute. The floor is yours.

6 MS. TRUNKLIN: Hello, my name is Ana Trunklin (ph.).
7 I own the program associated for the community engagement
8 in the emergency department at Latino Health Access,
9 which is located in Santa Ana, Orange County. Latino
10 Health Access has been proudly working alongside
11 community residents for over twenty-seven years to prove
12 (indiscernible) of health in our city.

13 We appreciate all the long hours you and the line
14 drawers have put into balancing so many diverse
15 communities of interest throughout the state. Santa
16 Ana's primarily composed of low income and the
17 immigration status Latinx families, meaning that their
18 families include undocumented U.S. residents and citizens
19 family members.

20 They are extremely hard-working families with as
21 many employees and essential jobs quite often overlooked
22 and underpaid yet they share a very strong sense of
23 community with a large number of community organization
24 and resident (indiscernible). The city includes Damaras
25 communities of interest as mentioned before low-income

1 families, families without medical insurance, mixed
2 immigration status families. These communities of
3 interest assure with both West Anaheim and South
4 Fullerton. In the Congressional maps, we truly
5 appreciate your decision to maintain Federal --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 ANA: -- Voting District Acts for Latinx communities
8 that draw the South Fullerton and West Anaheim community
9 of interest together with the Latinx communities of
10 interest. To improve this VRA district and increase
11 Latinx capital over 50 percent please include the
12 remainder South Fullerton --

13 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

14 MS. TRUNKLIN: -- South of Chapman, and West of
15 Richmond Avenue, and remove parts of City of Orange.
16 Thank you for your time.

17 MR. MANOFF: As a reminder to our callers. Your
18 public input is being interpreted by our ASL interpreters
19 and live captioned by our live captioners. Please speak
20 at a steady pace and take your time with city names,
21 county names, and numbers.

22 Back to you, Katy.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
24 right now we have caller 4549 and up next after that will
25 be caller 5056.



1 Caller 4549, if you'll please follow the prompts to
2 unmute. The floor is yours.

3 MS. KAROSI: Hi, I'm Lori Karossi (ph.) and I'm
4 calling from the Long Beach Economic Partnership. We're
5 a 501(c)(3) that's focused on furnishing economic
6 opportunities that exist in Long Beach. And we are part
7 of the Keep Long Beach Together Coalition.

8 I know you're hearing from a lot of people but I
9 want to note and remind the Commission that our Coalition
10 has been working with these since the summer. We
11 represent groups that include the Local NAACP, business
12 groups, LGBTQ groups, Latino organizations, Cambodian
13 organizations, labor unions and (indiscernible) group.
14 Our message has been clear. Don't break us up and keep
15 our city as together as possible.

16 Despite being part of LA County, the Long Beach
17 region is very different. We have strong connections
18 with Orange County and a lot of businesses that we work
19 with across the county line. It's also been part of our
20 history of representation for as long as anyone can
21 remember, that the Long Beach region has always shared a
22 representative with North Orange County, and we totally
23 support that. I know we are getting to the end of this
24 process and appreciate that --

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.



1 MS. KAROSI: -- the maps your drawing show Long
2 Beach mostly kept united. Thanks again.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
4 right now we'll have caller 5056, and up next after that
5 will be caller 7507. Caller 5056, if you'll please
6 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

7 MS. CHENG: Good evening. My name is Susan Cheng
8 and I'm the organizing director of AHRI for Justice.
9 I'll be commenting on the draft maps in Orange County.
10 Specifically, I'd like to reference to two areas, the
11 South Fullerton and West Anaheim area and the Irvine
12 Costa Mesa area.

13 First off, I want to thank the Commission for
14 maintaining the federal Voting Rights Act district for
15 the Latinx community that draws (audio interference)
16 South Fullerton along with the Santa Ana COI. In order
17 to improve the VRA district and increase the Latinx CVAP
18 to over fifty percent, please include Fullerton South of
19 Chapman Avenue, and West of Richmond Avenue, and remove
20 parts of the City of Orange.

21 The second area I'd like to reference is the Irvine,
22 Costa Mesa, and Tustin area of Orange County. As an
23 alumna of UC Irvine, I can attest that Irvine is one of
24 the fastest growing major cities in the state. It's
25 important that immigrant communities in and around this

1 areas are kept together. Please keep the city whole by
2 drawing the portion of Irvine North of the 5 Freeway into
3 District NOC Coast and balancing population in the South
4 county area between district Inland OC, NOC Coast, and
5 SOCNSC. Thank you so much for you time and have a nice
6 night.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
8 right now we'll have caller 8816 and up next after that
9 will be caller. I apologize.

10 Right now we'll have caller 7507, and up next after
11 that will be 8816.

12 Caller 7507, if you'll please follow, the floor is
13 yours.

14 MS. VO: Hi, can you hear me?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

16 MS. VO: Okay. My name is Phuong Vo and I'm here on
17 behalf of the California Healthy Nail Salon
18 Collaborative. Our organization works to improve the
19 health, safety and rising up of beauty care workforce to
20 achieve a more sustainable and (indiscernible) industry.
21 Today, a little under seventy percent of nail technicians
22 in California are Vietnamese and most of them are
23 concentrated in Little Saigon, meaning Garden Grove and
24 Westminster, home to the largest Vietnamese population in
25 the U.S. and so nail salon workers experience chronic

1 exposure to a host of chemicals and toxins that are known
2 to be cancer-causing agents. Beyond environmental
3 impacts, manicurists also experience (indiscernible)
4 labor. And because of these shared challenges, the
5 regions of Little Saigon should be kept together. So you
6 know, thank you so much for the Commission's hard work
7 and, you know, for the Commission's drawing the district
8 (indiscernible) next to the VRAC.

9 I do want to emphasize the importance of Garden
10 Grove and Westminster being kept together as a community
11 of interest. And that we should keep immigrant
12 communities together and remain whole. Thank you.

13 Also, that --

14 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

15 MS. VO: -- yes. And we know that the division of
16 Ervine remains a major concern in Orange County, and so
17 it's important to note that Ervine can be made whole and
18 joined together with Costa Mesa without changing the
19 district, (indiscernible) Brea, Santa Ana, or changing
20 over --

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
22 right now, we have caller 8816, and up next after that
23 will be caller 8050.

24 Caller 8816, please follow the prompts to unmute.

25 MR. TAYLOR: Thank you and good evening,



1 Commissioners. This Mark Taylor. I'm a twenty-five year
2 resident of Long Beach. I'm calling in first to thank
3 you for taking on the thankless and enormous and time
4 consuming task. I want to thank you, also, for keeping
5 Long Beach mostly together.

6 As the second largest city in L.A. County, the one
7 that's located on the border with Orange County, we have
8 a long history of joint representation with Long Beach
9 and Northern Orange County cities. You know, I think
10 there's a big difference between state and federal
11 issues, coastal protection, energy resources, climate
12 change (indiscernible, simultaneous speech), and very
13 much federal issues and issues that have a joint interest
14 at the Congressional level. And so for the Congressional
15 district in this area, I would support moving cities like
16 Downey, Bell Gardens into the Southeast L.A. based
17 districts and keeping cities like Long Beach, Lakewood,
18 and neighbors in Orange County, like, Cypress, Los
19 Alamitos, and Seal Beach together, where they had been
20 for many years. Thank you for your hard work and have a
21 good evening.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
23 right now, we'll have caller 8050. And up next after
24 that will be caller 5814.

25 DR. HACEGABA: Hello, Commissioners. My name is



1 Noel Hacegaba. I'm the deputy executive director at the
2 Port of Long Beach. As all of you may know, we've been
3 dealing with a supply chain crisis for months now and
4 Congressional representation has never been more
5 important. Consumer behavior has changed drastically
6 since the internet-enabled 24/7 e-commerce and our
7 decades old supply chain infrastructure just hasn't had
8 the time or the investments to catch up.

9 Forty percent of America's goods moved through our
10 ports in Long Beach and Los Angeles. California's
11 economy depends on these two successful ports in L.A.
12 County. As long as I can remember, both ports have each
13 had their own Congressional representative, and I can't
14 overstate how important this is. California ports
15 traditionally get less federal support than East Coast
16 ports. But thankfully, because we have two Congress
17 members, we have been able to advocate for critical
18 bridge and terminal projects that both ports.

19 So I urge you not to cut our port representation in
20 half. America and California are depending on us. Thank
21 you for what you've done in the Assembly map. The
22 decisions you make --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 DR. HACEGABA: -- within the Congressional map will
25 have a direct impact on solutions to the supply chain

1 challenges that we face today and for the next ten years.
2 Commissioners, thank you so much for your service and
3 your time.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
5 right now we will have caller 5814. And up next after
6 that will be caller 1435.

7 5814, please follow the prompts to unmute. The
8 floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, there. I'm calling in
10 regards to Rancho Cucamonga. Please keep Rancho
11 Cucamonga whole, and do not split our city into multiple
12 districts. Rancho Cucamonga has a strong sense of
13 identity and has historically been all or mostly in one
14 Congressional, Senate, and Assembly districts. And the
15 proposed maps, unfortunately, split our community and
16 lump us with communities that have no commonality with
17 us. This diminishes our community power and opportunity
18 for strong representation. So again, I please ask that
19 you keep our city whole within San Bernadino County.
20 Thank you so much.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
22 right now we will have caller 1435. And up next after
23 that will be call-in user 3.

24 Caller 1435, please follow the prompts to unmute.
25 The floor is yours.



1 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Good evening. My name
2 is Judy, and I'm calling from South Orange County. I
3 know the Commission will do some work in Orange County
4 Congressional districts tomorrow, but once they finalize
5 these VRAs, and I wanted to call in one final time to ask
6 for a true Orange County coastal district.

7 I know you have heard this commentary quite a bit,
8 but I just want it to be the top of your mind when you
9 start addressing the communities of interest in Orange
10 County. A district from Seal Beach all the way to Dana
11 Point might seem long, but it truly acknowledges our
12 coastal priorities, and allows us to have representation
13 to protect our coast. Thank you for all of your hard
14 work and all that you're doing. And I'm excited to see
15 the next version of these Congressional maps. Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
17 right now we will have call-in user 3. And up next after
18 that will be caller 89557.

19 Call-in user 3, please follow the prompts to unmute.
20 The floor is yours.

21 MS. O'CONNOR: Good evening, Commissioners. My name
22 is Ann O'Connor (ph.). It looks like you're getting very
23 close to Los Angeles tonight, and I'd like to request
24 that you fix the North border of POSO, part of Sherman
25 Oaks, in the Congressional map, by drawing a straight

1 line from the 405 Freeway East along Oxnard Street and
2 then turn South on Hazeltine. It looks like the
3 deviation will indeed allow for this.

4 We would like you to restore our businesses and
5 residents who were arbitrarily cut out, but were part of
6 our official renaming by the City of Los Angeles in 2009.
7 We fought very hard for it -- for our renaming, and it
8 took about two years to attain. Please keep us whole
9 with Sherman Oaks and do not split us.

10 Thank you, Commissioners, for fixing the Assembly
11 and the State Senate maps. Special thanks to Russell Yee
12 for making it a priority last week. Thanks for all that
13 you're doing. Bye-bye.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
15 right now we will have caller 9557. And up next after
16 that will be caller 1338.

17 Caller 9557, if you will please follow the prompts
18 to unmute.

19 MS. TAURUS: Good evening.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

21 MS. TAURUS: Thank you. Good evening. My name is
22 Eleanor Taurus (ph.) and I work at the Port of Long
23 Beach. I'm calling this evening to speak about the
24 Congressional maps. In my day-to-day job, I communicate
25 regularly with our federal elected offices and their

1 staff. And as you are aware, we are in a cargo
2 congestion crisis and Congressional representation is
3 critical.

4 I'd like to add that I agree with the previous
5 callers who have said that they want the Port of Long
6 Beach and the Port of Los Angeles to be in separate
7 Congressional districts. Our twin ports move forty
8 percent of all of America's goods, forty percent. They
9 are the largest ports in the country.

10 We are a vital economic engine for the nation that
11 requires exceptional Congressional representation. There
12 has to be ample representation in this area that also
13 understands the needs of our diverse neighboring
14 communities and workforce. Please put the Port of Long
15 Beach in a district together with Long Beach and the Port
16 of L.A. in a separate district with L.A. Thank you very
17 much for your consideration.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
19 right now we have caller 1338. And up next after that
20 will be caller 4967.

21 Caller 1338, if you'll please follow the prompts to
22 unmute. Caller 1338, if you will please follow the
23 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is
24 yours.

25 MS. RIXBEN: Hello. My name is Tara Rixben (ph.) of



1 Aliso Viejo, and I want to thank the committee for their
2 hard work during this redistricting process. It is my
3 wish that we keep our own coastal district in Orange
4 County. Our communities share common interests, levels
5 of income, and ways of life.

6 I request kindly that we please keep the coastal
7 areas of Orange County together. And that is my call.
8 Thank you so much.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
10 right now we have caller 4967. And up next after that
11 will be caller 8224.

12 Caller 4967, if you'll please follow the prompts to
13 unmute. The floor is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.
15 My name's Alita (ph.), and I'd like to reference the
16 Fresno Tulare Congressional map. The City of Fresno does
17 not belong in the Fresno Tulare Congressional district
18 draft. As a resident of rural Fresno County, I
19 understand how different the city's urban population is
20 from the rest of the district's rural communities.

21 The City of Fresno should be included in a district
22 like Fresno, where it will share with representation from
23 the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and Fresno City
24 Council, and not disrupt the Fresno Tulare district's
25 rural communities of interest. Instead, the Fresno

1 Tulare districts should include more of the rural Kings
2 and Tulare Counties, which are far more similar to the
3 rural communities in the Fresno County like mine. Thank
4 you. And have a nice evening.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
6 right now we will have caller 8224. And up next after
7 that will be caller 6212.

8 Caller 8224, if you'll please follow the prompts to
9 unmute. The floor is yours.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, do you hear me?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello? Okay. Hello,
13 Commissioner. I called yesterday and made my comment
14 after I listened in to your meeting yesterday. I have to
15 call again to make another comment. I respectfully
16 disagree with what the Commissioner Akutagawa was saying
17 that about Little Saigon District. Ten year ago we were
18 (indiscernible) should be with Little Saigon. We both
19 denied this and (indiscernible).

20 Now, you are doing the same with the 49,000 people
21 from North of Huntington Beach and Huntington Harbor to
22 be a part of Little Saigon. Today, (indiscernible) had
23 over thirty-five percent Vietnamese-American. Vietnamese
24 is their (indiscernible) language other than language for
25 (indiscernible) School District students in 205 council

1 member of Vietnamese-American.

2 Please don't deny our community the right
3 Assemblymember and deny that Huntington Beach had a lack
4 of Vietnamese-American community --

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- as well. Ten years from
7 now, Huntington Beach will be no (indiscernible) ten year
8 later. Please go back to CCW map and make change. Thank
9 you for listening.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
11 right now we have caller 6212. And up next after that
12 will be caller 8112.

13 Caller 6212, if you'll please follow the prompts to
14 unmute. The floor is yours.

15 MR. HAIGE: Thank you. My name is Jacob Haige
16 (ph.). I live in San Pedro. I'm a government employee.
17 I work very closely with the Port of Los Angeles, and I
18 agree with the speakers from Long Beach on having two
19 Congressional districts. It's vitally important that we
20 have the representation, especially these critical times
21 with port congestion.

22 But I'm really calling about what is now Assembly
23 District 70, which incorporates San Pedro. I understand
24 our neighbors, Long Beach, want their own district, which
25 we are good with, but that's affected San Pedro. In your

1 latest rendition -- your edition of that map, it cuts San
2 Pedro on the West, a small sliver and moves into another
3 Assembly district. We're asking that you include all of
4 San Pedro in one Assembly district. Don't cut our
5 Western portion.

6 San Pedro is a working-class community. It's a port
7 community. We love our neighbors on the hill, but they
8 are an affluent --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MR. HAIGE: -- community. There are no shared roads
11 that -- or access to Rancho Palos Verdes or Rolling Hills
12 Estates. It's a different community. We believe we will
13 be disenfranchised -- that small sliver will be
14 disenfranchised.

15 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

16 MR. HAIGE: And we ask that you make San Pedro
17 whole. Keep us in one Assembly district. And we thank
18 you for your time and all of your service.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
20 right now is caller 8112. And up next after that will be
21 caller 4201.

22 Caller 8112, if you'll please follow the prompts to
23 unmute. The floor is yours.

24 MR. DO: Good evening. I'm Councilman Tai Do from
25 Westminster. I have been living in this Little Saigon

1 area for over thirty years. So thank you very much for
2 all of your efforts for making sure Little Saigon areas
3 is whole. You're almost there. Ten years ago, no one
4 would have thought that Fountain Valley is part of the
5 core of Little Saigon, and today it is. This is exactly
6 what is happening in Huntington Beach.

7 We are asking you to make Little Saigon complete by
8 adding in the 49,000 residents who reside North of
9 Huntington Beach at Garfield Street and remove Stanton,
10 in the past, a majority Latino population. We have a
11 very close community and Vietnamese-Americans in
12 Huntington Beach also need an Assemblymember who
13 understands their needs, like the rest of Little Saigon.

14 Well, thank you very much for your hard work and for
15 your service. Have a good evening.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
17 right now we will have caller 4201. And up next after
18 that will be caller 2546.

19 Caller 4201, if you'll please follow the prompts to
20 unmute. Caller 4201, if you'll please follow the prompts
21 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

22 MR. WALDMAN: Thank you. Stuart Waldman from VICA.
23 I want to thank you for all you've done in trying to keep
24 the Valley whole. Right now, the Congressional draft map
25 includes three Valley Congressional districts, a

1 Glendale-Burbank district, an East-West-central San
2 Fernando Valley district, and a West South Valley
3 district. This happens to match the Valley's subregions
4 perfectly, and we hope that we'll be able to keep those
5 whole.

6 There's one of the changes that we have suggested
7 and we've suggested a simple four-district change that
8 would move Santa Monica out of the Valley District, which
9 I know that Santa Monica wants to do that as well. It'll
10 also make a swap that puts -- so it puts Santa Monica in
11 the Shoreline District. And Malibu SFV district would
12 now be almost fully North of Mulholland, except for a
13 couple, obviously, you have to balance, but a couple of
14 areas.

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 MR. WALDMAN: It will unify North Ridge in a single
17 Congressional district, which we would appreciate, and
18 then it unites Studio City and Toluca Lake in the San
19 Fernando Valley District. So it's pretty simple. We've
20 sent the --

21 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

22 MR. WALDMAN: -- Shapefiles. We'll send them again.
23 We appreciate what you've done for the Valley. We hope
24 that we can keep it going on the Congressional maps. And
25 we know it's a little more difficult because of the

1 deviation. But just want to thank you and look forward
2 to seeing what happens.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
4 right now we will have caller 2546. And up next after
5 that will be caller 3995.

6 Caller 2546, if you'll please follow the prompts to
7 unmute. The floor is yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, esteemed
9 Commissioners. I'd love to agree with that last caller.
10 I'm calling on behalf of the beautiful beach City of
11 Santa Monica again, and we are asking that the 93,000
12 residents of Santa Monica be returned to the shoreline
13 district of Venice. It's a beach city. That's a key
14 word. It's not a Valley city.

15 I ask that the Commissioners please consider the
16 solution that Stuart Waldman and VICA have submitted.
17 The VICA plan is a limited population swap between four
18 districts and fixes existing problems with each. It puts
19 almost all of the San Fernando Valley districts North of
20 Mulholland Drive. It unites West Hollywood and connects
21 it with Beverly Hills in the West Side cities. It puts
22 Studio City in Toluca Lake together in a Valley district.
23 It puts all of North Ridge back together into one
24 district. And most importantly, it puts Santa Monica
25 back on the shoreline district with Venice.

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Santa Monica belongs to
3 Venice. The VICA plan limits its adjustments to just the
4 fourth -- the VICA plan limits its adjustments to just
5 the four North LA districts and it is balanced so that it
6 doesn't impact the good work of the Commission and the
7 rest of L.A.

8 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you again for your work
10 and for trying to keep Santa Monica in a coastal
11 district. Santa Monica is on the beach, not in the
12 Valley. It's a beach city. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now we will have caller 3995. And up next after
15 that will be caller 9841.

16 Caller 3995, if you'll please follow the prompts to
17 unmute. The floor is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Good evening,
19 Commissioners. I'm calling to speak on the High Desert
20 SV map. I just want to say that the Commission has done
21 a fantastic job listening to community members with this
22 draft. You've drawn a district that fully enfranchises
23 our desert communities and its residents. Thank you for
24 recognizing that our communities are impacted by these
25 same issues, such as federal land conservation and rural

1 transportation.

2 Another important detail of this map is how you've
3 given a voice to the high concentration of veterans that
4 are in the region by keeping together Fort Irwin with the
5 Marine bases in Barstow and Twentynine Palms, Barstow
6 Veterans Home, the Victorville VA Clinic and Loma Linda's
7 VA hospital. You've guaranteed full representation on
8 the federal level for these active -- for these active
9 military members, veterans, their families, and the
10 communities that rely on these bases and the facilities
11 with them. Once more, thank you Commissioners for acting
12 in the interests of our desert communities.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now we have caller 9841. And up next after that
15 will be caller 8627.

16 Caller 9841, please follow the prompts to unmute.
17 The floor is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello. My name is
19 Amanda (ph.), and I am from Westminster. I just like to
20 thank the Commission for all the hard work. I'm calling
21 today to unequivocally declare my support for keeping the
22 strong Vietnamese community in Westminster and Huntington
23 Beach. I have heard essentially every Commissioner speak
24 about the importance of keeping communities of interest
25 together. This is your chance.

1 The Vietnamese community does not deserve to be
2 broken up. It deserves to be kept together. The only
3 way to officially do this -- effectively do this is to
4 maintain and keep the whole Vietnamese community that
5 exists in Huntington Beach and Westminster. Thank you
6 for your time and dedication to getting this process
7 right. Have a great night.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
9 right now we will have caller 8627. And up next after
10 that will be caller 6789.

11 Caller 8627, if you'll please follow the prompts to
12 unmute. The floor is yours.

13 MS. MANANCHO: Hello. My name is Christina Manancho
14 (ph.), and I'm here and I am with Asian Solidarity
15 Collective in San Diego, California. ASC is a regional
16 lead organization for the API and AMEMSA Redistricting
17 Collaborative. I would really like to thank the
18 Commission today for keeping our convoy COI whole, which
19 includes Mira Mesa, Claremont, Kearny Mesa, Linda Vista,
20 and keeping it with El Cajon, La Mesa, Lemon Grove,
21 Spring Valley, and supporting the new configuration as it
22 uplifts their most impacted communities and keeps their
23 communities together. Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 right now we have caller 6789. And up next after that



1 will be caller 2931.

2 Caller 6789, if you'll please follow the prompts to
3 unmute. The floor is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Heather, my name is
5 Vincent (ph.). I'm a resident of Fountain Valley and a
6 part of Get Rise, a nonprofit based in Garden Grove. As
7 an organization and as a community member living in
8 Little Saigon, we implore you to keep together West Santa
9 Ana, West of the Santa Ana River with the neighboring
10 cities, Westminster, Garden Grove, and Fountain valley,
11 both in the Congressional State Senate draft maps similar
12 to the layout of the Assembly draft map.

13 This is a large concentration of Vietnamese living
14 in West Santa Ana, who are predominantly mobile home
15 residents, seniors, low income and a large concentration
16 of mobile home parks in Westminster, Garden Grove, and
17 West Santa Ana should be kept together within the same
18 district, rather than being separated. These maps should
19 reflect what unites our communities, who are facing
20 similar systemic issues. And keeping these cities
21 together also respects the strong growth of Little
22 Saigon, whose origins line West Santa Ana and later moved
23 on to Garden Grove, Westminster, and Fountain Valley.

24 West Santa Ana continues to be an important
25 gathering place for Vietnamese community members due to a

1 large concentration of large Vietnamese churches and
2 temples, many of which were built early on in the
3 development of --

4 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- Little Saigon. And
6 furthermore, the socioeconomic background of West Santa
7 Ana is much more similar to the cities of Westminster and
8 Garden Grove and --

9 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- the cities of
11 Huntington Beach and Newport Beach have much higher
12 median income and should not be placed together. Thank
13 you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
15 right now we will have caller 2931. And up next after
16 that will be caller 3480.

17 Caller 2931, if you'll please follow the prompts to
18 unmute. The floor is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioner. I am
20 calling again regarding a Little Saigon. I am frustrated
21 and confused. We sat through the listening to enforce
22 and protect Korean-American community, Fullerton, Little
23 Arabia, Fullerton College, (indiscernible) city, but
24 second largest minority group is being ignored. Little
25 Saigon has been advocating for months. And we still can

1 be here. And you keep adding cities that we did not ask
2 (indiscernible) for the Assembly district GGW map.
3 Please put a portion of Huntington Beach in with Little
4 Saigon, either North of Garfield Street and
5 (indiscernible) Street in Huntington Beach, and remove
6 Cypress and Stanton.

7 Thank you for listening. Please listen to voice of
8 Little Saigon. Please don't treat us like a stepchild.
9 Treat us on equally. Thank you and have a good evening,
10 Commissioner. Bye-bye.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 right now we have caller 3480. And up next after that
13 will be caller 0969.

14 Caller 3480, if you'll please follow the prompts to
15 unmute. The floor is yours.

16 MR. LI: Hello. My name is Richie Li (ph.). I'd
17 first like to say thank you to Commissioner Linda
18 Akutagawa for hearing and recognizing the community
19 testimony for Little Saigon. Now, that we are on to the
20 Congressional districts, please put Little Saigon in with
21 Huntington Beach.

22 If we truly want to represent the Vietnamese
23 community, this change should happen. Please make the
24 change a top priority when you revisit the Orange County
25 Coastal District tomorrow. Thank you guys so much for

1 your time. We really appreciate it. Having a good
2 night.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
4 right now we have caller 0969. And up next after that
5 will be caller 9153.

6 Caller 0969, if you'll please follow the prompts to
7 unmute. The floor is yours.

8 Caller 0969, if you'll double-check your phone and
9 make sure it is not on mute. You are unmuted in the
10 meeting.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yes. It was on mute.
12 My bad. Let me try again.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good evening. Okay.
15 Good evening. My name is Taavi, spelled T-A-A-V-I, and I
16 am a Garden Grove resident. I also work for United
17 Domestic Workers, the in-home supportive service provider
18 union. IHSS providers and our UDW members need fair and
19 equal representation because the IHSS program depends on
20 funding from the State of California, County Board of
21 Supervisors, and Federal Medicaid.

22 A significant portion of our OC members and
23 providers belong to the Latinx communities of Santa Ana,
24 West Anaheim, and South Fullerton. UDW applauds the
25 Commission's decision to draw these communities into the

1 same federal Voting Rights Act districts.

2 We would like to encourage you to improve this map
3 by incorporating the remainder of South Fullerton that is
4 South of Chapman Avenue and West of Richmond Avenue. We
5 believe that the parts of the City of Orange should be
6 excluded. Doing so will help solidify the fifty percent
7 Latinx population requirement for this VRA district.

8 UDW --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: -- thanks the Commission
11 for your hard work, and thank you for your consideration.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now we have caller 9153. And up next after that
14 will be caller 1043.

15 Caller 9153, if you'll please follow the prompts to
16 unmute. The floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Good evening. My name
18 is Nancy (ph.), and I'm calling from Laguna Niguel.
19 Right now, Laguna Niguel is slightly split in the
20 Congressional maps, and I think if we focus on making an
21 Orange County coastal district, we can rectify this and
22 allow the coastal district to proceed down to Dana Point
23 and San Clemente. There is an easy population swap to
24 make this happen.

25 We just need to keep Irvine whole and let it anchor



1 the Inland Orange County district. I know these are
2 small changes, but after you finalize the VRA
3 requirements, I think these communities of interest make
4 sense to address next in Orange County. Thank you for
5 your time and your service.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
7 right now we have caller 1043. And up next after that
8 will be caller 5699.

9 Caller 1043, if you'll please follow the prompts to
10 unmute. The floor is yours.

11 Caller 1043, if you'll doublecheck your phone and
12 make sure it is not on mute. You are unmuted in the
13 meeting.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Dear Commissioner, I
15 call and was able to speak to (indiscernible) just wanted
16 to call again today, because we are very, very
17 disappointed (indiscernible) Little Saigon. You are
18 denying (indiscernible) community of true representation
19 by removing Stanton and (indiscernible). The Assembly
20 district would be well over thirty percent. We know how
21 that it has been for use of (audio interference) ten
22 years ago. So now we are getting involved to make sure
23 it doesn't happen again. Please look at the Assembly
24 district (audio interference) -- very simple, remove
25 Stanton and add North of Garfield. Thank you. Have a

1 good evening.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
3 right now we have caller 5699. And up next after that
4 will be caller 3700.

5 Caller 5699, if you'll please follow the prompts to
6 unmute. Caller 5699, if you'll please follow the prompts
7 to unmute by pressing star six. I do apologize caller
8 5699, you do appear to have some type of connectivity
9 issue at the moment. We will come back to you.

10 Caller 3700 will be right now and up next after that
11 will be caller 1007. Caller 3700, if you'll please
12 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours. Go
13 ahead 3700, if you'll please doublecheck your phone to
14 make sure you are not on mute. You are unmuted at the
15 meeting.

16 MS. WILSON: Hi. Can you hear me now?

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

19 MS. WILSON: Hi. My name is Betty Wilson (ph.).
20 I'm calling in for our coalition regarding Zone F, San
21 Joaquin County. Just a couple of quick comments. I
22 believe there was conversation regarding one of our
23 Assembly districts discussing Mirada and Garden Acres.
24 We would respectfully request keeping those sister cities
25 with San Joaquin County.

1 We would encourage the Commission to look at
2 submitted maps 1007, 202,1124. I believe Mountain House
3 could provide the same outcome. We encourage the
4 Commission to trust your 11/10 visualizations and we
5 would hate to disenfranchise our community by removing
6 areas that have been part of our community for some time.

7 Also when considering changes, please consider
8 submitted Congressional district map 1006, 202, 1112. We
9 believe on that map we have met all the Commission's
10 criteria.

11 Thank you for all your hard work. And I know I
12 know -- we know you will make the best decisions for
13 those communities wishing for fair and equitable
14 representation. Thank you so very much.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
16 right now we have caller 1007. And up next after that
17 will be caller 5184.

18 Caller 1007, if you will please follow the prompts
19 to unmute. The floor is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Chris
21 and I'm a resident of Newport Beach. We have some
22 serious concerns here in the coast about being lumped in
23 with large inland cities like Irvine. These two
24 communities are two different to simply lump us together.
25 I worry our concerns on the coast will be washed out by a

1 city that has its own issues to worry about. This would
2 propose a situation that's not fair for us, nor is it
3 fair for the citizens of Irvine. We all deserve a
4 Congressional representative who isn't splitting their
5 time, focusing on two different communities. Please,
6 keep Irvine out of Central -- or out of the coastal
7 Congressional district.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
9 right now we have caller 5184. And up next after that
10 will be caller 6445.

11 Caller 5184, if you'll please follow the prompts to
12 unmute. The floor is yours.

13 MS. BUTRA.: Hi, my name is Chris Butra (ph.). I'm
14 calling from Mammoth Lakes, California. And I just want
15 to comment, because I know you'll be going to
16 Congressional districts in Northern California in the
17 next day or two. The current Congressional district
18 EDECA draft just isn't just. You know, it still dips all
19 the way to Modesto. That dip brought out a huge outcry
20 from communities in the Central Valley and communities in
21 the Sierra Nevada. No one from either community thought
22 it was a good idea. It's just unfair to both areas.

23 In addition, the current configuration cuts the
24 district off and it separates the Lake Tahoe Basin from
25 Truckee. You know, it's not just a community of

1 interest, that's one community. The Commission should
2 seriously consider returning to VCD_ECA 11-02 for all the
3 reasons we have been outlining since the process first
4 began. It keeps the community of interest together.
5 It's geographically contiguous, even with the Sierra
6 Nevada. It's as compacted as possible. We've watched
7 for days. You worked so hard in San Diego, Orange
8 County, and LA to keep communities together. A Sierra
9 district is possible. And we just hope you'll take the
10 same time and care to solve for our community. Thank you
11 very much for your time.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now we have caller 6445. And up next after that
14 will be caller 6586.

15 Caller 6445, if you'll please -- the floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Can you hear me?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I'm calling from
19 Little Saigon. We are happy that you are prioritizing
20 the Vietnamese community and hope that you can put Little
21 Saigon with Huntington Beach in the Congressional
22 district map. Huntington Beach is really a part of the
23 greater Little Saigon. And our communities make sense
24 together. Thank you for all your work in recognizing the
25 importance of Vietnamese Congressional district in Orange

1 County and have a good evening.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
3 right now we will have caller 6586. And up next after
4 that will be caller 2189.

5 Caller 6586, if you will please follow the prompts
6 to unmute. The floor is yours.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very much,
8 Commissioners. I'm calling about the Commission's sort
9 of arbitrary decision to completely divide Irvine from
10 the Congressional district and not for the Assembly or
11 Senate districts. Irvine is one of the more important
12 cities in California from an economic perspective as well
13 as from a united communities perspective. And the people
14 who live here deserve their representation in Congress
15 that understands our diverse range of problems. So
16 dividing Irvine representation at the federal level does
17 a major disservice to those who live here. And not
18 only -- and it does not align with Commission's solid
19 reasoning behind keeping Irvine together for the -- the
20 state level lineage. So thank you very much for your
21 time and thank you very much for all your hard work.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
23 right now we have caller 2189. And up next after that
24 will be caller 1816.

25 Caller 2189, if you'll please follow the prompts to



1 unmute. The floor is yours.

2 MS. RICHARDSON: Good evening. My name is Wilberta
3 Richardson (ph.). I am a 35-year resident of Altadena
4 and the president of Altadena NAACP. Our request is
5 simple. We request that the maps that were drawn on
6 November 10th be maintained. It keeps Altadena and
7 Pasadena together, not separating. They're contiguous
8 communities that lived together for enormously long time.
9 And it maintains the voice of African American community
10 in San Gabriel valley. To do otherwise will minimize the
11 strength of our voice and impact us substantially.
12 Unfortunately, there's no attempt to split Altadena and
13 things of that type, but we request that Altadena and
14 Pasadena be kept together. Thank you for your time.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
16 right now we have caller 1816. And up next after that
17 will be caller 3405. Caller 1816, if you'll please
18 follow the prompt to unmute. The floor is yours.

19 MS. LOPEZ: I'm Councilmember Quena Lopez (ph.)
20 serving the North area, district 5 in San Leandro,
21 bordering Oakland. Today I am speaking on behalf of
22 myself and on behalf of our council. San Leandro's deep
23 economic and historical ties to Oakland and should be
24 considered a shared community of interest. Please move
25 San Leandro into AD Oakland from ADE Spae (ph.). Also

1 please not split San Leandro between the two would have
2 impact. The Commissioner Vazquez articulated concerns
3 about this a bit ago. San Leandro and Oakland are tied
4 together by shared employment, housing, health care,
5 human services, a creek protecting endangered species,
6 and retail establishments, as well as transportation and
7 infrastructure with 58-880, International Boulevard, East
8 Fortune, San Diego Boulevard, Sutton Avenue, and
9 Doolittle Drive in common. The recently enlarged CRT
10 (ph.) system called Tempo (ph.) with its high level of --
11 of ridership has one terminal (audio interference)
12 community center in Oakland and the other terminal in
13 downtown San Leandro. San Leandro's commercial and
14 industrial corridor is able to thrive (audio
15 interference) --

16 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

17 MS. LOPEZ: Oakland International Airport, but also
18 shares impact environmentally so. San Leandro's unified
19 district directly serves children who live in Oakland and
20 there is a bus line that serves both San Leandro and
21 Oakland children to get them to various schools --

22 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

23 MS. LOPEZ: -- along the Bancroft Avenue Corridor.
24 San Leandro under contact -- contact with Oakland human
25 service agencies to provide basic services to San Leandro

1 residents such as tenant protection services (in Spanish,
2 not translated), integrated health services through (in
3 Spanish, not translated) --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
5 right now we have caller 3405. And up next after that
6 will be caller 8407.

7 Caller 3405, if you'll please follow the prompts to
8 unmute. The floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you Commissioners, for
10 your service. I have not been able to listen all day.
11 However, earlier today, I believe I heard a couple of
12 Commissioners speak that they would like to fix the issue
13 of the City of Albany being the only Alameda County city
14 in a Congressional district where the rest of the
15 districts in Contra Costa County. I'm speaking to
16 appreciate those remarks and to advocate again for
17 putting the City of Albany back in the district with
18 Berkeley and other cities in Alameda County. You can
19 move population to the East or the South of this district
20 in order to do this. I'm not sure I'm speaking at the
21 right time for this in order for the issues that have
22 already been resolved since I haven't followed all -- all
23 day, which brings me to my next comment.

24 It's difficult to follow the daily accomplishments
25 of the Commission. And I know the -- and I know the

1 detailed agenda for the next day. If there were textual
2 summary of each day and the likely agenda for the next
3 day published on the website, this would be very helpful
4 for the public. Or something to this affect. Or -- or
5 if this is available, please let us know where we can
6 find it.

7 Thank you for your consideration of the suggestion
8 and thanks again for your service and for taking on this
9 long and difficult task.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
11 right now we have caller 8037. And up next after that
12 will be caller 5832.

13 Caller 8037, if you'll please follow the prompt to
14 unmute. The floor is yours.

15 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. Good evening. My
16 name is Grayson (ph.) and I live in Dana Point and I'm
17 calling about the Orange County, San Diego Congressional
18 maps. I'm glad that you're taking so much time in the
19 Southern California -- in Southern California after some
20 of the hasty decisions in November. And I certainly
21 understand that we have to start with the VRA districts.
22 But over six hours today, you've only focused on San
23 Diego and you've not even considered that the changes you
24 just made have ripples with the many communities that you
25 have heard around Orange County all week.

1 The Commission has been so singularly focused on San
2 Diego, I worry that they are not looking at the bigger
3 picture. Please consider putting Dana Point and San
4 Clemente in with Orange County before it's too late.

5 And --

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All
7 right -- right now we'll have caller 5832. And up next
8 after that will be caller 5179.

9 Caller 5832, if you'll please follow the prompts to
10 unmute. The floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi my name is Lizzy
12 (ph.). I'm a resident of Orange County. I'm concerned
13 over the potential division of Irvine and the
14 Congressional proposals. Irvine belongs with us in the
15 inland section of the county. Our needs inland are
16 completely different (audio interference) apart from the
17 coast. And if Irvine is split, their voices will be
18 drowned out by the waves crashing into Surf City. Thank
19 you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
21 right now we have caller 5179. And up next after that
22 will be caller 7068.

23 Caller 5179, if you'll please follow the prompts to
24 unmute.

25 MS. WONG: Hello. Can you hear me?



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

2 MS. WONG: Great. Good evening Commissioners. This
3 is Amy Wong (ph.) from El Monte. I urge you unite the
4 AAPI (ph.) community of interest in the West San Gabriel
5 Valley by following the November 2nd Congressional
6 visualization with some modifications.

7 As a Chinese American, I grew up here and my family
8 and friends see the West San Gabriel Valley AAPI
9 community as a foundational cultural hub. And it should
10 not be divided. Please extend the 27th, 28th, and 29th
11 Congressional districts North into the National Forest so
12 over a million residents have a member of Congress who
13 represents them on National Forest issues. Lower income
14 communities of color have different priorities that
15 richer foothill cities when it comes to our public lands.
16 We, people of color, deserve to have a say in our they
17 should be managed.

18 I'd also like to express support for the December
19 3rd, LA Assembly district proposal by the AAPI and AMEMSA
20 state redistricting collaborative.

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 MS. WONG: For the El Monte border, please use
23 streets South of the 10 Freeway instead of the 10 Freeway
24 itself. Many AAPI families, including mine, live South
25 of the 10 Freeway. So we should be included in the West

1 San Gabriel Valley Assembly district with the AAPI
2 majority.

3 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

4 MS. WONG: Thank you for keeping El Monte and South
5 El Monte united at the Senate and Congressional levels.
6 Thank you and good evening.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
8 right now we will have caller 7068. And then up next
9 after that will be caller 7175.

10 Caller 7068, if you will please follow the prompts
11 to unmute. The floor is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Can you hear me?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. I'm calling from
15 Little Saigon. I know you have heard a lot from our
16 Vietnamese community, but I wanted to call today because
17 you are focusing on Orange County Congressional map.
18 Please put Little Saigon in with Huntington Beach,
19 Westminster, Fountain Valley, and Garden Grove. Really
20 consider Huntington Beach to be a part of Little Saigon
21 because the Vietnamese population lives all throughout.
22 Please make this change for the Congressional district.
23 Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 right now we will have caller 7175. If you'll please

1 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor -- the floor is
2 yours.

3 MR. PAYNE: Thank you. Good evening Commissioners.
4 My name is Jeremy Payne (ph.) calling on behalf of
5 Equality California. I would like to say thank you for
6 keeping our San Diego LGBTQ+ community together by
7 connecting LGBTQ+ communities in Balboa Park, Mission
8 Hills, Hillcrest, University Heights, North Park, and
9 South Park in your Congressional mapping today. I really
10 appreciate the careful attention you've been giving to
11 the LGBTQ+ community.

12 In an effort to strengthen the LGBTQ+ community and
13 the diverse communities which we belong, I would
14 recommend moving our LGBTQ+ community into Central SD
15 district, the one that was being working on today. Doing
16 so would unite us with the communities of Kensington,
17 Normal Heights, and SDSU where we share some more values
18 and concerns and have long worked together to elect
19 candidates choice who will champion our civil rights'
20 interests. This will also help in your efforts to keep
21 SD Coast closer to the City of San Diego, because I know
22 there's been a lot of work there today.

23 For my remaining time, I'd like to speak on
24 Sacramento's Congressional district and remind you of our
25 concern with the Congressional district --

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MR. PAYNE: -- to divide downtown Sacramento and our
3 LGBTQ+ district between two Congressional districts. The
4 LGBTQ+ residence of these two proposed Sacramento
5 districts are served by the same LGBTQ+ organization and
6 institution, by the same LGBTQ+ community center and
7 Lavender Library and go to the same LGBTQ+ citizenship
8 community spaces and night life locations, many of which
9 are in the LGBTQ+ district of Lavender Heights. But
10 that --

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 right now we'll have caller 3241.

13 If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. And
14 one more time, caller 3241, if you will please follow the
15 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is --

16 Can you hear me?

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

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Awesome. Hello. I'm just
20 calling about the Seal and Brea Congressional maps with
21 some suggestions to make it better in the interest of
22 Orange County's maps. With the Santa Ana district mostly
23 in the center of the county, I think we just need to
24 tweak the three surrounding districts in Orange County.
25 Seal Beach should be moved in with the coastal district

1 with the other beach cities.

2 Then we can make the Seal Brea more compact by
3 adding places like Yorba Linda back in order -- in which
4 it really be with Brea. This small population shift
5 should be relatively easy and a good place to start in
6 Orange County now that VRAs are set. You can then grab
7 more coastal populations for the coastal district and put
8 that back with Brea in the OC district. These small
9 shifts will better reflect the communities in Orange
10 County and their interests. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 Chair Andersen, we are up against the break at this time.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Thank you so much, Katy. So
14 it's time for us to take our fifteen-minute break. So if
15 you are in line, please don't hang up. We will get back
16 to you as soon as we get back from break. So fifteen-
17 minute break. So please come back at 7:50.

18 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 7:35 p.m.
19 until 7:50 p.m.)

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Welcome to the -- back
21 to the California Citizens Districting Commission
22 meeting. We are taking public comment at this time. For
23 those who were in line, we will be getting to you. The
24 lines did close at 6:15, but if -- please stay where you
25 are and we'll continue right on with your public

1 comments. Thank you very much.

2 Kristian could you -- or Katy, could you take that
3 away?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. Thank you
5 chair.

6 Right now we have called in user 2. And after that
7 we'll have caller 3166.

8 Call-in user 2, if you'll please follow the prompts
9 to unmute. Call-in user 2, if you'll please follow the
10 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. I do apologize,
11 call-in user 2, and without your last four -- you do
12 have -- it appears you have some type of connectivity
13 issue at the moment. I will put you down as a retry and
14 we will come back around to you.

15 All right. Now, we will have caller 3166. And up
16 next after that will be caller 9805. Caller 3166, if
17 you'll please follow the prompt to unmute. And one more
18 time, caller 3166, if you'll please follow the prompt to
19 unmute by pressing star six.

20 I do apologize, too. Caller 3166, it appears you
21 may be having connectivity issue as well at the moment.
22 I will come back around.

23 MR. MANOFF: As a reminder to those in the queue,
24 please be alert for when it is your turn to speak.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Now, we will



1 have caller 9805. If you will please follow the prompts
2 to unmute by pressing star six. Caller with the last
3 four digits 9805, if you will please follow the prompts
4 to unmute by pressing star six.

5 Caller 7618, if you will please follow the prompts
6 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, can you hear me?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure can.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. I'm just calling
10 and joining in the callers from Little Saigon that ask
11 that our community be kept whole and put with Huntington
12 Beach. We have long shared a Congressional district with
13 Huntington Beach because there is such a vibrant
14 Vietnamese community that lives in Huntington Beach.
15 Close to 7,000 Vietnamese voters are here. Please make
16 the small change in the Congressional maps. Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
18 right now we will have caller 5038. And up next after
19 that will be caller 7592.

20 Caller 5038, if you will please follow the prompts
21 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

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

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
24 now we will have caller 7592. And up next after that
25 will be caller 9517.

1 Caller 7592, if you'll please follow the prompts to
2 unmute. The floor is yours.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. My modified
4 December 6th, Santa Clara County area state Assembly
5 districts including Bonita District are posted at public
6 input 34704. That's 34074.

7 In regards to Congressional redistricting, the
8 November 10th redistricting plan divides Asian adjoining
9 cities in the West San Diego Valley between two
10 districts. A transfer of San Gabriel Valley areas
11 between CD 210 and CD Covina could solve this problem.
12 Alhambra, Monterey Park, North El Monte, Rosemead, and
13 San Gabriel could be transferred to CD 210. And
14 Grassberry, Dwightay (ph.) Glendora, Laverne, San Dimas,
15 and part of Claremont could be transferred to CD Covina.

16 In terms of redistricting, reducing Northern
17 California, one of the decisions you'll need to make is
18 that should North Fair Oaks and East Palo Alto be the
19 Northern San Mateo County districts. So that can be
20 done. But it does need to require a split, perhaps of
21 Pacifica.

22 And in regards to the San Clara County
23 redistricting, I'm not (audio interference) with the
24 maps, but I hope to send some of my own very soon. Thank
25 you so much.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
2 right now we will have caller 9517. And up next after
3 that will be caller 0247.

4 Caller 9517, if you will please follow the prompts
5 to unmute. Caller 9517, if you'll please follow the
6 prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

7 And I do apologize, caller 9517, you appear to have
8 some type of connectivity issue at the moment. We will
9 come back.

10 And right now we'll have caller 0247. If you'll
11 please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

12 MR. DE LEON: Hello. Good evening Commission.
13 Thank you so much for this opportunity. My name is Manny
14 De Leon (ph.) and I'm a resident of Irvine. A UC alumni
15 and a community organizer with the Orange County Alien
16 Pacific Islander Community. OCAPICA for short. An
17 organization in Orange County dedicated to centering in
18 the personal needs of the Asian community in Irvine. On
19 a personal note, I am also an organizer with the
20 Overlook, the significant population of Filipino
21 Americans in and around Irvine.

22 Speaking of Irvine. Irvine is one of the fastest
23 growing cities in the state which is being filled by
24 ongoing growth by growing communities. Growing numbers
25 of Asian American Pacific Islanders and AMEMSA residents

1 consider Irvine and Tustin their home. And also homes in
2 emerging low-income populations with needs so much those
3 of the Latinx community in Costa Mesa.

4 While the Congressional draft map generally looks at
5 the Orange community, the division of Irvine and the
6 splitting of Irvine Costa Mesa and Tustin communities of
7 interest is a major concern. You've heard from the
8 People's Redistricting Alliance members about the
9 importance of keeping these --

10 MR. MANOFF: thirty seconds.

11 MR. DE LEON: -- proportionate immigrant communities
12 whole and together, especially one of the fastest growing
13 majority -- major cities in the state is coming to its
14 own. The city can be kept whole by joining the portion
15 of Irvine North of the four -- of the 5 Freeway into the
16 district of the North Orange County coast and balancing
17 populations in that area between --

18 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

19 MR. DE LEON: -- districts North orange county coast
20 and South orange county, North San Diego. The -- can
21 occur without disturbing the Federal Rights Act --

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
23 right now we'll have caller 6625. And up next after that
24 will be caller 3849.

25 Caller 6625, if you will please follow the prompts

1 to unmute. The floor is yours.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening Commission.
3 Overall, myself and my neighbors would like the High
4 Desert SV map. It keeps together a vast majority of San
5 Bernardino County High Desert. And it ties to the rural
6 communities in our county. We all face issues dealing
7 with transportation and the preservation of the
8 environment. Particularly on lands owned by the Federal
9 Government. This district will allow us to elect a
10 candidate to advocate for our community based on these
11 issues.

12 Thank you, Commissioners, and we encourage you to
13 keep this map.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
15 right now we'll have caller 3849. And up next after that
16 will be caller 0945. Caller 3849, if you will please
17 follow the prompts to unmute.

18 MR. YIP: Hi. Can you hear me?

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

21 MR. YIP: Hi. Good evening, Commissioners. My name
22 is Andrew Yip and I'm a resident in San Gabriel Valley.
23 I urge you to reunite the AAPI communities of interest in
24 the West San Gabriel Valley with the 27th Congressional
25 District. I've lived in Monterey Park, Rosemead, and

1 Arcadia and continue to visit these cities for work and
2 recreation. These are Asian American communities that
3 are heavily intertwined in culture, public health,
4 language, food, religion, and politics. All one has to
5 do is just Google San Gabriel Valley, West San Gabriel
6 Valley, and all of these cities pop up, whether it's
7 about food, culture, or travel.

8 The 27th and 28th, and 29th Congressional Districts
9 should also extend North into the National Forest so that
10 over 1.5 million residents, particularly of those of
11 lower income communities of color have a member of
12 Congress who represents them on the national -- on
13 National Forest issues.

14 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

15 MR. YIP: Please consider reuniting the AAPI
16 communities and also ensuring they have representation
17 for their public matters. Thank you and goodnight.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
19 right now we'll have caller 0945. And up next after that
20 will be caller 7778.

21 Caller 0945, if you'll please follow the prompts to
22 unmute. The floor is yours.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners,
24 I'm calling on behalf of the City of San Leandro,
25 respectfully asking that the Commission keep City of San

1 Leandro intact within one Assembly districts. This is
2 the new drafted district that keeps the communities of
3 similar interest with districts shared characteristics in
4 terms of economic status, types of employment, and voting
5 preferences. Separating the cities in similar
6 communities like Oakland and pairing it with more
7 affluent communities East of the hills will likely
8 isolate the cities' residents and ultimately their voting
9 power. Thank you very much.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
11 right now we have caller 7778. And up next after that
12 will be caller 5970.

13 Caller 7778, if you'll please follow the prompts to
14 unmute. The floor is yours.

15 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Good evening. Thank
16 you. Good evening. My name is Robin and I'm a fourth-
17 decade resident of Newport Beach. I know you've heard a
18 lot from our community so I promise to be brief. First
19 of all I want to thank you for the acknowledgement that
20 the OC Coast is an incredibly unique community as are so
21 many. The recent and devastating oil spill is a perfect
22 example of why it is essential to keep our beach cities
23 together in the Congressional mask so that we actually
24 get proper representation. I genuinely hope you'll
25 prioritize adjusting the OC coastal district tomorrow and

1 make sure that the beach cities from Seal Beach down to
2 San Clemente are all kept together. Thank you so much
3 for your kindness and consideration.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
5 right now we'll have caller 5970. And up next after that
6 will be caller 6380. Caller 5970, if you'll please
7 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

8 MS. NUNDAS: Hello. Good evening. Thank you so
9 much for this opportunity and for your time and public
10 service. My name is Kristie Nundas (ph.) and I am the
11 chairperson for our local community advisory committee
12 here in East Las Angeles. I'm a life-long resident and a
13 third-generation homeowner in the unincorporated East Las
14 Angeles area. I'm calling to share my concern with a
15 false narrative out there that the Boyle Heights
16 community and the communities of unincorporated East Las
17 Angeles and Sedona, Lincoln Heights, and City Paris, that
18 they do not belong together. That is false.

19 When we talk about communities of interest, these
20 communities have a lot in common and share borders,
21 culture, language, food, and other values and morals that
22 I think and I believe should remain within this current
23 district.

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 MS. NUNDAS: And I also want to say that I agree



1 with Commissioner Fernandez when she said that we -- you
2 all need to really please take your time and do this
3 right and give each district the respect and time it
4 deserves across the state. And this includes East Las
5 Angeles who continues to marginalize. And I want to make
6 sure that is not the case.

7 So thank you again for your time. And I appreciate
8 it so much. Have a good night.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
10 right now we will have caller 6380. And up next after
11 that will be caller 6659.

12 Caller 6380, if you will please follow the prompts
13 to unmute. The floor is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I wanted to make some
15 comments on the Congressional map for Orange County. I
16 respectfully would ask to keep Orange County and Las
17 Angeles separate. They have different interests in
18 regard to cultural, economic, and tourism, and coastal
19 communities. I also ask that you keep the OCs, the
20 Orange County beaches together, like Seal Beach and San
21 Clemente and separate the coastal communities from the
22 urban cities. I also ask that you keep Huntington Beach
23 with Dana Point and San Clemente together because they do
24 share tourism, economic, cultural, and tourism interests.
25 That is all. Thank you very much.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right, now we have
2 caller 6659. And up next after that will be caller 0073.

3 Caller 6659, if you'll please follow the prompts to
4 unmute. The floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi. Can you guys hear
6 me?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good evening. My name
9 is Hooey (ph.). I'm calling on behalf of the Little
10 Saigon community. I'm happy that the Commission has
11 heard our thoughts. That we have moved on to the
12 Congressional maps. I wanted to make sure you continue
13 to prioritize keeping Little Saigon together. Our
14 community makes the most sense with Huntington Beach
15 because so much of the Vietnamese community lives in
16 Huntington Beach. I understand why this could not happen
17 at the Assembly level, but I think it can at the
18 Congressional level and I hope you can make this change.
19 Thank you. Have a good night.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
21 right now we will have caller 0073. And up next after
22 that will be caller 1353.

23 Caller 0073, if you will please follow the prompts
24 to unmute. The floor is yours.

25 MR. IDE: Hello, Commissioners. This is Mike Ide

1 (ph.) from Equality California, the nation's largest
2 statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights organization. I'm calling
3 once again to ask the Commission, keep the LGBTQ+
4 community united both in the Long Beach coastal
5 communities and in the Coachella Valley in the
6 Congressional map. The LGBTQ+ group community and
7 coastal communities of Long Beach, Signal Hill, Lakewood,
8 Seal Beach, and Huntington Beach should stay in one
9 Congressional district rather than going inland to
10 Downey. These communities also share the same coastal
11 issues which other communities of interest have also
12 requested stay united in one Congressional district.

13 Uniting us in one Congressional district will better
14 unite and power our coastal LGBTQ+ environmental
15 communities elect candidates of choice who will advocate
16 for their shared priorities and concerns in Congress.

17 As for the Coachella Valley, a reminder that the
18 Coachella Valley is home to historic and vibrant LGBTQ+
19 community which includes many of our LGBTQ+ elders --

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 MR. IDE: -- in California now -- and the first
22 generation of people living with HIV to live in their
23 senior years. These communities need to be united. And
24 we ask that you keep the LGBTQ+ community united in one
25 Congressional district in the Coachella Valley as well.

1 Thank you so much.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
3 right now we'll be going to caller 1353. And up next
4 after that we will be retrying caller 3166.

5 Caller 1353, if you'll please follow the prompt to
6 unmute. The floor is yours.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello Commission. I am a
8 resident of Dana Point and I really find it insensible to
9 place South Orange County in the district that is mostly
10 in San Diego. Such Southern OC county such as Dana Point
11 has much more in common with cities like Laguna Beach and
12 Newport Beach as opposed to San Diego cities such as
13 Oceanside or Encinitas. So there are 15 miles between
14 Santa Clemente and Oceanside, yet we are not in the same
15 district as these neighboring communities.

16 So these OCB cities that are along the coast have
17 similar interests and we're in critical need of
18 infrastructure. And being in a district, surrounding
19 needs of San Diego, which subsequently -- actually leave
20 us with little representation in the South OC. So we
21 would like to have one representative focus on our
22 concerns specifically related to -- to our Orange County
23 coastal communities.

24 Please keep Orange County beaches in one district
25 from Seal Beach --

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- to Santa Clemente. Orange
3 County coasts deserve one Congressional district. Our
4 economy is so reliant on tourism in attracting visitors,
5 both domestic and international. And we need one
6 representative that shares these goals --

7 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- being grouped with more
9 inland areas diminishes our ability to prioritize these
10 issues as that our livelihoods depend on.

11 Thank you Commission, we appreciate the opportunity
12 to address our concerns and we -- we're very much
13 appreciative. Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
15 right now we will be retrying caller 3166. And then up
16 next after that we will retry caller 9805.

17 Caller 3166, if you will please follow the prompts
18 to unmute. And one more time. Caller 3166, please
19 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. I do
20 apologize caller 3166, you appear to have some type of
21 connectivity issue. Please reach out to the Commission
22 in numerous other ways or later this week.

23 And right now we will retry caller 9805, if you will
24 please follow the prompt to unmute. And one more time,
25 caller 9805, I do apologize. If you are able to follow

1 the prompts to unmute, if not, please reach out to the
2 Commission in other ways possible.

3 And right now we will retry caller 5699. If you
4 will please follow the prompts to unmute, if you can.
5 Not having much luck on the retries tonight. All right.
6 I do apologize, caller 5699. If you will please reach
7 out to the Commission in the other ways possible.

8 And I believe we have one more -- oh, two more.
9 Caller 9517, if you will please attempt to follow the
10 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is
11 yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. This is
13 (indiscernible). I am calling to -- to talk about
14 something very important to me and my children, family,
15 and friends. Thank you for the hard work in this -- with
16 the process. We are asking you to add -- to look at the
17 Little Saigon Assembly district again along there and in
18 Huntington Beach. We want to be represented by the
19 Assembly member in the Little Saigon. We will yet not
20 and be ignored and we are with Little Saigon. We will
21 send -- materially -- they should have (indiscernible)
22 they should be with the -- community of interest. We
23 have no interest with them at all (indiscernible) --
24 Little Saigon and have none (indiscernible) in the
25 Assembly who understand and who have us (indiscernible).

1 Thank you very much and --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
3 we will be retrying call-in user 2. If you'll please
4 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing start 6. I do
5 apologize -- oops, there we go. The floor is yours.
6 Call-in user 2, you want to doublecheck your telephone,
7 make sure you are not on mute? You are unmuted in the
8 meeting.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: What number did you
10 call?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I don't have your number,
12 but it is you. Your -- the floor is yours.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: All right. Well, I --
14 I -- I think I'm having some -- my name is Xavier and I'm
15 in the Harbor area, both the Long Beach and San Pedro.
16 And I think that -- it always makes sense to follow
17 natural borders, you know, when -- when you look at the
18 current district it runs alongside the -- the coast
19 pretty much from -- from Newport Beach up to the county
20 line. And then up along the -- the Las Palominos up to
21 Los Alamos and the edge of Buena Park. That's the
22 natural district. And -- and it does two things. It
23 covers the Orange County LA County line. And it also
24 keeps together the beach cities that need to remain
25 together.

1 Now, the other part of this equation that I think is
2 important for you to consider, which has been mentioned
3 before is that we have two ports, Long Beach and San
4 Pedro. And they are the two largest ports in America.

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: They handle 40 percent
7 of the trade. And -- and therefore, if you start, you
8 know, breaking them or finagling up from Orange County,
9 there is a reason that they call the border the Orange
10 Curtain, okay, because it is completely different -- it
11 is -- and so I -- I think it's important.

12 And also you have the Long Beach, the LGBTQ
13 community and you -- you kind of want to keep that on the
14 edge of Orange County with the other ones that were
15 mentioned earlier.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And that is all of our
17 callers at this time, Chair.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much, Katy.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So the -- we've come to the end of
21 our list.

22 Thank you very much to all the -- those who -- all
23 that commented. And for all those who are listening.

24 We really appreciate you and expect to hear from you
25 again tomorrow. On that, we're done for our business for

1 today. And we'll resume the meeting again tomorrow at
2 11:00 a.m. Thank you.

3 (Whereupon, the 2021 Citizens Redistricting
4 Commission (CRC) meeting adjourned at 8:18
5 p.m.)

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