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P R O C E E D I N G S

Friday, December 10, 2021 10:01 a.m.

CHAIR ANDERSEN: Good morning, California, and welcome to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission meetings. I'm Jane Andersen. I'll be the chair for this meeting, as we go over our Congressional Districts, the House with -- along with my vice chair, Ray Kennedy. At this time, could we have roll call, please?

MR. SINGH: Yes, Madam Chair. Thank you.
Commissioner Fernandez?

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari:

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here. Oops.

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: Aqui.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?



1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: (No audible response.)

2 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vasquez?

5 COMMISSIONER VASQUEZ: Here.

6 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

8 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

9 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

10 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: (No audible response.)

12 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Andersen?

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And I am here also. Thank you very
14 much, Ravi.

15 MR. SINGH: You're welcome.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So today we'll have another
17 exciting day working on our districts. We will start in
18 the back piece at the coast and just do a quick rehash on
19 exactly what we did yesterday. And we'll finish the
20 coastal area, the central coast, and we'll do -- go over
21 any revisions or iterations that we have created since
22 yesterday. And we'll hit sort of the Central Valley and
23 then we'll hit Los Angeles, Orange County.

24 So -- and any and all different iterations, we will
25 be reviewing those in detail, until we eventually come



1 through absolutely everything in the map. And so what
2 other items? And for closed session, I found out we may
3 have a closed session, but it's unclear right now. We
4 will call, if we need one.

5 But for public comments, today we will be just
6 taking our last -- our drawing session will end -- we'll
7 take our break at 5:45 to 6 o'clock, when we will take
8 public comment at 6. So you must be on the line before 6
9 o'clock, and at 6 o'clock, we will take public comment.
10 And we may come back for line drawing after that.
11 Depending on how the days go and how much iterations we
12 end up having assigned, we will see if we need to come
13 back today, or start out first thing again in the
14 morning.

15 So with that, we got any questions from
16 Commissioners and/or -- any questions for the
17 Commissioners and/or any announcements of any that -- of
18 any type? Okay. I don't see any.

19 At this time, could we have Tamina? And share her
20 map, please.

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: Good morning, everyone.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Good morning, Tamina. Thank you
23 for all your hard work. And at this time, could we do --
24 was there any iterations in your area that you are
25 prepared to go over with us at this time, other than what



1 we just did?

2 MS. RAMOS ALON: Not at this time, Chair. I have
3 two, which are cooking, but they are not quite finished
4 yet. And so the map that you are looking at right now is
5 where we left with the balance and 17,000 being moved
6 down to Southern California.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Okay, thank you very much.
8 Well, then what we'd like to do, is we -- yesterday, we
9 did the NORTHCOAS, and we worked on the Bay Area, but we
10 did not go down South, this whole Central coast. So this
11 time that's what we would like to do, please.

12 So if you would lead us through this, and actually
13 make sure we get all the different areas, you know, so we
14 can actually see where everything is. Just sort of do
15 with an overview first and then go to each detail,
16 please. And --

17 MS. RAMOS ALON: Certainly.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- Commissioners, as the -- if
19 you -- if we're in an area, and you want to -- you see
20 something you can't quite see, please raise your hand,
21 and we'll get into the -- so we can really visualize and
22 see what's going on in each area as we go. Thank you.

23 MS. RAMOS ALON: Certainly, Chair. We're going to
24 be going through four districts today, so we're going to
25 go to VENTURA, SOUTHCOAS, MIDCOAS, and CUPERTINO. We'll



1 start with CUPERTINO, farthest North. The -- CUPERTINO
2 encompasses all of San Benito County, the Salinas 101
3 corridor of Monterey County. I will zoom in. Lots of
4 little pieces in here.

5 So we do have Salinas, Castroville up here. We do
6 not include Prunedale. Then there is a split in
7 Prunedale purely for getting to that one deviation.
8 Aromas in this district, Las Lomas, Pajaro, Watsonville,
9 Freedom, Amnesty, and Interlaken. The Gilroy, San
10 Martin, Morgan Hill corridors also included. And then we
11 come up Eastern Santa Clara County, but don't go into San
12 Jose City until we come up through the Alum Rock
13 neighborhoods over here, some of downtown and Burbank.

14 So that is CUPERTINO. CUPERTINO is adjacent --

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm sorry, Tamina. Could we please
16 have all the different CVAPs. All these are -- right
17 now, you just have the deviation plus or minus one. Can
18 we have the CVAPs on the districts as well, please?

19 MR. RAMOS ALON: Absolutely.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: So what you are looking at on the
22 label is the name, followed by the deviation in whole
23 persons, and then Hispanic/Latino CVAP, Asian CVAP, Black
24 CVAP and indigenous CVAP. So for CUPERTINO, would just
25 review that again for the numbers; So the LCVAP 50.39

1 percent, Asian CVAP is 14.02 percent, Black CVAP is 2.79
2 percent, and indigenous CVAP is 0.64 percent.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, thank you very much. And oh,
4 good. You're going to MIDCOAS, because I wasn't sure if
5 we did that one yesterday, so thank you.

6 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, going to MIDCOAS right now.
7 MIDCOAS is 17.4 percent, LCVAP, 17.36 percent ACVAP, 2.69
8 percent BCVAP, and 1 percent indigenous CVAP. So MIDCOAS
9 takes all of Santa Cruz County, with the exception of the
10 few cities that we spoke about before, Watsonville,
11 Freedom, Amnesty, and Interlaken. So the line is here at
12 Corralitos, La Selva Beach --

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Excuse me. Excuse me one minute,
14 Tamina.

15 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes?

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: On the --

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Turner.

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: On the CVAPs that you're
19 putting up, those numbers you say reflect Latino and then
20 Asian and then Black?

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, that's correct.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

24 Sorry. Commissioner Fernandez.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.



1 I thought normally it was Latino, Black and then
2 Asian, Tamina?

3 MS. RAMOS ALON: Right. I can put them in any order
4 you like.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm just used to
6 seeing it that way.

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: Well, let me fix that.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think, Tamina, up to this
9 point, they've been reversed, which is why I was not
10 sure.

11 MS. RAMOS ALON: Apologies. I'll fix that right
12 now. One moment.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much, Commissioners.

14 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. So the label should now
15 reflect the name, followed by the deviation, then Latinos
16 CVAP and Black CVAP and Asian CVAP, then indigenous CVAP.
17 Is that correct? Okay.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

19 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sorry for the confusion.

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen, can we
21 also get the --

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Toledo?

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- the White CVAP as well,
24 just so that we have all of the CVAPs?

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sure.



1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. Thank you.

3 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay, so now you see a White CVAP,
4 which is the last percentage at the bottom of the label.
5 So in MIDCOAS, it's 60 percent.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Wonderful. Well, thank you,
7 Tamina. Again, can you continue?

8 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, Chair.

9 So we have Santa Cruz County of the Western and
10 Northern areas to the county border. We have parts of
11 Western Santa Clara County. All of this purple area is
12 San Jose, so the Southernmost parts of San Jose City,
13 coming over to the West, and then right up to where we
14 discussed before, with the COIs that are in this area.

15 Sorry, there are like four. They're bouncing around
16 in my mind over here. But that is the split that you
17 have seen before. Happy to look at that street view, if
18 anyone's interested.

19 MIDCOAS then comes down along the coast with
20 Prunedale, Elkhorn, Pajaro Dunes. It was requested that
21 these unincorporated areas next to Watsonville be kept
22 with Watsonville. So that's why they are there and not
23 with the MIDCOAS area coming down.

24 Coming down Marina, Seaside, Monterey, Pacific
25 Grove, Del Monte, Del Rey Oaks, Carmel by the Sea, and



1 Carmel Valley Village.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Let her finish. I just wanted
4 to go back after -- before she goes to the next one, just
5 to ask counsel about that. There looks to be two necks
6 now, versus one that we had before. So I just wanted to
7 make sure we were all okay with that.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you.

9 So finish this -- looking at this district, please,
10 Tamina, and then we'll go to counsel.

11 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, Chair.

12 And then the Northern part of San Luis Obispo
13 County, which takes all of the cities up to Cayucos and
14 right underneath Atascadero.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. And can you just move
16 our -- zoom out just a little bit for this one, please?
17 Okay. A little bit more. So we can kind of see the
18 whole district. All right. Okay.

19 Commissioner Sinay, did you want to -- Counsel can
20 we -- can we have -- not sure actually who's on right
21 now. We have Mr. Becker.

22 MR. BECKER: I think we've arranged for a closed
23 session in a little bit, and I think it'd be appropriate
24 to discuss that.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. All right. Thank you.



1 Commissioner Fernandez.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

3 And sorry, Tamina. I forgot to ask you -- I think I
4 might have missed it. In CUPERTINO, we're keeping the
5 Salinas Valley together, correct? I thought I saw
6 Salinas and Gonzalez, and --

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, they are all together in
8 CUPERTINO. The only city in the area that is not
9 included is CUPERTINO is (indiscernible, simultaneous
10 speech) --

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Okay. And that's
12 actually the bigger --

13 MS. RAMOS ALON: So Salinas, all the way South are
14 included in the CUPERTINO.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, great. Could you -- yes,
16 thank you.

17 Could you show us this -- Tamina, could you go ahead
18 and show us the city zoning map? You just finished up.
19 Yes. Zoom back in where you were. Okay.

20 Now, kind of continue slowly scrolling. Thank you.
21 Okay. And then Carville Valley is in the MIDCOAS
22 District. Is that correct? All of it?

23 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, that's right. Yes.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, thank you.

25 And -- Commissioner Sinay?

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I know we've done this several
2 times, but is it -- the -- there -- it's a challenge to
3 try to raise the CVAP any higher than where it's at right
4 now for the Latino CVAP San Ysidro VRA District.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: In the one that's called CUPERTINO
6 right now?

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (Audio interference) --

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, we'll have a look at -- and so
9 yes, you were -- continue, please. Sorry. Commissioner
10 Sinay?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, you're asking me to
12 continue? No, I was just -- I just wanted to hear
13 Tamina's perspective on it, because I'm sure she's tried
14 every which way to raise the VRA. I mean, the VRA -- the
15 Latino CVAP. I know it's next to other areas where we
16 tried to lift the CVAP as well. So I just wanted to hear
17 her experience.

18 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, Commissioner. Thank you.
19 This is the highest CVAP that I've been able to get it
20 to. I did look at some submissions and COIs from other
21 organizations, and I have like .02 or .03 higher than
22 that. So I think folks are kind of in the same realm,
23 just because of kind of where it is. And we did -- I did
24 have to split a few areas in order to get it to the
25 number that it's at now.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

2 Commissioner Toledo.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. Thank you so much,
4 Tamina, for your work on all of these maps and all of
5 your work throughout the -- this process. I -- I'm
6 looking at this as -- and I'm still wanting to see and
7 hoping we can see, a version of this map that has a
8 little bit more of Monterey or all of Monterey and San
9 Benito, if possible. Or -- I know it's probably not
10 possible, but more of Monterey, and just wondering your
11 thoughts about that.

12 I see that you have a lot more than we had before.
13 But I did -- we did receive the MALDEF maps that have
14 more of Monterey and San Benito and -- keep us, you know,
15 that's around the level that we are at right now.
16 Because it's -- I mean, the population's probably only
17 there to keep it at the lower end of that threshold. But
18 there's a significant interest in -- from those
19 communities, and we've received a lot of testimony from
20 San Benito, from Monterey community groups, the community
21 leaders to try to get as much of San Benito and Monterey,
22 remembering that these two communities were under Section
23 5 of the VRA previously, prior to the changes, and have
24 been together for a very long time.

25 And so just trying to see your thoughts about that.



1 Anyway we can do it -- that -- and I know that you've had
2 a lot of exploration, and perhaps you can just let us
3 know what your thoughts about getting more of Monterey
4 into this version, while also maintaining the CVAP about
5 where it's at; recognizing we can't go much farther. I
6 mean, we've done lots of exploration here.

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: All right. No problem. Completely
8 understood. I did look at taking the Southern parts
9 here, like Camarillo-Enso into the CUPERTINO district.
10 The problem is that we have this part of the District in
11 San Luis Obispo, which needs to be connected with the
12 Santa Cruz part. So if I cut this off, then both of
13 these populations have nowhere to go, and they would be
14 reaching East into the VRA districts for population.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you.

16 Commissioner Fernandez?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

18 Sorry, Tamina. Where's Hollister again? I thought
19 it was in CUPERTINO. Is it in CUPERTINO? I couldn't
20 see.

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: It's like the capital of --

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It is.

23 MS. RAMOS ALON: -- San Benito.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yeah. That was one of the

1 community's interest was to have Hollister with Salinas,
2 so thank you so much.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, continue with the -- showing
4 us all the ones in this coastal area, please, Tamina.

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. So just two more to look at,
6 these have not changed in quite a while, quite a few
7 visualizations that you've seen. The first is our Santa
8 Barbara, San Luis Obispo based district, which takes all
9 of Santa Barbara County. And San Luis Obispo County, up
10 through Cayucos and right underneath Atascadero, all the
11 way to the county lines on both sides.

12 SOUTHCOAS also has the city of Ventura, Ojai,
13 Miramonte and Oakview, as well as Miners Oaks, which
14 allows the COIs in the Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley,
15 Moorpark area to be kept together, as well as the Port
16 Hueneme through Piro COI to be kept together in the
17 Ventura County District.

18 And again, I think we've had three or four
19 iterations that this has been -- these have been the
20 same.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.
22 Commissioner Fernandez.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

24 Tamina, can you zoom out a little bit, please? I
25 wanted to actually take a look at the CUPERTINO. I mean,



1 I -- we've completely gutted Monterey County and San Luis
2 Obispo. And I know we've done it because of the VRA.
3 And I just wanted to make sure I said that verbally, so
4 that people are aware that this is occurring because of
5 the Voting Rights Act and our responsibility to ensure
6 the Voting Rights Act, which is our criteria, number two,
7 and also our -- for population is criteria one. Thank
8 you.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fornaciari.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. And I would like to
11 add that we're not going into Kern County from San Luis
12 Obispo County, so. That was also a desire from the folks
13 in San Luis Obispo County.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

15 Well, thank you, Tamina, just for having a look
16 again at all the CVAPS in this area. Thank you. Okay,
17 now, Tamina, could you zoom out a little bit? And so
18 just kind of show us the whole areas that you have --
19 we've just kind of reviewed with you. So just sort of
20 the overview. So here's the -- and just walk us through
21 the -- so here's, like the Central coast.

22 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sure. So we just looked at four.
23 CUPERTINO is this first one that we looked at, which is
24 San Benito, Monterey based. Then we have MIDCOAS, which
25 goes from Santa Cruz County down the coast of Monterey

1 into San Luis Obispo County. SOUTHCOAS, takes the
2 Southern half of San Luis Obispo County and joins it with
3 Santa Barbara County and the Ojai region of Ventura and
4 the Ventura City.

5 And then to Ventura District has the remainder of
6 Ventura County. And I'll zoom in so you can see. Just
7 comes in and also takes Calabasas, Agoura Hills and
8 Westlake Village.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Thank you very
10 much. And then -- so at this at this point, in this
11 area -- areas, we're still sort of looking at and working
12 on, in your whole area. We like the NORTHCOAS. We're
13 still looking at iterations for the Bay Area. And now
14 we've just sort of reviewed the SOUTHCOAS or the Central
15 coast, I should say. Great, thank you very much.

16 At this time. We're going to go ahead and go into a
17 closed session. And when we come back, we will thank
18 Tamina very much. And we might look at it a little bit
19 more closely, and then we will either -- we'll move on to
20 another area of the state. So at this time, we're going
21 to go to a closed session, please.

22 (Whereupon, a closed session was held from 10:25
23 a.m. to from 11:45 a.m.)

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Welcome back to our California
25 Citizens Redistricting Commission meeting. And we just



1 sort of gone over the coastal area with our mapper,
2 Tamina. And we were just sort of having a closer look at
3 different areas, and what we'd --

4 Did any Commissioner have anything that they want to
5 ask or do with this area, please bring forward any
6 questions or comments.

7 MR. BECKER: Oh, I'm so sorry to interrupt, Chair.
8 Did you want to report back?

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. Yes, I do. Thank you very
10 much. Yes.

11 We did have a closed session on pending litigation
12 matters. No action had been taken. And with that, we
13 will jump back into our work and review our coastal
14 areas, central coastal areas, which we've just gone over.
15 And did anyone have any questions that they want to ask
16 about this area? Anything?

17 Commissioner Fernandez?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you, Chair. I
19 think before we left, I was -- I was looking at the --
20 oh, my gosh. Now, I've just blanked out. CUPERTINO.
21 CUPERTINO District. Sorry.

22 And Tamina, was just going to ask if you could
23 please put on the Latino heat map for us, please. And
24 what I'm looking for is, I was trying -- I know you've
25 done this Tamina, but you know, I've got to ask. I know

1 you tried to increase the Latino CVAP, because it is very
2 low. And I would like to increase that, so I was just
3 trying to see where some of the concentrations were to
4 try to make that stronger.

5 So if you wouldn't mind zooming in kind of in the,
6 yeah, near the coast, more so like, yeah, like I around a
7 little bit up. Yeah, if you could just zoom in there.
8 Okay. All right. That looks like, I think -- is that --
9 Gosh. I think that -- is that Watsonville?

10 No. Okay. Sorry. I'm trying to memorize them, and
11 I've actually been to Watsonville quite a few times.
12 Absolutely -- absolutely loves me -- love it. It reminds
13 me of home.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually, Tamina, could you darken
15 up the city outlines, please? Because I can't see them
16 under here. So I agree with Commissioner Fernandez. If
17 you could do that, please, so we can actually see where
18 the cities are. Oh, thank you very much.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

20 Okay, so -- I mean, I think there might be some
21 opportunities there, granted, you know, it's little by
22 little, because few numbers are not going to greatly
23 increase our CVAP. But maybe if we can -- some of the
24 communities, like around Watsonville, and then I think
25 it's -- is it Castro Valley down below or? Yes. Thank

1 you. And then maybe Castro Valley, and then offset that
2 for some other districts just between the two districts.

3 And that's something that I'd be willing to work
4 with Tamina off-line, if everybody's okay with that. But
5 if not, just let me know, Chair.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you very much,
7 Commissioner.

8 Commissioner Toledo.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. And I'd also like to
10 work with Tamina off-line on this region, given that for
11 very similar reasons, just making sure that the that we
12 keep as much of Monterey County as possible and are able
13 to, you know, explore different aspects of the Latino
14 CVAP as well.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Certainly. Thank you.

16 We have -- could -- with the heat map on, could we
17 have a look at the -- this whole area, please? Tamina,
18 thank you very much for being able to work this and get
19 that to -- our CVAP over 50 percent, because I know we
20 were wondering, and we didn't think that could happen.
21 And so really appreciate that.

22 Oh, I see. It is an interesting area. Now, did any
23 other Commissioner have any questions or any ideas about
24 this they want to do right now? Do we like the idea of,
25 you know, spending a bit of time just off-line. And any

1 objection to being off-line?

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'd like to get as much of
3 Monterey County into this district as possible. And --
4 but that's something we can do off-line as well. I think
5 though --

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, I do see --

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- there's a lot of
8 unincorporated areas, and such that, we might be able to
9 bring it in with -- while also maintaining the deviations
10 and the -- and Latino CVAP. So that's something. Of
11 course, we could do it in live session, if that's your
12 discretion, up to your discretion, Chair, but something
13 that we could also do off-line with your permission.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, thank you very much, Mr.
15 Toledo. And I was just looking to see if there was
16 anything that -- we've done this exploration online in
17 the open meeting, in our STANISFRES. And it can take a
18 great deal of time when there's -- nothing so obvious
19 jumps out at you. I don't see anything obvious jumping
20 out, and I think this would take a great deal of time.
21 So I appreciate you volunteering.

22 Commissioner Sadhwani?

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Thank you. I
24 certainly support the Commissioners working on this to
25 see how to further incorporate these areas. I think

1 that's a reasonable and worthwhile exploration to be
2 done. That being said, I just wanted to note, we've
3 actually had a pretty good feedback on some of the
4 districts right above.

5 That Greater ED one, we've had good feedback on, and
6 then we're moving up into the San Francisco area as well,
7 as we continue and into San Jose and other -- a lot of
8 other COIs, right. So I just want to be cautious,
9 because, as I'm looking at this map, if we bring in more
10 of Monterey County, we're going to strand Santa Cruz,
11 which is going to cause a redraw of Northern California.

12 So yeah. I support that exploration, and I look
13 forward to seeing what is possible. But I am cautious
14 about disrupting some of the districts that -- above that
15 are looking really good. Thank you.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.
17 Commissioner Kennedy?

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I guess my
19 sense is that if we're looking to bring in areas
20 adjoining the -- more the Southwestern portion of this
21 "CUPERTINO District," then we might be looking at the
22 possibility of population switches with the North of this
23 "CUPERTINO District" coming back into MIDCOAS, as
24 Commissioner Sadhwani said, not touching, not moving
25 population through GREATER AD. So that -- that's where,

1 you know, in my mind's eye, I would see things being
2 explored. Thank you.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

4 And Commissioner Sinay?

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. And I just wanted
6 to remind all that Santa Cruz got split a lot in the
7 Assembly, and as much as we can keep Santa Cruz whole in
8 whatever iteration we do here, it would be good. And
9 that from the COI testimony in the Central coast, Santa
10 Cruz and Monterey seem to have more of an affiliation
11 than Monterey and San Luis Obispo.

12 And so you know, that there's different affiliations
13 among going up and down the coast and just to try to keep
14 that in mind as well. But Santa Cruz is small, so it
15 would be good to minimize the splits.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner.

17 Commissioner Toledo.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I would agree. I would concur
19 with Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Kennedy and
20 Sinay. I mean, the goal, of course, is fair maps. And
21 that's what we'll be seeking to do, is develop a map that
22 is fair for all of these communities. And at this point,
23 it would be refinements and trying to get as much of --
24 as we can to ensure fair maps for the people of the
25 Central coast and as well as the surrounding areas.

1 And this is a difficult area, because there is --
2 you have urban and -- it's where the urban and rural
3 communities meet. And so -- and those areas tend to be
4 difficult. So certainly, I think Commissioner Fernandez
5 and I have always advocated for rural communities and
6 smaller communities, but also for the urban areas as
7 well. And so trying to make sure that fair maps can be
8 developed for the central coast is critical. Thank you.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

10 And Commissioner Fernandez.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Yes, I would echo
12 what Commissioner Toledo said. And also, as we all know,
13 this -- CUPERTINO would be a VRA district, and it is, in
14 terms of criteria, it is higher than communities of
15 interest. But we will try to respect the communities of
16 interests as much as possible. Thanks.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you. With that, I
18 want -- I believe our directional -- so to summarize,
19 that is, yes, please, please work, the two Commissioners,
20 Toledo and Fernandez, not necessarily together, but with
21 Tamina, our mapper, and try to increase the CVAP in here
22 as you can. Because that is, again, it's population and
23 VRA district considerations. And considering that --
24 keeping in mind that Santa Cruz and Monterey really would
25 like to be together and then Commissioner Kennedy's

1 suggestions with where you switch populations.

2 So with those directions, please proceed, and we can
3 move on. Are there any other areas in this section that
4 Commissioners would like to work on, or do we like the
5 other areas?

6 Any issues with the rest of it?

7 Commissioner Sinay.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We -- oh, never mind. We're in
9 the central coast. Never mind. Sorry.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.

11 All right. With that, Tamina, thank you very much.

12 And I -- we -- I believe we'd like to go over now to
13 Kennedy's area and review the Central Valley. Oh, I
14 should say -- yes, and go to the Central Valley, make
15 sure we like our new area districts over there. So if we
16 could do that, please.

17 MS. RAMOS ALON: Thank you, Chair. One second, we
18 will switch our mappers for you.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you very much.

20 And now in our whole -- since Kennedy is actually
21 going from the top of the state, you know, through the
22 Central Valley, are there any areas in this -- you know,
23 we did a rather quick review of the whole thing the other
24 day, and are there areas that -- would the Commissioners
25 like to do a review of the entire area or the particular

1 areas that you would really like to delve into?

2 Commissioner Kennedy.

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. First of
4 all, I think we do need to get the overall view. Second,
5 I just wanted an update on the status of the 17,000
6 people, more or less, that we needed to move from the
7 North of the state down to the South. Where are they
8 right now, and what do we still need to do, as far as
9 allocating them? Thank you.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: To answer that, do we have -- you
11 might wait until the line drawers are on here.

12 Commissioner Turner.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I'm in
14 support of going through the entire portion of that
15 committee has kind of taken charge for us, so that we can
16 see a review of how things have shaken out. Yes, want to
17 see where the overflow happened? But I think there's --
18 we've been trying to make adjustments through this area,
19 and I think I'd like to see where we currently stand to
20 start conversations.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Thank you very much.]

22 And any other before we have Kennedy walk us through
23 the whole thing?

24 Okay. I don't see any hands.

25 Welcome, Kennedy. Thank you very much. And if you



1 could, please start actually at the North, and we'll walk
2 through the entire -- your entire area, please. And
3 thank you for keeping the -- all the CVAPS on. And now,
4 Kennedy, just for -- I -- just for everyone's
5 understanding, could you please go through the -- your
6 list on your titles, and tell us what everything is,
7 please?

8 MS. WILSON: I sure may. So we can use ECA as an
9 example for the moment. So --

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

11 MS. WILSON: -- first we have -- oh, it moved up a
12 little higher. But we have the district title name, and
13 then we have the deviation of the number of people. So
14 ECA is under 71 people right now. Then we have the
15 percent deviation, which is a -0.01 percent. And then we
16 have the Latinos CVAP, the Black CVAP, Asian CVAP,
17 indigenous CVAP, and then White CVAP.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

19 MS. WILSON: So those are the labels. And I believe
20 you said you wanted to start in the North.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, please.

22 MS. WILSON: And so basically --

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually, I'm --

24 MS. WILSON: Oh.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm sorry. Before you do that, can

1 you give us the status of, at this point, how is the
2 population? They've all moved down, or where are we with
3 that?

4 MS. WILSON: Yes. So as of yesterday and what I had
5 shown, we had Commissioner Fornaciari's rework of the
6 area in the North. What you spoke about yesterday was
7 this dividing line of Tahoe, Commissioners being
8 comfortable with that. He moved the line in Sacramento
9 to the river, and so moved that up from the
10 NORTHSAC/SOUTHSAC split. And then we went through and
11 took 17,000 people from Contra Costa County, and we took
12 Discovery Bay and Byron, put it into the San Joaquin
13 District.

14 The boundary we had moved over a little bit, so
15 it'll turn on what it used to be. So it did move out
16 this way. So we brought it in. And so now Valley Home
17 and Ripon are going South instead of North. And then
18 Alon put into this ECA. And so we moved that 17,000
19 through there from Contra Costa to San Joaquin to ECA,
20 and then pushed it out, so that it's going now down
21 towards San Bernardino through Inyo County.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Commissioner Fornaciari.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, So we're -- I would
24 frame it a little differently. I think the 17,000 people
25 are in ECA, and we have to decide how we want to move

1 them basically to San Bernardino County at this point.
2 So one option is shown in this picture to move part of
3 Inyo County South. The other option is to go through, as
4 I understand it, go through the FRESNO-KERN District
5 and --

6 MS. WILSON: Yeah, and if I may.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Go ahead.

8 MS. WILSON: So that was just this option. And
9 yesterday we didn't get a chance to look at the other
10 option. And so I have the other option also.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Wonderful. Thank you.

12 Commissioner Akutagawa.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I would like to see
14 another option. I am very concerned about Inyo and Mono
15 and Alpine being split. They share -- I mean, I know
16 that, obviously, equal population is important, but I
17 think we've talked a lot about different communities.
18 And one that is a pretty unique community that shares
19 some very core commonalities, besides just being, you
20 know, in the mountains, but there -- it's also driven by
21 the mountains.

22 You know, they're not -- I would just be very
23 concerned. We've heard a lot of testimony from the
24 residents in Inyo and Mono and about the -- not only the
25 shared services, but the shared challenges. There's not

1 a lot, and I know that that's the -- that's been the
2 struggle for all of us, but I think -- I would like to
3 see us try our very best. I know that at some point we
4 do have to make some hard decisions.

5 I hope that the other option, Kennedy, might be one
6 that does not split Inyo from my Mono, Alpine, and the
7 other CRAs. It -- it's -- I think that this is what they
8 had before, or this is a position that they've been in
9 before, and it's been difficult. And I would really, as
10 much as much as we've also tried to keep other, you know,
11 communities together, this is one of those that I would
12 like us to try our best to really, at least Inyo and Mono
13 and Alpine. I know that they've very -- been very
14 specific about trying to stay together, if we can.

15 Anyways, I --

16 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- I'll just stop there.

18 Thank you.

19 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. And before we really --
22 I -- get into talking about this particular option, I
23 would like us to look at the other option. I know that
24 there are two options. And so you know, we can talk
25 about both of them when we see them both. And then what

1 I'd like us to sort of say, okay, here's one option.
2 Here's the other option. Talk about those a bit. But I
3 don't want to decide. And you know, I'd like us to
4 decide, if there's an easy decision, yes. And then I
5 don't want to miss, because we definitely want to spend
6 more time in the valley itself. So that's the plan right
7 now. But let's --

8 Commissioner Fernandez.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you, Chair.
10 I'm trying to -- okay, so the extra 17,000, potentially,
11 is in the, excuse me, ECA. Sorry. I've just got a frog
12 in my throat right now. So my proposal -- I know this
13 would be to move Inyo into the ECA, then you, obviously,
14 have over, whatever, thirty something one thousand, and
15 then maybe move the -- shift the line of FRESNO-KERN
16 North to make up for that. That way you do keep that --
17 those communities of interest.

18 I've advocated for small towns, small communities,
19 and especially for small, smaller populated counties. I
20 would love to keep Inyo with its neighbors of Mono and
21 Alpine. Thank you.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

23 Yeah, Tamina, did you want to say something or?

24 Oh, I'm sorry. Commissioner Turner.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I just



1 wanted to say, while Tamina or while Kennedy had the map
2 right where she did, we are hearing just people call in
3 with public comment for hours and hours on end. And I
4 just wanted to assure the public that we are indeed
5 listening and paying attention.

6 We received one caller, individual last night that
7 lived in Mammoth Lake and talked about the smallness of
8 it, and she lives in Bishop and was concerned about being
9 split and what have you.

10 I wanted to particularly call that one out, because
11 I think the comment was that the name has not even been
12 mentioned. Like, we are not, you know, giving proper
13 attention to some of the smaller areas. And certainly we
14 can't call out every place in California that we're
15 spending hours and hours reading through public comment
16 on.

17 But it did touch my heart, and I wanted to make sure
18 that I did at least acknowledge that, yes, we do see
19 we -- are struggling with this area as other areas,
20 trying to ensure that we're following the criteria, and
21 we're keeping communities of interest, and it is it is
22 quite a challenge.

23 But I don't want Californians, necessarily, to think
24 that we're bypassing testimonies and public comment in
25 the larger areas, and we're not hearing or seeing the

1 smaller areas. So I just want to shout out to Bishop
2 Mammoth Lake, Mono, Inyo, all of those smaller areas and
3 smaller towns, incorporated, unincorporated, all of these
4 areas there. Not just for that area, but across.

5 We're reading every comment that comes in and trying
6 to be led by that, in accordance with the criteria that
7 we have to follow. That's all. Thank you.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, thank you very much,
9 Commissioner Turner.

10 And I put myself in the queue here, because, you
11 know, clearly this is an area where this was, you know,
12 Commissioner Akutagawa and I, this was our area. And the
13 only reason I didn't really bring this up extensively and
14 mention this, that how this is absolutely the thing that
15 Inyo and Mono do not want. And they haven't asked for a
16 lot, but this is the one thing they did not want, is
17 because there's another option, and it keeps many more
18 people happy.

19 It's actually is nice and is a nice -- it has a lot
20 of bonuses with it. And so I did not mention it, which I
21 do apologize, because it did seem like we didn't talk
22 about Mono and Inyo, where we talked about all of these
23 other areas. And no, we're -- we, as a Commission, are
24 indeed reading everything, and we are indeed looking at
25 everywhere. So I just want to say that.

1 Commissioner Sinay.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No need.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you very much.

4 So Kennedy, could we see option 2?

5 MS. WILSON: Yes. And I was going to say, just
6 wanted to remind you, there's another option, we just
7 hadn't gotten to it yet. So let me pull that up for you.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I will also say that, you know,
9 there was sort of the other idea of matching the
10 populations from the North to South disparity and
11 resolving them, was down the coast. But we just saw how
12 well that coastal area sort of fits together. And that
13 was quickly discounted by the mappers to say that's just
14 really not a good idea. So that's why we didn't see that
15 a third option.

16 So Kennedy, if you could just tell us
17 (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

18 MS. WILSON: So yes. And so this -- we had worked
19 on a version yesterday of the new VRAs, like, areas, so
20 this is not reflecting the VRA areas, but it does reflect
21 the 17,000 change. And mostly those were changes just
22 within those areas. So it doesn't have a huge effect on
23 what's going on here, just to let you know.

24 But so this is very similar, in that it takes in
25 Discovery Bay and Byron, then goes through ECA. The line

1 in Fresno, it did have a slight split in the North, and I
2 brought it up to the county line here for the FRESNO-
3 KERN, and that's where it took in those 17,000 people.

4 I tried just within this area here, but there were
5 not enough people here. And so then moved the 17,000
6 down through Fresno and then to California city. And it
7 did have to be cut. I'm going to split. I'm going to
8 zoom in, so that you can see that California City does
9 have a split through it, and North Edwards, Boron, and
10 Edwards Air Force Base are moving outwards, because that
11 is making the population of 17,000.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. Thank you.

13 Now, Commissioner Fernandez.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Kennedy, for
15 respecting the smaller counties. I should have waited
16 for your second option. So thank you. I do prefer this
17 one. I feel -- maybe that was just -- I was just, you
18 know, setting that up for you, Kennedy.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And Commissioner Yee.

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Hi, Kennedy. Real quick. Just
21 wondering why the Marconi deviation keeps showing up at
22 11,000.

23 MS. WILSON: I do not have the Sivan's version in
24 this map, which is why. Because you've been working on
25 so many different versions. I don't have her district

1 that you've worked on with her in this map. Because this
2 is a screenshot from a couple of days ago as well. So I
3 don't have that in here.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. So theoretically, with
5 either of these options, that would be close to zero.

6 MS. WILSON: Yes, because this has -- it's a seven.
7 I can look up the exact population, but right here is
8 around 17,000 people.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Perfect. Thank you.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

11 Commissioner Sadhwani.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. Can we just pull out
13 and take a look at this option a little closely? I want
14 to see what's happening further up.

15 MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment. Is there any area
16 that you would like me to zoom in closer on?

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Well, so I'm just trying
18 to -- so this is a visualization, and we're still pulling
19 from the -- a lot of population from which part of the
20 state? From Modesto.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: From -- yes.

22 Just -- Kennedy, can you please walk us through that
23 again?

24 MS. WILSON: Yes, so ECA is -- has always been
25 taking from Modesto and Turlock. That has not changed.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

2 MS. WILSON: Basically, we're just moving 17,000
3 through Discovery Bay-Byron. It shifts the line in San
4 Joaquin a little, and then spits it out through FRESNO-
5 KERN and then down.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you for that, Kennedy.
7 And I'm just curious. I've heard so many of my
8 colleagues talk so beautifully about the needs of rural
9 communities, and I agree with that. But the testimony
10 that we had received from Inyo and Mono had asked to have
11 this this district go all the way up to Roseville.

12 And I'm just wondering if -- I understand that there
13 are some that don't want that to happen, but I'm just
14 wondering, have we ever visualized it? Have we ever even
15 considered that as an option? And I just want to get
16 some clarity if we ever tried to consider that, or if
17 that was a nonstarter from the get-go.

18 MS. WILSON: I'm sorry, I totally missed that. My
19 Wi-Fi went, Commissioner Sadhwani.

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure.

21 MS. WILSON: Would you my mind repeating that.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. During our 14-day
23 comment period after our draft maps, we heard from folks,
24 both in Modesto and in the ECA region here, that they
25 didn't want to -- Modesto didn't want to be with the

1 mountain areas, and that the mountain areas didn't want
2 to be with Modesto.

3 And so I -- just -- I hear so many of you like
4 really honoring the desires and wishes of rural
5 communities, and I love that. And I'm just wondering if
6 we've ever even attempted to actually do that and at
7 least visualize what it would look like to have this ECA
8 district not have Modesto included, and take a look at
9 Roseville.

10 I'm just trying to make sure that when we finalize
11 these maps, that we have left no stone unturned. And I
12 think, you know, I was so moved, you know, by the --
13 that -- the, you know, the pieces from so many of you
14 about really wanting to honor those desires.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.
16 Commissioner Turner.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Absolutely. Thank you,
18 Commissioner Sadhwani. I agree. We want to ensure that
19 no stones are unturned in every iteration, in every area
20 of the map.

21 Kennedy, in bringing the population down, and I know
22 I'm probably going the opposite direction, but was there
23 an opportunity back in the Modesto area with any of the
24 population you were shifting to make Modesto whole and
25 not in the ECA District? Is there -- can we do

1 anything -- back up there. Went through it a little bit
2 quick. My computer's glitching a bit, so I was probably
3 a bit behind you.

4 MS. WILSON: So Modesto -- the goal of this, as I
5 was -- and Mr. Fornaciari -- Commissioner Fornaciari can
6 speak clearer to this. But it was not focusing on the
7 Modesto --

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right.

9 MS. WILSON: And so it was focusing on the 17,000,
10 and I would need to check on the population of Modesto,
11 but that switch is a little bit bigger. And I think
12 parts of Modesto were going into -- well, I know parts of
13 Modesto were going into the STANISFRESNO as well.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right. And I guess what I'm
15 saying so that you're answering, because I didn't ask it
16 clear enough, Kennedy. I'm sorry. I'm asking since
17 Modesto is split, is there an opportunity to utilize the
18 that fact and have the split portion going towards ECA,
19 not going towards ECA, and utilizing that 17,000 in some
20 way, because we didn't focus on it.

21 This is new conversation. And just to your point
22 earlier, the split has been there for quite a while, but
23 I think we have been waiting. I -- the Central Valley is
24 a challenge, because it is sandwiched between the border
25 and then, of course, the coast on the other side. And so

1 we continue to have this issue of this bottleneck and --
2 in the Central Valley, or I should say the challenge of
3 trying to make it work.

4 So I understand that and understand Modesto hadn't
5 been the focus. But to that point, I am trying to see,
6 is there a way we can respond to all of the testimonies
7 that we've received for Modesto?

8 MS. WILSON: And if I may, I have pulled up the
9 visualization from 11/07, and that has Modesto, Turlock
10 with Tracy, Mountain House, Manteca, Lodi to Farmington,
11 Oakdale. It has those parts of Stanislaus and San
12 Joaquin together. And then ECA pulled from -- I think it
13 has Rancho Murieta and goes up to Plumas.

14 So that is a visualization that we did look at
15 before, not including that. And it goes up to including,
16 oh, sorry, you're waving your hand. But that's something
17 that we did look at before, and it's in the VCD 11/07
18 visualization.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I don't want to jump the lines
20 here, but I see Commissioner Fornaciari wildly waving his
21 hand. Is this directly related to this?

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I didn't feel like I was
25 being wild, but that's okay.



1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I saw it. I really appreciated it.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah.

3 So Commissioner Sadhwani, specifically to answer the
4 Roseville question.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: To get to Roseville.
7 Roseville is on the Northwest side of Sacramento. So you
8 got to go around, all the way around the top to get back
9 in, bypassing a bunch of population. And then that
10 essentially drives the maps for the entire state, or
11 certainly in the North part of the state.

12 I believe -- correct me if I'm wrong, please,
13 Kennedy, in the November 7th, did we have three VRA
14 districts or only two at that point?

15 MS. WILSON: One moment, while I --

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Because I believe --

17 MS. WILSON: Yeah, three.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- a bunch of the changes
19 were related to us making three VRA districts, and then
20 we wound up with that population there.

21 MS. WILSON: So yeah, we still actually had three in
22 this, yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh, we did?

24 MS. WILSON: We had -- STANISFRESNO stayed the same,
25 so the split within Modesto and Turlock --

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right.

2 MS. WILSON: -- look very similar. And then it's
3 just that the rest of Modesto is going North and taking
4 from San Joaquin instead. And so that does change what
5 Sacramento will look like. But even in this
6 visualization, we actually did not go into Roseville. I
7 think similar to reasons that you said. So we kept all
8 of El Dorado, took some of Placer, and then kept going
9 North Plumas for that, yeah.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. And then finally,
11 I'll just refer back to other COI testimony we got, that
12 the folks up in the North hated that, right? They wanted
13 to go East-West. Those counties up North.

14 MS. WILSON: Uh-huh

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I mean, well, you know,
16 we're balancing COI input at that point.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Hmm-hmm.

18 MS. WILSON: And I can pull up 11/07 on this map, if
19 you would like to look at it, but if not.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right. And thank you.

21 Commissioner Akutagawa.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I have another maybe
23 question or idea. I noticed, Kennedy, that you had to
24 split California city. Could you go down? Okay. So I
25 don't know if this would be weird, but what if -- would

1 you -- what if you were to take some population from, you
2 know, from like that, it looks like Pearsonville?

3 It's -- if -- I know you're at the county line
4 there, and then you're at the county line for Kern, where
5 Ridgecrest is included. But what if you were to take
6 from Pearsonville, and then cut in all the way in to
7 Mohave, Rosamond, Edwards, California city, Ridgecrest,
8 and you added all of that to the ECA District? Would
9 that pick up sufficient population, where you could maybe
10 move Modesto into it's -- Stanislaus District, and
11 perhaps even take in, well, at least Modesto?

12 MS. WILSON: I think that population is not exactly
13 equal. And I'm pulling up right now, California City.
14 One moment.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I mean, you know, people
16 might not like that one more, but I did hear similar some
17 more testimony that Commissioner Fornaciari is talking
18 about. So instead of going further North, maybe instead
19 of dipping into San Bernardino, dip into Kern for that
20 little piece there, and that might make more sense. I
21 think they share a media market. So maybe that might,
22 you know. That's not the best option, but it is, you
23 know, just another alternate option to, you know, group
24 them together in a district.

25 MS. WILSON: And so California City alone is 12,000.

1 And so I had to split, because I didn't want to split the
2 smaller Edwards Air Force Base, North Edwards, or Boron.
3 So that's why I chose to split that instead of splitting
4 the others. I think taking from Pearsonville down also
5 would mean taking Ridgecrest. Is that what you're
6 referring to with (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, that's what I was
8 thinking, too, yeah.

9 MS. WILSON: And so yeah. You -- we need to talk
10 about that.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I mean, I -- but in doing
12 so, you might be able to, then, put back some of those
13 further -- like, what is it, El Dorado, into a Sacramento
14 district. Like, I think that that's what they wanted.
15 Because I think they all -- yeah, Mohave and Rosemond
16 were also -- I guess, they wanted to be together if
17 possible. Pearsonville is already in the Inyo district
18 or the ECA district.

19 MS. WILSON: And so that has 75,000 people and I do
20 not have the population of Modesto currently. I don't
21 know if anyone else does, but I don't believe it's an
22 even switch.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Modesto's a lot more.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: 219,000.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, okay.



1 MS. WILSON: And then, that would also be -- well,
2 I'm -- I don't -- I actually, I don't know. Obviously
3 you all made the decisions, but from what I've heard
4 before moving Ridgecrest out of Kern was also no-no. But
5 I know you have to make a bunch of no-no's so -- yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, we're well past the
7 no-no's now. What if you were to give up some more of
8 that Fresno area?

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sorry, Chair. Can I --
10 can I comment?

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Yes, please, Commissioner
12 Fornaciari.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Let's -- let's zoom out.
14 Okay. Let's zoom out. If we don't want -- if we don't
15 Modesto in the mountain --

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- we have to -- that
18 population has to go North.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And population has to come
21 down from the North. The -- we can't fix it in the
22 South --

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Correct.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- because we can't get
25 that population there. Okay? So we have to take that

1 population and go through San Joaquin into Sacramento.
2 And then out the top of Sacramento into -- and redo,
3 like, Placer and those counties to make that switch.
4 That's the switch that we'd have to do.

5 And then, I guess to go back to Commissioner
6 Turner's question earlier about the 17,000. It's
7 going the other -- it's going the other direction.
8 Right? It -- we had to add population to ECA to move
9 that 17,000. So you know, which just made it bigger and
10 we couldn't take -- and so that's why we couldn't make
11 the split in Modesto smaller.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. The visualization -- as
13 Commissioner Fornaciari's saying, with the population --
14 we're trying to move the population down. That means the
15 lines that are further down that than that --

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- move up the map. So that's
18 where it's -- the lines move.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So what -- I mean, we can
20 look at this if -- and see what that looks like, you
21 know. That's certainly something we can take a look at,
22 if the Commission would like.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fernandez.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

25 Yeah, I was going to respond. Thank you,



1 Commissioner Fornaciari regarding the Roseville. And I'm
2 going to respond to the Modesto. I realize Modesto, they
3 probably -- neither one wants to be, but I do have family
4 in Modesto and they're -- I would say there's lots of
5 parts of Modesto that are more rural and country-ish.
6 Like, I want to be country-ish, then maybe anyone wants
7 to admit at this point. But I do feel that that's a
8 better fit than trying to go around and get to Roseville
9 or any of those communities which are truly a suburb of
10 the Sacramento area, which are not rural. So I just
11 wanted to put my two cents in. Thank you.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Turner.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. And thank you for
14 the discussion. I certainly agree that there are parts
15 of Modesto that are rural. I just don't know that
16 there's parts of it that truly is a good fit with Mono
17 and Inyo and some of those. So I think that's where the
18 problem will be. And in no way would I want to go down
19 into Kern picking up those communities into this
20 district, at all.

21 And so I'm still looking for opportunities to see
22 what else, even if it needs to go through San Joaquin
23 County and some other direction. I just think that this
24 is a stretch. And when we explore -- and if there,
25 indeed, is nothing else that can be done, then that's

1 when we need to move. But I don't want to give up on it
2 too quick because we've taken -- you know, we take time
3 in all of our areas. And I appreciate the time in all
4 the areas.

5 Modesto is not a fit with Mono and Alpine, if we can
6 help it. And if moving that other part of Mono -- of
7 Modesto into other like rural areas is a different story
8 and would be an easier, I guess connection.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
10 All right. Commissioner Sadhwani.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I think just to chime
12 in on all of this. And you know, Commissioner
13 Fornaciari, I so appreciate all of the work that you've
14 done here and probably certainly don't want -- don't want
15 you to feel that I'm not appreciating that because we do
16 have a larger map issue. That being said, you know,
17 we've heard a lot from Modesto, a lot from Inyo-Mono,
18 they don't want to be together.

19 I understand. I hear you saying Roseville maybe
20 doesn't want to be with this community either. But it --
21 I think given all of the testimony that we received on
22 our draft map, I feel beholden to at least explore what
23 other options are out there. That being said, the issue
24 on the 17,000 people that need to be shifted around, I'll
25 just remind us.

1 We've had a caller, I believe it's the same
2 individual who's called on the last two nights from
3 Yucaipa wanting to be -- keep Yucaipa at the bottom of
4 San Bernadino with Calimesa. Calimesa is about 10,000
5 people. There's another city right nearby. I -- I'm
6 still curious to figure out if there might be other ways
7 to distribute population in order to meet these goals and
8 at a minimum.

9 I do feel like it's our responsibility to take a
10 look at the options that can conserve these communities
11 and from the get go INYO and MONO said that they did not
12 want to be with the Central Valley. So in good faith to
13 them, I -- I do think it's beholden on us to at least
14 look at what other options might be out there. Thank
15 you.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

17 I'm sorry, Commissioner Fernandez, did you
18 already -- did you have a --

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I can go again. A
20 couple things. If we try to push all of that population,
21 I think it was 200,000 plus all the way North, again,
22 breaking up other communities of interest. If you're not
23 going to put Inyo, Mono, and Alpine with the Central,
24 it's going to be the whole loop around going all the
25 way -- all the way North and maybe even the coastal in

1 order to get communities that are similar.

2 And that's the hard -- that's the difficult part
3 when you have the smaller population areas that we have
4 to contend with. And from a -- me, coming from a small
5 town, I had to contend with being with populations that
6 are bigger. And I think at this point, we are trading
7 off one -- yeah, a significant communities of interest
8 for other communities of interest that this could
9 potentially disrupt as well. Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: If I -- if I may just
11 respond, Chair.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Certainly.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I --I'll just note, we're --
14 we're trying all of the state, right? Later today,
15 you'll see a plan for lower down in the state, that's a
16 share the pain plan, right? And recognizing that, you
17 know, cities are being split, communities of interest are
18 being split. And as we've talked about over and over
19 again, these Congressional maps are the hardest because
20 the deviations are so low.

21 But again, I think it's just worth, at minimum,
22 exploring to ensure that, you know, when we finish this
23 process, we can say we tried. We tried, and maybe it
24 didn't happen, but we tried.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.



1 Commissioner Sinay.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm not sure if this can help
3 or not help. But we have received a lot of input from
4 Sanger -- Sanger, Sanger -- I'm sorry, I'm not sure how
5 to say it.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sanger. Sanger.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sire? S-A-N-G-E-R?

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sanger. You have to -- you have to
9 throw a bit of a Oakie accent into it.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sanger.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Anyway. From that
13 place, I always put a Spanish accent on everything. But
14 we have received a lot from that city asking not to be
15 split, so I don't know if there's a way to share the --
16 you know, take one split, and move it that way or -- I
17 don't know enough, but I just want to make sure to
18 voice -- for them to know that we -- oh, they're not
19 split here. Never mind. The -- yeah, because we're
20 receiving a lot of comments about not being happy where
21 they've been put, but maybe they were split in the
22 Assembly and they've been bringing it up here. Sorry.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, thank you very much
24 Commissioner Sinay. I put myself in queue here. I just
25 want to say, the reason I can say Sanger is because I

1 went to high -- as an Oakie, I went to high school in
2 Oklahoma. So -- but I put myself in the queue here
3 because I've been hearing this. And I know that this is
4 a very difficult thing if we could make these happen. I
5 volunteer to work with the one line drawers off-line, to
6 try to run some scenarios. Because for us to attempt to
7 do something right now, would take us until the end of
8 you know, the end of the month.

9 MS. WILSON: And if I -- if I may. I think another
10 thing that what happens -- sorry, going back to this, the
11 7th. I think what's -- going Northward, at least, is
12 worth the Commission taking a look at from November 7th.
13 And again, I can pull that up to show you what that would
14 look like moving Northward. Because it will change a lot
15 of this moving North. So Modesto, Interlock are going to
16 be with Tracy and Mountain House, picking up population
17 from Lassen, Brea, Manteca there. And going Northward if
18 there's a hard line here.

19 And so obviously, we can change probably more things
20 up in Sacramento, but I think looking at the 11/07 is a
21 good -- just good thing to look at to see what you can
22 expect to see moving forward with a plan like that.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So yes, then, yeah. Because
24 we -- I think we'd like to explore this. So could we
25 have a quick look at that?

1 And while you're switching, Commissioner Akutagawa.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Chair, I'm also
3 willing to look at this ECA since this was an area which
4 you and I shared a -- you know, for the outreach work
5 that we were doing. It -- if perhaps, I don't know how
6 strongly you feel about it. I mean, I'm more than happy
7 to help. But I was just thinking then if, you know, I
8 could perhaps work with Commissioner Fornaciari along
9 with Kennedy since he has looked at a lot of the options
10 in the Northern California/Sacramento area.

11 But I mean, if he'd want to, I mean, I don't know if
12 you're planning to do it on your own.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, you -- yes. If interpreted,
14 if would be after -- you know, not during meeting with
15 the line drawer. But yes, if you'd like to also -- we
16 can certainly coordinate -- you know, of course -- we've
17 got such a tough, yet -- I don't who -- I can't volunteer
18 other people, so. But I -- I'd be happy to do that.
19 Commissioner -- I see Commissioner Fornaciari.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. It -- you know, I
21 mean, this is going to be really, really close. So we
22 might as well just go through this, so --

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yeah, let's review
24 this, please. Commissioner Toledo.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I would just -- I would



1 just keep it to two Commissioners working on any given
2 area just so --

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Um-hum, yes.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- just for that reason. And
5 of course, any of us can give feedback through staff to
6 the line drawers. Who -- and of course, I mean that
7 would be my comment.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Just to keep it -- just to
10 ensure that we're -- out of an overabundance of caution,
11 no offense.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No. No, thank you. I appreciate
13 that, Commissioner Toledo. I'm sorry, Commissioner
14 Akutagawa. I'm sorry, is --

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. And I guess, maybe
16 speaking of overabundance of caution, I guess maybe I'm
17 just thinking that maybe since Commissioner -- well, I'm
18 thinking that since -- whether I work with you or whether
19 I work with Commissioner Fornaciari, I think because
20 we're of different parties, it might also, you know, be
21 better.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. That's -- yeah, that's what
23 I -- I mean, you and I were working on this area so --
24 over -- but again, however -- again, if Commissioner
25 Fornaciari, I think we go ahead and go to this. And this

1 might tell us a great deal. So could -- Kennedy, could
2 you go ahead, please?

3 MS. WILSON: Yeah. So I have those lines turned on.
4 You know, actually we can start from the bottom. Pretty
5 much everything stays the same as far as, like, changes
6 we've made within the VRA districts have been localized
7 within those. And so we have Mono, the same parts of
8 Fresno, Modera, Inyo, Mariposa, Tulane, Calaveras,
9 Humidor, Alpine, El Dorado, Placer, Nevada, Yuba split
10 from Sutter, Sierra, and Plumas, all in one district.

11 And then, going into what the change in Stanislaus
12 is. So again, split it pretty much identical to the one
13 that we have now for the VRA district. So we have parts
14 of Modesto, parts of Turlock going North. As you can see
15 it's not perfectly balanced, but you know, it's a
16 negative 0.30 percent. And this includes Mountain House,
17 Tracy, Lathrop, Manteca, Oakdale to Knights Ferry, the --
18 and Lodi is a part of this. Dogtown, all of the farming
19 cities to the East of San Joaquin.

20 And then, moving North -- and there were different
21 priorities at the time of making this too. So -- but
22 just at the time, keeping Stockton whole was a big
23 priority too, so we have that put in with Elk Grove and
24 Vineyard, Flores, and Lemon Hill, Wilton, and Galt. So
25 Elk Grove and Vineyard are together; however, they're not

1 with any more of Sacramento. But the City of Sacramento
2 in this visualization was able to be kept whole. And the
3 visualization that we have now, West Sacramento was
4 brought in from Yolo. And in this one, it is brought
5 back into Yolo. So that will make effect to -- between
6 those two areas as well.

7 And then we have -- moving a bit more North, I think
8 moving all the way into Roseville, obviously we can try
9 moving things around, but that might strand some of the
10 cities here in Northern Sacramento if Roseville is
11 populating ECA. And because that's a bit part of
12 population in this area too is that Roseville piece. And
13 then, moving North, I kind of forgot what I was going --
14 it looks like -- now, let me overlay that district.

15 Basically, the lake was split in this visualization.
16 It is no longer in the visualization that we have now.
17 We no longer have Trinity a part of the North, or Del
18 Norte. So we have Del Norte and Trinity brought into
19 this Northern visualization as well. And so -- and now,
20 I believe -- let me turn that district on one more time.

21 We have El Dorado up to Plumas all in one district
22 and Placer, parts of Placer as well. And parts Yuba, and
23 so that is what this is a smaller district here because
24 it has those bigger cities of El Dorado and Placer in it.
25 And that is a little bit of some differences. Sorry that

1 these are the same color, if you want me to overlay that
2 in a different color, let me put it in. Like, we've been
3 doing, in like a green color. But those are the major
4 differences that we're seeing and that likely will be a
5 part of the change of putting Modesto back into this
6 area.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Kennedy.

8 Commissioner Turner.

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Kennedy. I would
10 love for those that have been named and volunteered to
11 continue to take a look at this. If -- Kennedy, I'm
12 wondering -- I know the -- in bringing Modesto back into
13 the San Joaquin area, that that causes the split in
14 Stockton and you know, further splits there, which is
15 maybe acceptable based on what we need to accomplish for
16 a -- for a Congressional district. I'm wondering though,
17 some of the other -- we also worked on our current
18 iteration of moving some lines slightly, some communities
19 in and out. And I'm wondering if the work that's been
20 done since our draft, if there can be a combining where
21 there does not need to have impact up in that area.

22 So I don't know. I think maybe just looking at it a
23 little bit longer. I don't think it's one or the other.
24 I'm hopeful that we are able to accomplish moving Modesto
25 out of ECA. Perhaps having to make that shift now to

1 where it is Mountain House, Tracy, et cetera with Modesto
2 as opposed to Stockton. And then, make some of the finer
3 changes that we've talked about before and be able to
4 balance the district out in that manner.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
6 Commissioner Sinay.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted to raise that,
8 you know, here we do have the -- the South Tahoe -- yeah,
9 the whole, Lake Tahoe and Truckee all together in their
10 counties completely together which was something we
11 talked about yesterday but we didn't know who'd be able
12 to do it. So I just -- I just wanted to raise that.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. I also did notice in
14 that -- in that one, the area with the -- Fairfield was
15 actually in Sonoma. And it was only -- appeared it only
16 Benicia and Vallejo were down into Contra Costa. So --
17 but thank you very much for walking us through that,
18 Kennedy.

19 Oh, Commissioner Fernandez.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And that would be actually
21 Solano, not Sonoma.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, that's okay.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I meant Solano, yes.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. And this would

1 be -- I mean, because it sounds like you were trying to
2 look at the entire all of the maps from the so this
3 was -- it's completely different than what we have now
4 and it's going to completely change the other district,
5 obviously, that we worked on. And I probably will have
6 some issues with some of the COIs that we're breaking up.
7 And so it's too early to tell. I just wanted to make
8 sure I -- that everyone knew about that.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

10 And yes, so as Commissioner Fornaciari said, this is
11 not an easy fix. It's not just something we can just
12 easily do otherwise we would have done it. So I think
13 it's -- it is worth exploration and I'm glad we have a
14 few volunteers to be doing that.

15 But I don't think it's -- I'm not so sure iterations
16 will actual come back out of it. I will say that. There
17 might, and there hopefully will.

18 But Commissioner Toledo.

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Can we see a little closer of
20 what the impact would be to Solano County?

21 MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment.

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: It's hard to tell from my
23 screen.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Can you specially --

25 MS. WILSON: Here --



1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So Solano County, Fairfield
2 would go into the Napa/Yolo, so more of Fairfield. Is
3 that -- more of Fairfield, is that it, Kennedy?

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And then, Davis would go down.
5 So we would lose from that one.

6 MS. WILSON: Yeah, and then, you lose Davis and
7 what -- that West Sacramento and it's going down into
8 Contra Costa.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. Thank you.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I see.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay. So I just hadn't seen
12 all the details as to that closely. But --

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- I appreciate this. Thank
15 you.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right. Commissioner
17 Fornaciari.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: You know, we had this
19 iteration. We spent a heck of a lot of time going
20 through this iteration. And we changed it because we
21 didn't like it. And now we're going to go back and do it
22 again and blow up the whole state. And so if that's
23 what, you know, what you guys want me to do, I'll go --
24 I'll work with -- take another look. But I feel like
25 we're just going down the same road we went down before.

1 I will -- I will also say that one of our principles
2 is that if a community asks what it wants to be with, you
3 know, -- okay. Let me -- let me say it this way. If I
4 live in Inyo and I say I want to be with Roseville, that,
5 you know, that has maybe less weight than if I'm in
6 Roseville and say, I don't want to be with Inyo. I mean,
7 I -- you know, we've got this -- these three small
8 counties driving the entire design of the state.

9 And I just, you know, I'd love to take their -- and
10 do everything for everyone. But I -- I mean, you know,
11 we've looked at it. We went through -- we went through
12 this in detail and we rejected it. So -- and it -- and
13 it's not going to look much different when we get done.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.
15 Commissioner Fernandez.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think that's my
17 frustration as well is we went through the North and we
18 did it. And now every change we make is going to
19 completely redo and we're just -- it -- it's we're not
20 going to have any time. I'm sorry. It's just -- and I
21 agree, we already went through this iteration and we made
22 changes to it.

23 And it's just frustrating that we continue -- we put
24 hours into this and then, we continue -- any change you
25 want to make is going to affect the North and that's why

1 initially I had just recommended going from South all the
2 way to North because I knew that was going to happen.
3 But it's -- yeah, I --

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

6 Commissioner Turner.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Thank you. Yeah, and
8 I just want to say I understand the frustrations and what
9 have you. I just believe Commissioner Fornaciari,
10 Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioners, I just feel like
11 we learn as we go. I think that we started out with a
12 lot of what we felt were hard and nonnegotiable. Things
13 like, you know, I wanted San Joaquin County together, you
14 wanted Yolo together, someone else wanted something else
15 together. Based on what we've heard, just on testimony,
16 not just -- we're not just pulling it out of the air.

17 And as we've gone through the entire map, we've had
18 to make some tough decision in a lot of places that make
19 you then, kind of go back and think, did it really have
20 to be that way? Because if we took hard lines in some
21 places and other places we had exceptions, then we do
22 need to go back and look it, which for me is what's
23 driving a change of thought. I don't want us to continue
24 to revamp the map over and over and over, particularly
25 where it does not make sense.

1 But I think going into this, I'm just hoping that we
2 did not make some choices based on what we thought had to
3 happen and actually, for all the almost 40 million
4 Californians out there, all of the testimony is
5 important. But it's not our top criteria. And so I just
6 want to be open. I'm not -- I'm not locked in to having
7 to change or locked into having to stay. I'm trying to
8 stay open and hear the initial public comment that we
9 received, being responsive to the current public comment
10 that we're receiving.

11 And I don't -- I think another thing we talked about
12 early on is, is that just as much as we don't want to be
13 set in our initial comments that we've received, we need
14 the initial comments. When the initial comments come in,
15 people will -- people that know the system, that know
16 their representative, that know their areas, they'll be
17 the first ones that will lock in and we don't want to
18 penalize them because they were the first.

19 But by the same token, once we've put out draft maps
20 and people wake up and be, oh, my goodness, I see what
21 the change is, and they start to respond. They also get
22 an opportunity to respond and we get to be responsive to
23 those voices. So it's a tough process. I'm saying all
24 of that to say, I don't know where I'm going to end.

25 I do want us to just look at it and Commissioner



1 Fornaciari, since you're one of the ones that's going to
2 do it, maybe just look at it from the length that says
3 there are no -- things that we thought had to happen
4 before, maybe they don't. And if everything is up for
5 grabs, truly, is there a better way or a different way to
6 do this. And if you come back and say we checked it --
7 because we've got to rely on trust in fourteen of us as
8 well. We've worked well together and I don't think
9 anyone's pulling for something that someone else doesn't
10 want.

11 So for me, every time someone says, I'm for a, you
12 know, an urban area, I'm for a rural area. We're all for
13 all areas and I've seen you all do it. So from that
14 perspective, if you come back and say we've tried that.
15 Again, we've looked at it and it's taking us back to the
16 exact same space we were before. And with our
17 constraints, we can't do it, then great. But I don't
18 want to is to just take the easy path and say, we tried
19 it once, we're not going to go back and look at it again.
20 That's all. Thank you for letting me go on that long.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
22 Commissioner Akutagawa.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you for that
24 reminder, Commissioner Turner. I think -- I think about
25 some of the thoughts of lines I didn't think I would want

1 to cross because of testimony and other things like that.
2 I just appreciate what you said about remaining open. I
3 think with that said, I also wanted -- which Commissioner
4 Fornaciari, I think I called you out and just put you in
5 a spot. So you know, I mean, I --

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- didn't want to like
8 volunteer you to do something that maybe you hadn't
9 volunteered to do. So I just wanted to -- I just started
10 thinking about that. I was, like, oh, man. So anyways,
11 I mean, if there's someone else that wants to do it,
12 that's fine. I just wanted, you know, don't want to put
13 you on the spot of having to feel like you're --

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- kind of groundhog day
16 again.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And that's why I -- I'm just going
18 to jump in here because that is indeed, why I
19 volunteered. Commissioner Fornaciari has been doing a
20 great deal. He's done this multiple times. And I really
21 felt it was a little bit of an imposition, quite frankly,
22 because, you know -- yeah. And that's why I thought I
23 would be happy to work with Commissioner Akutagawa and if
24 there's a way that we are not just rolling up the map,
25 I'd bring it back.

1 Because we -- you know, we're working with this.
2 We've gone through this. We've, you know, we've had
3 different lines, and I really appreciate what
4 Commissioner Turner said. And you know, I think it's
5 worth another go. And that's why I was going to give it
6 a go because -- and that way, I felt, and I think if I
7 could bring something back, we'll go ooh, well, nice
8 tray, but eh. Then I think we will -- we'll do that.
9 And I -- that's why I thought I would volunteer. Because
10 I haven't done this and everyone else has been pushing in
11 their time and I really, really appreciate that. So
12 that's why said that.

13 Commissioner Fornaciari.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: A couple things, first, it
15 wouldn't be the first time I was voluntold. But who --
16 you know, whatever. Commissioner Andersen, that's fine,
17 I'd be happy to take a look either way we want to go.

18 I want to just appreciate Commissioner Turner.
19 You -- your perspective has been really impactful on me,
20 personally, and I appreciate that. And you're making me
21 want to be a better man and a better person, so thank
22 you.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner.

24 Commissioner Sinay.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I think the idea -- I

1 really appreciate the effort that's gone into this. I do
2 feel that it is good to have fresh eyes look at things so
3 you don't feel like you're hitting your head against the
4 wall and feeling like groundhog day. And so, the only
5 thing I ask is that those -- the fresh eyes, first allow
6 the mappers to tell you what has been tried, and where
7 the necks are. And then, start with the fresh ideas.
8 Because the mappers are also having groundhog day.

9 So let's just make sure that the -- that we all work
10 collaboratively. And again -- and I also appreciate what
11 Commissioner Turner, you know, Commissioner Turner said.
12 And I think all of us keep reminding each other of that
13 and it's -- it's so hard for all of us because we do read
14 the engagement, the public input, and we hear the public
15 input. And it's like, oh, whoa, we did that? Can we go
16 back now to the Assembly maps or can we do that?

17 And you know, again, you can get stuck on looking at
18 a small little area or looking at the big picture. And
19 thank you all for being on this journey and learning
20 experience together.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.
22 With that said, doing it with fresh eyes, I think that
23 puts the -- that's myself and Commissioner Akutagawa.
24 And with that, and as I said, if we come up with
25 something that's a possibility, we'll bring it back. But

1 we'll definitely have a good look. We'll bring back
2 something regardless.

3 But now, let's move on, because you know, we're --
4 we've looked at this. And we are actually trying to look
5 at the Central Valley and those VRA districts. So could
6 we please -- Kennedy could we head down that direction.
7 And now, we only have -- you know, lunch is at 2:30. So
8 we have a very short, short amount of time here.

9 But if the -- we're -- well, we've actually kind of
10 looked at this before. So I know that we have very, very
11 good comments and good questions here. And let's dive
12 into it. Thank you.

13 MS. WILSON: One moment, it was on a different
14 snapshot. So I'm just reverting to that to see our
15 most -- your most recent changes.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Wonderful. Thank you very much.
17 Now, I believe, was -- Commissioner Turner, were you sort
18 of working with Kennedy on this and doing some slight
19 variations here?

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Thank you, Chair. I
21 was.

22 Kennedy, we all have done a lot of work in this
23 area. We've tried to be responsive to community
24 testimony, public comment that's coming in. And in
25 looking, what we really were -- what I was looking to do

1 particularly in this area that is one of our VRA
2 districts is seeing what we can do to increase. And for
3 all of the changes that we made it just continued to
4 lower it.

5 I feel pretty strongly about what's already
6 presented. What the Commission has already worked on and
7 ultimately did not end up with any other iteration for
8 this area.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner
10 Turner. Boy I really appreciate -- I know -- I know you
11 went to work on this and as you know the area better
12 than, I believe, all of us on the Commission. I really
13 appreciate your efforts here, and of course with Kennedy.

14 So any other questions or move around a little bit?
15 Commissioner Toledo.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Just for -- so that the public
17 is aware of what was considered. Can, maybe, Kennedy or
18 Commissioner Turner just give a little -- just a little
19 bit more detail on what types of explorations were
20 considered and we know the outcome, that none were taken
21 up, but just for transparency's sake.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Absolutely. Thank you. Kennedy,
23 can you walk us through those changes, please -- or those
24 considerations?

25 MS. WILSON: Yes, I can. One moment. I can -- I

1 took a screen shot of trying to make some of those
2 changes. So I can pull that up as well for you to see.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: That'd be very helpful for us
4 and for the public. And while we're waiting, I just
5 wanted to thank Commissioner Turner and Kennedy for doing
6 the exploration that we requested. Thank you.

7 MS. WILSON: So ultimately the CVAP in STANISFRESNO
8 and FRESNOTULARE went down. KINGSTULAKERN did go up
9 slightly, but this dropped from a 52 to 53 and this just
10 dropped slightly from .6 percent, but it just kept
11 dropping lower in the STANISFRESNO. So I'm going to zoom
12 into the Fresno area. And I can put up the old lines.
13 So in blue is what they used to look like. And I tried
14 to make these changes to bring in the community North of
15 Shaw, up to Bullard between West and Cedar Avenues.

16 Just brought in a lot of population and ultimately
17 this change and moving out to -- it's, I believe, it's
18 what this area here is South of Bullard, between North
19 and Shaw also. It's next Old Fig Garden, that's West of
20 the 99 Freeway COI trying to bring that in as well.
21 Again, brought down the CVAP in both areas.

22 And then, trying to move West Park in, that was
23 bringing down the CVAP down here, all while bringing up
24 the -- bringing up the -- oh my goodness, the deviation
25 in the FRESNO-TULARE district. And so then, moving down

1 within TULARE, I brought in all of Tulare here, which did
2 help with bringing this CVAP higher a bit. And then --
3 but it still did not help with this CVAP here.

4 So there's a lot of -- in these moves, there was a
5 lot of exchanging. But ultimately, just resulting in the
6 top two having a lower CVAP than before. So definitely
7 tried to bring in those other areas North of Old Fig
8 Garden, West of the 99 and West Park. But ultimately, it
9 does just bring down the CVAP.

10 But I will mention that the West of the 99 and West
11 Park, those are separated from Old Fig Garden, are
12 together in the STANISFRESNO iteration that we have now.
13 And so those were the main changes trying to keep those
14 communities together.

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And so thank you, Kennedy. And so
17 Commissioners, so we -- what we did was we looked at all
18 of the COIs that we could, you know, get ahold of that
19 came into this area -- the map that came into this area.
20 And so what we're trying to do with our VRA districts,
21 the way that we were able to split them out, we were able
22 to honor in what we have already, not because we'd
23 changed it, we'd already included a lot of the pieced
24 parts that was requested Terra Bella, Lamour the same,
25 within the same district and together.

1 Different -- in our trying to do more, everything
2 resulted in less. And so -- or it then would break a COI
3 but didn't necessarily give us an increase in a CVAP.
4 And so, we decided we had probably done the best that we
5 can in the area and could not find a different way to
6 increase it. So this is why we have what we have.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, that's -- thanks
8 for your efforts.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you very much and I
10 appreciate you walking through those changes. That was a
11 lot of -- a lot of work involved. Thank you.
12 Commissioner Sinay.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That was -- that was the same
14 what I was going to say. Thank you, that was helpful to
15 look at it, but it was also -- thank you for going in
16 open minded and exploring. And you know, every time I
17 kind of look more deeply into the different CVAP. I'm
18 getting more and more comfortable just because of the
19 expirations. But that the combination of just the
20 different communities that are in these CVAPs and the
21 strength that that gives the full community. So thank
22 you so much.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.
24 Commissioner Sadhwani.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I'm just -- I agree.



1 Thank you so much for looking more closely at these.
2 I -- I'm wondering, I know we had received, as it has
3 been mentioned earlier today, that Moldoff plan and it --
4 my sense is that there's -- it, of course, is a little
5 bit different than our because we -- yeah, it is
6 different. And I'm just wondering, though, if any of
7 those changes might help improve the CVAP in any of these
8 districts in such a way that perhaps could help these
9 districts to perform their VRA districts and the purposes
10 so that communities -- historically excluded communities
11 and protected communities can elect the candidates of
12 their choice.

13 Particularly on the Bakersfield district that came
14 to Kern.

15 MS. WILSON: And if you give me a moment. If it's
16 okay to switch back to the snapshot so that if I make any
17 changes on our current district, I can do that. Because
18 this is the plan with the change from that Commissioner
19 Turner and I had been working with together. And so if
20 we're moving for that, if I move back to the other
21 snapshot.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Well, I -- I'm okay with
23 these changes. I -- is this a snapshot itself?

24 MS. WILSON: Yes. This is a snapshot and so if I --
25 like, if you want to see different changes or anything

1 like that, I would just revert to the snapshot of our VRA
2 without the changes that Commissioner Turner and I worked
3 on.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think --

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I think --

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- either way, either way.

7 I'm comfortable with the changes Commissioner Turner
8 made, I'm just wondering if there might be additional
9 places we could make swaps in order to --

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So for example, in -- and see if
11 this answers as well because we closely tried to track
12 and watch the LCVAP, particularly for this area. So we
13 have -- I think it was Delores Huerta maps came in at 58
14 in one district, 60, and then 32. And MALVAP did 50, 53,
15 and then 59. And so, if you see our current LCVAPs right
16 now, it's 51.65, 53.17, 55.49. And so the numbers, you
17 know, may switch slightly, you know, different places,
18 but for us and for the counsel that we've received, we're
19 trying to get them as high as we can in each of these
20 areas.

21 We believe that we're able to get, you know, we have
22 our three VRA districts and this is what we're trying to
23 protect and ensure that does not decrease. And so for
24 any changes that we were making and trying -- now,
25 perhaps if we were only looking to draw two or do

1 different or, you know, we're trying to just min --
2 maximize what we have in the area that will allow the
3 people in the area to elect candidates of choice.

4 So this is -- this is how we shook out. And we did
5 look at them. And I don't know if you want Kennedy to
6 pull something else up or not. Just one -- to clarify.
7 Commissioner Turner, did you decide to make some changes?
8 I thought these were just attempts to tried to --

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Right.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: That's right.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you. Just to clarify.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: What you have.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. Thank you very much.

15 Commissioner Sadhwani.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, so what we're looking
17 at, there's no changes from the draft map?

18 MS. WILSON: If there are the -- oh, from the draft
19 map? Yes, these are changes we have. So -- but these
20 are Commissioner Turner's changes from the changes we
21 made yesterday. So that's why if we weren't moving
22 forward with her changes, I was going to go back to
23 the -- just the changes that you made yesterday. So --

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think that's where I'm
25 getting confused because I thought --

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- that you said that there
3 weren't any changes.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, I mean in terms of we -- there
5 was a draft map. We made changes yesterday and
6 Commissioner Turner was going to work with
7 Commissioner -- with Kennedy --

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Kennedy.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- to see -- yeah. To see if it
10 improved things. And they did all these other blue
11 things to attempt that, but decided, let's go with the --
12 well, work we did yesterday which is different from the
13 draft.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Right. So thank you for
15 asking that for clarification, Commissioner Sadhwani. I
16 didn't make any changes off-line, outside of what we did
17 in public session yesterday. And the directive was for
18 me to go -- take it from there to see if we can improve
19 on what we did. And we didn't find any additional
20 changes.

21 MS. WILSON: Okay. So yeah. I'm going to switch
22 back to the changes that you made yesterday. This was --
23 and Commissioner Turner eloquently described our changes
24 and why we didn't make them. And then, Commissioner
25 Toledo asked to see those changes. So that the public

1 can see what we tried as well.

2 So I'm going to go back to just the original
3 changes. So this was just to show we tried some
4 different things and I will show you what you have now.
5 Sorry for that confusion. With all these plans and all
6 these snapshots, I know it's a lot. So I think what you
7 would like to speak on, I will show you now. And I'll
8 zoom into the Bakersfield area. And so I think you --
9 we're talking about Bakersfield, about increasing CVAP.

10 There are, you know, cutting into FRESNO-KERN if I
11 were to come up and split Shafter, remove more of Oildale
12 that could raise the CVAP. It would leave you with
13 17,000 people in this area separate from the 17,000 that
14 we have to push down to the San Bernadino or the Southern
15 parts of the state. But there are ways working within
16 their tier to do that. It's just how you'd like to shift
17 earlier.

18 Also this change in Oildale was to widen this area.
19 So we could take that out. You could this get this --
20 taking that out and this parts of Shafter -- splitting
21 Shafter would get you probably to about 17,000 people
22 needed to be moved.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And while we're thinking there, we
24 only have five minutes because at 2:30, it's time for the
25 break. And it's time for lunch. But you know, continue

1 to -- Commissioner Sadhwani did you have --

2 MS. WILSON: I can show you that really fast, sure.
3 Hold on. So these are clearly some kind of rougher
4 lines. But let me pull up that, this is -- hold on, let
5 me refresh my pending changes. So this selection is a
6 little bit less. I would probably clean up this line.
7 Let's just do that right now.

8 But as you can see the CVAP has increased with the
9 moving of these areas. It's just a matter of more
10 population to move. Oh, my gosh, this is going all over
11 the place. But you saw that demonstration.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Kennedy, could you show me,
13 where is Lemoore?

14 MS. WILSON: Yes. Lemoore is next to -- it's in
15 Kings County area. Lemoore and Hanford are in the North.
16 And there are other plans that do -- and this is actually
17 how ours looked previously. But it does -- other plans
18 I've seen cut through Lemoore, Hanford, Visalia, and
19 Tulare. And so this is just based on the -- this was
20 based on callers saying keep Kings County whole.

21 I would think so, but we could make a change like
22 that also. It is similar to what we had previously,
23 which I can pull up as well.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I'd love to see that.
25 And I mean, as we have all said all over the state, it's



1 great to keep counties together. But certainly, these
2 are VRA areas and great to keep COIs together too. But I
3 think that getting that testimony that there's a concern
4 that these districts may not perform as they are intended
5 to. So I just want to be really cautious and again, just
6 leave no stone unturned. See how Lemoore, Hanford -- I'd
7 be curious about maybe even parts of Tulare and just
8 checking those areas.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Since we're right at lunch, can we
10 give -- can give direction to Kennedy to a quick look at
11 that?

12 MS. WILSON: And this is just what it was before and
13 this was at a fifty-three percent and this was at a
14 fifty-three percent as well.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So that did not change?

16 MS. WILSON: Yeah, no. Actually, the changes I made
17 brought it from a fifty-three to a fifty-five percent.
18 So this was just our previous iteration cutting through
19 Lemoore. It didn't cut through Lemoore, it went under
20 Lemoore and Hanford. If there's, you know, that I cut
21 through them -- but this is also -- this is the old
22 iteration. They're similar but Kings County the line has
23 been raised up and then just follows that way. And cuts
24 into a little bit of Tulare with what we have now.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I -- I'm a little confused



1 about what lines we're looking at here because -- are
2 there -- are there two separate sets of lines on that
3 right now?

4 MS. WILSON: I'm sorry. These are the -- this is
5 the previous iteration cut through underneath Lemoore.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Where in this iteration is
7 Tulare, though? In another --

8 MS. WILSON: Yes, it's in the Fresno -- it's in a
9 different district.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: But in another VRA district?

11 MS. WILSON: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And have we ever attempted
13 to not have it in a VRA district?

14 MS. WILSON: Tulare?

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I'm not sure what the
16 Latino CVAP is in Tulare.

17 MS. WILSON: We can certainly check.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sadhwani, did you want
19 to give some direction? Because we're not into the lunch
20 period.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, sure. Sorry about that.
22 So yeah, I think that would be something I'd be curious
23 just to explore as taking out more of it from any VRA
24 district. And I -- I'm -- yeah. So that would be
25 something that I'd be interested to explore more. Thank

1 you. And maybe --

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Go ahead.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- yeah. Maybe it leads to
4 nothing, but I think worth exploring. Thank you.

5 MS. WILSON: And just quickly the Latino CVAP is
6 51.03 percent in the City of Tulare.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Great. Now, Kennedy if
8 that's okay, is that something you could quickly explore?
9 I do want you to have lunch as well.

10 MS. WILSON: I'm not entirely sure what I'm
11 exploring. If we felt like -- I don't know if you feel
12 like fifty-one percent Latino CVAP means it needs to be
13 out of the district or do you not want to continue with
14 the changes from yesterday or --

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No, we should continue with
16 the changes from yesterday.

17 MS. WILSON: Okay.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: We can continue to look and
20 see if there are other options. But I think at this
21 point, we're probably getting as close as we can.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. So Commissioner Sadhwani,
23 did you want to look at -- because after lunch, the idea
24 was to go down to Southern California. But do you want
25 to continue this after -- on -- work a little bit with

1 Kennedy off-line?

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No. I think Commissioner
3 Turner has done that. I'll just take a closer look
4 through our map viewer and see if there's any additional
5 areas where we could try. And if I come up with
6 something, then I will let her know.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. And then -- and then I --
8 and also, not to duplicate Kennedy, you'll obviously be
9 able to Commissioner Turner and say well, sorry, we did
10 try that. So I don't want, you know -- because I'm sure
11 you guys looked at it extensively as well, so -- but you
12 never know. That -- you might find some -- one other
13 thing which we really, really appreciate.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: That's right.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, thank you very much everyone.
16 We're on lunch. Unfortunately, we're going come back at
17 3:00. So eat quickly. I hope you have your lunches --
18 you've kind of got to -- because we have that little
19 continuation of -- Commissioner Kennedy.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Chair, let's make it 3:05.
21 We'll just have to shorten the next session by five
22 minutes.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner
24 Kennedy. 3:05.

25 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 2:34 p.m.

1 until 3:05 p.m.)

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, and welcome back to
3 today's meeting of California's Citizens Redistricting
4 Commission. I'm Ray Kennedy, Vice Chair for this week's
5 set of meetings. Chair Andersen is out for this block.
6 And expects to rejoin us for the next block. So thank
7 you all for joining us.

8 I understand that at this point, the agenda has us
9 going back to Los Angeles and Orange County to get an
10 update from Ms. Clark some visualizations and
11 explorations that were done overnight.

12 MS. WILSON: Sorry, I felt as though -- I'm just
13 wondering what is happening with the North. If I could
14 get a little bit more clarification about where we are
15 ending with that.

16 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: At this point, we are -- we're
17 just ending and coming back to it after we look at LA and
18 Orange County.

19 MS. WILSON: So do I have specific direction moving
20 forward?

21 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: That was my understanding
22 before I left?

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: May I?

24 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Toledo.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So my understanding is that we

1 are leaving the districts as are -- as they are at this
2 point and that there's -- if there's any additional
3 review that we will forward them to you via email as
4 individual Commissioners. But there's not any additional
5 work at this time that we are directing.

6 MS. WILSON: Okay. Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Unless I'm wrong, but that's
8 the current direction as I saw it at the end of the
9 meeting.

10 MS. WILSON: Okay. One moment while we switch over
11 to Jaime.

12 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Jaime, do we need five
14 minutes or Kennedy? Oh, Jaime's here, never mind.

15 MS. CLARK: Nope. I'm setting up the map right now
16 and I could use, like, forty-five seconds, please.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. If everybody
18 could stand at ease for forty-five seconds, please.

19 MS. CLARK: I hope you are all well. What is on the
20 map right now is on the map viewer and files -- perhaps
21 now are posted also on the handouts. But it's definitely
22 up on the map viewer. This is -- there's a couple
23 different things to look at in LA today. This is what --
24 one of the things that I worked on last night, and
25 basically, it's taking the overall structure of what we

1 saw yesterday, implementing some of the changes that were
2 requested by the Commission.

3 Everything is balanced to plus or minus one
4 person -- happy to take a look at this or anything else
5 as the Commission wishes.

6 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Jaime. I can see
7 that the change grouping Northeast toward Torrance with
8 Gardena was done. Could you walk us through the others
9 that were -- the other changes that were incorporated?

10 MS. CLARK: Yeah. Absolutely. So I moved Commerce
11 with the gateway cities and just changed the split in
12 Downey. That boosted the Latino CVAP in the LBNORTH
13 district which was identified as one of the goals of the
14 Commission.

15 Yes, I moved this area of Torrance into STHLA
16 district. I did move the line here along the 405 per
17 Commission request. I also, for population, adjusted the
18 line in the Northern part of this district to balance
19 that population. Additionally, just some other
20 population balancing here in SHORELINE. Oh, also in
21 SHORELINE -- I apologize. I'm going to go back down on
22 the map, but San Pedro is whole and SP10 district per
23 Commission request. I --

24 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: We have Carson -- sorry Jaime.
25 We have Carson and most of West Carson or is that --

1 MS. CLARK: This is all of West Carson --

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: All of West Carson, okay.

3 MS. CLARK: -- I think part of the Harbor City and
4 Harbor Gateway neighborhoods. And there is a split here
5 for population. The split previously was a little bit
6 further North to make that contiguous based on the move
7 in Torrance -- that adjusted further South.

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay. Thank you.

9 MS. CLARK: And moving North, again, just some
10 population adjustments here between 10CORR and GLEN2BA.
11 And also population adjustment getting to zero population
12 in CD210, the split is still here in Pasadena. I did
13 make Toluca Lake with North -- excuse me -- with Valley
14 Village and NoHo, Van Nuys, and Greater Valley Glenn
15 neighborhood in SFV District. Move some of this
16 population and area in Angeles National Forest into the
17 SFV District per Commission direction. And those -- I'm
18 just looking over my notes. Those are the changes, in
19 addition to everything being balanced to plus or minus
20 one percent.

21 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good. Thank you
22 for that. I'll start out and beyond thanking you again
23 for your great work, ask -- since I don't think there's
24 population up there in the forest, just adjust that
25 North-South line -- yeah, that one -- to be farther West?

1 MS. CLARK: By this, you mean, basically, move the
2 line this way?

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

4 MS. CLARK: Okay. Thank you. One moment. I can do
5 that really quickly.

6 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah, I'm assuming that there's
7 no population in there and this is just going to clean up
8 the map a little bit.

9 MS. CLARK: One moment. How does this line look to
10 you?

11 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: That looks fine. Thank you.

12 Commissioner Yee, your hand went up and then down.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Some computer challenges.

14 While we're in L.A., a couple of small changes I'd like
15 to suggest. One is that in the Congressional districts
16 here, apparently we still have Cal Poly Pomona split. I
17 would like to give direction to reunite it along the same
18 border as the Assembly map.

19 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: All right. So as I understand
20 it, that would be adding that unincorporated area.

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: I believe so, yeah. And one
22 other item. Thai Town requests their Northern border to
23 include both sides of the main commercial strip there on
24 Broadway, I believe, and to go up to Franklin instead.

25 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: I thought it was Sunset.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Maybe Sunset, yeah. I'm sorry,
2 I'm not finding my notes.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I think it was
4 Sunset --

5 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: It is on both sides of that
6 street, so -- okay. So this is going to require us to
7 balance population again. This is 2,000 and something or
8 3,000 and something?

9 MS. CLARK: This is 2,306 people. I'll make this
10 larger font; I'm sorry about that. Would you like to
11 make this change?

12 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Is there objection?
13 Commissioner Toledo.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'd like to see the Latino
15 CVAP for the VRA areas, and just want to make sure that's
16 not impacted.

17 MS. CLARK: The Latino CVAP of the Pomona District
18 would become 57.22 percent, and for STH60, the Latino
19 CVAP would become 55.78 percent.

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And what are the current
21 numbers?

22 MS. CLARK: Currently, for the Pomona District, it's
23 57.32 percent, and for South 60, it's 55.69 percent.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: About the same. Yep. Okay.
25 I'm fine with it.



1 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good.

2 Commissioner Sinay.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Since we don't have this
4 iteration in the map finder or any picture of it, can we
5 just go slowly across the whole region and kind of, like,
6 the West side, and then take comments, and then just keep
7 moving so that we have time to really absorb it all and
8 make sure we don't miss anything?

9 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good.

10 Commissioner Akutagawa.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'd like to just see an up
12 close version of it because -- yeah, just to see it a
13 little bit more closely. Because, I remember we had to
14 do this for the Assembly map, too.

15 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Up close of this unincorporated
16 area?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just in that area --

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: -- by Cal Poly Pomona?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- yes, where the school
20 is.

21 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And then --

23 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Can you zoom in more?

25 MS. CLARK: And just to note, this is in the map

1 finder online.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I don't know whether it's
3 just really light -- I'm just having a hard time seeing
4 any detail, like -- I think my eyes are just --

5 MS. CLARK: So this where --

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- not seeing things.

7 MS. CLARK: This is where Cal State Polytechnic
8 University Pomona is.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, sorry. I think I --
10 hold on. I cannot see a thing on the -- where you are
11 right now. Okay. Okay. Great. Thank you.

12 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So Jaime, from here
13 could you take us on a tour of Los Angeles County,
14 basically in a -- I was going to say counterclockwise
15 direction, but if you'd rather go clockwise, that's okay,
16 too. We can go district by district and take a look at
17 what we have.

18 MS. CLARK: Certainly. I will start at that the --
19 I'm going to start in the Malibu area, and happy to go in
20 a counterclockwise rotation. So in the Malibu SFV
21 District, we have Malibu, Topanga, Palisades, Bel Air,
22 Beverly Crest, Studio City, out to Tarzana, including
23 Woodland Hills, Hidden Hills, Bell Canyon. And then
24 moving North, including Chatsworth and Northridge areas.

25 For the Shoreline district, starting in the North,



1 we have Beverly -- excuse me, Beverly Hills, Westside
2 neighborhood, such as Westwood, Westside Neighborhood
3 Council, the City of Santa Monica with Venice, Marina del
4 Rey, Del Rey, the bike trail just West of LAX, El
5 Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, which
6 here is split at Hawthorne and Sepulveda. This district
7 also includes Lomita, Rolling Hills, and Palos Verdes.

8 For SP710, this district includes San Pedro, Carson,
9 West Carson, Signal Hill, areas in Northern and Western
10 Long Beach, Paramount, Lynwood, and South Gate. And
11 deviating a little bit from our counterclockwise just to
12 pop in to sort of City of Los Angeles or more interior of
13 the county -- in the STHLA district, this includes that
14 part of Torrance in the very Northeast corner, East of
15 Hawthorne, and North of Sepulveda. It includes Lawndale,
16 Hawthorne, LAX, Inglewood, Westmont, Watts, Willowbrook,
17 Compton, West Rancho Dominguez, and East Rancho
18 Dominguez, and all of Gardena.

19 In 10CORR, we have Culver City, View Park, Ladera
20 Heights with South Robertson, Pico, Olympic Park, Mid-
21 City, West Adams, Jefferson Park, downtown Los Angeles
22 with South Central Neighborhood Council, Central-Alameda,
23 Zapata-King, 9th District, Park Mesa Heights.

24 I'm going to move back South to the Long Beach area.
25 In the district called LBNORTH, it includes Commerce with

1 Vernon, Florence-Graham, Walnut Park, Huntington Park,
2 Bell, Bell Gardens, Cudahy, Maywood, parts of Downey --
3 most of Downey, Bellflower, Lakewood, and then the
4 Western and coastal parts of the City of Long Beach. The
5 ports of San Pedro and Long Beach are separate from each
6 other.

7 In the STH60 District, this includes Walnut, Diamond
8 Bar, Rowland Heights, Hacienda Heights, La Habra Heights,
9 La Habra, La Mirada, Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk, the
10 Whittiers, Montebello, Pico Rivera. CDCOV includes South
11 El Monte, El Monte and North El Monte, Avocado Heights.
12 Geographically speaking, most of the City of Industry, La
13 Puente, Valinda, Covina and West Covina, Baldwin Park,
14 Irwindale, Duarte, the Southern areas of Monrovia, Azusa,
15 Southern parts of Glendora, San Dimas, and La Verne.

16 CD210 includes in San Bernardino County, Northern
17 Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, San Antonio Heights, Lytle
18 Creek and Wrightwood. This also includes Claremont,
19 Northern parts of Glendora, Northern parts of Monrovia.
20 Eight AAPI communities as identified as a COI in West San
21 Gabriel Valley, Eastern parts of Pasadena, Altadena out
22 to La Crescenta.

23 And just a couple more. Here's GLEN2BA. This
24 includes West Hollywood, Greater Wilshire, Hollywood
25 Hills areas, all of Glendale, all of Burbank up to

1 Sunland-Tujunga. Also including Silver Lake, most of
2 Echo Park, Glassell Park, and some of Eagle Rock.
3 Zooming into the NELA district. This includes East Los
4 Angeles, Boyle Heights, Chinatown, Little Tokyo,
5 Koreatown, Historic Filipino Town, Thai Town, Pico-Union,
6 El Sereno, and these areas up here, part of Eagle Rock,
7 Highland Park.

8 And moving North to SFV. This district includes
9 Greater Toluca Lake, Valley Village, North Hollywood,
10 Greater Valley Glen, Van Nuys, North of Oxnard, Lake
11 Balboa, Reseda, Arleta, Pacoima, the City of San
12 Fernando, Mission Hills, North Hills East, parts of
13 Angeles National Forest.

14 Moving to the AVSCV district, this includes Sylmar,
15 Santa Clarita Valley, Lancaster and Palmdale and areas
16 identified as Antelope Valley, and then this remainder of
17 the county is rural Eastern Antelope Valley areas and
18 that is -- that, joined with the rest of MORCOA is
19 negative 17,304 people. And as everything is balanced to
20 plus or minus one percent, this is an area where you
21 could accept population from Northern California to
22 balance everything to plus or minus one percent. And I'm
23 just going to zoom out to see L.A. County.

24 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Discussion, questions,
25 suggestions? Commissioner Sinay.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you for doing that. That
2 is helpful. And I did find it on the -- the iterations
3 on the map, though, they looked a little different.
4 Like, Beverly Hills, you have it in with -- I can't
5 remember if it was a coastal -- but anyway, do you have
6 the overview of the number of VRA districts and majority-
7 minority districts we have? Were we able to maintain as
8 we had hoped?

9 MS. CLARK: Yeah. I'm just going to zoom out -- and
10 in L.A. County right now there are five fifty percent
11 Latino CVAP seats. I think that that's your question.
12 It's CDCOV, STH60, the LBNORTH, SP710, CDNELA, and the
13 San Fernando Valley, SFV District.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I believe that's six.

15 MS. CLARK: I thought I said six, so sorry if I
16 counted wrong.

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You counted right. But you
19 said it wrong.

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Toledo.

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I just wanted to appreciate
22 Jaime for taking the direction of the Commission and
23 implementing it. And I did have a chance to review -- we
24 did have a chance to review this earlier today, so it
25 looks quite -- I mean, it meets the goals of the

1 Commission as set forth at this point. But I do know
2 that we are working on some refinements, and I believe
3 that's going to be later today where we do look at the
4 Southern portion of Long Beach in an effort to increase
5 Latino CVAP, and we'll bring that exploration to the
6 Commission to review at a later point. Thank you.

7 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.
8 Commissioner Fernandez.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And thank you,
10 Jaime. As always, you've delivered. Are we, Chair, or
11 Vice Chair -- Vice Chair, are we -- well, actually, the
12 Chair right -- are we going to try to determine how we're
13 going to address the 17,000? Or is that for future
14 iterations that Commissioner Toledo was talking about?

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Well, I think there's
16 different proposals for getting to that, including if we
17 were to move forward with the exploration that
18 Commissioner Sadhwani and I and Jaime have been working
19 on, then that might create a path to do that. So I think
20 that's something -- it's a discussion point for the
21 Commission that we would be having later today.

22 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you,
23 Commissioner Toledo. We also have the matter of the
24 2,307 or so people that we need to bring into South 60.
25 Is that something that we want to do live, or is that

1 something that we would like to ask Jaime to work on off-
2 line and come back with a proposal? Commissioner Sinay.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry. I was not addressing
4 your question. I just remembered a question I had
5 separate. Sorry.

6 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Go ahead.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: My question was more if we
8 could look at Long Beach and just be clear what COIs we
9 may have split in the Long Beach area when we split Long
10 Beach.

11 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. My understanding is that
12 Commissioner Toledo and Commissioner Sadhwani are going
13 to be coming to us with an exploration, and I think that
14 would be the best time to look at that question.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: We do have it, and
16 whenever --

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- whenever you want to
19 bring it up again.

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good. Before we do
21 that, I just wanted to go back to CD210 in the areas of
22 Duarte, Azusa, and Sunland. So if we can extend the
23 Northern boundary of the CDCOV North from Duarte and
24 Azusa and take in at least a portion of the forest.
25 Correct. Again, I believe this is zero population area.

1 MS. CLARK: How far --

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: That's --

3 MS. CLARK: -- North --

4 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Even that is fine.

5 MS. CLARK: Should I make this change?

6 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Any objections? Commissioner
7 Fernandez.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Actually, that's fine with
9 me. I was actually going to just respond to the wanting
10 to go to Long Beach in terms of the COIs that we might
11 have split up. I think we've split up quite a few COIs,
12 but we've also kept COIs together. So if we're going to
13 do it from one area in terms of split COIs, are we going
14 to do it for all the areas? We'll be here forever, so.

15 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just trying to talk about
17 equity.

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yep. Thank you.

19 Commissioner Akutagawa.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. To your question
21 about the -- I think it's the South 60 map, I noticed
22 that the 2,305, looking at the Pomona-Fontana map,
23 there's 23 -- is that 2,305 there? And then 2,307 in the
24 South 60? I'm wondering if we could take the 2,305 or
25 even 2,306 from Pomona and move it into that South 60.

1 Particularly the side that includes Cal Poly Pomona.
2 There's a lot of synergies between Mt. San Antonio
3 College, which is right up the road from the university
4 in Walnut. So if you took that portion, perhaps that
5 may -- that's just one way of balancing that population
6 there.

7 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We'll come back to that
8 in a moment.

9 Commissioner Yee?

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Back to Azusa and San
11 Gabriel Mountains and National Forest. I'd be for taking
12 more, so Azusa gets this whole canyon, but I just have no
13 idea how the mountains are split up. I think in general,
14 we were supportive of giving as many people as possible a
15 stake in the park lines there. Doing that throughout the
16 whole area will take some time. I mean, it would include
17 going East as well. So yeah. Thanks.

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Okay. Excellent. If
19 that gets filled in then I think that's a good stopping
20 point. Very good. Okay.

21 Commissioner Ahmad.

22 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I support
23 the direction of this change as well.

24 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.

25 Commissioner Akutagawa.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I support this direction,
2 too. I know we're going get lots of different comments.
3 Perhaps we can -- I will put a call out to those who
4 know the mountains a little bit better. I'm a little
5 concerned about us just randomly taking parts of the
6 mountains. If there's a way to do it maybe smartly by
7 those who really know the mountains, who use the
8 mountains, perhaps just like any place, we want to make
9 sure that we're going to make appropriate groupings, so.
10 Thank you.

11 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you. Let's
12 go ahead and commit this for now. And the other one was
13 over in the Sunland-Tujunga area. I think what I didn't
14 include the first time around was to open that line
15 between GLEN2BA and CD210 and take in some territory from
16 the forest into GLEN2BA. Okay.

17 Commissioner Akutagawa.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just one thing -- just for
19 clarity. I want to make sure that my comments are not
20 misconstrued. When I said, encouraging those who know,
21 it's more in the form of public comment like we've done
22 before, provide public comment either in writing or if
23 they want to call in. It's not to give outside direction
24 to the lines. So I just to make sure I'm really clear on
25 that. It's just really a solicitation for additional

1 public comment.

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much.

3 Commissioner Toledo.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm supportive of these
5 changes, and given that -- it looks like there's very few
6 people. Most places zero, but I think here we're talking
7 about hundred people. Perhaps we can -- so I'm
8 supportive of the changes, and I think -- just a couple,
9 so that's fine. Thank you.

10 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Let's go ahead and
11 commit this one and go back down to Pomona and take a
12 look at Commissioner Akutagawa's suggestion.

13 Commissioner Akutagawa, as I understand it, you
14 wanted to look at the area around Mt. San Antonio College
15 area that is --

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, the --

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: -- is --

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

19 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: -- not part of Cal Poly Pomona.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: My suggestion was just
21 removing that kind of Western portion of Pomona that
22 abuts next to Mt. -- if we have to pick a place to cut, I
23 mean, or to move the grouping of population from one
24 district to another. My suggestion was just taking that
25 Western edge, because the university has some close

1 relationships with the next door community college. That
2 was really just -- because I just noticed that there's a
3 2,305 deviation --

4 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- so.

6 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Jaime, could I get your
7 input on where you would recommend balancing the
8 population between these two districts? Is that a
9 reasonable place to try to do it?

10 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So this whole area was the area
11 that we just moved --

12 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

13 MS. CLARK: -- so it certainly won't balance exactly
14 since we're only taking part of it. But we could give it
15 a shot and then I can off-line balance between -- it
16 looks like it would be either between Walnut and the City
17 of Pomona or Diamond Bar and the City of Pomona.

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. My understanding is that
19 what we would be doing is leaving all of Cal Poly Pomona
20 in the POMONTFON district. We would take that -- the
21 white unincorporated area that is not part of Cal Poly
22 Pomona, and come across all the way to the -- is that the
23 71? At the Eastern edge of that, and explore in that
24 direction?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No. That was not my --



1 that was not my suggestion.

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Go ahead --

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. It --

4 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: -- Commissioner Akutagawa.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. It would be to take
6 essentially 2,305 to balance out the deviation because
7 there's 2,307 under in South 60 and 2,305 over in Pomona-
8 Font. My thought was that starting with that Cal Poly
9 Pomona area and moving 2,305 from that area into South
10 60.

11 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. But the imbalance was
12 caused when we reunited all of Cal Poly Pomona, and we
13 don't want to ununite Cal Poly Pomona. So we're looking
14 for area --

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh.

16 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: -- that is not involving Cal
17 Poly Pomona itself.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh. My apologies. Okay.
19 I didn't realize -- okay. It was at zero-zero. Okay.
20 Then, I take my suggestion back, then. Sorry.

21 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Back to you, Jaime, as
22 to where you would recommend balancing this.

23 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So then I would recommend maybe
24 looking in Southern -- looking kind of along highways.
25 This certainly is something that I could do off-line

1 since we know that everything in the whole Southern
2 California area right now is balanced to plus or minus
3 one person, then there's not going to cause a deviation
4 issue as long as changes are made -- contained within
5 L.A. County, Riverside, San Bernardino, Imperial, San
6 Diego Counties.

7 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

8 MS. CLARK: Orange County. So if the Commission is
9 comfortable with it, this is something I'm happy to do
10 off-line as well.

11 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Fernandez.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. My comment was just
13 earlier regarding Pomona. I just wanted to make sure we
14 weren't cutting into any of the housing also. I don't
15 think it's purely commuter school, but that was my --

16 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: No. And my understanding from
17 the public comment is that the housing is precisely in
18 that unincorporated area that we just brought in.

19 MS. CLARK: Yeah. And this highlighted area which
20 is not part of the university itself is zero population,
21 so --

22 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

23 MS. CLARK: -- none of the -- all of the population
24 that was moved out of the Pomona-based District was all
25 in these census blocks that are assigned to California

1 State Polytechnic University Pomona.

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And if that zero
3 population area -- I would just leave it as it is. I saw
4 Commissioner Vazquez's hand?

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. I was just going to
6 recommend exactly what you said, Jaime, that I would use
7 the highways along the border of these two districts, and
8 follow those when balancing population.

9 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. No objections to Jaime
10 working on this and coming back with a proposal. Okay.
11 The final area I think right now would be to go to Thai
12 Town and make sure that we're taking in Thai Town COI on
13 both sides of, I believe, it's Sunset Boulevard.

14 MS. CLARK: So I'll display the COI layer that I
15 have for Thai Town. This is Western, this is Hollywood,
16 Vermont, and Santa Monica.

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. If you can hold on for a
18 second.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Chair, I think the thought was to
20 go one block North of Hollywood to Franklin.

21 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yep. Yep. So we do need to --
22 we do need to cross Hollywood Boulevard. I guess they
23 had a problem with drawing the COI correctly in the tool,
24 but the request is that we go North of Hollywood
25 Boulevard. That should be adequate. Any further

1 comment? Okay. That's 8,521 people. That's pretty
2 densely populated there. Jaime, is that going to cause
3 you a problem? Do you have an idea of best options for
4 rebalancing after that?

5 MS. CLARK: I think that moving this population --
6 well, I think that it'll bring that -- previously, the
7 Commission had identified potentially wanting to have
8 Eagle Rock in the NELA district. And I had kind of
9 worked to move this line North to include as much of
10 Eagle Rock as possible given the extremely tight
11 population constraints. So could maybe walk this back
12 or -- yeah, just looking for places to minimize the,
13 like, total ripple effect if the Commission is happy with
14 the overall --

15 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

16 MS. CLARK: -- structure of how things are looking.

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. I believe at this point
18 we're satisfied with the structure. Is that a small
19 portion of Highland Park that would also need to be
20 brought back into the NELA district?

21 MS. CLARK: I will turn off the district boundaries
22 so you could just see the neighborhood council
23 boundaries. It's a little fuzzy and confusing in here --

24 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. That pink area --

25 MS. CLARK: So this is Highland Park.



1 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. What's the pink area
2 where the Los of Los Angeles is?

3 MS. CLARK: The Los of -- this?

4 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right there, yes.

5 MS. CLARK: Yeah. This is Occidental College.

6 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Ah, okay. Okay. Very good.

7 Commissioner Akutagawa, and then Commissioner
8 Sadhwani.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, Chair, and also
10 Jaime -- and by the way, I will also add my kudos to you.
11 I think everybody has spoken it, but we're all very, very
12 appreciative of all the work that you've done and how
13 well you do it. I wanted to -- I just saw a public
14 comment that was submitted. It's 11323. And in it,
15 there is a PDF of a Shapefile. And I'm pointing out this
16 particular one because I feel like we're down to, like,
17 literally, like, little blocks. And I noticed that on
18 this Shapefile, they do take the line up to Franklin, but
19 it looks like there's, like, portions where they dip in a
20 little bit.

21 So just to minimize having to find other places, I
22 wanted to point out that and that maybe it might help
23 to -- if you do this off-line to look at that PDF of that
24 Shapefile to see where you could -- it doesn't take it
25 all the way across on Franklin, so there may be places

1 where you could -- because it's so densely populated it
2 may -- I mean, it may make the difference but not that
3 much more of a difference, but it may make a difference
4 where you have to cut, so.

5 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
6 Akutagawa.

7 Commissioner Sadhwani.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Apologies. We're
9 zoomed in so I'm trying to wrap my head around where
10 these changes are happening. So it's happening in East
11 Hollywood and Glendale to Burbank? I think I'm getting a
12 little lost in --

13 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- where the changes --

15 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- are happening. I was --

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: So if you could zoom out --

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I --

19 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: -- at bit, Jaime.

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: In general as a general
21 comment, I was going to say, the Glendale to Burbank has
22 a portion of the City of Pasadena. As population
23 shifts -- this might not exactly make sense because it's
24 a different district. Yeah, in general I was just going
25 to say, it would make sense to put more of Pasadena into

1 that district potentially. But as I'm looking at it now
2 that we're zoomed out, that wouldn't really happen, but
3 anyway, I'll put that on the table.

4 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So initial
5 recommendation -- and I would agree -- is to try to
6 balance that 8,521 by expanding the area of Eagle Rock
7 that is in the NELA district.

8 Commissioner Akutagawa. Nope. Okay.

9 Commissioner Vazquez.

10 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Similarly, since we weren't
11 able to get any of Glassell Park into NELA this time
12 around, I'm wondering if moving -- am I moving in the
13 right direction? Sorry. I came into this conversation a
14 little late. So adding some of Glassell Park into the
15 NELA district?

16 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: I believe so.

17 MS. CLARK: So --

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: No?

19 MS. CLARK: So this change would be making the NELA
20 district overpopulated by --

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I see. Never mind.

22 MS. CLARK: -- 8,500 people, and we need to move
23 8,500 people out.

24 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Got it. I see.

25 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: So in fact, we would be

1 reducing the area of Eagle Rock that is in NELA. Okay.

2 MS. CLARK: Right. That's correct. Yeah.

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Now, is that a corner of

4 Glassell Park that is currently in NELA? No. Okay.

5 That's just a strange squiggle. Or it is. That is a
6 piece of Glassell Park that is in NELA.

7 MS. CLARK: Yeah. A little blip --

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

9 MS. CLARK: -- of Glassell Park.

10 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: So Commissioner Vazquez, we
11 should keep that little blip of Glassell Park in NELA?

12 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: No comment.

13 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Well. For now, we'll
14 say, leave it. Any objections to committing this change
15 and instructing Ms. Clark to balance in Eagle Rock?
16 Commissioner Toledo.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm just wondering what the
18 impact would be to the CVAP, given that we're dealing
19 with VRA areas, and so.

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Jaime, can we see the
21 impact on the CVAP?

22 MS. CLARK: So the CVAP in NELA would be 55.67
23 percent. With this change, it's currently at 56.31
24 percent.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So with that I don't -- I

1 would want to just stay where we are given that it's
2 going down.

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. What can we -- I don't
4 know, do we need to snapshot this? Because if we're
5 going to balance in Eagle Rock, that could also affect
6 this. Or maybe, do we want -- yes. Perfect.

7 MS. CLARK: So we would be -- right now, the
8 discussion is around removing areas that are also
9 relatively less percent Latino CVAP than other areas that
10 are currently in the NELA district.

11 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: So we would be adding an area
12 that is less Latino.

13 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: We would be adding an area that
14 is less Latino than 56.31 percent, and then we'd be
15 removing areas that are also less than 56 percent Latino
16 CVAP.

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So --

18 MS. CLARK: And I can't say for sure --

19 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Chair?

20 MS. CLARK: -- exactly what it would --

21 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

22 MS. CLARK: -- equal.

23 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: So the net -- the net might
24 work out somewhere in there. Okay.

25 Commissioner Vazquez --

1 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Chair?

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: -- if you can hold for a
3 second, I've got Commissioner Akutagawa and Commissioner
4 Yee first.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just for clarification; was
6 the seat in NELA a VRA district? I don't recall it
7 being, but I might've missed it.

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: It's a majority-minority
9 district.

10 Commissioner Yee.

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. The tradeoffs here are
12 fairly steep. If we can mitigate them, I think this is a
13 medium priority kind of COI, not a high priority kind of
14 COI, so -- but if the folks -- Thai Town folks -- if it's
15 possible -- if you want less than this whole stretch of
16 Hollywood -- maybe there's a critical block or two that
17 you really, really want, we'd love to hear from you in
18 public testimony. Maybe we can make this a smaller
19 switch.

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. We could go up not as
21 far as Franklin. I think there may have been one or two
22 other cross streets between Hollywood and Franklin that
23 we could reduce that.

24 MS. CLARK: So there's just a couple here.
25 Otherwise, the census blocks go all the way up to

1 Franklin.

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Okay.

3 MS. CLARK: I can just demonstrate that right now.

4 But then, otherwise, they all --

5 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay.

6 MS. CLARK: -- all the way up.

7 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good.

8 Commissioner Vazquez.

9 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I may have a solution. So
10 Jaime, if you could turn the Latino CVAP back on again
11 and head back over to Glassell Park. So full
12 disclosure -- I am proposing -- I'm going to propose that
13 we move -- I think this is -- yep, it is -- my
14 neighborhood of Mount Washington, which you can see
15 starts at, like, Jessica Drive. It's on the East side --
16 yep. It's a hill. I would argue that the residents here
17 are pretty high income and very few Latino and probably
18 the reason why this looks a little peach on the side. I
19 would say you could move that out of CDNELA and put that
20 with Glassell Park.

21 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Could we explore that,
22 Jaime?

23 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So to do that, I'm just going to
24 commit the change that we have now, and then look at that
25 swap. And we can always revert back. So --

1 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

2 MS. CLARK: -- just one moment, please.

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Akutagawa.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I am going to say
5 that -- I guess maybe the question I have is at -- even
6 at the fifty-five percent, is this a district that would
7 perform and enable Latinos to elect a candidate of their
8 choice? Because we're talking about a small portion of
9 Thai Town, which is -- it is not a wealthy community. It
10 is also -- when, again, looking at the -- amongst Asian-
11 Americans, the population that lives in the Thai Town
12 area is fairly low income. Actually, not fairly, they
13 are low income. They're in need of a lot of services.
14 And so to separate them, I think, would do a disservice,
15 and it's a -- it is still we're looking at a fifty-five
16 percent plus majority-minority district that hopefully
17 will enable them -- even at that number -- will enable
18 the Latino community to elect a candidate of their
19 choice.

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
21 Akutagawa. We're already back up to fifty-six percent.
22 At this point, we still have --

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Wow.

24 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: We still have some balancing to
25 go, but in general I would say that between this area and

1 finishing off up in Eagle Rock, I would recommend that we
2 ask Ms. Clark to finish this up off-line and come back to
3 us with a proposal to review.

4 Commissioner Akutagawa. Okay. So yes. We would
5 say, go with this area and then, as I said, finish
6 balancing up in Eagle Rock and then come back and let us
7 know what that looks like.

8 Commissioner Vazquez.

9 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. If I could just ask
10 Jaime if -- I would follow sort of the purple lines of
11 the neighborhood council in this area. It is a pretty --
12 it's a pretty obvious hill when you're here in the
13 geography, and I think those purple lines do compose the
14 hill pretty well. And so I would try to keep that
15 together and not go into what's currently Historic
16 Highland Park like you've got there over in San Marcos
17 Place and Eldred.

18 MS. CLARK: Okay. Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yep.

20 MS. CLARK: When I'm balancing and cleaning that up,
21 then I will move that -- adjust that line a little bit
22 and follow --

23 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yep.

24 MS. CLARK: -- the neighborhood council boundaries.
25 Thank you.



1 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. In those two locations.
2 Very good. Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez. Any further
3 discussion on any of these? Okay. Then we will go to
4 Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Toledo to go
5 through with us their exploration from down in Long
6 Beach.

7 MS. CLARK: Okay. Just one second while I save
8 this, and then I'll --

9 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

10 MS. CLARK: -- switch over to that map. One moment,
11 please.

12 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect. Thank you. And at
13 this point, we're looking at our next break in half-an-
14 hour, so hopefully we can get through this in that half-
15 hour. Let us know when you're ready.

16 MS. CLARK: I'm ready when Commissioners are ready.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm ready.

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Toledo looks
19 ready.

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Just wanted to take a deep
21 breath before we looked at this. Okay. So per direction
22 from the Commission, we have been exploring -- and this
23 is an exploration, not necessarily a proposal, but an
24 exploration of what we've done and what we're looking at.
25 And we wanted to bring it back to the Commission and the

1 public before we did anymore additional work in case this
2 is -- we're going in the wrong direction. So the goals
3 were to try to increase Latino CVAP across the Latino
4 districts to maintain all of the Latino districts, to
5 keep the port separate, the two -- San Pedro and Long
6 Beach -- to also unite some of the LGBT COIs -- the
7 Signal Hill with Long Beach and potentially Seal Beach.
8 And we ran across a couple of challenges in doing so, but
9 we also were able to address some of the other priorities
10 for the Commission, including the Commission had said --
11 in the Assembly maps and even when we were in Long Beach,
12 that keeping the Orange County coast together was a
13 priority. And certainly, this map aims to -- is able to
14 achieve some of that, but it also creates some challenges
15 elsewhere, including in the Irvine area with some of the
16 other COIs that we've been trying to deal with.

17 So before we moved on, we wanted to bring it to the
18 Commission so we can discuss some of the challenges. I
19 think Commissioner Sadhwani will be discussing some of
20 the challenges with moving in this direction. We were
21 able to maintain the Latino CVAPs or increase them in
22 some areas, while also achieving the LGBT COIs and
23 uniting -- we've heard a lot -- and actually, we've heard
24 pretty conflicting testimony from Orange County as to
25 whether to keep the coast together or to maintain what we

1 have, which is a little bit different. And so we wanted
2 to bring it here to get feedback from the Commission as
3 to whether we should continue to work on this or whether
4 this is something that we no longer want to explore. And
5 I'll turn it over to Commissioner Sadhwani to give
6 additional input on -- or information about the
7 opportunities and the challenges.

8 And we did look at the maps from MALDEF, the maps
9 from Equality California, and the maps from Environmental
10 Voters, I believe it's called. So various community maps
11 in trying to work through this area. And it's such a
12 complex area and every single change had impacts. And so
13 we've been trying to minimize the impacts, keep it as
14 regionally focused as possible. And I'll turn it over to
15 Commissioner Sadhwani.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Thank you for that,
17 Commissioner Toledo.

18 And thank you to Jaime for helping us attempt to
19 work through some of these considerations.

20 As we've continued to talk about Los Angeles and
21 Orange County, we've certainly raised that there was some
22 interest to see -- about increasing some of the Latino
23 CVAP, as Commissioner Toledo mentioned. And also that we
24 have never had the opportunity to visualize Long Beach as
25 a part of a coastal district, which we've actually had

1 quite a lot of testimony from. This is definitely a
2 visualization that shares the pain -- that really adopts
3 the perspective of share the pain, because in it, we are
4 able to link a portion of Long Beach along the OCCOAST.

5 You will note that we were able to -- at minimum,
6 keep Signal Hill, which was identified as a part of the
7 LGBT COI, I believe, as a part of that, but the North
8 portion of Long Beach is cut. And certainly, further
9 South than that Del Amo Boulevard that the city had been
10 asking for. In this piece -- and we also looked with
11 Jaime at other options about combining the ports and not
12 combining the ports -- in this one we were able to keep
13 them separate. But in doing so it did increase some of
14 the Latino CVAP up above, but they still need a
15 population. And so we could certainly think about or
16 look at different iterations.

17 In this instance, we're combining some of those
18 Gateway City areas down into Orange County. The
19 positive, I think, is we continue to hear very
20 conflicting testimony from Huntington Beach about whether
21 or not they want to be coastal, whether or not they want
22 to be whole, whether or not they want to be cut, whether
23 or not they go to Little Saigon. This would keep them
24 more coastal, but not entirely -- I believe, a small
25 portion here is cut.



1 The other things that I think this does help to
2 achieve -- and we've been hearing fairly loudly about
3 Irvine wanting to be more inland than coastal. So I
4 think we attempt to put that back in here. We, of
5 course, are always working around that VRA district based
6 in Santa Ana. That's really the anchor point for us here
7 in Orange County. But the impact in bringing Irvine more
8 inland is that the Asian-American COIs in the Northern
9 parts -- the AAPI and AMEMSA COIs in Cerritos -- the
10 Korean-Americans in Buena Park and Fullerton are now
11 paired further down the state. In addition, you'll
12 notice that while we were able to keep Irvine and most of
13 Costa Mesa together with Tustin, Costa Mesa's also split.
14 So this is truly a share the pain kind of plan. We'll
15 note, though, that this was -- we were able to work in a
16 localized way. Right? So this is a plan that is able to
17 drop into what we have existing in San Diego and in the
18 Inland Empire and what we've worked on already.

19 I wanted to note, as Commissioner Toledo mentioned,
20 there are several other folks that have visualized the
21 coast more in this -- some more or some less. Right? So
22 here we're -- a portion of Long Beach down to Laguna
23 Beach. I believe if we switch over to the MALDEF maps,
24 which we did take a look at. As everyone knows, we
25 received input from MALDEF yesterday throughout -- for

1 ideas throughout the state, including -- we've talked
2 about earlier today, San Benito, the Central Valley --
3 they also had some visualizations for down in Orange
4 County, because there was a lot of concern about that
5 Santa Ana district.

6 This is the MALDEF map, I believe. So similarly,
7 they're pulling portions of Long Beach -- I think they
8 don't have Signal Hill here -- all the way down to San
9 Clemente. So pulling in that full coastal district that
10 the coastal folks have been asking for. Here in their
11 visualization you certainly get more of the Asian-
12 American COI kept together and some swaps here in Los
13 Angeles. Right? So what we now currently have picking
14 up the Long Beach area would stop more towards Lakewood,
15 and we can look at that. There are some other changes
16 that happen further up in Los Angeles such as pulling in
17 East -- excuse me, Eagle Rock.

18 The big difference, however, between this map and
19 where we are working from, is that if we were to adopt a
20 structure that's more like this, it would necessarily
21 require us to rework the areas in San Diego and the
22 Inland Empire. You can see here, they visualize a
23 district that goes from Camp Pendleton out to the
24 Coachella Valley. I'm not suggesting that we take that
25 on, but if we wanted to adopt their kind of approach or

1 architecture to Orange County where I think we keep
2 getting a lot of response. We keep getting a lot of
3 testimony, and I think this is a just a temperature check
4 of the Commission of where we want to land here. If we
5 wanted to move in this direction, it would probably
6 require additional work in the Inland Empire and
7 returning to San Diego potentially. But I wanted to lift
8 that up so that at least we have a chance to take a look
9 at it and discuss it. Thank you.

10 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you,
11 Commissioner Sadhwani. Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.
12 We've got about twenty minutes for discussion of this
13 before our next break.

14 Commissioner Sinay.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was trying to quickly write
16 down the -- we said that the Latino CVAPs have gone up.
17 And if I'm correct, it doesn't seem like they've gone up
18 by a whole bunch, so it feels like it's a lot of work for
19 a little bit of change. And on top of that, Little
20 Saigon is split. A lot of -- a lot of what we worked
21 hard to put together in Orange County seems to be split.
22 But I just wanted to confirm that my quick assessment was
23 correct.

24 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sadhwani?

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, that's correct.

1 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Anything else,
2 Commissioner Sinay? Thank you.

3 Commissioner Akutagawa.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I do have similar
5 concerns where we're not seeing that much of a
6 difference. I'm also concerned -- very concerned that --
7 I know we've gotten conflicting testimony about Little
8 Saigon, but I want to just remind all of us that at the
9 beginning of the summer when we were getting community
10 testimony from Little Saigon, it did state that
11 Westminster, Garden Grove, Midway City, Fountain Valley
12 were the core, including -- depending on who was also
13 talking, that very, very Western portion of Santa Ana,
14 but is in the Santa Ana district.

15 But regardless of that, the core is Westminster,
16 Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, and it is -- it is
17 completely split. And it also then puts in -- it looks
18 like, if I'm correct, a portion of, I guess, Westminster
19 and Garden Grove in with -- up to the Gateway Cities,
20 which is -- it's I'll say an interesting grouping. I
21 will say that I think you were showing the MALDEF map --
22 I will say that I had looked at that too, and I was
23 hoping that perhaps we could go to maybe something -- a
24 structure that may be more similar to that. I think that
25 pairing -- I know that we've gotten testimony that

1 pairing Inland, OC and Riverside County is not the
2 greatest thing, but what I like about what they did is
3 it's not just that Southern portion but it does go up
4 into that Northern portion. That does make it seem like
5 it's much more accessible, and I guess for me I think
6 that that's also another thing that I like. I also want
7 to say that I think it does group key Asian-American
8 COIs, in particular in that one -- I guess it's Fountain
9 Valley to Brea-Placentia district, too, so. And it keeps
10 Irvine whole.

11 And then, also as importantly -- and I think we've
12 heard quite a lot of testimony, it does create a coastal
13 district which we've heard a lot of testimony -- and
14 especially around -- the reason about having someone who
15 can advocate for the kind of coastal issues, especially
16 as I've mentioned before, the effects of the oil spill.
17 And unfortunately, I don't think we're going to see the
18 last of that, so I think just having somebody who is able
19 to be focused on that as it goes throughout the coast.
20 And I also understand it impacts San Diego and it impacts
21 Long Beach as well, too. But I just wanted to mention
22 that. Thank you.

23 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
24 Akutagawa.

25 Commissioner Yee.



1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. I sure appreciate
2 Commissioners Sadhwani and Toledo for working on this.
3 And Orange County is the big -- one of the big
4 challenges -- one of the biggest challenges we have.
5 It's not because we care about people more there than
6 anywhere else in the state, but just because of the
7 concentration of population and the complexity of the
8 different communities there side-by-side. I'm seeing and
9 appreciating some of the goals that were achieved here.
10 At the same time when I think back to all the COI
11 testimony we've gotten since the beginning of summer, two
12 sets really do stand out in my mind. One is Long
13 Beach -- keep us together, and Little Saigon -- keep us
14 together. And both of those are more split here than in
15 previous plans. So it's hard for me to go here even with
16 the other achievements -- good achievements that this
17 plan has. At the same time, I know that there's going to
18 be heavy tradeoffs no matter what we do here.

19 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you,
20 Commissioner Yee.

21 Commissioner Sinay.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just because we went to the
23 MALDEF -- I have real hard reservations on the MALDEF
24 map. Part of it is we keep talking about coastal Orange
25 County, but the water doesn't stop in Orange County. It

1 does go all the way down and when there was an oil spill
2 in Orange County it went to Los Angeles, because I just
3 stepped on some tar on my walk in Los Angeles. And it
4 went to San Diego. And Camp Pendleton is coast.
5 Oceanside is coast. And all the way down. The MALDEF
6 connecting the coast of San Diego and Camp Pendleton with
7 Coachella Valley is very -- to me it's very difficult.
8 Camp Pendleton and military families really are part of
9 the San Diego culture, and the veterans and the nonprofit
10 communities do take care of the military families. I
11 know we think of a lot of other communities as being
12 vulnerable, but I would say military families are really
13 vulnerable, and there's a lot more on food stamps and
14 things like that -- I know we don't call them food stamps
15 anymore, but that are -- than we'd like to be aware of
16 sometimes. So this one to me just -- it breaks up a lot
17 of what we had already -- what we had in San Diego wasn't
18 perfect, but this actually makes it more imperfect, in my
19 mind. And especially because Camp Pendleton is all the
20 way -- I mean, Oceanside, all that, is connected to
21 Coachella Valley.

22 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. Thank you, Commissioner
23 Sinay.

24 Commissioner Akutagawa, is your hand still up or is
25 it up again? Okay. Thank you very much. Any other

1 colleagues?

2 Commissioner Fernandez.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I like the coastal
4 and Orange County. I don't mind the splitting of the
5 Long Beach. I realize that there's been this Long Beach
6 effort from the beginning, but again we have so many
7 other -- we have so many COIs, and they did provide us
8 information on where the split should be. And I don't
9 like -- with Commissioner Sinay, I do not like the --
10 excuse me -- the San Diego coast being tied in with the
11 Coachella Valley. But I do like the coast district in
12 Orange County. So I'm a mixed person right now.

13 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you. I'll
14 take the opportunity to say that I can see some useful
15 resolutions of issues in both the MALDEF map and the
16 proposal or the exploration that Commissioner Sadhwani
17 and Toledo have brought.

18 I think in balance, I would come down on the side of
19 our current maps, but not excluding the possibility of
20 some further work on them. And I certainly understand
21 that a lot of work went into this exploration overnight,
22 and I certainly appreciate it. I think for me, one of
23 the key things is the ports.

24 I understand the importance of the ports, both to
25 the national economy and to California's own economy. I

1 think having two representatives in Washington for the
2 two ports is beneficial for California. I think it's
3 beneficial for their local communities. I think it
4 probably is a huge issue. I'm wondering also if the
5 Cambodia Town community of interest was able to be fully
6 maintained, and I would guess that the exploration ended
7 up splitting the two campuses of the community college
8 district.

9 Commissioner Sadhwani.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm not certain. We could
11 take a closer look. I have a feeling -- Long Beach is
12 split in our maps as well.

13 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. The cuts are
15 different in each of the maps, so we would have to take a
16 closer look. Follow up those --

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. My understanding is
18 there's a campus to the East and a campus to the West,
19 and I'm --

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. And I'll just say, I
21 mean, it pains me --

22 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- to break up Long Beach.
24 Long Beach is the one place where we have heard from the
25 beginning and loudest. Right? From a broad array of

1 folks who represent Black interests, Asian interests,
2 Latino interests, civic interests, business interests,
3 school boards, city councils. Right? Like everybody.
4 And thus far, we have not kept Long Beach together in
5 either Assembly or Congressional maps. So this
6 definitely brings me no joy. And that's why in
7 presenting it I said, this is a truly share the pain,
8 because I think what continues to happen is we're
9 choosing other COIs over Long Beach. Right? I mean, we
10 have other goals in Los Angeles that have been
11 identified, and if we're going to meet some of those
12 other ones, then Long Beach ends up getting split. I
13 mean, it's right up against, also, Little Saigon, and so
14 here this is -- we're seeing the impacts of different
15 ways of thinking about either sharing the pain or
16 choosing one COI over another.

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Yeah. Thank you very
18 much.

19 Commissioner Fornaciari, then Commissioner Sinay,
20 Commissioner Akutagawa, Commissioner Fernandez,
21 Commissioner Toledo. And by then, we may be at 4:30.

22 Commissioner Fornaciari.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. So we're looking at
24 the MALDEF map right now. Right? Is that right?

25 MS. CLARK: Yes.



1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Could we --

2 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So in blue lines is the MALDEF
3 map. And when I have the black lines up it's the
4 exploration.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Yeah. Can I see
6 the exploration then? I mean, I do like this beach
7 district, but I don't like what they've done with Camp
8 Pendleton in that, so. I think this is definitely a
9 share the pain thing. Right? We're breaking up a bunch
10 of COIs, also putting together two majority districts --
11 that is important, too. We've gone a long way towards a
12 beach district here. Definitely broke up that Cambodian
13 COI, too.

14 Yeah. Tough decisions, but I definitely don't like
15 the MALDEF -- what MALDEF did to Camp Pendleton.

16 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner
17 Fornaciari.

18 Commissioner Sinay.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You had mentioned the community
20 colleges. I just wanted to share that when we were doing
21 our outreach, we met with several community college
22 executive leaders throughout the State of California and
23 one of them said that he absolutely loved having two
24 Congressional members because it was double the
25 attention. So some people want to be in the same

1 Congressional district, and some actually like to use the
2 system when there's two.

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that.

4 Commissioner Akutagawa.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry about that. Yeah. I
6 do have to say -- I guess for me I do like the idea of --
7 and I will agree, I think I was a little neutral. I
8 could've gone either way, but I think in hearing some of
9 the rationale for two, I agree. I think I've come over
10 more towards the importance of having two separate
11 Congressional representatives for the two ports. Yeah.
12 As I thought about just being able to bring in the
13 resources for California, I think that that's going to be
14 important.

15 With that said, I mean, I think -- I guess if I had
16 to I'd like to see the -- I'm going to call it -- I don't
17 want to call it the Little Saigon COI because it's
18 really -- it's not just them that's there -- the
19 Vietnamese community. I want to just note that there's
20 Vietnamese, there's Pacific Islanders and native
21 Hawaiians there. There are Korean-Americans in what --
22 I'm looking at what is the SANANAANA I think is what it
23 was called before. There's a number of various Asian
24 ethnic COIs as well as Pacific Islander COIs as well as
25 various other COIs that represent multiple economic

1 levels. I would like to see them stay together. I think
2 that would be, I think, important in this particular
3 case.

4 And I think -- I agree with what's been said. The
5 Camp Pendleton to Coachella Valley district is a
6 little -- it's, again, an interesting grouping that I
7 don't know if it makes -- if it's going to be really
8 putting the best interests of two very different areas.
9 So I think -- while there're aspects of even what MALDEF
10 has presented, I think there are some things that I think
11 we've also done that perhaps we could go back and look
12 at, too. Thank you.

13 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you,
14 Commissioner Akutagawa.

15 Commissioner Fernandez.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I mean, if I was
17 going to list my preference, I actually prefer the one we
18 had yesterday. Was it yesterday? Where it had the ports
19 separate, and Long Beach, I believe, was mainly kept
20 together, and it went North -- I'm really bad with my
21 directions. You know I'm directly challenged, Chair.
22 But it was yesterday's -- I think it's what we started
23 with -- pretty close to what we started with.

24 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Yes. I think that's

1 the one that I would prefer at this point. Thank you.

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

3 MS. CLARK: Yeah. I don't have --

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think it --

5 MS. CLARK: I don't have the current version loaded
6 onto the map, but --

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. It, like, split Long
8 Beach. If you could --

9 MS. CLARK: But yeah. The current --

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- see my cursor right
11 here. Yeah. Yeah. It's kind of split all the way up.
12 Yeah. It's not any of those. But that's my
13 (indiscernible).

14 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good.

15 Commissioner Toledo, and then I think we'll be at
16 our break point.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. So we did this
18 exploration, and we didn't want to go too much further
19 because we didn't want to -- we wanted to make sure we
20 were going in the direction that the Commission was
21 hoping or was wanting to go in. And so certainly, there
22 were swaps that we could potentially make, especially
23 trying to do a little bit more to keep some of the Asian-
24 American COIs and other COIs together. We didn't get
25 that far just because we wanted to make -- we wanted to

1 make sure that the architectural changes were within the
2 parameters that the Commission wanted to go in. So we
3 came in with an exploration, not a proposal. This is not
4 a proposal. I think should the Commission want us to
5 continue the exploration and refine this a little bit
6 more, we can come back with the proposal. And I know
7 Jaime has her hand up, but that's something -- that was a
8 question that we wanted to pose to the Commission.
9 Certainly, some of those potential swaps could involve
10 Rossmoor and Los Alamitos and some of the Garden Grove
11 and Westminster area. But we just didn't have enough
12 time to do that yesterday and this morning.

13 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Yeah. No. I --

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

15 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: -- I really appreciate it. I
16 appreciate the work done. I know that I've not been
17 entirely thrilled with the groupings in the Northern part
18 of the area. And I had been trying to come up with a way
19 instead of grouping from Northwest to Southeast, finding
20 a way to group from Southwest to Northeast, because I
21 think it's more natural as far as the communities in the
22 Northern end of LBNORTH and the end of the San Pedro
23 District, and the Western part of the 60 district. It
24 just -- it really is a hard nut to crack. So Jaime, do
25 you have anything else at this point? It is time for our

1 break.

2 MS. CLARK: I think if it's -- if it is time for our
3 break, I don't have anything that is bite-sized to note.

4 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So then we will come
5 back to this after break. My expectation is that Chair
6 Andersen will be back with us, but if not I will be here
7 to continue this discussion fifteen minutes from now.
8 Thank you, everyone.

9 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:30 p.m.
10 until 4:45 p.m.)

11 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Welcome back to today's meeting
12 of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

13 Commissioners Sadhwani and Toledo have presented an
14 exploration that the Commission was in the process of
15 discussing. Wondering if Commissioners have any further
16 thoughts after their break?

17 Commissioner Sadhwani.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Sure. I think this
19 is the MALDEF map that we have up; is that correct,
20 Jaime?

21 MS. CLARK: Yes, it is.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. Oh, okay. Yeah.
23 I'm just noticing here -- I mean, I think that their
24 approach was just slightly different from ours in some
25 areas, so I just want to look at some of those

1 differences. So for example, in the Little Saigon area
2 where we had cut Costa Mesa, they've kept Costa Mesa
3 whole. And in exchange, then, they're able to keep
4 Fountain Valley and more of Westminster together in
5 comparison to what we're doing. And in doing so -- and
6 then more of Lakewood and Hawaiian Gardens and that piece
7 of Signal Hill -- and so that's something to certainly
8 talk about -- was enough in the MALDEF map to populate
9 the Los Angeles district and maintain the LCVAP. I don't
10 believe -- I don't know what the LCVAP is in the MALDEF
11 map of that district. But those two small swaps alone, I
12 think would -- I know Commissioner Akutagawa was asking
13 about maintaining more of Little Saigon with some of
14 those Asian-American COIs.

15 So I do think that small swap would allow a portion
16 of that to happen. Though, of course, it might have
17 additional impact on the other side of the map that we
18 would have to contend with. But I'm just pointing out
19 some of those minor changes that are -- or minor
20 distinctions, if you will, between the exploration that
21 we did just over the -- last night, and the map that
22 MALDEF has presented, if this were a direction.

23 And again, I think the key difference in the two
24 maps is that MALDEF, of course, on the Eastern portion of
25 Orange County goes into Riverside. That alone would

1 require us to completely change our approach further down
2 the map. However, in the iteration that Commissioner
3 Toledo and I worked on with Jaime, it contains the change
4 to Orange County. So those are some key differences.

5 Yeah.

6 And I think -- I know that we had also received --
7 in addition to MALDEF, I believe we've received maps for
8 this area from Equality California as well.

9 I don't know, Jaime, do we happen to have -- I know
10 we -- you had mentioned there were some challenges
11 opening the Shapefiles that -- from their submission, but
12 I don't know if we have a snapshot at least to take a
13 look at?

14 MS. CLARK: Yeah. And just to clarify, we could
15 open the Shapefiles, but just not -- it had inside it the
16 Equality California index. I'm just not sure how to use
17 that.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just transfer it.

19 MS. CLARK: What's that?

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You said (audio
21 interference).

22 MS. CLARK: Yeah. It was just this -- it was just a
23 statewide census block group, I think, layer or a census
24 track layer. But -- so I'm not sure -- can you see --
25 what you can see on the screen right now, is it just the



1 map? Or can you see -- can you see the screenshot that's
2 up?

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: We can see the screenshot
4 that's up.

5 MS. CLARK: Okay. So this is the Equality
6 California map of Orange County. It seems like this is
7 pretty similar, actually, to MALDEF's map. It does kind
8 of contain things within Orange County. Here this seems
9 to be the boundary with Riverside, and it does have a
10 coastal district that's going all the way to the Long
11 Beach port.

12 And this is -- I can see as much as you can on this
13 screenshot, so don't know all the details. And the
14 Southern boundaries of this are definitely different than
15 sort of the Southern boundaries of the Commission's
16 Orange County-based districts. And this seems to go all
17 the way up to Lakewood, just based on this shape, it
18 looks like the City of Lakewood.

19 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Thank you.
20 Commissioner Toledo.

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I believe there's a -- I think
22 there's a later version of the Equality California maps
23 that we are receiving. So perhaps we can take a look at
24 those later once they're with the line drawers. So I'll
25 see if we can get them to the line drawers.

1 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

2 Commissioners, any further thoughts on this? I'm
3 not feeling that we have enough support to accept
4 something, but I think there are some ideas -- various
5 ideas that have some support for further exploration.

6 Commissioner Sinay.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I guess I'm just trying to
8 figure out -- there are some ideas, but I would like to
9 put some boundaries on how much time we -- how much of
10 the line drawer's time we use on further explorations,
11 because we can go on and on and on. And we know -- the
12 amount of work that was done now is amazing in creativity
13 and all that, but the final result is for our outcome,
14 which is just kind of low, and so I just -- just like we
15 give ourselves limits when we're in public session, maybe
16 we can do the same thing for the line drawers when we're
17 exploring off-line.

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Do you have
19 recommendations on that?

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The only times I've explored
21 off-line, I've been like a whole ten minutes because I
22 feel -- I sort of feel like I'm -- so I'm not a good
23 person to ask because I kind of rush myself because I
24 feel bad. So I think those who have gone deeper would
25 have a better understanding of when too much is too much,

1 or Jaime may be able to tell us.

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thanks.

3 Commissioner Fornaciari.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm just trying to figure
5 out where we are in a path to convergence. So I'm just
6 going to share where I think we are. It doesn't seem
7 like we've made any solid final decisions, but it seemed
8 to me -- these are my observations, right. If we start
9 in the North, it seemed like in general, the North seemed
10 okay, although we want to explore this Modesto move and
11 that is going to have some -- could have some definite
12 impacts on the Northern map.

13 In the Bay Area, I think in general we seem pretty
14 good. I got a sense that everybody felt pretty good
15 about the Bay Area. We still have this question of
16 Antioch. We have a couple explorations out there that I
17 think can resolve that and we can put that question to
18 bed and probably wrap the Bay Area up in a bow. We moved
19 down to the Central Coast. I think we're all comfortable
20 there at this point. At least, certainly with the
21 architecture. We have minor explorations going on there
22 to clean it up a little bit. And there's cleanup all
23 over the place, but big picture architecturally wise, go
24 to the Central Valley, I think we're all pretty happy
25 with our VRA districts in the Central Valley. Then as we

1 come down into L.A. -- the Northern L.A. area, we just
2 gave a bunch of direction on that, but I didn't hear any
3 major changes there. San Gabriel Valley seemed like we
4 got our VRA districts straightened out.

5 I'm not sure where we are with our other districts
6 there. OC-Long Beach, that is something we've got to
7 continue to work and come to a conclusion on. Imperial
8 County I think it's a district. San Diego, we're where
9 we are, and I don't see a lot of change there. I don't
10 know about the rest of Riverside. I mean, we've looked
11 at our VRA districts out in IE. And then we've got to
12 circle back up North into -- finalize Antelope Valley,
13 kind of Victor Valley area. I mean, that's kind of where
14 I feel like we're at. So it seems to me we have a few
15 minor decisions and a couple of major decisions to look
16 at. And I guess I would offer at this point, let's work
17 on them, the major decisions. Let's just work on them
18 and get them resolved so that we can -- because, you
19 know, I mean, what else are we going to do right now?

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Right.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So that's just what I'm
22 thinking. I mean, I think we could probably resolve this
23 Antioch thing pretty quickly, but we are in Southern
24 California. We're looking at Orange County. You know,
25 let's come to a place where we can come out the other end

1 with somewhere we're -- I was going to say happy with,
2 but, you know, as happy as we can be.

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
4 Fornaciari.

5 Commissioner Sadhwani?

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Thank you so much for
7 that, Commissioner Fornaciari. I think that was a really
8 helpful overview. And when you put it that way, I think
9 that we're in a better place than we actually sometimes
10 think. That we've combed through the state in reviewing
11 the Congressional districts, and we do have some major
12 decision points.

13 So for this one, in this area, I think to me what
14 would be helpful to hear from the Commission is, are we
15 comfortable sticking with what we have and calling it a
16 day, or is there a desire to see continued exploration of
17 trying to reorient, it sounds like in particular, the
18 Garden Grove, Westminster areas, pulling that COI closer
19 together. And I'm thinking, while maintaining the change
20 in that region, right, and not expanding out to disrupt
21 the other districts that we've already built and the
22 other areas to the greatest extent possible. Is that
23 correct?

24 And so I mean, I think for me, I'm happy to take
25 direction from the group. I don't have a very strong

1 preference one way or another. And it would be helpful
2 to hear what the Commission would want.

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Toledo?

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I'm happy to work on
5 this some more, if that's the will of the Commission, you
6 know, with the direction and the parameters set out by
7 the Commission as well. Thank you.

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

9 Commissioner Fernandez?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. I'm not
11 for exploring. I think we've explored so much here, and
12 it's almost like, well, we know we don't like something.
13 We don't necessarily know -- I mean, we know what we
14 would like to see, but it just can't -- it unfortunately
15 can't happen because of the populations. And I already
16 stated what my preference was, was the maps where we
17 started with -- I think it was yesterday, where we kept
18 Long Beach whole and the -- the port was separate from
19 (audio interference). Thanks.

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
21 Fernandez.

22 Commissioner Akutagawa, and then Commissioner
23 Fornaciari, and Commissioner Vazquez.

24 Commissioner Akutagawa?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Yeah. Thank you. I

1 hear what Commissioner Fernandez is saying. I guess I'd
2 like to take one more look at it. I know that
3 Commissioner Sadhwani also said to try to localize it and
4 not go beyond, but, you know, I know that there are some
5 constraints around San Diego, and I got the sense that
6 Commissioner Sinay, also, perhaps would like to -- you
7 know, she's accepted it, but I mean, if there's a way
8 that, in opening that up, you know, could we make
9 something that would be more workable for everybody? I
10 don't know.

11 But I'd also like to volunteer myself for this one,
12 as well, too, for Orange County in particular. I think
13 I'd like to be able to -- yeah -- I'd like to be able to
14 be a part of this conversation if I could, and I'm happy
15 to help and work on this one with anybody, too. And if
16 it's, you know, either alone or with another
17 Commissioner, I'm happy to do that, too.

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
19 Akutagawa.

20 Commissioner Fornaciari?

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Two things. First of all,
22 I am with Commissioner Fernandez. I kind of liked where
23 we were yesterday as a starting point, but I really,
24 firmly believe we need to work on it now, live, and get
25 it resolved, because, you know, it's bring me a rock,

1 bring me a rock, bring me a rock, you know, kind of
2 thing. And we have to come to a consensus. And bringing
3 me a rock is not consensus. Right? We've got to work
4 through it, and all work through the pain, and get to a
5 place that that we can all agree to.

6 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
7 Fornaciari.

8 Commissioner Vazquez?

9 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I am also with
10 Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Fornaciari.
11 However, I actually, I prefer these maps as a starting
12 point. I know I have said in the past, particularly
13 about the ports issue, that I was fairly, you know, I am
14 still open to having them in the same district. However,
15 I do think this map is a great first pass at sharing the
16 pain, as Commissioner Sadhwani said, and I think there
17 are definitely some swaps that could be made, sort of on
18 the margins. But in terms of sharing the pain and
19 sharing the gain, I mean, I think this attempt goes
20 further than yesterday's, and so I would like to see us
21 start here if there is maybe not consensus, but if maybe
22 the majority in this case wants to go that way or another
23 way. I'm not sure that we'll be able to meet consensus
24 for this.

25 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: "Here", being the exploration

1 from Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Toledo?

2 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Right. I mean, I'm open, if
3 the majority of the Commission wants to use yesterday's
4 maps to do some exploration, but I do think we need to
5 wrap up exploring and actually make the tough decision
6 realistically today.

7 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
8 Vazquez.

9 Commissioner Sinay?

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I know that we were shown the
11 map from yesterday, but at this point, there's nowhere
12 really to find it and to really study it, and that's kind
13 of what's tough about all the different versions that are
14 out there.

15 So I feel your frustration, to the public, and to
16 us. I think there's some good things here. I think we
17 know what our main priorities might be, but as I said
18 earlier, I wouldn't want to spend a lot more time
19 exploring at the expense of making the tough decisions.

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

21 Commissioner Yee?

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I agree with Commissioner
23 Fornaciari. I mean, we've kicked the can down the
24 street. We've run out of street, or very close to it.
25 So I'm just not sure any more exploring is going to turn

1 up anything that we haven't seen already.

2 If I had to vote right now, I think I would vote for
3 last night's plan over this one, just because they both
4 have pain to share, but I think there's less net overall
5 pain in last night's plan than this one today. But other
6 people have different priorities and will calculate that
7 pain differently.

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

9 Commissioner Akutagawa?

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I guess I got -- I
11 think for me, if I have to make a choice, I would prefer
12 last night's plan over the current visualization or
13 exploration that is presented right now. It could be --
14 yeah. I think it keeps more like communities together
15 that -- yes, I would prefer this one, if that is what we
16 need to do.

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
18 Akutagawa.

19 Commissioner Toledo?

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. I'm fine with
21 either the maps that we've discussed here. The maps that
22 are going on further exploration. I think it meets the
23 requirements that we set forth. Of course, we were
24 aiming to try to respond to some of the community of
25 interest testimony that's come through, so at this point,



1 I'm fine with either.

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

3 My sense is that we are not going to request any
4 further exploration. We're not going to dictate to
5 Commissioners that they can't do further exploration on
6 their own if they want to. But we're not going to
7 instruct or request any further exploration. We're going
8 to at this point, move forward on the basis of last
9 night's maps.

10 And so Jaime, I would like to thank you. Unless
11 anybody has anything else they'd like to see in Los
12 Angeles now, and we can return to Contra Costa County and
13 that and see if we can put this to bed.

14 MS. CLARK: Thank you so much.

15 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Yee?

16 Go ahead, Jaime.

17 MS. CLARK: I was just going to say thank you, and
18 we just need a couple moments here to switch mappers.

19 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.

20 Commissioner Akutagawa?

21 Very good. Okay. We will stand by for two or three
22 minutes, five minutes while mappers switch over.

23 (Pause)

24 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: While we are switching over to
25 another mapper, I just wanted to remind everyone we will

1 be taking our next break at 5:45. This is a short block
2 so that we can come back at 6 o'clock and begin taking
3 public input promptly at 6. The lines will close at
4 6:00, and we will be taking public comment immediately
5 thereafter.

6 MS. RAMOS ALON: Good evening, everybody. Sorry.

7 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Hi, Tamina. Welcome back.

8 MS. RAMOS ALON: Thank you. I am just hooking back
9 up because I was working on another map. I'll be right
10 with -- having the map with you shortly.

11 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Excellent. Thank you.

12 (Pause)

13 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. We are ready to go. Thank
14 you very much.

15 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Tamina. Please
16 proceed. Oh, you want to know where to proceed. We want
17 to look at North Contra Costa. We want to look at the
18 Antioch issue.

19 And you're on mute.

20 MS. RAMOS ALON: So the only Antioch issue that I've
21 been exploring that I can show you is the one that
22 Commissioner Toledo worked on, and that was taking part
23 of Antioch in exchange for part of Pleasant Hill -- for
24 making Pleasant Hill whole, and part of Martinez.

25 So if Commissioner Toledo is ready for that one, I



1 am happy to bring up that visualization.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Tamina. And thank
3 you for taking the time to work with me on this.

4 Our goal was to bring more of the essential worker
5 community into this district, in Antioch, and to unite
6 some of the more affluent areas into the Contra Costa
7 district. So creating more of a working, essential
8 worker district, which has a lot of -- so what we did
9 was, we went through the neighborhoods in Martinez
10 looking for lower income communities, neighborhoods,
11 neighborhoods with multi-housing dwellings, as well as in
12 the communities of Antioch. So looking at, you know,
13 where there's a lot of apartments, where there's low
14 income housing, and trying to pull those into this
15 district, and then pulling out areas that were a little
16 bit more affluent.

17 And so we did we did make a couple of
18 recommendations to that district. And the district does
19 now, I think, reflect more of a working class, more of an
20 essential workforce district across the whole area. What
21 we didn't do is, we didn't touch Fairfield. And Solano
22 County remains the way it was previously. We've mostly
23 focused in the Antioch area, so bringing as much of the
24 working communities of Antioch into this district. And I
25 think we achieved that.



1 We did also take out a small community. I think it
2 was -- correct me if I'm wrong. I forget the name of it.
3 Kensington, Tamina?

4 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes. You're right. Kensington.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: That's what I thought it was.
6 I couldn't remember the pronunciation, but Kensington, we
7 took that out, as well, in order to bring in more
8 population from Antioch. And I think we achieved the
9 goal of bringing in as much of Antioch as we could,
10 without bringing in what was referred to yesterday as the
11 "pool communities". And so the more affluent portions of
12 Antioch.

13 So here's our map, which has -- you can see the
14 portion of Antioch that we were able to bring in, as well
15 as the portions of Martinez where we put the cuts
16 Martinez. So it does mean that two communities are cut.
17 And we're open to questions.

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Akutagawa?
19 Commissioner Akutagawa, you're on mute. Okay.

20 I am wondering, was there any thought given -- do we
21 want to consider a cut in Concord as well? Are there
22 logical places to cut in Concord?

23 And second, as far as Antioch, I guess my
24 understanding, and this is from very -- this is from
25 input many, many months ago, so it's a little dim in my

1 memory, but I was thinking we were looking more along
2 Highway 4, and not in the hills for areas to keep. So if
3 you can just bring us up to date on that. Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So we're looking at a
5 household with high -- and Antioch has a lot of low
6 income communities, a lot of neighborhoods with multi-
7 housing units, and so we were focused on those areas.
8 Certainly, there are areas across all of Antioch. And so
9 we focused on those areas with the highest concentrations
10 of populations. And that was the portion that -- and of
11 course, the portions that would be most contiguous to the
12 district that we currently have, to meet the contiguity
13 requirements.

14 We did, and I think, Tamina, I think you have a
15 snapshot of the portion that captures even more of the
16 lower income populations, but it didn't look as nice.
17 And so we when we cleaned it up, we took out some of
18 those portions in order to clean it up. But if you have
19 that snapshot of the communities in the neighborhoods,
20 all of the neighborhoods that we went through. And this
21 captures a little bit more of the essential workforce,
22 but it had an odd shape, and we didn't think a couple of
23 our Commissioners would go for it.

24 And the other -- to answer your question about
25 Concord, we did think about potentially making a cut in

1 Concord to try to increase the -- especially around the
2 Monument area of Concord, which is a high density of the
3 essential workforce. We didn't get to making that cut,
4 but we also didn't think it would help too much, based
5 on -- we'd have to make population swaps. So we didn't
6 think that -- we didn't prioritize that, but we certainly
7 could.

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: And I'm assuming we had to
9 find, or we were shifting some population -- so the swap
10 was only Martinez and Antioch? It didn't involve other
11 areas in the county?

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And Kensington, so --

13 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: And Kensington.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- we can also show the
15 Kensington cut as well.

16 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good.

17 Commissioner Yee?

18 MS. RAMOS ALON: Kensington's actually together
19 here. We did not move Kensington in this particular
20 visualization.

21 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

22 Commissioner Yee?

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair.

24 And thank you, Commissioner Toledo, and Tamina, for
25 working on this. Just as a preview, you may recall we



1 were going to work on a possible option 5, which I won't
2 present now, but after we are done with this, I just to
3 let you know, there's no way forward with it. So we're
4 not going to even show it to you. I just talk you
5 through the dead end we hit pretty clearly and quickly.

6 But for this one, I like the skill in making careful
7 divides of cities. Of course, we don't like splitting
8 cities, but I guess for them to do it so skillfully.

9 I am wondering if Counsel has a comment about the
10 split in Martinez and the really narrow passage that goes
11 through there.

12 MR. BECKER: Given the straits there, I think I
13 think it's understandable that it's really about
14 population, it's not just about geography. I mean, there
15 might be a way, optically, to make it look better, maybe
16 taking in -- I don't I don't know if there's a way, with
17 the census blocks as they are, to take in more of that
18 lake area around where it says Solano. But I think
19 it's -- I think it's understandable, given the
20 communities of interest along those areas, that you
21 haven't really bypassed populations, which is the legal
22 standard for compactness, so I think it's -- I think it's
23 likely -- I think it's likely justifiable.

24 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Mr.
25 Becker.



1 Commissioner Fornaciari?

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I'm sort of --
3 follow along with Commissioner Kennedy's comment, I sort
4 of expected the cut to be sort of North of 4. But you
5 know, I believe you guys did the work. I appreciate it.
6 And I want to thank you for doing this.

7 How many people were you able to move?

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Tamina has the exact number,
9 but I would say I expected the move to be in the same
10 direction that Commissioner Kennedy and Fornaciari had
11 said, but when we started delving into the neighborhoods,
12 these are the neighborhoods that seemed to be the most
13 dense, most number of apartment buildings, and
14 population, and so this is why we went in this direction.
15 Because ultimately, this got us to our numbers and also
16 were low income communities.

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Tamina, you have a population
18 number for us?

19 MS. RAMOS ALON: I do. This was 63,183 people.

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Excellent. Thank you.

21 Commissioner Fornaciari, anything else? Very good.

22 Commissioner Akutagawa? Commissioner Akutagawa,
23 we're not hearing you. Okay.

24 Commissioner Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can you just show the

1 Highway 12, please? And I did -- yesterday, I did
2 mention cutting through Concord as well. I mean, in
3 terms of trying to essentially bring in more of Antioch.

4 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Highway 4?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: 4. Yeah. I'm sorry. 4,
6 yeah. I said 12, I was thinking 4.

7 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: There it is.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

9 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

10 Commissioner Fornaciari?

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Cutting Concord is
12 population in the wrong way. We got to take people out
13 of -- we got to move population South to move more of
14 Antioch in.

15 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good. Thank you
16 for that reminder.

17 Commissioner Sinay?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you so much. This looks
19 really -- you know, it's the share the pain, but I think
20 this brings a lot more of the communities together, so
21 thanks for doing the research and really delving into
22 this. Thank you.

23 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

24 Commissioner Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And when I said

1 Concord, I meant Concord instead of Martinez, in terms of
2 population, but thanks. It's probably still the wrong
3 way, so we'll see.

4 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good. So my sense
5 from what I'm hearing is that we are all happy with this.
6 We would, of course, like Antioch to be whole, but have
7 not found a viable way to make it whole, and feel that
8 this is a good alternative that we are happy with and
9 happy to move forward with. Very good.

10 Commissioner Fornaciari, what was next on your list?

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, I think the Bay
12 Area -- I think now that we've resolved this, I felt like
13 we were pretty good with the Bay Area.

14 I think the next big thing we have to tackle is
15 looking at working through the Modesto move.

16 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: But if we're breaking
18 at --

19 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: 5:45.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- at 5:45, I'm not sure
21 we'll get very far down the road with that. I don't know
22 if you want to get started to look at that, or what.

23 But I don't know. I didn't know where we were back
24 down in Southern California, San Gabriel Valley, for
25 instance, or in Inland Empire, as far as if we'd gone

1 through all the districts and were happy with all of
2 them. I know the Northern ones, you know, in Victor
3 Valley and the Antelope Valley, we have to kind of wait
4 and figure that out, but I don't know where we were with
5 San Diego, or IE, on the West of the non VRA district.

6 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So my sense is that
7 those would be better started tomorrow. And so at this
8 point, I would ask if Kennedy could help us take another
9 look at Modesto.

10 MS. WILSON: Just one moment while I pull that up
11 for you.

12 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Chair, if this is a good moment,
14 I could put to bed option 5 right now, if you would like.

15 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: So you'll recall yesterday, we
17 had some thought of exploring what would happen if
18 Fairfield and Vacaville entirely went back into Solano
19 County, Fairfield being the county seat. We tried it.
20 You end up with a district all the way from Vallejo to
21 Bethel Island in Far East Contra Costa. Below that, you
22 end up with an extremely wide district from Orinda all
23 the way to Lathrop, and not even all of Lathrop. We'd
24 have to split Lathrop. We would end up with Stockton and
25 one half of Elk Grove, which that was, for sure, a dead

1 end, it seemed. And Sacramento would end up with all of
2 Yolo County. So it just doesn't work.

3 As it is, of course, having Fairfield in
4 (indiscernible) South with Vallejo, it is a trade-off.
5 On the other hand, Fairfield does have over half of
6 Solano County's population with it in its district.
7 Also, Contra Costa County -- Northern Contra Costa
8 County, of course, too.

9 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.

10 MS. WILSON: So I do have the map pulled up, and
11 currently Modesto, parts of Modesto, or most of Modesto
12 and Turlock are going out to ECA, so they're with Inyo,
13 Mono, Alpine, parts of El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras,
14 Tuolumne, the Gold Country, Mariposa, and the foothill
15 parts of Madera and Frisco.

16 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Comments from
17 Commissioners?

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Chair, if it's okay, I'll
19 comment.

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fornaciari?

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I think the -- I
22 think the exploration that we wanted to look at was
23 keeping the county line as the boundary, and seeing about
24 moving that population North. Just want to check in with
25 my colleagues. That was the thought? I know

1 Commissioner Turner's --I don't know if she's with us or
2 not.

3 Commissioner Sinay, did you have some direction,
4 thoughts? I mean, Commissioner Sadhwani, did you have an
5 idea about how you might want to see this play out?
6 Okay.

7 I guess I would, then, just move it up through San
8 Joaquin, through Sacramento, if that's the path we're
9 going to take.

10 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: We're exploring.

11 MS. WILSON: So shall I start by moving the rest
12 into the San Joaquin County and just seeing what the
13 deviations turn out to be?

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sure.

15 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.

16 MS. WILSON: Okay. One moment, please.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Chair?

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, Commissioner Fernandez?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Sorry about that.
20 I'm sorry. So this is the whole wanting to keep
21 Modesto in the STANISFRESNO?

22 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: This is --

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Is this what we're looking
24 at?

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1 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: This is wanting to keep Modesto
2 in the Central Valley, grouped with the Central Valley.
3 It's not going anywhere.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

5 MS. WILSON: So there are a total of 420,744 people
6 in this selection that we will be moving North. And
7 shall I commit this change?

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

9 MS. WILSON: Okay. One moment. And so now that
10 that has been changed, we have a deviation of 55.35
11 percent, obviously, because we just took half of a
12 district and put it in one. So then we would start
13 moving populations North. So however else -- however you
14 would like to do that, you just let me know.

15 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. If I can pause us for a
16 moment and ask Katy to read the call-in instructions? We
17 will be closing the phone lines in half an hour and
18 starting to take public comment at that point.

19 Katy?

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.

21 In order to maximize transparency and public
22 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
23 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the
24 telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is
25 877-853-5247. When prompted to enter the meeting ID



1 number provided on the livestream feed, it is 81149259556
2 for this meeting.

3 When prompted to enter participant IDs, simply press
4 the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you will be
5 placed in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment,
6 please press star 9. This will raise your hand for the
7 moderator. When it is your turn to speak, you will hear
8 a message that says the host would like you to talk, and
9 to press star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your
10 name, please state and spell it for the record. You're
11 not required to provide your name to give public comment.

12 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
13 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
14 call. And once you're awaiting the queue, be alert for
15 when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn
16 down the livestream volume.

17 And as the chair said, the lines will be open until
18 6 o'clock. It will be a minute and a half --

19 MR. MANOFF: Yes. Yes.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- time period.

21 And we will go back to you, Chair.

22 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.

23 MS. WILSON: So I just chose Stockton because I know
24 it will have to go North, so I just started by choosing
25 that, but yeah. Any direction is great.



1 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fernandez?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Kennedy, could you quickly
3 just zoom out for a second? I'm trying to remember all
4 of our district -- the boundaries going North. Thank
5 you.

6 MS. WILSON: Yes. And I can go over those as well,
7 if you would like. In ECA, at least, it comes -- from El
8 Dorado Hills to Cameron Park, that's all going North. So
9 we're out to, I believe it's -- let's see -- Coloma,
10 Placerville, the top edge of El Dorado Hills, that county
11 line, is where ECA stops.

12 Would you like to know even further North, or in
13 Sacramento?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, I just wanted you to
15 zoom out so I could see the lines. Thank you.

16 MS. WILSON: Oh, here. These. Here you go.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you. That's
18 what I wanted. Thanks.

19 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you.
20 Commissioner Fornaciari?

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I was just going to ask
22 Kennedy, last time we had Tracy in Manteca and Lathrop,
23 in the South district, so maybe we can just try that at
24 this point and tweak from there?

25 MS. WILSON: Sounds good.



1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I don't feel like I have
2 to drive this conversation, so anyone else who's got some
3 ideas, please chime in.

4 MS. WILSON: I'm just going to put that up as a
5 boundary, then, and work from that.

6 (Pause)

7 MS. WILSON: Sorry. Just one moment. It merged
8 this together, but let me put the (indiscernible).

9 (Pause)

10 MS. WILSON: So now -- that district was not a
11 hundred percent balanced before, so as you can see, we're
12 over 15,334 in this district, which isn't terribly huge
13 amount of population to move, but we do have to move that
14 line. And since the STANISFRESNO border is at a negative
15 one percent, I would recommend -- a negative one person
16 and zero percent, I would recommend moving the line in
17 any of these areas.

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. My recollection is that
19 we, yesterday or the day before, we were looking at
20 French Camp, Morada, Garden Acres area.

21 MS. WILSON: Yes. And that was for a different
22 purpose, so I'm not sure if we still want to move that
23 way. I can start taking in these unincorporated areas
24 around Stockton to try to --

25 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.



1 MS. WILSON: Okay.

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

3 MS. WILSON: I'm going to turn the blocks on so that
4 we can just see the numbers. It'll be a little crowded
5 for a second, but then we can see where the population is
6 for me to grab from. And let me make sure I'm not taking
7 any of Stockton.

8 Do I have permission to grab Waterloo?

9 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Aren't we going the
11 wrong -- are we going the wrong way? I thought we needed
12 to put --

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. We're going the wrong
14 way.

15 MS. WILSON: We need to get (audio interference).
16 We need to get (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. So we're going --

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19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I guess, if I could
20 just jump in. Sorry.

21 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Go ahead.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I would work on that
23 Northern part of Lathrop, adjacent to French Camp there,
24 rather than grabbing, you know, one of those smaller
25 cities.



1 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Lathrop only, and not touching
2 Manteca?

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. We can refine it
4 later, but sure.

5 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So that's close to the
6 15,000 that we were looking for. Okay.

7 MS. WILSON: Yes. So I could do, you know, 332 at a
8 different --

9 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

10 MS. WILSON: -- time, so then you have Sacramento
11 and actually, if we're going off of our previous
12 iteration, Discovery Bay and Byron are also a part of
13 this as well. So let me add that in there.

14 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Do we want to do that, or --
15 okay. Yeah. They're already out of Concord district, so
16 yeah.

17 MS. WILSON: So now, moving into Sacramento, we have
18 438,066 people, and so we will continue to move North.
19 One thing that was in the version 07, CD 07, was taking
20 out West Sacramento, but that would obviously also
21 greatly impact --

22 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

23 MS. WILSON: -- all this areas.

24 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: And we're looking to push this
25 North and East.



1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Chair, can I speak?

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. Sorry. I'm looking at
3 the map. Go ahead.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I know. That's why I
5 was --

6 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Go ahead, please.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Kennedy, can you
8 continue to move -- we need to add, right? So we need to
9 add more of Sacramento into it, correct? So let's go
10 ahead and grab all of the city boundaries of Sacramento.
11 You know, at the -- you know, at the --

12 MS. WILSON: Yes.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

14 MS. WILSON: I will do that.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And I think we will have to
16 go into -- well, do that first, and then we'll -- thank
17 you.

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fernandez,
19 probably Sacramento and West Sacramento at this point?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: West Sacramento is already
21 in there right now. I just want -- the city boundaries
22 of Sacramento are obviously different than what's in the
23 lower half of this --

24 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- district right now.



1 Yeah. But West Sacramento is already in there, correct,
2 Kennedy?

3 MS. WILSON: Yes, but for -- so moving it North,
4 we're still -- we're at -- still a 13.11 percent over. I
5 don't know if moving West Sacramento with Sacramento --

6 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Can you check that?

7 MS. WILSON: Yeah. I will add that as well.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sorry. I missed that. I
9 had to open the door. What was it -- what did you say,
10 Kennedy?

11 MS. WILSON: Just that moving West Sacramento into
12 the North SAC helps with the deviation as well. So when
13 I -- with West -- without West Sacramento, it was at a 13
14 percent, and then I add that, and it goes to a 6 percent.
15 Because West Sacramento would just be going South, and
16 then it kind of -- it doesn't create a contiguity problem
17 because you have this area here underneath West
18 Sacramento keeping it together, but just moving
19 Sacramento, then West Sacramento is connected through
20 this loop where my cursor is going.

21 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. So where your cursor is
22 going, do we need to try moving that also?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, and -- I'm sorry.
24 What was the population. 392?

25 MS. WILSON: Yeah. With both of them together, it

1 is 392,491.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So we can grab -- I'm
3 sorry. We can grab Florin and Elk Grove and Vineyard?
4 Is that what we're doing?

5 MS. WILSON: I don't think we can grab all of that,
6 but we can try some.

7 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, let's try that area under
8 West Sac first.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, no, we can't. You're
10 right. We can't.

11 MS. WILSON: So I'll grab some of this
12 unincorporated area here, right?

13 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And we've got to -- we've
15 got to grab the Lemon Hill, and Parkway, and Florin.

16 MS. WILSON: Yes. So I will also do that and see
17 where that gets us.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. There's
19 too many community of interest there. They're all tied
20 together.

21 MS. WILSON: So up to Parkway, we're at a 1.1
22 percent, and I will grab Florin, and see what does.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That's going to be too big,
24 but okay.

25 MS. WILSON: Yeah.



1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

2 MS. WILSON: It puts us to a negative, so.

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Are we necessarily looking to
4 keep Florin with Vineyard and Elk Grove, or Florin
5 could --

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I'm sorry. No, no,
7 not with Vineyard and Elk Grove, no.

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So then if we --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I mean, there's potentially
10 is that split of Vineyard and Elk Grove, which I do not
11 want to do. We have a lot of COIs --

12 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Correct. Correct.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- that we definitely have
14 to keep Florin -- we definitely have to keep Florin in.

15 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Way up to Sacramento.

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So then add Florin and
18 start removing there under Freeport and above Clarksburg.

19 MS. WILSON: Okay. I will try that.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That'll be, like, sixty
21 people. And I'm pretty serious about that. I think we
22 have to remove West Sac, and then that's going to create
23 another ripple the other way.

24 MS. WILSON: Then removing West Sac will then cause
25 you to change what you just did in some of this area.



1 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Kennedy, can we allow
2 you to continue to explore this while we are on break,
3 and then I'll leave it up to you when you stop and report
4 back to us tomorrow morning. We will go directly to
5 public comment at 6 o'clock when we are back from break.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Chair, can I ask to work
7 with Kennedy on that?

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

10 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for volunteering.
11 We are on break for fifteen minutes.

12 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 5:46 p.m.
13 until 6:00 p.m.)

14 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, everyone, for
15 joining us for this segment of today's California
16 Citizens Redistricting Commission meeting. My name is
17 Ray Kennedy. I'm the vice chair, acting chair for this
18 segment. And we have finished our mapping for the day,
19 and we are now moving into public comment.

20 So Katy, if you could once again read your
21 instructions and kick us off, we will be off and running
22 with public comment. Yes.

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

24 At this time, for those that have called in, if you
25 have not done so already, please press star 9 to raise



1 your hand indicating you wish to comment. It helps our
2 staff manage the queue and let us know how many of you
3 are here and ready to comment.

4 The public comment time period is one minute and
5 thirty seconds this evening. You will receive a verbal
6 warning at thirty seconds remaining and fifteen seconds
7 remaining. Please stay alert for when it is your
8 opportunity to speak in the queue. I will be announcing
9 the last four digits of your telephone number.

10 We will be beginning with caller 7716, and up next
11 after that will be caller 1594.

12 Caller 7716, if you will please follow the prompts
13 to unmute. The floor is yours.

14 MR. BRYAN: Yeah. My name is Floyd Bryan. That is
15 F-L-O-Y-D B-R-Y-A-N. I'm the president of the
16 International Longshore and Warehouse Union Southern
17 California District Council, and we're strongly opposed
18 to splitting of San Pedro on any of the maps for a couple
19 of reasons.

20 One is you refer to the Port of Long Beach and the
21 Port of LA. Long Beach and San Pedro are basically the
22 Port of Los Angeles. Second reason is that while we're
23 bordered on one side with the water, by splitting us up
24 into two or three different districts, we would have a
25 lot of problems, because we have a lot of unique problems



1 that are port related that nobody else has. And if you
2 take us away, that just leaves Wilmington with -- able to
3 speak on it, and that's a major problem for us.

4 And the lastly, I listened to you all night -- all
5 day to day. If you've ever been to San Pedro, we're a
6 port town, but basically --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 MR. BRYAN: -- small community that -- so
9 consequently, by dividing us up, it could basically just
10 about take away that whole charm --

11 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

12 MR. BRYAN: -- of the -- of the town. Thank you.

13 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will
15 have caller 1594, and up next after that will be caller
16 5231.

17 Caller 1594, please follow the prompts to unmute.
18 And one more time, caller with the last four digits 1594,
19 if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
20 star 6.

21 Caller 1594, you appear to have some type of
22 connectivity issue at the moment, and we'll come back to
23 you.

24 And right now, we will be going to caller 5231, and
25 up next after that will be caller 3351.



1 Caller 5231, please follow the prompts to unmute.
2 The floor is yours.

3 MR. MADHDHIPATLA: Good evening, Commissioners. My
4 name is Muni Madhhipatla. I'm a resident of Cupertino,
5 and a planning commissioner of my city. I'm calling to
6 express my displeasure with your statement that the VRA
7 maps look good.

8 (Indiscernible) today had an article on some of the
9 redistricting issues that are being talked about. I
10 understand it's a complex issue, but I'm very concerned
11 with how the Commission is continuing to ignore the
12 requests and advice of Asian representation in the VCD
13 Santa Clara map.

14 We have a strong presence in Silicon Valley, and
15 somehow, in spite of many speakers and requests, our
16 advice has been ignored. This Congressional district has
17 the least amount of (indiscernible) compared to any other
18 Bay Area Congressional district. Very puzzling. The
19 Asian American voice has been ignored, and there's a fair
20 bit of discussion going on about the same topic on WeChat
21 groups, WhatsApp groups, and various (indiscernible)
22 groups within the community.

23 Like, the map looks very gerrymandered right now,
24 with --

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.



1 MR. MADHDHIPATLA: -- (indiscernible) with the City
2 of Santa Clara. Commissioners, I ask you to do the right
3 thing. Correct the map of (indiscernible) City of Santa
4 Clara to include Cupertino with the rest of the -- with
5 (indiscernible).

6 The mayor of Cupertino and vice mayor --

7 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

8 MR. MADHDHIPATLA: -- (indiscernible), but it
9 doesn't seem like you are listening. Please listen to
10 our voices. Include us in the City of Santa Clara.
11 Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 And right now, we will have caller 3351, and up next
14 after that will be caller 8224.

15 Caller 3351, if you'll please follow the prompts to
16 unmute. And one more time, caller with the last four
17 digits of 3351, if you'll please follow the prompts to
18 unmute by pressing star 6.

19 Caller 3351, you appear to have some type of
20 connectivity issue at the moment. I will come back to
21 you.

22 Caller 8224, you will be right now. And up next
23 after that will be caller 9436.

24 Caller 8224, please follow the prompts to unmute.
25 The floor is yours.



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. I'm
2 calling to say that the inland part of Huntington Beach
3 is not part of Little Saigon anymore. This is not true.
4 Representation of Huntington Beach or Little
5 Saigon (indiscernible) in Huntington Beach with Little
6 Saigon area. On Wednesday, I heard some of the
7 (indiscernible) say they are from the Little Saigon area.
8 That Huntington Beach is more for wealthy people and
9 Little Saigon is low income (indiscernible). Huntington
10 Beach, Fountain Valley, and Westminster average house
11 sell at 700,000. So I'm not sure why they make such
12 (indiscernible)

13 My father lives in Westminster, myself, too, and I
14 don't grow up here. I moved to Huntington Beach because
15 of my children for a better school district. My parents
16 and I still share the same culture, festivals, and social
17 economy. I still understand the (indiscernible) people,
18 like my parents. It would be better if we are in the
19 same district. We need someone who can --

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- understand our needs in
22 the Assembly, State, and Congressional districts. Thank
23 you for listening.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 And right now, we will have caller 9436, and up next



1 after that will be caller 2931.

2 Caller 9436, if you will please follow the prompts
3 to unmute. And one more time, caller with the last four
4 digits 9436, if you will please follow the prompts to
5 unmute by pressing star 6.

6 Caller 9436, you appear to be having some type of
7 connectivity issue at the moment. I will return to you.

8 And for those in the queue, if you will please make
9 sure you are alert and ready for your opportunity to
10 speak.

11 Right now, we will have caller 2931. And up next
12 after that will be caller 0983.

13 Caller 2931, if you will please follow the prompts
14 to unmute. The floor is yours.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Dear Commissioners, we know
16 how exhausted -- it's happening for you as well as our
17 community during the process. Little Saigon lost so much
18 ten years ago, so now we are getting involved to make
19 sure it doesn't happen again. I'm calling yesterday at
20 5:30, and waiting on the phone until 9 o'clock to be able
21 to speak. I want -- I also want to be calling again
22 today because the redistricting means so much to me and
23 to my community.

24 I am asking you, please look at the Assembly
25 District for Little Saigon again. Very simple. Remove



1 (indiscernible) up on North of Garfield in Huntington
2 Beach, if we draw the line. So please listen to us, the
3 voice of Little Saigon. Thank you for listening. Have a
4 good evening. Bye.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And right now, we have caller 0983, and up next
7 after that will be caller 1535.

8 Caller 0983, if you will please follow the prompts
9 to unmute. The floor is yours.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, do you hear me?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello? Hello?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can hear you.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Speaks in Vietnamese)

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good-bye.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, good-bye. Thank you.

18 Right now, we have caller 1535, and up next after
19 that will be caller 1319.

20 Caller 1539 -- I apologize -- caller 1535, if you'll
21 please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

22 MR. MALDONADO: Thank you. Commissioners, my name
23 is Tony Maldonado (ph.). I'm Latino, and first
24 generation American. I'm from Santa Clarita.

25 You have a time management and focusing problem.



1 For three days, you have gone out of your way to discuss
2 ad nauseum small COIS and VRAs in the Congressional
3 districts of Orange County, San Diego, Long Beach, and
4 South East Los Angeles. Yet over those same three days,
5 you have not spent one minute to discuss a huge problem,
6 Sylmar being in the Santa Clarita Valley Congressional
7 map, when it is part of a Latino super majority working
8 class COI of the San Fernando Valley East.

9 The percentages of Latinos in this San Fernando
10 Valley East COI are Sylmar, 78 percent, San Fernando, 90
11 percent, Pacoima, 86 percent, Mission Hills, 55 percent,
12 Arleta, 72 percent, Panorama City, 72 percent, Van Nuys,
13 51 percent, and Sun Valley, 72 percent. So why do you
14 refuse to have a robust discussion about the insertion of
15 this Latino super majority working class COI --

16 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

17 MR. MALDONADO: -- into Santa Clarita Valley's
18 Congressional map. Why do you refuse to put Sylmar where
19 it belongs, inside the San Fernando Valley maps? You
20 have a responsibility to keep this Latino super majority
21 working class COI together, and in that San Fernando
22 Valley East map. So please focus, as this is our lives
23 you're playing with. Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 right now, we will have caller 1319, and up next after



1 that will be caller 4768.

2 Caller 1319, if you will please follow the prompts
3 to unmute. The floor is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Commission, for
5 hearing us. I am speaking, also, of the Antelope Valley,
6 Santa Clarita Valley map. And I'm calling to implore the
7 Commission to return Simi Valley to its rightful place
8 with Santa Clarita and the Antelope Valleys. Simi
9 Valley, Santa Clarita, the Antelope Valleys have similar
10 demographics. They are all bedroom communities for the
11 aerospace industries and the movie industries, which are
12 the major economic engines in this area.

13 On the other hand, the San Fernando Valley, which is
14 part of the second largest city in the United States,
15 should be kept by itself. It has demographics which are
16 incredibly different than the Santa Clarita, Simi Valley,
17 and the Antelope Valleys. I am asking again --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- that the -- that you
20 please consider bringing Simi Valley back with Santa
21 Clarita in the Antelope Valleys. I know that it crosses
22 a county line --

23 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- but the current map shows
25 Simi Valley with parts of LA County. So instead of

1 scooping into the San Fernando Valley, please move West.

2 Find the similar community of Simi Valley to --

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
4 right now, we will have caller 4768, and up next after
5 that will be caller 8251.

6 Caller 4768, if you will please follow the prompts
7 to unmute. The floor is yours.

8 MR. CHAPMAN: Good evening, everyone. My name is
9 Ben Chapman (ph.). I'm a resident of Costa Mesa here in
10 Orange County.

11 On Wednesday night, we settled on four solid Orange
12 County districts, a VRA district, an Asian-centric
13 district, and an inland district, and a South coast
14 district, though not every COI was accommodated. Just
15 listing the description out -- out shows just how much
16 was actually considered.

17 Now, the Commission keeps blowing up these maps for
18 no reason. The lines drawer said it best. Ctrl+Z the
19 lines. I think it's a joke. We had a compromise, and
20 I'm not sure if it's because liberal groups started
21 calling in, but the Commission was completely reverted
22 their solid direction. So thank you so much. Just
23 wanted to weigh in. Thanks.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 And right now, we will have caller 8251, and up next



1 after that will be caller 6608.

2 Right now, we have caller 8251. If you'll please
3 follow the prompts to unmute. Caller with the last four
4 digits 8251, if you please follow the prompts to unmute
5 by pressing star 6.

6 Caller 8251, you appear to have a connectivity issue
7 at the moment. I will come back to you.

8 And right now, we're going to caller 6608, and up
9 next after that will be caller 7082.

10 Caller 6608, if you will please follow the prompts
11 to unmute. The floor is yours.

12 MR. FLORA: Good evening, Commissioners. This is
13 Alan Flora, city manager with the City of Clearlake in
14 Lake County. I want to thank you for your work. It's
15 really amazing to watch how much thought and effort is
16 put into this effort.

17 Your work regarding the 5th Congressional district
18 is very much appreciated. I just want to explore the
19 Commission to keep Lake County whole, which it hasn't
20 been in ten years, and we believe it's really important
21 for our community. And so just ask that you keep it
22 whole in the final proposal. Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 And right now, we will have caller 7082, and then up
25 next after that will be caller 7128.



1 Caller 7082, if you will please follow the prompts
2 to unmute. And one more time, caller with the last four
3 digits 7082, if you will please follow the prompts to
4 unmute by pressing star 6. The floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Excellent. Thank you. Sorry
6 about that. Yeah. So I'm just calling in about the
7 Central Valley. I know you haven't drawn it yet, but
8 maybe it's useful to get comments in before it starts.

9 So right now, the Central Valley, kind of like, is
10 represented by Garamendi, because it goes up to Tehama.
11 That's probably too far, but the Butte, Yuba City,
12 Redding, that's probably too long of a district on the I-
13 5. There are a lot of different issues in the Central
14 Valley. And really, Colusa, Yolo, and Sutter County
15 really belong together. They share a lot of
16 infrastructure, the bypass system, that kind of lower
17 Central Valley, or I mean, like, it seems lower, because
18 I'm in Butte, but that kind of lower Central Valley is a
19 really distinct kind of area in terms of economics, in
20 terms of interest, in terms of what the federal
21 government provides.

22 So I guess, you know, this is forward guidance for
23 the Committee, because I know you're going to be moving
24 on to the rest of Northern California, but the current
25 line probably goes too far South down 99 and I-5 and I



1 think really, Colusa, Butte, and -- or I mean, Colusa,
2 Sutter, and Yolo really belong --

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- a similar district. Thank
5 you very much.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
7 right now, we will have caller 7128, and next after that,
8 will be caller 1610.

9 Caller 7128, if you will please follow the prompts
10 to unmute. And one more time, caller 7128, if you will
11 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.

12 Caller 7128, you appear to have a connectivity
13 issue. I will be coming back around the retries shortly.

14 Right now, we will have caller 1610, and up next
15 after that will be caller 3700.

16 Caller 1610, please follow the prompts to unmute.
17 The floor is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. I saw in the
19 LA Times today that the Commission is facing pending
20 legislation for the lack of transparency, and I couldn't
21 agree more. Major decisions are made off-line, line
22 drawers and lawyers have outsized influence, and the
23 Commission returns from breaks with brand new maps that
24 the public never gets to see created.

25 And then the last few nights, the Commission has



1 tried to minimize public input by asking callers to stay
2 on hold for three to four hours, which I had to do a
3 couple of nights ago. I repeatedly pressed star 6 and
4 was never unmuted, even though my number was read out to
5 speak. This is not an independent Commission, and the
6 public deserves answers. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 And right now, we have caller 3700, and up next
9 after that will be caller 4205.

10 Caller 3700, if you'll please follow the prompts to
11 unmute. The floor is yours.

12 MS. WILSON: Hi, this is Betty Wilson (ph.) calling
13 in for our coalition regarding Zone S, San Joaquin
14 County. We know you have some really tough decisions to
15 make. We would like to thank the Commission for keeping
16 San Joaquin County whole. We also would like to
17 compliment the Commission on FY2 FSAC San Joaquin, AD13
18 Stockton, AD09FSACFT. These were the handouts on the
19 site, and we reviewed, and we feel we are still close to
20 our communities of interests' voices. The two proposed
21 Assembly Districts could easily nest in the Senate
22 District, and we just want to thank you again for your
23 consideration and attention to the voice of our
24 communities. Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.



1 And right now, we have caller 4205, and up next
2 after that will be caller 7771.

3 Caller 4205, if you will please follow the prompts
4 to unmute. The floor is yours. Caller 4205, you may
5 want to double-check your telephone and make sure you are
6 not on mute. You are unmuted in the meeting.

7 MR. RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Commissioners. Thank
8 you, Commissioners. My name is George Rodriguez (ph.),
9 and I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak
10 on -- on this meeting. I live in the Northeast Los
11 Angeles area for the past twenty-six years. And I just
12 want to say to please keep the North East Los Angeles
13 community in the North East Los Angeles Congressional
14 district. This is not a Hollywood district. This
15 community still elects Latino, Latina representatives in
16 election after election. Taking out the North East Los
17 Angeles communities out of this North East LA district,
18 it's not the answer. I repeat, it's not the answer.

19 (Indiscernible) into Eagle Rock and Glassell Park
20 defeats the efforts for a continuous map in North East
21 Los Angeles. The finger-like stretch into Hollywood
22 looks more like a gerrymandering process than a real
23 attempt to keep communities together. I urge you, please
24 keep this Congressional district within Northeast Los
25 Angeles



1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I thank you, and thank you so
3 much.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 And right now, we'll go to caller 7771, and up next
6 after that will be caller 2446.

7 Caller 7771, if you will please follow the prompts
8 to unmute. The floor is yours.

9 MS. HUTCHINSON: Good evening. My name is Carol
10 Hutchinson (ph.). I am a resident of Lakeport, and I
11 also served as the county administrative officer for the
12 county of Lake. And I want to thank the Commission for
13 the incredible work you've done to date. The task before
14 you has been daunting.

15 In particular, I'm grateful for the work you have
16 done regarding the 5th Congressional District, where Lake
17 County is at this time. I've had the opportunity to
18 comment to you earlier on in the process through the
19 written submittal. And tonight I'm calling to reinforce
20 once again my desire to see that Lake County is kept
21 whole in any new redistricting proposal. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 And right now, we have caller 2446, and up next
24 after that will be caller 7618.

25 Caller 2446, if you'll please follow the prompts to



1 unmute. The floor is yours.

2 MS. DEE: Hello, everyone. My name is Jennifer Dee
3 (ph.), first generation from China, and I have been
4 Irvine resident since 2009. In the past twelve years, I
5 see the population rapidly growing, and it has become a
6 much bigger community with lots of Asian voices. And we
7 do pay much of our attention on the redistricting process
8 to be sure that our voices are heard, our values are
9 properly represented, and this work is done fairly.

10 I'm calling tonight disappointed in the lack of
11 transparency from the Commission. There is pending
12 litigation against the Commissioners for making large
13 changes off-line, and (indiscernible) too much power to
14 partisan lawyers and line drawers. Yet the Commission
15 continues to use its practices. More so, Commissioners
16 are listening to public comment with cameras off, and
17 even some of the meetings. We have no idea if they are
18 listening. It calls -- it calls into question the
19 independent nature of this work, and I think the public
20 deserves answers --

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 MR. MANOFF: -- as to why you continue to hide
23 information even as the State Supreme Court reviews this
24 exact actions. I strongly call for the Redistricting --
25 Redistricting Commission to change its way of work and to



1 show more transparency to the public --

2 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and our community. Thank
4 you for your time.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And right now, we have caller 7618, and up next
7 after that will be caller 4201.

8 Caller 7618, if you will please follow the prompts
9 to unmute. The floor is yours.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, can you hear me?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. My name is
13 (indiscernible). I'm a Vietnamese voter living in Orange
14 County, calling in my support of placing Little Saigon
15 with Huntington Beach. I'm not sure where the comments
16 are coming from that link -- that being -- that - that
17 Huntington Beach and Little Saigon together is racist.
18 It makes no sense. Vietnamese residents work in
19 Huntington Beach, dine there, and even live there. We
20 want to be with the neighbor. We have much more in
21 common with this community than the neighbors to the
22 North or in Los Angeles. It's just a silly comment based
23 on no facts that is trying to influence the Commission.
24 I hope the Commission understands this, and keeps the
25 maps as they have, with Little Saigon in the



1 Congressional district with Huntington Beach. Under no
2 circumstances should Little Saigon be separated and split
3 up. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 And right now, we will have caller 4201, and up next
6 after that will be caller 3974.

7 Caller 4201, if you'll please follow the prompts to
8 unmute. Caller with the last four digits 4201, if you
9 will please follow the prompts to unmute. Oh, there you
10 are. The floor is yours.

11 MR. WALDMAN: Yeah, hi. Stuart Waldman, from
12 (indiscernible), calling about the maps in the San
13 Fernando Valley. We appreciate that the Commission made
14 a few changes, made it better. We think that we're good.
15 Let's -- let's not make any more changes. You know, it's
16 all good. We can move on, and we don't have to come
17 back, okay? So thank you. Once again, San Fernando
18 Valley's all good. Don't look at it again.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
20 now, we have caller 3974, and up next after that, we have
21 caller 0706. Caller 3974, if you'll please follow the
22 prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

23 MS. CASTILLO: Hi, this is Patty Castillo (ph.).
24 Can you hear me?

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.



1 MS. CASTILLO: Okay, thank you. I'm a resident of
2 the Central Valley wanting to express my views on the
3 current ECA Congressional district. There's a debate
4 regarding taking out Modesto and adding an additional
5 population from elsewhere. Instead of finding population
6 from the North or the South, please consider finding the
7 center by adding in the City of Clovis and East Fresno
8 County. Clovis has a strong connection to the foothills
9 and rural communities, and they host the large Clovis
10 rodeo yearly. Please consider Clovis as a solution to
11 fixing the problem with ECA. Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now, we will have 0706. And up next, after that,
14 will be caller 9511. Caller 0706, if you will please
15 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

16 MS. OAKES: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is
17 Jennifer Oakes (ph.). I live in part -- in the part of
18 Hesperia that was drawn down to Pasadena for some reason.
19 I'm very upset that you've carved up our dessert and put
20 us with Los Angeles County and all the maps you're
21 proposing. We're a rural San Bernardino County
22 community, and we have literally nothing in common with
23 Pasadena. The current Congressional map also drew us
24 across the county into communities -- communities that we
25 have no ties to. I work for a local water agency on the



1 county border. We literally don't even have the ability
2 to get water from the LA County areas next to us. And we
3 don't have any inter-government cooperation. I would ask
4 the Commission to reconsider and keep the San Bernardino
5 County High Desert with other rural communities in our
6 county. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
8 right now we have caller 9511, and up next after that
9 will be caller 0396. Caller 9511, if you will please
10 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. I'm calling to
12 voice my support for the Congressional maps the
13 Commission drew Wednesday night. We had strong Asian
14 district, our VRA district, Southcoast Irvine district,
15 and a North County Inland district. It was largely fair
16 and really does reflect a lot of what the community has
17 been discussing. It's my hope we can revert back to
18 these maps. I think the committee made a good progress
19 and it's a bummer that you redid and changed this
20 balanced work. Thank you for listening.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
22 right now we have caller 0396. And up next after that
23 will be caller 2742. Caller 0396, if you will please
24 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commission.



1 I'm a resident of the Central Valley, and I agree with
2 one of the previous callers about the ECA Congressional
3 district. I know change in the ECA has been causing
4 headaches across Northern California, taking out Modesto,
5 and trying to find population that won't cause ripples in
6 the North. And that debate could be solved by adding
7 Clovis and East Fresno. We already have a strong
8 connection in Clovis with mountain communities,
9 especially during the creek fire when we had to
10 accommodate a lot of the refugees escaping the forest
11 fires there. So similarities in forest management and
12 fire issues certainly link the Clovis community to the
13 mountain community, more so than to Bakersfield. Thank
14 you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
16 right now we will have caller 2742. And up next after
17 that will be called 5522. Caller 2742, if you would
18 please follow the prompts to unmute.

19 Caller 2742, if you will please follow the prompts
20 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

21 MR. KENT: Hello, my name is Richard Kent, and my
22 wife Shirley and I live in Simi Valley for thirty-eight
23 years. And I had a friend, a fireman, who said that the
24 districts were splitting up a Simi and Santa Clarita.
25 And my first impression was whoopy-doo, you know,



1 because I am not involved in this. But then I started
2 checking it out and it seems -- seems that they should
3 keep everything together. I looked at the map, the
4 Assembly district, the Congressional district, and the
5 Senate district, and they all show Simi Valley and San
6 Fernando -- or Santa Clarita together. I'd sure like to
7 keep it that way instead of going down South to San
8 Fernando like they're looking at. If they're saying that
9 we're in different counties, if we only go -- if we go in
10 a different county, we're still be in Agoura Hills and
11 Calabasas are in the LA County anyways, and we're in
12 Ventura. So once again, I'd just like to keep Simi
13 Valley and Santa Clarita together and all the
14 Congressional districts. And I see one thing, it would
15 be easier for representative to represent us if we're
16 together because we have the same interests and
17 demographics, the mountains, and so forth and fire time.
18 So it just seems that they should be kept together and
19 not split apart like they're trying to do. I looked at
20 the map also and there's Michael Antonovich Regional
21 Park, which separates Santa Clarita and the San Fernando
22 Valley. So that's a natural barrier that should be taken
23 into consideration. And once again, I just like to keep
24 Simi Valley --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And



1 right now we have color 5522, and up next after that will
2 be caller 3783. Caller 5522, if you will please follow
3 the prompts to unmute.

4 And one more time caller with the last four digits
5 5522, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by
6 pressing star six. Caller 5522, it appears you might
7 have a connectivity issue at the moment. I will come
8 back around.

9 Right now, we have caller 3783, and up next after
10 that will be caller 5425. Caller 3783, if you will
11 please follow the prompts to unmute.

12 Caller with the last four digits 3783, if you will
13 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing the star
14 six. The floor is yours.

15 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi there. Can hear
16 me?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

18 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. Sorry, I'm having
19 some trouble hearing you on your end. Okay. My name is
20 Irene, and I wanted to call in to call out some of the
21 politically motivated callers that are trying to detach
22 Little Saigon from Huntington Beach. Huntington Beach
23 has over 7000 Vietnamese voters and even more residents
24 that have moved there over the past decade as our
25 community has grown and thrived. Little Saigon wants to



1 be connected with a larger Vietnamese community, and
2 luckily the Commission prioritized this testimony. I
3 just wanted to call in one last time to support what you
4 have done and make sure the political movement trying to
5 influence this independent Commission does not succeed.
6 Little Saigon, under no circumstance, should be
7 separated. Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
9 as a reminder to those that have called in, your comments
10 are being interpreted by our wonderful interpreters. If
11 you will please speak at a moderate pace and take your
12 time with names and counties and numbers. It makes it
13 easier to interpret.

14 Right now, we have caller 5425. And up next after
15 that will be caller 8802. Caller 5425, if you will
16 please follow the prompts to unmute.

17 MR. PANTOJA: Can you hear me?

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

20 MR. PANTOJA: Thank you. Good evening,
21 Commissioners. My name is Ernesto Pantoja. I'm calling
22 on behalf of (indiscernible) business manager of
23 Laborer's Local 300. And we're calling on behalf of our
24 over 2000 to 3000 members that we have living in the
25 Sylmar/San Fernando Valley area, as well as in the



1 Antelope Valley. And we're calling to talk about our
2 disagreement with one of the planned maps for the
3 district changing the current district that would take
4 the area of Fillmore and add it to the 25th Congressional
5 district in the Antelope Valley. Knowing what we know
6 and understanding the numbers that we represent, there
7 are two different communities of interest. Our members
8 that live in the Antelope Valley have different needs
9 than the members that live in the East San Fernando
10 Valley. We can't have our members represented by two
11 different representatives having to commute. There's an
12 office all the way in the Antelope Valley to go and have
13 their representatives voice their opinions to them. It
14 just doesn't make any sense. None of it makes any sense.
15 It's unfair to disenfranchise Sylmar residents creating
16 an overwhelming physical division between them and their
17 representatives. Sylmar is a community of interest
18 connected to San Fernando, Mission Hills, Pacoima, and
19 the rest of the Northeast San Fernando Valley. So we're
20 asking you to please keep it the way it is. Do not move
21 somewhere into the 25th District.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
23 right now, we have color 8802. And then up next after
24 that, we will retry caller 9436. Caller 8802, if you
25 please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.



1 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello, my name is Greg.
2 I'm calling the Commission to discuss what is happening
3 in Little Saigon and Huntington Beach. The Vietnamese
4 community wants to be with our neighbors to have the
5 West. This is the city we have the most in common with.
6 Commissioner Taylor said that it was the best, although
7 we are not coastal, we eat, work, play, and connect with
8 the economy in Huntington Beach. I appreciate all the
9 work the Commission has done to protect the Vietnamese
10 growth in Orange County. And I just want to make sure
11 that we remain in Huntington Beach, something we have
12 asked for since day one. Little Saigon, under no
13 circumstances, should be separated. Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
15 caller 9436, if you will please follow the prompts to
16 unmute.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you guys hear me?

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

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Great, thank you. Well,
21 Commissioners, thank you so much for your hard work on
22 the redistricting maps. I'm calling in regards to the
23 Congressional map, DCD Santa Clara. Ironically, even
24 though this is called Santa Clara, it doesn't actually
25 include the Santa Clara city. And I think that should be



1 a clue in terms of the issues with the current
2 redistricting. Basically with the current proposed maps,
3 Silicon Valley is split in half. If you do a quick
4 search, a Google search of Silicon Valley and what cities
5 are in Silicon Valley, you'll see it contains these main
6 five cities, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Longview, Palo Alto,
7 and Cupertino. But instead, a bunch of rural cities are
8 included with Palo Alto and Longview, which have major
9 tech interests, while these rural cities are mainly
10 residential communities and have no tech interest
11 whatsoever. Basically the current maps have communities
12 of interest and split -- are split. So if you look at
13 Santa Clara, the whole Santa Clara has about forty
14 percent Asian. But the way the district is
15 gerrymandered, the Asian percentages half to about twenty
16 percent. So the one question you have to think about is
17 what does -- does Palo Alto have more in common with
18 Cupertino or does it have more in common with La Honda, a
19 rural community? I hope the Commission will do the right
20 thing. I thank you again for all your hard work. But
21 please do put all the Silicon Valley cities back
22 together, instead of splitting them apart. I really
23 appreciate it. Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 right now, we will have call 5615. And up next after



1 that will be caller 9153. Caller 5615, if you'll please
2 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

3 MR. INGRAM: Good evening, Honorable Commissioners.
4 This is Kevin Ingram, city manager with the City of
5 Lakeport in Lake County, speaking up on the behest of the
6 city council of Lakeport. I'd like to thank the
7 Commission for its hard work, but I'd like to also
8 emphasize the importance to the community of Lakeport in
9 keeping Lake County whole and not placed into two
10 separate Congressional districts in any new redistricting
11 proposal. Thank you, once again, for your tremendous
12 efforts and thank you for considering Lakeport's request.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now, we have caller 9153. And up next after that
15 will be caller 5820. Caller 9153, if you will please
16 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.
18 First and foremost, thank you for all your time and
19 dedication to the redistricting process. My name is
20 Nancy, and I am a long-term resident of Laguna Niguel. I
21 am calling because I have serious concerns that this
22 process will result in my community being wrongly grouped
23 in with San Diego. I cannot state this strongly enough.
24 Orange County deserves a coastal district that includes
25 all of its residents. Not including Laguna Niguel and

1 our neighbors in the South with the rest of Orange County
2 would be a major mistake. Our community has nothing to
3 do with cities like Oceanside or Carlsbad, and it
4 certainly does not interact or have anything to do with
5 San Diego County. Our neighbors are the Orange County
6 coastal communities, and that is who we should be
7 included with. I highly recommend that the Commission
8 reconsider replacing Irvine and Tustin with Laguna Niguel
9 and redraw our community back in with the rest of Orange
10 County. Thank you for your time, and I hope you will
11 make the right decision.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now we will have caller 5820. And up next after
14 that, will be caller 5184. Caller 5820, if you'll please
15 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, hi. I wanted to call
17 in response to the discussion today regarding taking
18 Modesto out of the ECA district and trying to find
19 population to replace that. Like other callers today, I
20 really think there's only really one real place that
21 naturally fits with the Sierras and mountains that you
22 can get that population from, and that's the City of
23 Clovis in East Fresno County. Clovis and the mountain
24 communities have a deep relationship. When the fires
25 raged last year through that area and destroyed houses, a



1 lot of those residents that were displaced escaped to
2 Clovis for shelter, food, assistance. Clovis is right
3 next to the foothills, Shaver Lake, Auberry, Millerton
4 Lake. It has a deep understanding of the fire issues,
5 water issues, forest management. I know in the past you
6 guys have talked about the possibility of splitting
7 Clovis and Bakersfield, and the line drawers said that
8 couldn't be a possibility with the VRA district. But I
9 did want to bring up that the new MALDEF map that they
10 presented to you guys does split Clovis and Bakersfield,
11 putting Clovis and East Fresno with the mountains while
12 still maintaining those three VRA districts. I know you
13 discussed the MALDEF map earlier today. So I just wanted
14 to relay I think Clovis is the best fit for ECA, and it
15 is possible to do that -- split from Bakersfield, because
16 again, MALDEF did prove it. So thank you for your time,
17 and I really hope you consider this as a solution to this
18 ECA problem. Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
20 right now, we have caller 5184. And up next after that
21 will be caller 8063. Caller 5184 if you'll please follow
22 the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

23 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. Good evening,
24 Commissioners. This is Chris (ph.). I'm calling from
25 Mammoth again. I called last night, and first of all, I



1 just want to say thank you so much for hearing my
2 concerns last night. It means so much to all
3 Californians that they feel heard in this process. I'm
4 super grateful, as are many of my compatriots, in Inyo
5 and Mono and Alpine counties, that you're exploring how
6 to keep Inyo, Mono, and Alpine together. So I just want
7 to let you know that there should be a lot of written
8 comments coming in. And I know you've been paying
9 attention to them. Please consider them this weekend.
10 You know, Inyo, Mono, and Alpine have had to battle LADWP
11 for a hundred years. I think most people are aware of
12 those issues. But again, we'll cover that more in our
13 written comments. The other thing is we really need to
14 stay with the rest of this year. You know, Tahoe is
15 never going to ask to be with us. No one is asking to be
16 with Inyo, Mono, and Alpine. We're really out, you know,
17 on our own out there, out here. And so what I really
18 want to stress is that, you know, Tahoe is never going to
19 ask to be with us. So we need to be with Tahoe. We have
20 the same economy. We have the same wildfire risk. We
21 have the same employers in terms of, you know, the ski
22 companies. So if we could join our voices with the rest
23 of the Sierra, we would finally have our best shot at
24 representation. Thank you so much. Good evening.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And



1 right now we have caller 8063. And up next after that
2 will be caller 5188. Caller 8063, if you'll please
3 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello. My name is
5 Darwin. I'm a citizen of the City of Westminster. I'm
6 calling in to support the idea of including Hamilton
7 Beach to Little Saigon Congressional map. And I also
8 strongly against divide Little Saigon. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
10 right now we have caller 5188. And up next after that
11 will be caller 9389. Caller 5188, if you'll please
12 follow the prompts to unmute.

13 And one more time, caller with the last four digits,
14 5188, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by
15 pressing star six.

16 5188, you appear to have a connectivity issue at the
17 moment. I will come back around. Caller 9389 will be
18 right now. And up next after that will be caller 2966.
19 Caller 9389, if you'll please follow the prompts to
20 unmute. The floor is yours.

21 MS. GEORGE: Good evening. My name is Bea George
22 (ph.), and I live in the coastal community of Orange
23 County, and I am very disturbed at what is going on. I'm
24 calling to tell the Commission that Democrat campaigns in
25 Orange County have mobilized to influence the work that

1 you are doing. After settling on fair maps Wednesday
2 night, a Democrat organization decided to call the
3 Commission racist. The magic word, racist. And the
4 result? The Commission purposefully separated and
5 disenfranchised the Vietnamese community. Honestly,
6 that's all I have to say. You had fair independent maps.
7 You let Democrats who are mad they are not in control of
8 the process hijack those plans. This is not what you
9 were put to do. I am Hispanic. My husband is African-
10 American. So it's not about racism or race. And what we
11 need to be thinking about is what your job is and should
12 be done with integrity. Integrity. Think about doing
13 your job with integrity so that you can go to sleep
14 peacefully at night knowing that you are doing the job
15 that you have been Commissioned to do. You are
16 Commissioners. Serve we the people. That's what needs
17 to be done. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
19 right now we will call 2966. And up next after that
20 will be caller 8065. Caller 2966, if you'll please
21 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I live in the Central
23 Valley, and I agree with the earlier gentleman caller in
24 the talks about taking out Modesto from the ECA
25 Congressional district and trying to find folks from



1 other areas. Please look to get it from East Fresno
2 County and Clovis. A lot of residents in the foothills
3 come to Clovis and Fresno to do their shopping or for
4 their jobs. Clovis is next to Shaver Lake, and a lot of
5 residents go there to fish or to vacation. Our
6 communities are intertwined and dependent on each other.
7 Please look into Clovis and East Fresno County for
8 finding more population for that -- for this district.
9 Thank you so much for all the timeless work you've done
10 on these maps. And have a great night. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 right now, we will have caller 8065. And up next after
13 that will be caller 7952. Caller 8065, if you'll please
14 follow the prompts to unmute.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm a resident of Orange
20 County, and I'm calling to ask you to include Huntington
21 Beach -- to keep Huntington Beach in our Orange County,
22 and please don't divide our Little Saigon. Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
24 right now we have caller 7952. And up next after that
25 will be caller 1740. Caller 7952, if you'll please



1 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
3 I know that the work you are doing is tough, but I have
4 some serious concerns about this Commission not taking
5 public comment seriously. Recently, there have been
6 comments made by Commissioners stating that there are
7 conflicting reports of an OC coastal district. I went
8 back through public comment since August and found that
9 there are over 500 comments made in support of the OC
10 coastal district and only 56 against.

11 On top of that, I signed a petition with over 1000
12 residents across the OC coast stating we support a
13 coastal district. I might not be good at math, but I do
14 know that almost 2000 overwhelms 56. Commissioners,
15 being selective on comments based on your political party
16 is exactly what this Commission isn't supposed to do.
17 Please be better.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
19 right now we have caller 1740. And up next after that
20 will be caller 7068. Caller 1740, if you'll please
21 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello. My name Bimli.
23 I live in Little Saigon. I want to keep Little Saigon
24 together. Don't break our community. Please put us with
25 Huntington Beach. Thank you for you protect our voice.



1 Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
3 right now we'll have caller 7068. And up next after that
4 will be caller 6789. Caller 7068, if you'll please
5 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. Can you guys hear
7 me?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

9 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Kasim.
10 I was a former Ms. Vietnam of Senegal who resided in
11 Huntington Beach. And I've been here for about three
12 years now. I waited from 5:30 to 9 o'clock last night to
13 voice my comment. I took the time today to call in to
14 make sure that my voice is heard for my community in
15 Little Saigon. Little Saigon is the home of the largest
16 Vietnamese population in the United States. It is
17 vibrant and growing beyond just Westminster and Garden
18 Grove. Huntington Beach is now home of over 20,000
19 Vietnamese residents. Politically motivated callers have
20 decided to call in and called the Commissioner racist for
21 putting Huntington Beach and Little Saigon together. I
22 wanted to call them out on behalf of our community and,
23 again, emphasize that Little Saigon and Huntington Beach
24 have always been connected communities with many
25 Vietnamese residents now living in the city, making



1 Little Saigon cross over. Little Saigon under no
2 circumstances should be separated. I want to make sure
3 you all knew that the actual Vietnamese community is
4 excited to be included with Huntington Beach. And we are
5 happy our larger community is all in one Congressional
6 district. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
8 right now we will have caller 6789. And up next after
9 that will be caller 0834. Caller 6789, if you'll please
10 follows the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi Commission. My name
12 is Vincent. I'm a Sun Valley resident. First, I want to
13 thank you for keeping Little Saigon together and keeping
14 Huntington Beach out of Little Saigon. I strongly object
15 to those who are advocating for Huntington Beach to be
16 included with Little Saigon. The argument is not based
17 on any significant data. Based on the census data, there
18 are only 8000 Vietnamese in Huntington Beach, which is
19 less than five percent of the population, and the median
20 income of Huntington Beach is over 100,000, whereas
21 Westminster is 56,000 and Garden Grove is 72,000. These
22 facts cement the vast differences between Little Saigon
23 City and Huntington Beach. And also I support the MALDEF
24 proposal, as it brings in West Santa Ana in with Little
25 Saigon. You know, in terms of comparing the population,



1 West Santa Ana has over 24,000 Vietnamese residents
2 mainly working class and contains over 20 mobile home
3 parks mainly occupied by Vietnamese seniors.

4 In 2018, the city created district maps that
5 prioritized the Vietnamese having their own districts to
6 elect their candidate of choice. In 2020, Saigon was
7 able to elect their first Vietnamese city council member.
8 So please include West Santa Ana with Little Saigon in
9 order to keep the Vietnamese community together and allow
10 them to elect their candidate of choice. And I think any
11 stated commonalities between the Huntington Beach and
12 Little Saigon is superficial and being pushed by a small
13 group of people who are only concerned about their
14 political and economic interests rather than keeping
15 Little Saigon together. So please keep the integrity of
16 Little Saigon. Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
18 right now, we have caller 0834, and up next after that is
19 caller 3241. Caller 0834, if you'll please follow the
20 prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

21 MR. SABATIER: Thank you very much for the
22 opportunity to speak. This is Bruno Sabatier, district
23 supervisor for the county of Lake. And we've been asking
24 the Commission to put us whole, and you have listened in
25 the past and we really appreciated that. You have some



1 very hard work in front of you. I know we just finalized
2 our redistricting as well. Can't even imagine doing that
3 on a state level. However, at this moment in time, Lake
4 County is split once again. We are a small community who
5 advocate together as one, as we have many communities of
6 interest. And we are also -- we have a lot of
7 communities of interest that are like with Napa County,
8 as well. We do not have many similarities going East or
9 Southeast. And from looking at the map, it is very
10 important that we stay together so we can have a common
11 voice in our district. Thank you again. And this is for
12 speaking on Congressional district 5.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now we have caller 3241. And up next after that
15 will be caller 3746. Caller 3241, if you'll please
16 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I'm calling tonight
20 asking that Long Beach be not merged with Orange County.
21 We previously had four contained Congressional districts,
22 and adding Long Beach would dilute our Orange County
23 voices. We are working with four small districts, so I
24 think the Commission should work to maintain these and
25 respect county lines. Thank you.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
2 right now we have caller 3746. And up next after that
3 will be caller 5664. Caller 3746, if you'll please
4 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

5 MS. TOM: Hi. My name is Daisy Tom (ph.), and I
6 called yesterday, and I just want to reinforce that
7 Little Saigon and Huntington Beach should be together.
8 And reinforce the statement of, you know, the Commission,
9 listening to everyone's voice, and you will notice that
10 you have from broken English to young professional to
11 older senior Vietnamese. You have a wide variety of
12 spectrum of voters saying that we want Little Saigon
13 together. This is not a political interest group, but
14 this is the community. As an activist in this community,
15 and I have never seen the community so united that want a
16 voice to be heard. We don't want another ten years to
17 not have a voice. It's really tough for us to start
18 having a political voice. So please ignore any racism.
19 You know, I passed on to the Commission, help us protect
20 our voice. Our community needs to stay together. And
21 the only way that we could have a voice is Huntington
22 Beach and Little Saigon. Please don't break us and
23 please ignore everything. And if really, truly you're
24 your heart, you will truly see the notice of our
25 community. Thank you. And thank you for your time.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
2 right, now we have color 5664. And up next after that
3 will be caller 2902. Caller 5664, if you'll please
4 follow the prompts to unmute.

5 And one more time caller with the last four digits,
6 5664, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by
7 pressing star six.

8 Caller 5664, you appear to have some type of
9 connectivity issue at the moment. I will come back
10 around.

11 Right now we have caller 2902. And then up next
12 after that will be caller 3726. Caller 2902, if you will
13 please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

14 MR. NGUYEN: Hello?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello.

16 MR. NGUYEN: Good evening, Commissioners. My name
17 is Ling Nguyen (ph.). I'm a resident of (audio
18 interference) wanted to ask you to keep Little Saigon
19 together with Huntington Beach. There was a political
20 group claiming that Huntington Beach is racist. It's
21 very wrong and not true. Please listen to the true voice
22 of the community by keeping Little Saigon together with
23 Huntington Beach and do not ever divide Little Saigon.
24 Thank you for listening.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And

1 right now we have caller 3726. And up next after that
2 will be caller 0011. Caller 3726, if you'll please
3 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

4 MR. NGUYEN: Hi. My name is Daniel Nguyen (ph.). I
5 am from the -- Orange County. So, yeah, I haven't called
6 in yet, this Commission, but I have finally been
7 motivated to wait and sit on this line tonight. So the
8 Vietnamese-American community in Orange County is happy
9 to be included with Huntington Beach, a city with over
10 20,000 Vietnamese residents. Anyone calling to say
11 otherwise doesn't live here or is actually a part of the
12 Vietnamese community. In the last decade, our vibrant
13 immigrant population has grown and spread all throughout
14 Orange County, particularly in Huntington Beach. We
15 consider this part of our community and are thrilled to
16 be a Congressional Vietnamese neighborhood that helped
17 fuel our local economy. I hope you can keep the maps
18 away. Little Saigon, under no circumstances, should be
19 separated. Thank you so much for your time.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
21 right now, we have caller 9370. And up next after that
22 will be caller 6659. Caller 9370, if you will please
23 follow the prompts to unmute.

24 Caller with the last four digits 9370, if you will
25 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.



1 Caller 9370, you appear to have some type of
2 connectivity issue at the moment. I will come back
3 around.

4 Right now we have caller 6659. And up next after
5 that will be caller 3636. Caller 6659, if you'll please
6 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

7 MR. TRAN: Hi, can you guys hear me?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

9 MR. TRAN: Hi. Good evening. My name is Hui Tran,
10 and I'm calling to ask the Commission to keep Little
11 Saigon with Huntington Beach. I know there has suddenly
12 been testimony against this, but please remember, the
13 Vietnamese community has been asking for this for months.
14 We have worked hard to participate in this democratic
15 process and plead our case to the Commission to protect
16 our voters. That includes the Vietnamese population in
17 Huntington Beach. Don't let last-minute political
18 organizations affect months of hard work by our Little
19 Saigon community. I just want to emphasize that Little
20 Saigon, under no circumstances, should be separated.
21 Thank you for your time today.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
23 right now we have 3636, and up next after that will be
24 caller 8951. Caller 3636, if you will please follow the
25 prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.



1 Caller 3636 --

2 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There you are. The floor
4 is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, my name is Bill, and
6 I've been living in Northeast LA my whole life up until
7 right now. And me and my family have had many memories
8 here with our relatives and everyone. And I would like
9 you guys to keep the Northeast LA communities in the
10 Northeast LA Congressional district, because they will
11 separate many of other similar beliefs. Many people
12 wouldn't want that. So I say keep the Northeast LA
13 Congressional district in the Northeast LA community.
14 Thank you so much.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
16 right now we have caller 8951. And up next after that
17 will be caller 8894. Caller 8951, if you'll please follow
18 the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. Can you hear me.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

21 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, my name is Leslie.
22 I just wanted to say that this is not my first time
23 calling in. Since the start of this process in October,
24 I have worked with Vietnamese leaders in Orange County to
25 protect Little Saigon in redistricting and ensuring our



1 community was empowered. At the eleventh hour, there is
2 now political organizations with a clear and deliberate
3 political agenda trying to call the Commission racist,
4 emphasis on racist, for doing exactly what the Vietnamese
5 community has been asking for for months. We want to
6 keep greater Little Saigon together. That includes
7 Fountain Valley, Westminster, Garden Grove, and what now
8 leads into Huntington Beach. Little Saigon, under no
9 circumstance, should be separated. Please do not take
10 these comments seriously and empower the Vietnamese
11 community and not the special interest groups. Okay? By
12 keeping us with Huntington Beach, a city that is
13 completely connected to our thriving economy. Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
15 right now we have caller 8894. And up next after that
16 will be caller 7692. Caller 8894, if you'll please
17 follow the prompts to unmute.

18 And one more time caller with the last four digits
19 8894, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by
20 star six. The floor is yours.

21 MS. ROJAS: Hi. My name is Rebecca Rojas (ph.). I
22 know the Commission has spent significant time in Orange
23 County and continues to make drastic changes. However, I
24 do not like these random maps popping up after closed-
25 door meetings -- closed-door meetings that cross county

1 lines. Previously, the Commission had settled on four
2 Orange County central Congressional districts with an
3 even population deviation. I please ask that any swap
4 going forward happen within these four districts and the
5 county lines you are largely respecting. There will be a
6 lot of COI testimony that loses out, but our resident
7 will at least be happy. Our voters were and interests
8 were protected and not diluted by different countries.
9 Thank you so much.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have
11 caller 7692. And up next after that will be caller 6625.
12 Caller 7692, if you'll please follow the prompts to
13 unmute. The floor is yours.

14 MR. BICKFORD: Thank you. Dan Bickford (ph.) here.
15 Your recent Assembly and Congressional iterations collect
16 inland San Diego County communities in a way that works.
17 I'd like to talk to you tonight, though, about the Senate
18 maps. I know you're -- you're working on them next week,
19 and I wanted to give my input. Your Senate district map,
20 SCCA could use some tweaks. I understand it is a voting
21 rights district and must -- and must link parts of South
22 San Diego County to Imperial County. But I don't know
23 why it doesn't pick up the heavily Latino neighborhoods
24 that are South of the 94 in San Diego County and shed
25 some of the rural parts of San Diego like Alpine, Ramona,

1 Borrego Springs that better fit with cities like Poway,
2 El Cajon, Escondido, Santee. Rural San Diego communities
3 like Jamul, Alpine, Crest, Bostonia, Lakeside, Descanso,
4 Ramona, and Julian belong in -- all belong in the same
5 district. And that district should include Escondido,
6 Poway, Santee, and El Cajon in San Diego County. Rural
7 San Diego has different concerns than parts of San Diego
8 City that are South of the 52. We looked to East and
9 North counties for essentials like medical care, food,
10 jobs, not for San Diego City neighborhoods South of the
11 56 like Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, Mira Mesa, Sierra
12 Vista.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now we have caller 6625, and then up next after
15 that will be caller 0586. Caller 6625, if you'll please
16 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioner Turner and
18 Commission, you were moved by the comments of Chris Bosar
19 (ph.) from Mammoth, a woman who ran for Congress and has
20 talked about running again. But what you really did was
21 prove the woman from Pinon Hills right. By spending more
22 time talking about the Eastern Sierras and not our lower
23 San Bernardino High Desert, which is why she felt left
24 behind. You put San Antonio Heights, Wrightwood, and
25 Anselmo with LA, even though they clearly belong with the



1 San Bernardino district base. There has been testimony
2 from our High Desert, Wrightwood, Alta Loma, Upland, all
3 saying we don't want to be with Los Angeles again.
4 Please listen to our communities instead of uplifting the
5 comments of a Congressional candidate. Thank you,
6 Commission.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
8 right now we have caller 0586. And up next after that
9 will be caller 9575. Caller 0586 if you'll please follow
10 the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. Can you hear me?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

13 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, Commissioners. My
14 name is Ariant (ph.), and I'm a high school student in
15 the Bay Area. First of all, specifically around the
16 Congressional District, 17/18, I want to say thank you
17 for your work so far. I know it must be very tiring
18 going on. So thank you for your work. I'm an avid
19 follower of my local politics. I dabble in it, and I've
20 been paying close attention to the redistricting since
21 it's an almost once in a decade occurrence. And I was
22 reading some new CalMatters articles today and the
23 proposed map for District 18, and South of the areas
24 around Cupertino and Sunnyvale, where the current
25 District 17/18 share a border looks extremely

1 gerrymandered. And as a member of the South Asian
2 community, it seems that the inclusion of Cupertino
3 alongside the other West Valley cities of Saratoga, Monte
4 Sereno, Campbell, and the heart of Silicon Valley would
5 serve the district well and form a good group of
6 communities of interest. It's not just me who feels like
7 this. Cupertino's mayor and vice mayors, respectively,
8 Darcy Paul and Liang Chao have said that they don't want
9 Cupertino placed with Fremont. And so I encourage and
10 implore the Commission to please listen to the pleas from
11 the South Asian community and residents of Cupertino and
12 Sunnyvale and place Cupertino with its communities of
13 interest and also the many parts of (indiscernible)
14 together. Again, I thank you for the opportunity to
15 speak today, and I really hope that this Commission takes
16 this comment into account. Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
18 right now we have caller 9 -- 9575. And up next after
19 that will be caller 8174. Caller 9575, if you'll please
20 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

21 MS. DIAZ: Hi. Good evening, Commissioners. My
22 name's Karen Diaz, and I'm the Electoral Field Manager
23 for the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights. And for
24 the past thirty-five years, we've been working to create
25 a just society for inclusive immigrants. Today, we



1 submitted a letter with the 2nd Congressional map. I'm
2 going to go over just a couple of the feedback,
3 particularly in the area of Orange County. We want to
4 thank you for the new iterations on 12/10/21. We
5 appreciate that the Commission has sort of drawn up South
6 Santa Ana, which allows very important immigrant
7 communities of interest to remain whole and together,
8 including the Vietnamese-American, Pacific-American
9 communities in Garden Grove, Westminster, Fountain
10 Valley, (indiscernible) communities that straddle -- that
11 Los Angeles and Orange County border, and the Korean-
12 American communities in Buena Park and Fullerton. It
13 also maintains the federal Rights Voting district for the
14 Latino community in the Santa Ana that draws the
15 Fullerton and West Anaheim communities of interest
16 together and aligns the community. We appreciate that
17 you are also keeping hold the Costa Mesa district and the
18 no coast district. And you heard a lot from the people
19 (indiscernible) and our members about the importance of
20 keeping (indiscernible) proportionally immigrant
21 communities whole and together. More information is
22 included in our letter and PowerPoint that highlights
23 over 1000 communities of interest testimonies from
24 immigrants all across the state of California. Thank you
25 for everything you have done, and have a good evening.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
2 right now we have caller 8174. And up next after that
3 will be caller 5621. Caller 8174, if you'll please
4 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

5 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Hello. My name is Zola Rodriguez.
6 I'm with the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights,
7 CHIRLA. I serve as a co-founder and data manager. We
8 appreciate the efforts of the Commission to maintain
9 communities of interest together in San Fernando Valley,
10 maps SFB. We would like the valley to be kept whole, and
11 this can be done by adding Selma, Canoga Park, and
12 (indiscernible) to this district. The communities in
13 this district are low-income, working families who share
14 common issues such as the access to affordable housing
15 and healthcare, resources for senior citizens, and access
16 to resources such as jobs. Valley Village in South of
17 North Hollywood is home to a higher income community that
18 has no shared interest with cities Van Nuys or Panorama
19 City. Therefore, we ask that Valley Village and anything
20 South of Burbank Boulevard in North Hollywood not be
21 included in this district. I'm sure that supports an
22 updated version of the MALDEF Congressional plan for
23 Southern Central California, which achieved this
24 architecture for the San Fernando Valley. This map also
25 ensures the Hansen Dam Recreational area is also part of



1 the district. Many of the communities in Van Nuys,
2 Panorama, (indiscernible) use this park for recreational
3 purposes and to access resources such as vaccination
4 clinics and food drives. By keeping it within this
5 district, we will ensure that communities have and
6 continue to have access to important resources and
7 assets. Thank you again for all you've done so far.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
9 right now we have caller 5621. And up next after that
10 will be caller 7677. Call 5621, if you'll please follow
11 the prompts to unmute.

12 And one more time. Caller 5621 if you'll please
13 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The
14 floor is yours.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, hello.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I saw some of the
18 meeting today, and I just wanted to comment that I'm
19 totally against Commissioner Toledo and Sadhwani's plan.
20 It makes no sense based on COI testimony we heard, and
21 I'd like to thank Commissioners Fornaciari, Yee, and
22 Fernandez for, you know, saying that we should just keep
23 the districts we have now. But on the other hand, we
24 could also go back to what we did Wednesday night. Those
25 are really two of the main options. And for the people

1 who are saying that Huntington Beach doesn't have
2 anything in common with Westminster, I'd like to point
3 out once again, they share a school district. The Ocean
4 View School District contains schools in Huntington
5 Beach, Westminster, Garden Grove, and Fountain Valley.
6 Same with the Westminster School District. So, yes,
7 these communities do have things in common. And I hope
8 the Commissioners stick with the districts in Orange
9 County now and just either go with the plan you have now
10 or the plan that you had Wednesday night. Thank you for
11 all your hard work, and have a good night. Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now, we have caller 7677, and up next after that
14 will be caller 5956. Caller 7677, if you'll please
15 follow the prompts to unmute.

16 Caller 7677, if you'll please follow the prompts to
17 unmute by pressing star six.

18 Caller 7677, you appear to have some type of
19 connectivity issue at the moment. We will be coming back
20 around for those retries after the break.

21 Right now, we have caller 5956. And up next after
22 that will be caller 5981. Caller 5956, please follow the
23 prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commission. I
25 hope you're awake and doing well. Listen, the agenda



1 that are going into this redistricting, the lack of
2 transparency, the changing of the maps is something that
3 should not be conducted in this Commission. We want an
4 independent Commission for a reason. And yet we're
5 seeing new maps being changed after special interests and
6 political agendas come into play. As someone who resides
7 in Orange County and in Upland, the district lines,
8 believe me, we have nothing to do with LA County.
9 Huntington Beach is where we go to shop, where we go do
10 Little Saigon. You're hearing it from the people
11 themselves. They are not part of Long Beach. They are
12 not part of LA County. These are completely different
13 and separate communities with different interests. I ask
14 that you at least go back to your maps from Wednesday
15 night instead of changing them based on political
16 interest and elevating the voices of those who want the
17 redistricting for simply political reasons and to win in
18 Congressional races. Listen to the people who you are
19 entitled to and commanded to listen to as your position.
20 Listen to the people, do your jobs, stop special
21 interests. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
23 right now we have caller 5981. And up next after that
24 will be caller 2974. Caller 5981, please follow the
25 prompts to unmute.



1 MR. NELSON: Hello.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. The floor is
3 yours.

4 MR. NELSON: Good evening, Commissioners. This is
5 Frank Nelson. I'm a resident of Corona of Riverside
6 County. I've been in Riverside County for almost all my
7 life, which is why I won't say how many years. But
8 anyway, looking at doing is to, really simply, is to
9 pretty straightforward and simple, wanting to keep those
10 communities along the I-15 corridor together as one
11 voting district, as we have much in common with our
12 sister cities up and down the 15 Freeway, and we share an
13 economic and cultural history. It's currently it's been
14 a lot of continuity, and the present proposed
15 redistricting has Congressional district 42 going across
16 the San Jacinto Mountains on the other side, out into the
17 desert with Palm Desert, Indian Wells, also Rancho
18 Mirage. And those areas are definitely not economic
19 areas that we have that goes with the corridor of the I-
20 15 corridor. And you also used to put -- in between
21 you've got Palm Springs, which is another Congressional
22 district in dividing that. So I ask for a revision of
23 looking at really basically keeping it the 42nd
24 Congressional district just down the 15 corridor. Thank
25 you.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
2 right now, we will have caller 2974. If you'll please
3 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is
5 Paulina, and I grew up in Garden Grove. It was sad to
6 hear that the Vietnam rights groups called in and
7 requested a separate Little Saigon from Huntington Beach
8 because Huntington Beach city is racist. My family and
9 friends live in Huntington Beach, and they are not
10 racist. Please listen to ordinary citizens, not special
11 interest groups and have Little Saigon with Huntington
12 beach. Don't break up Little Saigon, and don't break up
13 the Vietnamese voice. Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
15 now, we have caller 6777. If you'll please follow the
16 prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hi, my name is Kay. I
18 live in East Fresno. I know you have a discussion on
19 taking out Modesto and adding some additional population
20 from somewhere else. One idea might be to get additional
21 population from Clovis and East Fresno. The hills,
22 foothill communities and Clovis and East Fresno have a
23 lot in common as far as recreation, shopping, water
24 needs, fire issues, and many other aspects of our lives.
25 These two communities have very strong ties and would

1 work well together. So please consider Clovis as a way
2 to fix the problem with ECA. Thank you for your hard
3 work.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, and
5 chair, at this time, we are up against a break.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Very good. Thank you. We will take
7 our fifteen minute break and be back at 7:45.

8 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 7:29 p.m.
9 until 7:45 p.m.)

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, and welcome back from the
11 break. Thank you for sticking with us to those callers
12 in the queue.

13 And Katie, will you get us back on track with our
14 callers?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. Thank you,
16 Chair. I'd like to invite all of those that have called
17 in that have not done so already to please press star
18 nine. And this includes the people that were coming back
19 for a retry. If you will please press star nine again,
20 this will let me know that you are near your phone and
21 have some different connectivity at the moment. And we
22 will begin right now, with caller 7974, and then up next
23 after that we will be retrying caller 9370. Caller 7974,
24 if you will please follow the prompts to unmute. And one
25 more time, caller 7974, if you will please follow the



1 prompts to unmute by pressing star, six. And for all
2 those in the queue, I know we were on break. If you will
3 please be prepared and ready to unmute your phone at the
4 time it is your turn to talk. And caller 7974, I will
5 come back around to you.

6 And right now we will be retrying caller 9370. If
7 you will please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller
8 9370, the floor is yours.

9 Caller 9 --

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER Hello?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There you are. The floor
12 is yours.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER Hi. My name is Jose, and I
14 live in Montes Los Angeles all of my life. And my family
15 and many other families that are rooted here, and we
16 cannot be divided. Therefore, I ask that you guys please
17 keep us in the Northeast Los Angeles Congressional
18 district.

19 This community still and will continue to vote for
20 enlightened representatives of election after election.
21 Dividing us won't be a great idea, because it will ruin
22 the foundation of Montes Los Angeles. Also, dividing us
23 will create tension between us, and will separate each
24 other from the things that we believe in. Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And



1 right now we will have caller 7507. And then up next
2 after that we will retry caller 8251.

3 Caller 7507, if you will please follow the prompts
4 to unmute. The floor is yours. Caller 7507, if you will
5 please double check your phone, make sure you're not on
6 mute. You are unmuted in the meeting.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. I'm calling
8 again to speak on behalf of the Vietnamese community in
9 Southern California. And I've been listening to the
10 arguments for and against keeping Hampton Beach in a same
11 Congressional district. If you look at the map right
12 now, there's a big hole at the bottom of the district.
13 And that is where the city's (indiscernible) is. So the
14 only way is to make it compact and reasonable is to
15 include that area. But in order to make it -- I just
16 wanted to propose a compromise, see what we can work out
17 with the Commission. You can also add in West Santa Ana
18 and the City of (indiscernible). And that would make --
19 would probably unite all of the Vietnamese American
20 voters in the Western part of Cali. And then you can
21 take out the City of Fullerton because it is way, way too
22 far from --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER -- West Orange County. So
25 Fullerton -- the people of Fullerton deserves to have



1 their own representatives. And they deserve to be united
2 with Yorba Linda and North County. So my proposal is
3 to --

4 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER -- add in Hampton Beach, West
6 Santa Ana, and (indiscernible). And let Fullerton unite
7 with the other districts. Thank you. Have a good night.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
9 right now we will be retrying caller 8251. And then up
10 next after that will be caller 2887.

11 Caller 8251, if you will please follow the prompts
12 to unmute. The floor is yours.

13 MR. WINN: Thank you. Then is a San Joaquin County
14 supervisor and vice chair Chuck Winn. I want to thank
15 the Commission for all the work they've done. Having
16 chaired our local San Joaquin County Congressional
17 Assembly and Senate Districts, and going through a
18 variety of exercises to gather information from residents
19 was challenging. I can't even imagine doing it on a
20 state-wide basis.

21 Real quick, I'm going to just restate -- and I'm
22 sure some of the conversation earlier, in regards to
23 Modesto, etc. in San Joaquin County. Which, actually, is
24 a little bit contrary to what we have come up with, as
25 far as recommendation.



1 First, we believe that San Joaquin County, because
2 population can hold the majority of a Congressional
3 district. And secondly, the design and the way that it's
4 laid out, our West side county is more urban, and our
5 East side of our county is more rural or agricultural.
6 And therefore, we -- as talking with San Joaquin County
7 feel that certainly the agricultural is separate as far
8 as communities of interest in the West side. And so we
9 had proposed an East and a West dividing point, from
10 Stockton down to Tracy. And obviously from Rippon,
11 Escalon, all the way up to Lodi. And then as far as
12 the --

13 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

14 MR. WINN: -- Senate district, with Senator Eggman,
15 in regards to our current senator, which covers most --
16 almost entirely, and a little bit outside of San Joaquin
17 county, we think --

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
19 right now we will have caller 2887. And then up next
20 after that will be the retry of caller 3351. Caller
21 2887, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute.
22 The floor is yours.

23 MS. KERR: Thank you so much. Good evening,
24 Commissioners. And thank you, again, for the opportunity
25 to provide input. My name is Megan Kerr. I'm the vice



1 president of the Board of Education belonging to Unified
2 School district. And I've provided public comment on
3 multiple occasions advocating for keeping Long Beach
4 unified. Which serves the City of Long Beach, Lakewood,
5 Signal Hill, and Avalon, as together, if possible. And
6 while your earliest maps had reflected keeping most of
7 our district together, I'm really disappointed that this
8 latest iteration creates a huge split across our
9 district.

10 Now, this map is much better than the one earlier
11 today that split us into three different districts. To
12 best serve our 70,000 students in the fourth largest
13 district in the state, and the second largest in LA
14 County, I'm asking you to move the Western part of Long
15 Beach back with the Eastern part of Long Beach and
16 Lakewood. And if you're unable to do that, please do not
17 split any more than the current map. We're just asking
18 for as much of Long Beach to be joined together as
19 possible. It's really critical for advocacy at the
20 federal level to have representation that knows the
21 challenges of our larger industry.

22 Again, thank you for your consideration. And for --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MS. KERR: -- keeping us more together. I am really
25 grateful for your service and your hard work. It is a



1 thankless task, and I am thanking you. So have a good
2 night.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
4 right now we will have the retry of caller 3351. And
5 then up next after that will be caller 4273. Caller
6 3351, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. The
7 floor is yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER Hello Commissioners. I am a
9 resident of Orange County, and I appreciate this
10 opportunity to address the Commission. I have followed
11 the Commission's work and I'm appreciative of the
12 difficult task that you have. I'm calling about our
13 Orange County Congressional lines. I've seen what feels
14 like dozens of versions of our Congressional Districts.
15 It seems that each one is getting worse. And it seems
16 like we're forgetting the months of testimony from our
17 community. I actually like the drafts that the
18 Commission settled on Wednesday night, that heard Little
19 Saigon's concerns about being connected to Huntington
20 Beach, and largely respected our county borders. Not all
21 of Orange County will get what they want, but I
22 appreciate that the Commission understands that Orange
23 County is strongly tied together through its
24 infrastructure, and particularly water. I hope we can
25 keep it that way so that we have four strong Orange



1 County Congressional Districts. Finally, I have read two
2 newspaper articles --

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER -- that report that the
5 Commission has been making major decisions behind closed
6 doors. If that's the case, I want to express my deep
7 disappointment. While it may be expedient, the
8 Commission was set up to be independent and transparent,
9 and as one Commissioner said, make the hard decisions in
10 public. It would be another blow to self-governance and
11 retaining the public's confidence in its institutions if
12 this is occurring. Again, thank you for this opportunity
13 to comment.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
15 right now we will have caller 4273. And up next after
16 that will be caller 3995.

17 Caller 4273, if you'll please follow the prompts to
18 unmute. The floor is yours.

19 MR. PARRISH: Thank you. Good evening,
20 Commissioners. My name is Brandon Parrish, and I am a
21 lifelong resident of Sacramento County, and I wanted to
22 express some concerns about redistricting in our
23 community. I strongly believed on the Congressional
24 maps, Sacramento should remain whole in one Congressional
25 district. Generally speaking, cities should always be



1 kept whole and Sacramento's population is within what
2 allows to be in one district.

3 By splitting Sacramento in two, it's effectively
4 pitting the suburbs and the city against each other.
5 When Sacramento County should have two districts. One in
6 the city, one in the suburbs. I think that's the best
7 way to draw the county. Please keep Sacramento whole.

8 Additionally, on the Assembly maps, I think that
9 Carmichael should be kept whole and with its neighbors of
10 Fair Oaks and Citrus Heights. If it's not possible to
11 keep Carmichael in one Assembly district, Carmichael
12 should be divided in a North-South basis, with the
13 Southern part of Carmichael in the urban district, and
14 the rest of Carmichael in the district 8.

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 MR. PARRISH: Carmichael has more of a North-South
17 divide than East-West. So I ask that you take that into
18 account. And I will submit some alternative variations
19 for you to look at. Thank you for your time and your
20 consideration and for all your hard work for our state.
21 And just to reiterate, please keep Sacramento whole and
22 please revisit the lines for Carmichael on the Assembly
23 maps. And I hope you all have a good night.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 right now we have caller 3995. And up next after that



1 will be caller 2252.

2 Caller 3995, please follow the prompts to unmute.

3 The floor is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER Good evening, Commissioners.

5 I'm calling from New Cuyama to speak on the MORCOA map.

6 Our community is incredibly pleased to be grouped with

7 Big Bear in the High Desert. Our only request is that

8 you don't group up with anymore of Los Angeles County.

9 We're just about there. It's almost a perfect map, but

10 please keep the community rural. Thanks again, and I

11 hope you all have a great weekend.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And

13 right now we have caller 2252. And up next after that

14 will be caller 7331.

15 Caller 2252, if you'll please follow the prompts to

16 unmute. The floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER (In Spanish, not translated).

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And

19 right now we have caller 7331. And up next after that

20 will be caller 9241.

21 Caller 7331, please follow the prompts to unmute.

22 The floor is yours.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER Hi. Thanks very much.

24 My name's Ben. I've actually called in a couple of times

25 before. I just wanted to take a minute to sort of pass



1 along my appreciation and congratulations for a job well
2 done, with regards to what I've been calling in about,
3 which has been keeping West Hollywood as a cohesive unit.
4 I think, you know, doing that and you know,
5 simultaneously managing to keep the valley together and
6 keep Santa Monica on the coastal area is really a pretty
7 impressive accomplishment. So well done in North Los
8 Angeles, and thanks very much.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
10 right now we have caller 9141. And up next after that
11 will be caller 3480.

12 Caller 9141, if you'll please follow the prompts to
13 unmute. The floor is yours.

14 MS. BONNER: Good evening. My name is Shayla
15 Bonner, and I'm calling from Contra Costa County. I just
16 wanted to thank you all for the work that you have done
17 so far. I think that it's really important to keep
18 communities of color and significant communities of
19 interest together. And I'd like to thank you for pairing
20 Vallejo, Richmond, and East Contra Costa County, and
21 bringing in as much of Antioch as you can. So again, I
22 just want to take the time to thank you for doing that,
23 and taking any recommendations from the public and
24 considering our recommendations. Thank you for your time
25 and opportunity to speak.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
2 right now we have caller 3480. And up next after that
3 will be caller 1270. Caller 3480, please follow the
4 prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

5 MR. NGUYEN: Hello. My name is Kevin Nguyen. I'm a
6 Vietnamese voter living in Huntington Beach. I'm calling
7 because there's a political effort to separate Little
8 Saigon from Huntington Beach, a community that has long
9 shared interest with the Little Saigon cities, like West
10 Minister, Fountain Valley, and Garden Grove. It's
11 disappointing to see, and I hope the Commission sees it
12 for what it is. Our residents have been calling for
13 months asking to put Little Saigon with Huntington Beach,
14 and we are so happy that you did. So please keep it that
15 way. Please keep Huntington Beach whole, and do not let
16 this last minute political coup by a special interest
17 group sway your opinion. Thank you guys so much. We
18 really appreciate the hard work that you put in. Thank
19 you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
21 right now we have caller 1270. And up next after that
22 will be caller 7192. Caller 1270, please follow the
23 prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER Good evening, Commissioners.
25 I've called in before from East Contra County counties,



1 specifically from Brentwood, and I've been watching the
2 maps for my part of California get redrawn, and redrawn,
3 and redrawn. And so it reminded me of a little ditty by
4 the Ohio players. Roller coaster of lines. And the
5 chorus would go, your lines are like a roller coaster
6 baby, I just can't even find. Your lines are like a
7 roller coaster baby, baby, changing all the time. So
8 let's talk maps. CV Concord BPR Draft. This
9 Congressional map now has Discovery Bay and Brentwood,
10 which is very nice, thank you very much for that, but it
11 goes way too far West to Orinda and Moraga. We have no
12 commonalities with those suburbs. And all the way South
13 to North Canyon. Never heard of the city, ever.

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER Nobody from there ever comes
16 here. And we don't go there. Napa, (indiscernible), way
17 too far to the North to Rumsey. Way too far to the East
18 to Rohnert Park, and way too far to the West of --

19 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER -- Clarksburg. We are a San
21 Joaquin delta community. We belong with the other
22 communities along the San Joaquin Delta. Please, please
23 don't break us up to fit other -- to make other maps
24 whole. We are one --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And



1 right now we have caller 7192. And up next after that
2 will be caller 2238.

3 Caller 7192, if you'll please follow the prompts to
4 unmute. The floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER Hi. Can you hear me?

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

7 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER Hi. My name is Elijah,
8 and I'm a resident of Highland Park. My family has ties
9 to Highland Park dating back to the earlier 70s. And I'm
10 calling for Congressional district Northeast Los Angeles.
11 I am not in support of splitting off Northeast Los
12 Angeles. The communities of Eagle Rock, Glassell Park,
13 and Mount Washington must be kept in the Northeast Los
14 Angeles Congressional district. We are all neighbors and
15 have a shared regional history, since before the streets
16 were even paved. Portions of Hollywood that were
17 recently added need to be kept in the San Fernando
18 Valley. Northeast Los Angeles and Hollywood share
19 nothing in common but the climate. Please consider
20 keeping our communities together. The communities in
21 Northeast Los Angeles, as gentrified as they have been,
22 still continue to elect representatives of color, and our
23 communities have been able to keep together as long as we
24 could. Many residents of Napa have a shared history and
25 would like to continue sticking together. Please keep



1 Northeast Los Angeles, Northeast Los Angeles. Thank you
2 very much.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
4 right now we have caller 2239. And up next after that be
5 caller 7973.

6 Caller 2239, if you'll please follow the prompts to
7 unmute. The floor is yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER Hi. I'm calling to ask about
9 Congressional district 2. The North Coast district. It
10 seems to be the only Congressional district in the state
11 that has not changed. Every other district has changed
12 significantly, and yet this very long, very skinny
13 district from the Gold Gate to the Oregon border, seems
14 to be the only sacred cow in California politics. The
15 Northwest California counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, and
16 Trinity, have a total population of 175,000 people. Over
17 seventy-five percent of the people in this coastal
18 district do not live in Northwest California. Tiny Marin
19 County alone has fifty percent more people than these
20 three counties have in total. Sonoma County has a
21 population of a half million, and it's divided between
22 the Coastal district, and the district you call Yolo
23 Lake. Census status shows how different Northwest
24 California is from the richer, better educated counties
25 to the South. Northwest California is more



1 demographically similar --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER -- to the counties to the
4 East. Linking these rural counties in Northwest
5 California to Bay Area counties deprives them of any
6 voice in their own district. The coast is not the
7 community of interest.

8 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER What is important is the
10 rural-urban divide. Please give a voice to the rural
11 Californians in Northwest California. Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now we will have caller 7973. And up next after
14 that is caller 6666.

15 Caller 7973, please follow the prompts to unmute.
16 The floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER Thank you, Commissioners, for
18 taking the time to go over this issue. I'm calling
19 regarding the district in Western Riverside County. The
20 Western edge of the county shares many comparable and
21 comparable issues, and to include other parts -- distant
22 parts of the county, as far possibly as Palm Desert, did
23 not bring the same issues to the attention of the
24 political leadership. So help us have a better form of
25 life and quality of life in Western Riverside County. We



1 think all the areas, and generally that means all these
2 communities along interstate-Fifteen. Thank you for your
3 attention, and we hope you can make this a good, solid
4 district.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
6 right now we have caller 6666. And up next after that be
7 caller 5428.

8 Caller 6666, if you'll please follow the prompts to
9 unmute. The floor is yours.

10 MS. SAN: Good evening, Commissioner. My name is
11 Satiya San, and I am the chair of Cambodia Town, Inc. I
12 have called in before to ask you not to split Cambodia
13 Town district. I have heard you say that you don't want
14 to split more cities. And even though we aren't a city,
15 Cambodia Town district is very unique and (indiscernible)
16 community in Long Beach. We are survivors of genocide,
17 and we have built new lives in America. We are currently
18 in the SP710 map, and we are requesting that you move us
19 into Long Beach North, so that we are united with all of
20 our Cambodian programming that casted Long Beach. We are
21 our other caretakers, working families, and students.
22 Please put Cambodia Town district back in Long Beach
23 North, if possible. We really need your support. Thank
24 you so much for listening to my request.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And



1 right now we have caller 5428. And up next after that is
2 caller 2189.

3 Caller 5428, if you'll please follow the prompts to
4 unmute. And one more time, caller with the last four
5 digits 5428, if you will please follow the prompts to
6 unmute by pressing star, six.

7 Caller 5428, you appear to have a connectivity issue
8 at the moment. I will come back to you.

9 And right now we have caller 2189. And up next
10 after that will be caller 1457.

11 Caller 2189, please follow the prompts to unmute.
12 The floor is yours.

13 MS. RICHARDSON: Hello. I am Roberta Richardson, I
14 live in Altadena. I'm the president of the Altadena
15 NACT, and I'm calling to support the maps of November
16 10th. In those maps, all the foothill communities are
17 kept together. Pasadena, Altadena, Monrovia, Torde.
18 Where there is a substantial African-American population
19 requesting that we maintain the foothill communities
20 together so that the African-American voice is not
21 diminished. Thank you so much.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
23 right now we have caller 1457. And up next after that
24 will be caller 8037.

25 Caller 1457, please follow the prompts to unmute.



1 And one more time, caller with the last four digits 1457,
2 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star,
3 six. Caller 1457, I do apologize, you have some type of
4 connectivity issue at the moment. I will come back to
5 you.

6 Caller 8037 will be right now. And caller 0005, you
7 will be up next. Caller 8037, please follow the prompts
8 to unmute. The floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER Hi. As you know, a citizen's
10 group has sued this Commission and the California Supreme
11 Court. Everyone's surprised, the court took the case on
12 an emergency appeal last Thursday. Both sides have
13 responded to the court with extensive briefs, for failure
14 of certain Commissioners having secret unrecorded
15 meetings and for having attorneys with major conflicts of
16 interest for using map drawing tools. Kept in secret
17 from the public, and the Supreme Court will probably make
18 a decision next week.

19 Finally, one of the requests that was made is asking
20 the Supreme Court to take over the line drawing, and take
21 it away from the Commission. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
23 right now we have caller 0005. And up next after that is
24 caller 7672.

25 Caller 0005, if you'll please follow the prompts to



1 unmute. The floor is yours.

2 MS. IRVINE: Thank you. Hello, Commissioners. My
3 name is Kathleen Irvine. I'm from Long Beach, and after
4 seeing some of the proposals from the Commission today, I
5 felt that I should comment. Please do not split Long
6 Beach into three parts, as was proposed by the earlier
7 exploration. Thank you, though, for landing on the
8 current, albeit North iteration that you're now working
9 from. Ideally, I would really to see Long Beach be a
10 whole, rather than two parts.

11 For those of us who have been working in this
12 community for years, we know that a Congressional
13 district that keeps most of Long Beach together works the
14 best. I love my amazing city. We have had the privilege
15 of working with my community and our representative, the
16 mayor, and city council, helping to design parking green
17 spaces. I've served on the (indiscernible) City Hedge of
18 Dissociation, as president for eight years, and in vice
19 chair of the Sustainability Commission. I'm currently
20 chair of the Cultural Heritage Commission.

21 We benefit from cohesive Congressional
22 representation.

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MS. IRVINE: You currently have us split in two, but
25 at least most of the city is together. In these



1 challenging times, our city benefits from its unique
2 racial and economic diversity, and urban-suburban
3 identity. Please unite as much of Long Beach as possible
4 into one district.

5 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

6 MS. IRVINE: Thank you for your hard work.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
8 right now we have caller 7672. And up next after that
9 will be caller 6790.

10 Caller 7672, please follow the prompts to unmute.
11 The floor is yours.

12 MR. FUNG: Hi. Good evening, Commissioners. Thank
13 you for all your hard work and for staying up and paying
14 attention to all of us. My name is Henry Fung, and I've
15 looked -- take a look at today's Congressional district
16 drafts that were posted, and once again Cal Poly Pomona
17 and Pomona are not together in the same Congressional
18 district. And the area in question is an area that has
19 been the STH60 district. It's West of the City of
20 Pomona, East of the City of Walnut. It's a little
21 unincorporated piece of land that people may not be
22 paying attention to, but I know that we have several
23 Commissioners that live or work in the San Gabriel Valley
24 owned empire. So if you've read the COI testimony, you
25 know that Cal Poly Pomona students generally live East of



1 campus. Cal Poly Pomona is a Hispanic serving
2 institution. Cal Poly Pomona people do not have that
3 much in common with people to the West of them in places
4 like Walnut. Certainly not the South in Orange County.
5 So I would ask that when you make those edits to the
6 lines, that you will in the L.A., Orange County --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 MR. FUNG: -- (indiscernible) Empire area, that Cal
9 Poly Pomona and Pomona be linked together. That the
10 incorporated area West of Pomona be added to the Pomona
11 Ontario district, to join where the university that the
12 people go to and where they live out in the inland
13 valley, Pomona Ontario area. Thank you so much, and have
14 a good night.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
16 right now we have caller 6790. And up next after that is
17 caller 9517.

18 Caller 6790, if you'll please follow the prompts to
19 unmute. The floor is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER Hello, everyone. My
21 name is Jordan, and I am a current Orange County
22 Resident, calling to thank the Commission for keeping the
23 City of Long Beach out of Orange County. I commend the
24 committee for various sacrifices they have made to uphold
25 the interest of Orange County, but diluting our



1 representation is not the answer. I hope that if any
2 further changes are to be made, you ensure that you keep
3 Long Beach separated from our county. I hope that we can
4 keep it this way, so that we have four strong Orange
5 County Congressional districts. Thank you so much for
6 your time tonight.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
8 right now we have caller 9517. And up next after that
9 will be caller 3559.

10 Caller 9517, if you'll please follow the prompts to
11 unmute. The floor is yours.

12 MS. VU: Yes. This is Vanessa Vu. I am the
13 Commission. First, I would like to thank you,
14 Commission, for your hard work through this process. I
15 called -- spoke yesterday and asking for the Commission
16 to please do consider the commands from a lot of our
17 Little Saigon folk that speak yesterday as you making
18 charts on the Assembly and Congressional districts. Just
19 make a little change. I live in Huntington Beach and
20 want to be representation by the Assembly member in the
21 Little Saigon. We will get lost and ignored if we are
22 the -- half a Little Saigon. We have (indiscernible)
23 Little Saigon by adding Huntington Beach for Assembly
24 map. (Indiscernible) --

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.



1 MS. VU: -- at the Euclid Avenue (ph.), and all
2 North upper Garfield city for our (indiscernible) and all
3 the (indiscernible). We need a Assembly and a
4 Congressional --

5 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

6 MS. VU: -- that truly -- can really -- that can
7 understand our needs and can help our community. Thank
8 you very much. Good night.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
10 right now we have caller 3559. And up next after that
11 will be caller 6758.

12 Caller 3559, please follow the prompts to unmute.
13 The floor is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER Hi, there. I just want to
15 thank the Commissioners for your hard work, and I'm
16 calling to affirm and echo a lot of the same sentiments
17 that other callers are making, which is to keep
18 communities together and whole. In the proposed map,
19 Long Beach and Carson are both split into two districts,
20 and this presents a glaring organizational problem for
21 both cities, because they are charter cities with their
22 own city council. I would love for harbor communities
23 to -- like, Long Beach, Carson, Wilmington, Compton, and
24 San Pedro to be kept together. Grass roots, non-pax,
25 corporate funded campaigns take a lot of time and



1 canvases to accomplish, and this new iteration of the map
2 erases a lot of that work, and effectively silences some
3 of purest and most direct forms of the democratic
4 process. Again, thank you so much for your time and
5 taking the moment to hear from us.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
7 right now we have caller 6758. And up next after that
8 will be caller 6303.

9 Caller 6758, please follow the prompts to unmute.
10 The floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER Good evening. The Commission
12 has been hearing a lot of complaints tonight, so I
13 thought I would break it up and say a thank you. Little
14 Saigon has asked for months to be included with
15 Huntington Beach, a city that we share an economy,
16 community, and residence with. And the Commission did
17 just that. Little Saigon, under no circumstance, should
18 be separated. I am proud that our community of interest
19 has been recognized and I hope that the Commission will
20 keep it this way when they finalize the maps on Saturday
21 and Monday. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
23 right now we have caller 6303. And up next after that is
24 caller 9793.

25 Caller 6303, if you'll please follow the prompts to



1 unmute. The floor is yours.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER Hello. As a former resident
3 of Northern California, I want to commend the Commission
4 on that North Sacramento district. I do believe they did
5 a good job on that. But as a current member, and
6 resident, of the Fresno Clovis area, I do not believe
7 that the Commission has been listening to the comments
8 made by members in both Bakersfield and Fresno and
9 Clovis. I know that they've been asked that they do not
10 want to be grouped together. Another position for this
11 belief is, I do not believe that the oil communities and
12 the communities of Bakersfield have very much in common
13 with the more mountainous community that participates,
14 which a lot of residents of Clovis actually do own and
15 operate in the mountain community. Whether it's for work
16 or for residential. If the Commission is to consider
17 either thinking about moving the Clovis district into
18 that Eastern mountainous community, after looking for
19 population for Modesto, that should be considered as an
20 option.

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER Again, I will thank the
23 Commission for what they have done, but to really
24 consider moving Clovis, which is formally a logging town,
25 along with Sanger, into that mountainous community. They



1 have very much in common, and a strong relationship,
2 especially after the creek fire.

3 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER Thank you. Take care.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
6 right now we have caller 9793. And up next after that
7 will be caller 8549.

8 Caller 9793, if you'll please follow the prompts to
9 unmute. The floor is yours.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER I'm calling about the
11 (indiscernible) of the SCCA map, that divides my Town of
12 Lakeside and our sister cities, and City of Santee. It
13 cuts us off from similar cities and our town, such as El
14 Cajon, Alpine, Ramona, Rachel, San Diego, and even
15 divides off part of Lakeside's own Barona Indian
16 reservation.

17 Instead, we're now grouped, on the current map, with
18 more suburban, physically -- geographically distant
19 cities. Within the City of San Diego, like Pacific
20 Beach, University City, Mira Mesa, and other areas which
21 we have no bonds and little in common.

22 The funny thing about it is, the differences include
23 things like, you know, the beaches versus lakes and
24 hills. Surfboards and bicycles versus horses and
25 pickups. Big city, the big City of San Diego versus the



1 unincorporated towns and small suburbs. And even the
2 dangers of the sea levels rising versus wildfires in the
3 East counties. We don't want our voice being swallowed
4 up by the City of San Diego. Together or grouped -- we
5 hope to remain grouped with our other areas in --

6 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER -- East County. And restore
8 the East County in its entirety. Including, Lakeside,
9 Alpine, Santee, Ramona --

10 MR. MANOFF: Ten.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER -- and Rancho San Diego and --
12 thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now we have caller 8549. And up next after that, I
15 do not have the last four digits, it is call-in user 1.

16 Right now we have caller 8549, please follow the
17 prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER Thank you. Calling to add
19 concern about the change to the map for Santa Clarita and
20 Simi valley. The map should stay the same and keep them
21 together. San Fernando is such a massive valley, it
22 can't be split off into Santa Clarita. It has to join
23 the rest of San Fernando Valley, including Puerto Ranch
24 and Grenada Hill. There are different concerns in these
25 cities. And why change? Previous Congressional

1 visualization maps kept Santa Clarita and Antelope Valley
2 together, but to add population, keep West and keep Simi
3 Valley, rather than South, to gain San Fernando. I mean,
4 why make the change? The Simi Valley portion of Ventura
5 County and the Antelope Valley are better fits than the
6 San Fernando Valley. It is essential to keep the maps
7 the same for citizens in all of these cities for the
8 right -- the correct representation. So thank you. And
9 please, just, consider that. And I know I'm not alone in
10 this. Okay. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 at this time we do have call-in user 1. And up next
13 after that will be caller 2815.

14 Call-in user 1, please follow the prompts you hear
15 on your phone at this time. The floor is yours.

16 MR. MUNSON: Well, thank you very much. I heard an
17 earlier request for an expert on the Angeles National
18 Forest to call in, so I thought I would. This is John
19 Munson of Nature For All, and I've been working on
20 national forest issues for twenty years, including almost
21 a decade on the national field staff of the Sierra Club
22 in Los Angeles. We raise the issues of the foothill
23 communities of interest several months ago, and we
24 appreciate over the last few months how you've been
25 attentive to that issue. We, along with other people,



1 recently asked you to extend SFV and GLENB2A into the
2 national forest, and you did that today. You actually
3 did a good job, I thought. And I wanted to, again, thank
4 Ray Kennedy for bringing those issues up, and the
5 Commission for joining him.

6 What's nervous to me right now is that I think your
7 new versions of the 25th, 27th, 28th, and 29th districts
8 are very good. So I join a gentlemen earlier who said,
9 you can stop right now, as far as I'm concerned.

10 We also wanted to add a bump above Zoosa. It's an
11 area I've worked in a lot, and I actually drew a map and
12 mailed it into -- emailed it in -- excuse me. Yeah.
13 Emailed it into you about how to add --

14 MR. MANOFF: twenty seconds.

15 MR. MUNSON: -- an area to CDCOV. And essentially
16 it goes Northwest along the West of highway-39 --

17 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

18 MR. MUNSON: -- North of East Fork Road, and back
19 down Glendor Road. So if you look for that email from
20 John Munson, it's a way to do that district. Thank you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
22 right now we have caller 2815. And up next after that
23 will be caller 5777.

24 Caller 2815, please follow the prompts to unmute.
25 The floor is yours.



1 Caller 2815, if you'll please double check your
2 phone. Make sure you are not on mute. You are unmuted
3 in the meeting.

4 MR. MIDRA: Hi. Can you hear me now?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

6 MR. MIDRA: Okay. So this is Amic Midra. I'm
7 calling from Santa Clara County, which is a county in the
8 Silicon Valley, not in California. I'm calling from the
9 City of Cupertino. I've been a resident of the city for
10 twenty years. And we are actually lumped together with,
11 you know, what is like the East part of it with the
12 Fremont. Although we are really a lot more
13 demographically connected to the areas of Saratoga, Palo
14 Alto, Mountain View, and the like. So it's a tight
15 community, and we get to have our presentation with has
16 our interest. In addition, there is a significant issue
17 in American population in this part of the county, and
18 this part of the bay. Which is not adequate, either for
19 the debt-income so (indiscernible). So I would urge you
20 to actually disconnect Cupertino, Sunnyvale, and the
21 areas from Fremont and make it a part of Mountain
22 View --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MR. MIDRA: -- Palo Alto, Saratoga, you know, the
25 parts between (indiscernible). It almost looks like a



1 gerrymandered thing that'd be extending to something like
2 that, and a long corridor. Which is, you know, the 1 to
3 1 corridor. It's kind of split up by --

4 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

5 MR. MIDRA: -- Cupertino and Sunnyvale being part of
6 something else. I would highly recommend that we make
7 Cupertino, (indiscernible), Sunnyvale, and Santa Clara as
8 a part of the unified district. We can include, you
9 know, West San Jose, Saratoga, Los Gatos --

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
11 right now we will have caller 5777. And up next after
12 that will be caller 1926.

13 Caller 5777, if you'll please follow the prompts to
14 unmute. The floor is yours.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, Commissioners. First of
16 all, I would like to thank you for all your hard work.
17 And thank you for allowing us all to speak at this time.
18 We have listened to comments yesterday. You have
19 listened to all the comments yesterday, regarding how
20 long it took for us to wait and speak.

21 Please do listen to our Little Saigon comments as
22 well. As you can see, from yesterday, so many people
23 from Little Saigon community called. And willing to wait
24 for hours, just to give comments, and explaining how
25 you -- explain it to you how important it is to include



1 the City of Huntington Beach to the Little Saigon
2 community of interest. What you currently have, our
3 Little Saigon area, is not done yet. Please go back to
4 Assembly district and Congressional district for
5 Assembly. Please don't stop at beach (indiscernible)
6 when add --

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8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- when you add
10 (indiscernible), it doesn't make any sense. We are
11 asking you to add all of Garfield Avenue (ph.) in
12 Huntington Beach to Sequan Street (ph.) for AD_GGW (ph.)
13 map, and for Congressional, add all Huntington Beach CD.

14 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER This will finish Little
16 Saigon, and we will be forever grateful for the
17 Commission for giving us the Assembly and Congressional
18 district that we deserve. Thank you, and have a great
19 evening.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
21 right now we have caller 1926. And up next after that
22 will be caller 4036.

23 Caller 1926, please follow the prompts to unmute.
24 Caller 1926, if you wish to give comment this evening,
25 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star,



1 six. Thank you so much, caller 1926.

2 And right now we have caller 4036. And up next
3 after that we will have caller 6942.

4 Caller 4036, if you wish to give comment, please
5 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

6 MR. SAXENA Hi. My name is Vikram Saxena I'm a
7 planning Commissioner from the City of Cupertino. I was
8 extremely disappointed to hear that a district
9 (indiscernible) area. We want the City of Cupertino to
10 be part of the Commissioner district containing
11 (indiscernible). (Indiscernible) share common issues
12 like (indiscernible). Our issues have very little in
13 common with other (indiscernible) like (indiscernible).
14 We want to be a part of the City of Santa Clara. The
15 mayor invited the City of Cupertino also looked to you
16 about this. The current maps are putting a huge
17 (indiscernible) Asian population in my district. It
18 needs to be (indiscernible), and it needs the City of
19 Santa Clara, but not (indiscernible). The manner in
20 which the Commission has ignored (indiscernible)
21 Cupertino, has actually shaken (indiscernible).

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MR. SAXENA: I urge you to listen to the voice of
24 the city leaders, and (indiscernible) and move Cupertino
25 to the City of Santa Clara. (Indiscernible) you're going



1 to be judged for -- by this for the next ten years. And
2 if you believe in (indiscernible) --

3 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

4 MR. SAXENA: -- make Cupertino a part of the City of
5 Santa Clara. (Indiscernible). Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
7 right now we will be going to caller 6942. And up next
8 after that we will be giving caller 8069 an opportunity.

9 Caller 6942, please follow the prompts to unmute.
10 The floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER Good evening,
12 Commissioners. My name is Ray. I am a long time
13 resident of Northeast Los Angeles. In fact, I've lived
14 here for over forty years. I lived in the communities of
15 Highland Park, Eagle Rock, Glassell Park. And the reason
16 for me taking the time to call in is, because I am asking
17 that these communities stay together. The Northeast Los
18 Angeles communities are not Hollywood. They are not
19 Glendale. Taking these Northeast L.A. communities out
20 Vanilla district is not the answer. Please keep
21 Northeast L.A. communities, Northeast L.A. Thank you so
22 much for your time, and once again I appreciate your
23 help.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 this time we will be giving caller 8069 and opportunity.



1 And up next after that will be caller 9819.

2 Caller 8069, please follow the prompts to unmute.

3 The floor is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER Good evening. My name is
5 Aram (indiscernible). I am a (indiscernible). I ask you
6 to please reconfigure with Huntington Beach and keep
7 Little Saigon. That's one -- do not divide Little
8 Saigon. (Indiscernible). Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I
10 think this time we will be going to caller 9819. And
11 then up next after that will be caller 9954.

12 Caller 9819, please follow the prompts to unmute.
13 The floor is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER Good evening. I'm calling
15 from the High Desert of San Bernardino County. I'd like
16 to say I think you've done a great job with the drawing
17 of the lines of the (indiscernible) map. As you finalize
18 these maps, please do not split the High Desert
19 community, or group us any further with the Los Angeles
20 County's community. Thank you very much.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now we will go to caller 9954, please
23 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER Good evening, Commissioners.
25 I'm calling to urge you to please keep the MORCOA map the

1 way it is, and do not make any other changes. It is a
2 map that is already very representative of the rural
3 desert communities that deal with local issues many other
4 communities in Southern California cannot. In
5 particular, Los Angeles County. Please do not undermine
6 the representation of our High Desert residents. Thank
7 you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
9 chair, at this time, that is all of our callers this
10 evening.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much Katy,
12 for your outstanding effort as usual. Thank you to all
13 of our listeners. Thank you to the rest of our
14 videography team, our sign language interpreters, our
15 captioners, our staff, and everyone. We look forward to
16 seeing everyone back with us at 11 o'clock tomorrow
17 morning. Thank you, everyone. We are in recess.

18 (Whereupon, the Citizens Redistricting
19 Commission (CRC) meeting adjourned at 8:40
20 p.m.)

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