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2 Saturday, December 11, 2021 11:01 a.m.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Good morning, California, and
4 welcome to the Citizens Redistricting Commission meeting.
5 We are going to have a big day today continuing with what
6 we did yesterday. At this time, Alvaro, could you please
7 take roll?

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair.

9 Commissioner Fernandez.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

12 Commissioner Fornaciari.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy.

15 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Here.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

17 Commissioner Sadhwani.

18 Commissioner Sinay.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

21 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I am present.

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

23 Commissioner Toledo.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.



1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

3 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad.

7 Commissioner Akutagawa. And Commissioner Andersen.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And I am also here. Thank you very
9 much, Alvaro.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: You're welcome, Chair. Thank you.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So today we're going to give you --
12 the run of show is posted. And what we will be doing is
13 we'll be starting off with a recap of the work we did
14 yesterday. We'll make a list of the iterations that
15 we'll be reviewing. And we will also then create a list
16 of outstanding issues that the Commission has, and then
17 we'll review those -- the prepared iterations as we go
18 through the areas of the state.

19 We will be starting in the coastal area and then
20 we'll go to the North through the Central Valley and then
21 finishing with Los Angeles, Orange County, and a review
22 of San Diego. That is the plan for today.

23 And before we do that and jump into that, I did want
24 to go over the iterations on our website for the public.
25 There's a great deal of list of iterations, and I know

1 that's been a little confusing for people. Many of these
2 are ideas that we have explored and we are no longer
3 pursuing.

4 If you want to grab up the list, the plan -- the
5 first two are areas that there are more details of areas
6 that we -- that is how the map has changed. Then we have
7 many, many of them that are other ideas we reviewed and
8 are no longer pursuing. So the ones we'll be going over
9 today are actually -- there are two at the very bottom of
10 the list, the 1210, the Congressional districts.

11 You, of course, may look at any of them at your
12 leisure, but I know it's a little confusing in terms of
13 are we still working on these areas or are we not? So
14 obviously, we have the Assembly areas, and that's --
15 those have all been posted and that are in our map viewer
16 on our website. So I hope that helps a little bit with
17 what the iterations are.

18 And iterations are, again, just ideas that we've
19 been able to explore and put a map together to save the
20 time -- for it to be more efficient with our time, and it
21 has nothing to do with anyone's plan or anything like
22 that. It's really to be more efficient with our time.
23 So with that, I do see a couple of questions.

24 Commissioner Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. In terms



1 of the -- I brought this up before, but in terms of the
2 handouts that are posted, it would be very helpful not
3 only for me but also for the public if when they're
4 posted, we actually put the post date, that way -- the
5 day it was posted. That way, we know as well as the
6 public knows when it was posted because oftentimes
7 some -- there's updates and you want to make sure that
8 you pick up the most recent information. So I'm hoping
9 that that's somewhat simple to do and it's something that
10 our staff can do. Thank you.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you. That's a very
12 good idea we'll have the staff look into.

13 Commissioner Sinay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. So
15 Commissioner Turner inspired me yesterday when she said
16 let's not forget to turn over every stone and think
17 things through. And as everybody knows, I wasn't -- I
18 was unsettled about parts of San Diego. And so I have
19 asked the line drawers if there -- if we can look at
20 certain parts to make it more compact and put some COIs
21 together. And so there will be another iteration, and I
22 just wanted to give the heads-up, and exploration.

23 But I just -- I didn't want -- I wasn't sleeping
24 well at night. And when Commissioner Turner said that
25 and everybody else encouraged us to explore, I was like,



1 okay, let me just explore this so I know I did everything
2 I could.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much, Commissioner
4 Sinay. We will, as we get into the work, I will say
5 we'll recap what happened and are there any other
6 iterations out there. And so that's a great time to --
7 we're just going to get a list of them all so we can
8 sequence when we review those. So thank you very much.

9 Commissioner Kennedy.

10 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I just
11 wanted to reiterate what Commissioner Fernandez said. We
12 have asked staff on multiple occasions to include not
13 only the date of posting but the time of posting because
14 sometimes we post multiple items in the course of the day
15 and we do want the public to be able to ensure that they
16 have the latest version of things. So I would again ask
17 staff to post things with both date and time. Thank you.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you very much. And
19 we'll have the staff look into that and see how best to
20 do -- take that on. Wonderful.

21 Well, at this point, the first thing we actually
22 need to do is we do have to have a short, closed session,
23 and it's 11 -- we will be back by 11:30. So thank you
24 very much, and we'll go into closed session for -- it's a
25 pending -- on the pending litigation issue.



1 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 11:07 a.m.
2 until 11:30 a.m.)

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Welcome back to the Citizens
4 Redistricting Commission meeting. We just came out back
5 from closed session where no action was taken. So
6 continuing on for the public, we will again be taking
7 public comment tonight at 6 p.m. We will take a break at
8 5:45 for a fifteen-minute break and start public comment
9 at 6 p.m. So as long as you're in the line by 6 p.m.,
10 when the lines close, we will listen to your public
11 comment today. And we appreciate all the public input.
12 Thank you very much.

13 Now, what we'll be getting back to -- what we're up
14 to today. I'm going to do a recap of what we did
15 yesterday, and then we'll -- there will be a call for all
16 the iterations we're going to be going through today, and
17 then we'll actually jump into the work.

18 So with that, I'm going to -- I'm going to make a
19 quick sort of overview, and if anyone -- if there any
20 other items missing, then please add those. And thank
21 you, everyone, for all the great work we're doing and
22 that we've got accomplished yesterday. As a team, we're
23 going to get this done.

24 So starting in the North -- essentially the Bay
25 Area, San Francisco Bay Area in the North Contra Costa



1 Solano district. We went through multiple iterations
2 that we are no longer pursuing. I believe Commissioner
3 Yee also reported on his valiant attempt but -- to do
4 something with adding Fairfield back into Solano, was
5 really not able to come up with anything that could --
6 that was workable. And we did, I believe, come to a
7 resolution on the plan, which is posted, that shows how
8 the district now has incorporated a significant amount of
9 Antioch, and I believe that's how we resolved that issue.

10 Then going down the coast, we did assign a task to
11 Tamina, and I believe another Commissioner was helping
12 her, to try to see what she could do about possibly
13 increasing Latino CVAP in that area and other communities
14 of interest.

15 Then going to the North of the central part of the
16 state, we had one organized attempt at seeing if we could
17 put Modesto -- separate Modesto from the ECA. And that
18 was an assignment that was also -- we worked on in public
19 session and then was also assigned to -- we left Kennedy
20 working through that.

21 Then moving South, we ended up working on Los -- in
22 the Los Angeles area. We did the Cal Pomony -- Cal Poly
23 Pomona area, which we'll go over it when we look at the
24 maps today to make sure we actually include the Cal Poly
25 Pomona with the City of Pomona. In the Angeles National

1 Forest, they were added to some of the district South,
2 and we'll look at that. I believe we might have a bit
3 more information coming in to finish that area off. We
4 worked on the Thaitown area. And we were balancing
5 population in the Glassell Park/Eagle Rock area, which we
6 can review when we get to the Los Angeles area.

7 Then in the Los Angeles and also Orange County area,
8 Commissioners Sadhwani and Toledo presented an
9 alternative looking at -- for LBNORTH, which was -- which
10 we discussed at length but decided not to pursue that,
11 and that's -- but there was some feedback which they
12 possibly might have considered.

13 And now that is what I think we went over yesterday.
14 Were there any items that I missed before we then get a
15 list of what iterations we're going to be going through
16 next? Okay. Not seeing any hands.

17 Now, I have that the iterations that we're expecting
18 to see is the report back on the San Benito area on the
19 coast. Actually, I believe a couple of attempts at
20 the -- getting the Monterey area separate from the ECA,
21 which is the Sierras. And we will also, I believe, have
22 a couple of iterations -- well, I'm actually -- I'm
23 not --

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Actually, Chair?

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- sure if we're having another --

1 yes.

2 Commissioner Fernandez.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Actually, that was Modesto,
4 not Monterey. Modesto from ECA.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm terribly sorry. It's Monterey
6 from --

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- ECS.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And that's a couple of --
10 yes.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Although they both start with an
12 "m", they're not the same town. So thank you very much,
13 Commissioner Fernandez. Yes. And I don't -- then, so at
14 that point, those are the only iterations that I have
15 that we're expecting today. Are there other iterations
16 that Commissioners would like -- oh, I'm sorry.

17 Commissioner Sinay did bring up there might be
18 something for Orange County. Any others?

19 Commissioner Fornaciari.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I think yesterday
21 we also looked at the VRA districts in the Central Valley
22 and looked at potential -- some other potential
23 approaches, but kind of decided they weren't going to
24 work and I think left comfortable with those at that
25 point.



1 The other thing that I think we need to circle -- or
2 close a loop on today is we've looked at essentially all
3 of the state, but we have to come back to Northern San
4 Bernardino, Northern L.A. County and finish up that
5 reconciliation, the population reconciliation and how
6 we're going to bring that population down from the North
7 and then get those districts finalized, too.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you very much. All
9 right. And in addition to, if there are any other
10 iterations, then also what other items we want to get to.
11 And that's certainly one of the important ones on the
12 list.

13 Commissioner Sinay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, sorry. I just wanted to
15 clarify it's San Diego, not Orange County.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. Okay. All
17 right. Well, with that, we can either go through the
18 iterations that we have, or do we want to make a list of
19 all the items that might be outstanding first? Do we
20 have any -- do we have a preference?

21 Seeing no preference, we might just -- let's march
22 through the iterations we have and then we might think of
23 ideas as we go through the state. So at this point, I
24 could -- please, Tamina, share your map with us. Great.
25 Thank you very much. And, oh. This is wonderful. Now,

1 could you please tell us what this iteration is called in
2 the handouts for the public?

3 MS. RAMOS ALON: Certainly. We are actually -- the
4 iteration I'm going to show you right now is called
5 iteration -- oh my goodness -- Iteration TF, and it is
6 the purple lines right here. This iteration is focused
7 on two districts, which are the Cupertino district and
8 the Mid-Coast District. It was worked on by
9 Commissioners Toledo and Fernandez.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Wonderful. And could you please
11 put the CVAP on here? And did Commissioners -- any of
12 the Commissioners want to discuss this or -- oh.

13 Commissioner Toledo.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Just briefly. I mean,
15 Commissioner Fernandez and I have been looking at how to
16 make sure that the maps are drawn fairly for the
17 agricultural communities of the Central Coast, especially
18 the farmworker communities in the Monterey and San Benito
19 area as well as some of the farmworker communities up
20 in -- that are included from Santa Clara County as well,
21 or rather Santa Cruz County.

22 We went through and we -- and put as much of it as
23 we could in here that hadn't been and did a few
24 refinements to do so, but we were able to get the CVAP a
25 little bit higher in order to ensure that -- or in order

1 to ensure that the Latino population in this area has an
2 opportunity to elect a candidate of their choice.

3 I think one of the things that that -- as both of
4 us, both Commissioner Fernandez and I really have strong
5 connection to the agricultural communities. Both of our
6 parents' families were agricultural farm-working
7 individuals. We really care about the Central Valley and
8 the Central Coast and all farm-working communities as
9 well as the rest of California. And so we really wanted
10 to just make sure that we left no stone unturned while
11 also making sure that the communities around these areas
12 also had fair representation. And I believe we achieved
13 that.

14 I think it's difficult. We were looking at -- one
15 of the things we were considering also is the Central
16 Coast versus the Santa Clara population. And I believe
17 we have -- we struck the best balance we could while also
18 making sure that we met our legal obligations to the --
19 because this area has VRA considerations. So just wanted
20 to share that as the bigger picture for this district. I
21 believe this district will -- this map is fairly drawn.

22 Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner
24 Toledo. Actually, there really isn't much left for me to
25 say, so thank you so much for summing that up really



1 well. Yes, definitely the farm laborers, I want to make
2 sure that they are represented. Dear to my heart and
3 dear to Commissioner Toledo's heart as well. And what we
4 try to do is we try to equally balance, as Commissioner
5 Toledo said, between Santa Clara and then also the San
6 Benito, Monterey, and Santa Cruz counties. And we
7 actually struck a pretty good balance there. So thank
8 you, Tamina, for working with us, and open for questions.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Any questions? It
10 looks -- actually, can we see -- could you walk us
11 through the CVAP, please? Or actually even changes, that
12 would be wonderful.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sure. So as was mentioned,
14 the changes were really minor. The black lines here are
15 what we had before. So we smoothed this out to the
16 purple line. Isn't much population down here, so really
17 just making this a cleaner line for folks to follow.

18 And then really the little changes that you see with
19 the lines here along the coastal area have to do with
20 what we could do to increase the LCVAP in case this is a
21 potential VRA area to look at. So looking at these
22 particular different communities, what they had in
23 common, if there was a way to keep similar communities
24 together. As was mentioned, the agricultural and
25 farmworker communities, if there were little pieces that

1 we could rejoin.

2 As was discussed yesterday, we explored this area
3 West of Watsonville in the unincorporated area, and so
4 that line has been moved. Just a little bit of the
5 unincorporated area of Santa Clara. And I believe it was
6 just one or two blocks up here in the Southern part of
7 the Santa Clara -- Northern Santa Clara County/San Jose
8 section of Cupertino which were moved. And the CVAP
9 which you are looking at on the label here is 50.51
10 percent LCVAP, 2.77 percent BCVAP, 14.01 percent ACVAP,
11 0.64 percent ICVAP, and 30.81 percent WCVAP.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Wonderful. Thank you. Thank you
13 very much. No, this is a -- I know the Commissioners
14 worked hard and long on this, and I really appreciate --
15 the whole Commission appreciates the efforts.

16 Commissioner Fernandez.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I just I forgot to
18 mention we were able to increase it a tiny bit. It was
19 50.39, and it went up to 50.51. It's a tiny bit. You
20 know what? Every bit counts. Thanks.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

22 Commissioner Sinay.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted to make sure that
24 this was reviewed by counsel.

25 MR. LARSON: This is the first time I'm seeing it,



1 but based on the composition, I think it complies with
2 Voting Rights Act concerns, particularly with regard to
3 the Latino population of San Benito County.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Wonderful. Well, thank you very
5 much for all involved. Does the Commission have a
6 general consensus on accepting this? We like this
7 version? I see a few nods. Any other -- Commissioner
8 Ahmad.

9 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Is this version currently --
10 thank you, Chair, first of all. Is this version uploaded
11 on our map viewer as of yet?

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: I believe the PDF is up, but the
13 map viewer version is not up yet.

14 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay. Then since I was late,
15 I'll just review it off-line and bring forward any
16 concerns if I have any at a later point. Thank you.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.
18 Commissioner Sadhwani.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I definitely am in agreement
20 that we should move forward with this, and I just wanted
21 to really thank Commissioner Fernandez and Toledo for
22 their work on this area. It was an area that we heard a
23 whole lot about and certainly was very important to me,
24 too. So I really appreciate all your work. Thank you.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

1 Commissioner Toledo.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And I did want to thank all
3 the community groups that have been writing to us,
4 calling in, and asking for a district that represents the
5 San Benito and the Monterey district. I mean, we hear
6 you. We wish we could have added the whole two districts
7 together -- both counties together and created a Central
8 Coast district that was just Central Coast. The numbers
9 just are what they are, and we've done, I think, a very
10 good job to capture the two -- as much of the two
11 counties as possible and to fairly represent the
12 interests of the Central Coast. Thank you.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. Well, I
14 believe the general consensus is that we will pursue this
15 option, and so if you could go ahead and make those
16 changes, please, Tamina.

17 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, Chair.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. And now the
19 next iteration that I have is -- actually, this is --
20 this will be -- as we leave the coastal and the bay area,
21 are there any other items that we wanted to discuss while
22 we're here or just add to our list and come back?

23 Commissioner Sinay.

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I know we've spoken about this
25 a lot, but I just want to do it one last time just to



1 make sure we're all on the same page. Just looking at
2 our VRA districts in the Central Valley and just making
3 sure -- I think Commissioner Turner has already worked
4 with line drawers as well as -- the line drawers as well
5 as us have all tried to turn all -- all stones have been
6 turned or whatever the -- sorry. English sayings are my
7 downfall. But if we just wanted to make sure that we
8 say -- yeah, make sure we're all feeling good about it.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you. Yes. In this
10 time, this particular time, I'm trying to think about the
11 coast area and the bay area, and we will certainly
12 address the Central Valley --

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: My apologies. I just --

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No. Thanks --

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- for bringing it up. Thank you.
17 Commissioner Yee.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. I'm sorry I didn't have a
19 chance to work this out with the line drawers, but on
20 page -- in Solano County area to see if we can get
21 Grizzly -- the Grizzly Bay and wildlife refuge area there
22 in with Fairfield, it would improve the look of the
23 district and we get more of Solano County in with its
24 county seat. I checked just now. There's extremely
25 large census blocks there, and possibly as many as 10,000

1 folks, but it would just involve a change in the split in
2 Vacaville or North Fairfield where we had it before. I'd
3 like to explore that.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, certainly. If you'd like to
5 explore that, please do so. And you can -- and come back
6 with that --

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: The Grizzly Bay (indiscernible)
8 water right below (indiscernible).

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. And that is the --
10 essentially (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- waters at that point. Yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: And the whole refuge. Thank you.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, that refuge area. Thank you
15 very much. Any other items for the -- in the bay area or
16 the coast? Okay. Oh, Commissioner Toledo.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I have a quick question on
18 that, Commissioner Yee. Would that be putting that area
19 in with Yolo Lake or with NORTHCONT?

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm moving it to NORTHCONT and
21 adjusting the split with --

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: But it would be about 10,000
25 people?



1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Depending how it's done. I draw
2 (indiscernible) district valley in census tracts, not
3 census blocks, so I --

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. And we'll -- again,
6 like all iterations, nothing happens on our maps until
7 the entire Commission has reviewed it and kind of, in a
8 general sense, we might pursue that option or not.

9 Commissioner Toledo.

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Sorry. I didn't take down my
11 hand.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. That's all right.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, though.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fernandez.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: (Indiscernible) Fernandez,
16 apparently. So Commissioner Yee, it was putting -- you
17 want to put more of Solano County into NORTHCONT? Is
18 that what you are trying to do?

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's right. Since the whole
20 Grizzly Bay and wildlife area is very thinly populated, I
21 thought I would improve the shape of that NORTHCONT
22 district as well as put more of Solano County in with its
23 county seat.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thanks.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Turner.



1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I wanted to
2 see the full -- I thought we were at the coast, but then
3 you mentioned also the bay. So can I just see the full
4 NORTHCONT?

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, certainly. Did I review that?
6 Yes. Yeah. Tamina, could we have a bit of a review of
7 that?

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. Thank you.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Wonderful. Okay. So
10 then I have the next -- thank you very much, Tamina. And
11 could we possibly have Kennedy share a map with us?

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: Absolutely. One moment, Chair.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry.

14 Commissioner Turner, were you -- did you have
15 another item? Not at this time? Okay. And now, again,
16 I'm just -- we're just going through the state. We will
17 come back. If there are other items that suddenly occur
18 to you, please mention those because it's certainly not
19 precluding any until we're -- until we feel comfortable
20 with the maps, we will be looking at them and reflecting
21 on them.

22 So if we could get the -- we'll do just a few
23 minutes of switchover. And I understand now we will be
24 looking at several iterations which are posted, which I
25 list -- they're called the Congressional districts

1 iteration. One is called Iteration Stockton; the other
2 is called Iteration Parkway. I believe Commissioner
3 Fernandez might be walking us through one or both of
4 these.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sure. Okay. Kennedy?

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. Well, yeah. We're just going
7 to give her a minute to be able to share her map.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. So we had two
9 different iterations. One of them was bringing in
10 entire -- all of Stanislaus into -- out of ECA. And then
11 the other iteration was just Modesto. So once Kennedy
12 brings it up, we --so we --

13 MS. WILSON: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- actually -- are you --

15 MS. WILSON: I was just going to ask which one you
16 want first since there were two. Just whatever one.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: How about let's do the one
18 with the entire county first. How about that one.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great.

20 MS. WILSON: Got it. One moment.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: What is this plan called on
23 the website?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think Kennedy would have
25 a better idea of what it's called.

1 MS. WILSON: It should be Iteration Parkway. I do
2 not --

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Is this one Parkway?

4 MS. WILSON: This is the Parkway, has stuff --

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Iteration Parkway.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. I'm looking at the printout
7 PDF map, and it appears that is the Parkway one.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And I'll go over the second
9 option, too, but that was one that Commissioner Akutagawa
10 worked on more so, but I can probably still walk you
11 through that one as well. And then Kennedy actually
12 knows the specifics. So she could probably actually walk
13 it through better than any of us could. But we'll go on
14 this journey.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. No, if you prefer that
16 Kennedy walk us through the details and then you can kind
17 of give us the background, whichever way you feel more
18 comfortable.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That's fine. Okay,
20 Kennedy, can we do --

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Before we start getting --
22 Commissioner Andersen, can we just get the high level?
23 What are we trying to achieve here? What was the goal of
24 these changes?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Just because, I mean, I think
2 I know, but I just want to make sure that we're all in
3 the same -- and the public, too. That the public
4 understands --

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- where we're coming from and
7 what we're trying to achieve from a high level
8 perspective. Then we can get into the details.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yes. Thank you.
10 Thank you for that, Commissioner Toledo. Was it
11 yesterday? Yesterday's meeting, we had received input
12 from Modesto not wanting to be with the ECA. And so what
13 we were charged with was going back to see if we could
14 bring Modesto and then also Stanislaus County, so we have
15 two different iterations, back into the -- I think we put
16 it in the -- we put it into -- I can't think of the name
17 of the --

18 MS. WILSON: San Joaquin?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- district.

20 MS. WILSON: SAC San Joaquin?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Yeah. We brought it
22 back into that. And then what we had to do was move the
23 population, go up San Joaquin, Sacramento County, then go
24 up to the Sierras, and then come back down to then
25 populate the ECA. By taking out all of the county, I



1 believe that was about 427,000 was the population, so we
2 had to walk that population. And so try to -- yeah.
3 Just go up to the Sacramento to -- and then also like the
4 Placer area and all the way up to -- I think it was
5 moving all the way to Plumas, I believe, wasn't it?
6 Yeah.

7 MS. WILSON: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And then back around to
9 populate ECA. So we took out 427,000, and we had to put
10 back in 427,000. So that was -- that's kind of like the
11 overall.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So higher -- even higher level
13 than that, is it that we're trying to unite rural -- put
14 urban areas with urban areas or rural areas with rural
15 areas? Modesto being --

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I believe --

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- a more urban area?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- Modesto wanted to be
19 more of Central Valley and then, yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Be more of the Central
22 Valley.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So it has to do with
24 geographic --

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, yes.



1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay. Thank you.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. It was geographically based.

3 Commissioner Fernandez is right. There was a -- the
4 Central Valley issues were more agricultural and housing
5 and issues of that sort and different agriculture where
6 the mountainous area is -- the mountain area, it's
7 broadband. It's also ranching, which are often cross
8 purposes. So it was trying to separate the purposes of
9 the entire area. Oh. I'm sorry.

10 Commissioner Sadhwani?

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Well, yeah. I'm just
12 wondering if we could move the map up so that we can see
13 the upper bounds of this iteration. Thank you.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right. Thank you. Could we
15 get the -- I'm sorry. So the population in here was
16 427,000 in that section?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. To bring the whole
18 county into --

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, that --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- the Central Valley was
21 427,000.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Wow. There is --

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Is it up --

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- Stanislaus.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- Kennedy?



1 MS. WILSON: Yes. This is the Parkway iteration.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So let's start --
3 why don't we start at -- yes. Thank you.

4 MS. WILSON: So I'll put on the previous lines, but
5 it was also including Ripon. It was slightly -- the
6 previous lines were slightly into San Joaquin County.
7 And so bringing all of that plus all of Stanislaus in,
8 yes, was about 427,000 people. We worked it up and
9 went -- we took a similar -- looking at Iteration CD1107,
10 looking at those maps, we took the same kind of map for
11 there.

12 And so we put Modesto and parts of Turlock with
13 Tracy, Mountain House, Manteca, Lathrop, and then the
14 Eastern farming towns in San Joaquin County, and then we
15 balanced that out. We moved North and into Stockton. We
16 kept Stockton whole. We also have Discovery Bay and
17 Byron in here. And continuing to move North to, of
18 course, balance populations, we did have to find splits
19 in Sacramento.

20 And so we have Elk Grove, Vineyard, Wilton, Rancho
21 Murieta together, and Florin, but we did have to split
22 within the CDP of Parkway. We split it down the 99 and
23 then kind of took back so that we could get the right
24 population. And that is where we had to do a split in
25 that area.



1 And then moving up into the Northern parts of
2 Sacramento, we also moved West Sacramento upwards. And
3 I'll show you the previous lines. Before we had a line
4 that was going through Sacramento, and so we moved those
5 up into North SAC, and we also had to do a split in
6 Arden-Arcade at Howe Avenue and a bit below at American
7 River. Then we also have Rosemont, La Rivera, Rancho
8 Cordova, Mather, North Highlands, Rio Linda, and Elverta
9 in this iteration as well.

10 And then continuing to move North, we kept moving
11 the population Northwards. Then we have PLACER SAC,
12 which has, again, that split in Arden-Arcade on Howe
13 Avenue, and Carmichael, Fair Oaks, Gold River, Folsom,
14 Citrus Heights, Orangevale, Antelope, Foothill Farms,
15 North Highlands. And we also have Roseville. And we had
16 to create a split in Rocklin at the 80 Freeway, so we
17 split there in Rocklin.

18 And then continuing to move out, our last step was
19 moving in ECA. And so we kept the boundaries that were
20 already there from the Northern counties. So before
21 PLACER SAC, took parts of El Dorado, Placer, Nevada,
22 Sierra up to Plumas and Yuba, and we moved those over to
23 ECA.

24 So now ECA includes all of El Dorado, Granite Bay,
25 Loomis, a little part of Rocklin that's on the Eastern



1 side of the 80. We have Lincoln, Sheridan, and the rest
2 of Placer, of course. Oh sorry. Here, you can see
3 better without the cities. The split that we had before
4 from Yuba and then up to Plumas County.

5 And so, again, we just windmilled the population
6 through Sacramento, created the split in Parkway at the
7 99, and then up to PLACER SAC, created the split at
8 Arden-Arcade, Carmichael at Howe, and a split in Rocklin
9 at the 80, and then moved up and kept El Dorado whole and
10 the other boundaries that were part of PLACER SAC before
11 for ECA.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

13 Commissioner Fernandez.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And so by doing this,
15 we actually ended up splitting many more COIs as we move
16 up, Kennedy, to the Parkway area. So right now with
17 this, we are splitting Parkway and Florin, which is a
18 very low income area of Latino, Blacks, Asians. So we're
19 splitting up all those COIs, like, from Oak Park, Lemon
20 Hill, Parkway, Florin. Also Greenhaven, Fruitridge
21 Pocket, from Elk Grove and Vineyard that we've heard many
22 times.

23 And then as we move further North, we continue to --
24 well, we continue to split up more COIs in terms of with
25 Rose -- well, we had to go into Arcade, which was whole



1 before. Then we go further North and we split up the
2 communities of interest from Rocklin, Loomis, and
3 Roseville, and Lincoln. And we go all the way up to
4 Plumas to grab the population. So now this is from
5 Plumas all the way down to Inyo is the size of this
6 district. For me, I believe it disrupts more COIs,
7 especially for the lower income working-class population.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

9 Commissioner Toledo.

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Sorry. My hand was
11 accidentally raised.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. Okay. Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Turner.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yep. Thank you, Commissioner
16 Fernandez and Kennedy. I immediately see as a flag
17 concern about the number of COIs that are being split,
18 particularly -- and did I see, Kennedy, West SAC is now
19 in a district with Rossville. Can you go back? How did
20 that go East to West there? How far did that go?

21 MS. WILSON: It goes out to Rancho Cordova, so it's
22 not --

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Rancho Cordova?

24 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. That's still, I think,



1 a different -- and West SAC and Lemon Hill is over --
2 yeah, over to Rancho Cordova. I like some of what
3 happened in ECA, but everything getting to ECA was not, I
4 think, what many of the COIs wanted to happen. And so I
5 look forward to seeing the other option. Thank you.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Kennedy?

7 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. In general,
8 I like the overall architecture. I am concerned about
9 some of these communities of interest and would like to
10 see if we can find a way to address them. I mean, I
11 remember we were looking last night at the area around
12 Freeport South of West SAC, North of Clarksburg. And I
13 know there's not a lot of population there, but -- and I
14 realize that Parkway is probably much more densely
15 populated. I'm just looking for where we could resolve
16 the population issues and the splits in -- particularly
17 in Parkway. But generally, I think I like the
18 architecture. Thank you.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

20 MS. WILSON: And a note on that, you are correct.
21 There just isn't enough people down here to resolve that
22 split. It would have to I guess come from further South,
23 and that would cause -- oh sorry. I don't know. Someone
24 was talking.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, no. No, go ahead. Go ahead.



1 Oh. I think that was someone in the background of
2 somewhere.

3 MS. WILSON: Oh. Okay. Sorry.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So please continue.

5 MS. WILSON: So just, yeah, this is not enough to
6 really resolve that and probably would just result in
7 more splits somewhere else. But I do understand the
8 thought, but just saying.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I put myself in the queue here. I
10 certainly appreciate, yes, the split in Parkway is
11 certainly not what we want. Could you zoom in on that a
12 little bit, please, Kennedy? But it does keep Sacramento
13 whole, which we've heard of. And I'm wondering if in
14 that if you could rearrange within that -- it's called
15 North SAC -- to put all of Parkway into it if you might
16 have taken some of the other -- either take a little bit
17 more of Arden-Arcade or something within it to shift that
18 line around because I do see Sacramento, the city is
19 whole. West Sacramento is with the City of Sacramento.
20 And Arden-Arcade is with Carmichael. There are actually
21 a lot of good architectural things, then, in it.

22 This is a problem that I see, but I'm wondering if
23 there's other arrangements within this area that might
24 work. I don't know what the population is in that area,
25 but I'm just wondering if -- to put that in -- to move

1 that line -- to put that in, something else comes out, if
2 that makes sense. And Commissioner Fernandez would, of
3 course, know the area better.

4 And then going North. The Arden-Arcades, all the
5 way up through there, those are the suburbs which fit
6 better. It is a shame that Rocklin and Lincoln aren't
7 together, but -- and then over -- it does have in one
8 district, Truckee and all of Tahoe, which is nice. And
9 then that is a totally Sierra district. So again I kind
10 of also like the architecture, but there are problem
11 areas within it, and I still don't know how those could
12 be resolved. I just want to bring that up.

13 But we have another option as well.

14 Commissioner Fernandez, did you want to say more
15 about this particular one before we look at the other
16 option?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And before we leave,
18 anything you do to -- you continue to break up COIs if we
19 were to try to bring in Parkway, you also -- there's also
20 a COI for Parkland -- Parkway and Florin because you do
21 have a higher concentration of cultural groups in there.
22 And then if you start taking population from Arden-
23 Arcade, of course, that's -- so every move you make is
24 sacrificing a different community of interest, so
25 that's -- yeah. So that's just something that we would

1 have to grapple with.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Well, yes. And there are --

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And the populations are
4 very dense. Like Florin.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That section itself is
7 52,000. It's very condensed --

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- population.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, it is. It's tricky through
11 this area, certainly.

12 Commissioner Kennedy.

13 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. So the 52,000 is the
14 total for Florin?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. It's 52,658.

16 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And the total for
17 Parkway is what? Or even how much would we need to
18 change in Parkway to -- if we wanted to bring the rest of
19 Parkway into, I don't know, either one. But if the more
20 significant community of interest is between Parkway and
21 Florin, then we'd would want to bring the rest of Parkway
22 in with Florin, Vineyard, and Elk Grove. So how much are
23 we looking for there? Right.

24 MS. WILSON: So that would be a total of 6,528
25 people.



1 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So we've already said
2 that that area West of Freeport doesn't have all of that,
3 but it presumably has part of it. And I'm wondering also
4 the area between -- if you can pull out just one more
5 click -- between Rancho Murieta and Folsom and Rancho
6 Cordova, the unincorporated area there in the Eastern
7 part of the county.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Trying to find another 6,000 or so
9 to put in the switch.

10 MS. WILSON: And one moment while I highlight that
11 area.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fernandez, is the part
13 with Florin the --

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. So the communities
15 of interest, they're all combined -- it's Asian, Black,
16 and also Latino -- is Oak Park, also the Fruitridge area,
17 the Lemon Hill, Parkway, Florin, and into Elk Grove and
18 Vineyard. So it's all of that. It's not just one
19 section of it which is highly populated.

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. So I guess this -- what
21 we're looking at now, the area there, Rancho Murieta,
22 Rancho Cordova, and Folsom, that would be to bring more
23 population into Sacramento so that we could make Parkway
24 whole in North SAC with Lemon Hill and Fruitridge Pocket.

25 MS. WILSON: And I haven't finished, but as you can



1 see, most of it's filled in and it's a total of --

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

3 MS. WILSON: -- 400.

4 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right.

6 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

7 MS. WILSON: To bring in 6,000 would most likely --

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Actually --

9 MS. WILSON: Oh.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- how many people are in Rancho
11 Murieta?

12 MS. WILSON: It's about 5,000 but let me look. One
13 moment.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. So Rancho Murieta could
15 actually be switched for the rest of Parkway.

16 Commissioner Sadhwani.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Just a process
18 question. Was I right to -- when I heard that there's
19 another plan to review?

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry. Yes, you're
21 absolutely --

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It might just --

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- right. Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: --be helpful to review that
25 1st before we get into --



1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- these swaps --

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: True.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- just so we can know what
5 our options fully are.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thanks.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I think the exploration was being
9 done as if this is at all possible, but certainly. Yes,
10 so that's 5,000. So all right. Thank you, Kennedy.
11 Yes, at this point, let's -- I mean, it appears that may
12 be a possibility, but let's review the other prepared
13 iteration, which is called Iteration Stockton, I believe.
14 Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

15 MS. WILSON: So here we have Iteration Stockton, and
16 if you couldn't tell by now, they're named by where the
17 split is. The last one was Parkway, and this one is
18 Stockton. So this one also does not bring in all of the
19 Stanislaus County line. I think there was a bit of
20 confusion whether or not it was just Modesto or the
21 entire county, so we just did another iteration that had
22 a different framework.

23 But whether you brought more people in, then it
24 would just move the lines a little bit farther down. So
25 it's similar in that way, but it follows a more, I would

1 say, horizontal splits rather than vertical splits that
2 we saw from the previous iteration. And I don't know if
3 I leave this to another Commissioner to highly overview.
4 I can do it as well. Whatever is easiest for anyone.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Kennedy, if you can take
6 through this because this is the one that you worked
7 with. I started with you and Commissioner Akutagawa, and
8 then you two finished it. But I think this is the one
9 that does split on Stockton and then goes up. Thank you.

10 MS. WILSON: Yes. So as before mentioned, we just
11 took the area of Modesto. So this switch was, I think,
12 about 200,000 less people than the other version moving
13 things up. So we still have Turlock, Oakdale, Knights
14 Ferry, and the rest of Stanislaus going out towards the
15 ECA.

16 And we move into San Joaquin, and I'm going to move
17 into the Stockton line. So we have Discovery Bay and
18 Byron also going down. Mountain House, Tracy, Lathrop,
19 and Manteca. And then moving into Stockton, there is a
20 split at a natural resource, at a river that was here.
21 And I can turn on -- I believe, University of Pacific is
22 below, but give me one moment while I turn on that layer
23 so you can see that. So it goes right through where
24 this --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh. On the river.



1 MS. WILSON: Yes, on the river. It goes through
2 Stockton on this river, so everything South of the river,
3 including Country Club, August, Garden Acres, everything
4 below, that is going in with Modesto. And we have Peters
5 and Farmington as well going South. And then North of
6 the river, we have the rest of the city, Linden and
7 Waterloo, Lodi, the rest of the farming towns, as well as
8 Terminous, Woodbridge, out to Dogtown.

9 And then moving North into Sacramento, we were
10 able -- a difference here is that Vineyard, Elk Grove,
11 Florin, Parkway, Lemon Hill, and Fruitridge Pocket are
12 together in Sacramento. We did have a split here at what
13 I believe was Meadowview. And one more moment to verify
14 that. Oh no. It's at Florin Road. So we went up to
15 Florin Road, down on Freeport Boulevard. We went and
16 grabbed a little bit more blocks to the side for
17 population purposes, one above, as you can see as well.
18 So it has Meadowview, Parkway, Valley High, North Laguna
19 in there as well as the Florin, Vineyard area.

20 And so that was a lot in one district, so I'll back
21 out and kind of repeat that. So again, in Stockton we
22 have Linden, Waterloo, and the river going through
23 Stockton North with Elk Grove and Florin, Lemon Hill,
24 Fruitridge Pocket split at Florin Road going South. And
25 then moving into North SAC, we have somewhat similar as

1 to last time. It has Mather, Rosemont, La Riviera with
2 West Sacramento, the rest of Sacramento. And then we do
3 have a split through Carmichael, keeping the Punjabi COI
4 together that was in Carmichael and Arden-Arcade plus a
5 few more blocks for population, but keeping that COI
6 whole here. We have North Highlands, Foothill Farms,
7 McCollum Park, Elverta, Rio Linda as well in this North
8 SAC iteration.

9 And then we have the PLACER SAC again, which has
10 Rancho Cordova, parts of Carmichael that were not a part
11 of that COI. Then we have Citrus Heights, Antelope, Fair
12 Oaks, Gold River, Orangevale, and Folsom. We have
13 Roseville, Granite Bay, Rocklin, Loomis, Lincoln, Penryn,
14 Newcastle. Auburn does have a kind of noncontiguous
15 piece that goes right above North Auburn. So
16 coincidentally, it is split because of that, but it just
17 includes Auburn, and North Auburn is going North in this
18 as well.

19 And then we have very similar -- identical Northern
20 boundaries as the last one because we just took from what
21 was there before. So close to Plumas, parts of Yuba,
22 Sierra Nevada, parts of Placer shared in North Auburn and
23 then going out to the East. All of El Dorado again, Gold
24 Country, and down to Inyo. And then we also have
25 Oakdale, Knights Ferry -- to Knights Ferry, Valley Home,



1 and Turlock going out to ECA as well. And that is an
2 overview of those changes, and to you.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right. Thank you.

4 Commissioner Fernandez and then Commissioner Ahmad.

5 Commissioner Fernandez?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And I forgot to
7 mention on the other option one, other communities of
8 interest that are impacted by bringing all -- on the
9 first option was bringing in all of Stanislaus. What we
10 have now, the most current version, had San Joaquin
11 almost whole, together. Also had Sacramento pretty much
12 whole in three districts. So it broke up that -- those
13 communities of interests as well.

14 So on this one, Kennedy, if you can zoom in.
15 Obviously, a major community of interest that's being
16 split is Stockton, splitting Stockton. And again, this
17 is just bringing Modesto into -- the population was less
18 than the first. And then as you continue to move up into
19 Sacramento, you still have -- you are able to retain the
20 Lemon Hill/Florin, but you do not have the Oak Park that
21 is also tied with Lemon Hill.

22 In terms of how this is split out, I don't
23 necessarily like the configuration of it, but it is what
24 it is. And I think that's it because it's pretty similar
25 to the other one in terms of once you get to the ECA East

1 of it.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

3 Commissioner Ahmad.

4 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. Can we zoom
5 in to see where ECA spills over into Stanislaus County?

6 MS. WILSON: Yes, we may. One moment.

7 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you. I just want to take
8 a closer look at that.

9 MS. WILSON: So the split we tried to follow was --
10 this is the county line between Stanislaus and San
11 Joaquin, so we pretty much just went down and then
12 take -- to take in Modesto and Empire and River Bank. So
13 we have Valley Home, Oakdale, East Oakdale, Knights
14 Ferry, parts of Turlock, Donaire, Houston, Waterford,
15 Hickman, and La Grange going into ECA. And of course, if
16 we were to make the county line whole, shifting that
17 population, this -- oh, I'm sorry -- this line in
18 Stockton would start coming down a little bit more. If
19 you reunited more population, then we would have to pull
20 down the line a bit in Stockton. Just sorry.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.

22 Commissioner Kennedy. Oh. I'm sorry.

23 Commissioner Ahmad, did you want to say anything
24 about this?

25 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Not yet. Thank you.



1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.

2 Commissioner Kennedy.

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. And thank
4 you for sharing this iteration as well. After looking at
5 both and looking at the pluses and minuses of both -- of
6 course, as we've recognized, neither one is perfect. I
7 think that my preference is very much for the first one
8 contingent upon looking at making some fixes. I think we
9 were on to something in looking at shifting Rancho
10 Murieta into the NORTHSAC district and trying to make
11 Parkway whole. So I would prefer to go in that
12 direction. I'm not ready to say yes to the first
13 iteration as it is, but I just think that that's a better
14 direction to head in. Thank you.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

16 Commissioner Turner.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Thank you. This is
18 tough work, and I appreciate the attention and the
19 diligence and just looking at all of these blocks and
20 census blocks and COI testimony for the Commissioners,
21 and Kennedy, just for your patience and your focus on
22 this. Yeah.

23 So both iterations are problematic, and our initial
24 draft, of course, we weren't pleased with, and so we
25 wanted to kind of explore some other pieces. The first



1 for me, the four Congressional districts and the problems
2 that ensue as a result of people being able to have a
3 voice is problematic in splitting up all of the COIs that
4 we have. And I don't see a clear path to not split them
5 in the manner that's been presented.

6 This second one, again, problematic in particularly
7 where the split is. And I was trying to see what could
8 be taken out to move the line one way or the other. And
9 again, for right at where it is at the river, right by
10 UOP, and there's some housing things that exist. There's
11 a bunch of waterway issues in Stockton, of course,
12 throughout the canals and deltas and all.

13 And at this point, for me, I think my preference is
14 back to our draft that was initially -- I said I wanted
15 to explore to see if there was something different that
16 can be done to bring in the communities, but it seems
17 that now we're making a switch or swap again in COIs for
18 Modesto and some of the other areas that will now also
19 bring harm to different areas, which is often the case
20 when you're trying to balance between the two. But as of
21 right now for what's presented, it feels to me like the
22 best issue of the iterations in the draft might be the
23 draft that we started with.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

25 Commissioner Sinay.



1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I want to second what
2 Commissioner Turner said, and I also wanted to say thank
3 you for kind of highlighting what COIs were being split.
4 I think that was -- that's really helpful, and that was
5 partially the reason I had asked yesterday when we were
6 looking at Long Beach because we can't keep them all in
7 our head, and it is helpful to do a quick overview. But
8 I think I'm good with the maps that we have.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.
10 Commissioner Sadhwani.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Thank you so much for
12 all of the work that's been done here, but I'm still a
13 little baffled. When we decided yesterday to have an
14 exploration, it was to leave no stone unturned. And we
15 had heard from communities that they're -- from the ECA
16 folks during the fourteen-day period that they saw the
17 connecting point to be Roseville. Now, in the first
18 exploration map that was shared, the district comes right
19 up to the border to Roseville and doesn't cross in.

20 And I'm just curious why it wasn't even explored as
21 a possible option, right? And that's not to say that we
22 have to adopt it, but communities are asking for it. And
23 even in addition to that, I mean, we've had all sorts of
24 testimony about Roseville being linked to the Tahoe
25 region. The fact that they're already together in

1 districts. They have shared water. The Sierra College
2 district spans throughout the region.

3 I understand that this has been sacred and we
4 haven't touched it. We didn't touch it in the Assembly
5 plan. I'm just on behalf of all of the communities that
6 were calling in and suggesting it, I'm just trying to
7 understand why we wouldn't even look at it as a possible
8 option because that just seems like we're still leaving a
9 stone left unturned in this process. And that just
10 doesn't seem fair or right to me.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.
12 Commissioner Fernandez.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. We actually did try
14 to look at that, and I'm going to let Kennedy respond to
15 that because you actually have to go through certain
16 communities to get there, and by the time you get to
17 Roseville, you're overpopulated, if that makes sense.
18 But I'll let Kennedy talk about that. Is she there?

19 MS. WILSON: Yes. And I mean, there's not much more
20 to it than that. But I guess going that way, it's
21 just -- there's a little bit too much population before
22 Roseville unless, I guess, you kind of split through more
23 of these cities. And also it kind of leaves, without
24 direction, where to put these cities in Sacramento. It
25 kind of leaves them without a home, without a population.

1 Yeah. These people here kind of rely on either one of
2 these kind of to do that. So that's --

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Can we take a look at the
4 first iteration of it?

5 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: This is the second one,
7 correct? This is the second exploration map that we're
8 looking at --

9 MS. WILSON: This is --

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- right now?

11 MS. WILSON: -- the Stockton one, yeah. Would you
12 like to look at the Parkway one?

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, please.

14 MS. WILSON: Sorry. One moment while I pull it up.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No problem, no problem.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. We'll have a look at this, but
17 we are up at a break here in just two minutes, also. We
18 can --

19 MR. MANOFF: Chair, because we came back at 11:30,
20 we can go to 1 o'clock before our next required break.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh. Thank you very much.

22 Continue.

23 MS. WILSON: Okay. So here is the -- sorry, the
24 Parkway iteration. And I'll zoom over to where the
25 border of ECA meets PLACER SAC.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And let me ask you this,
2 though. Further to the North, we're going well above
3 Nevada County. Is that correct?

4 MS. WILSON: Yes, we are going into Plumas.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Um-hum. And is it
6 reasonable to stop at Nevada and include -- and come
7 further into that area there to pick up the population
8 rather than going to Plumas?

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.

10 MS. WILSON: We can explore that. I think also
11 we -- as far as what we were touching, we were touching
12 just the districts it was affecting.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I see.

14 MS. WILSON: So before Placer -- if I pull up the
15 old districts, which I can right now --

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure. That would be
17 helpful, yeah.

18 MS. WILSON: I'm going to turn these off. Sorry.
19 That was hot. The previous Placer iteration went up to
20 this Plumas area, so then taking from that starts to
21 affect the NORCA one as well. So I'm not too sure of --

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So it's combining those two
23 districts? Is that what it is? And then pulling more of
24 the population --

25 MS. WILSON: Yes.



1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- from -- where was it
2 pulling from, Lincoln? No. I'm sorry.

3 MS. WILSON: Just let me pull it back up. So it was
4 pulling from El Dorado. It kind of took a snake line
5 through El Dorado, parts of Rocklin, Lincoln, Sheridan,
6 Loomis and upwards just because we weren't touching the
7 Northern -- the NORCA --

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: NORCA district.

9 MS. WILSON: -- while as well trying to not -- try
10 not --

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: (Indiscernible).

12 MS. WILSON: Yeah. To vocalize and just snake
13 through and not mess through the other districts that the
14 Commission was okay with. Obviously, it could be
15 explored. I'm not too sure, but this kind of also shows
16 how the line kind of snakes through and it can't make it
17 there. I mean, it probably could if we split different
18 things --

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

20 MS. WILSON: But yeah. So if that kind of shows
21 that line starting to snake through and almost reach
22 there, but it just doesn't reach.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. And so that snaking
24 part could take different iterations potentially.

25 MS. WILSON: Yes, potentially, if we probably

1 change --

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: If we reroute the whole
3 area.

4 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. Thank you. That's
6 really helpful to hear, and I see others have ideas.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Ahmad.

8 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair, and thank
9 you, Commissioner Sadhwani, for bringing this up. I was
10 trying to figure out if there's another way we can solve
11 for this, if it is something to be solved for. Earlier,
12 I had brought up the dip from ECA into Stanislaus County
13 where we're actually splitting Turlock. That was a
14 significant community of interest that did call in quite
15 a bit so that was of concern to me. This is on the other
16 iteration that you showed.

17 So just trying to figure out which iteration we're
18 going to move forward with, I would like to see how we
19 can change some of the lines up North in the ECA area,
20 potentially going into Sacramento to make some of the
21 communities of interest whole lower into the Valley.

22 I know that this might ripple into some
23 architectural changes, but that is, in my mind, what
24 right now is for. We are in the drawing phase, so I'm
25 all game for making changes if that means we can make our



1 maps more inclusive of different communities of interest.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I'm sorry. I put myself on mute.

4 Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.

5 Commissioner Kennedy.

6 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Yeah. I'm
7 mostly with Commissioner Sadhwani on this. I'd be happy
8 to explore shifting Plumas into the Northern district.
9 That might also enable us to resolve some issues in Yuba
10 County as well as Southern Placer. So I'd be happy to go
11 on some further exploration of iteration of Parkway.

12 Thank you.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

14 Commissioner Fernandez?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And in terms of my
16 preference, obviously, I prefer the current draft that we
17 have that I believe Commissioner Fornaciari worked on.
18 Thank you.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Since there's -- I
20 appreciate that, and the -- do we have some consensus? I
21 believe there's some ideas that -- oh, I'm sorry.

22 Commissioner Sadhwani.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I just wanted to say I
24 really appreciate Commissioner Kennedy offering to do
25 that exploration, and I would certainly support that.

1 Just lift up, when we came back from our fourteen-day
2 public comment period, if y'all recall, I think it was
3 the 29th of November, we had done a rapid fire round of
4 one or two minutes for each Commissioner to name their
5 top priorities. Eight of fourteen Commissioners raised
6 this ECA district and the significant feedback that we
7 had heard from the community. So to me, it feels like
8 it's still worth some additional exploration before we
9 finalize these maps. Thank you.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.
11 Commissioner Sinay.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I appreciate Commissioner
13 Sadhwani having asked that question about going in a
14 different direction, and I would support additional
15 exploration because, to me, the Truckee, North Tahoe,
16 South Tahoe -- having those counties all together, not
17 just because of that, but just in a lot of what we've
18 read from public testimony makes a lot of sense. And I
19 thank you all for going on that explanation. I know I
20 had said I like the original maps, but this kind of
21 opened my eyes to a new direction. A new stone was
22 turned, so I wanted to voice my support in that way.

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

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I just wanted to



1 respond. In terms of my wanting to work on the ECA, that
2 was for the Assembly because that's when we had Inyo
3 going all the way to Siskiyou. And my other -- I think
4 my other point just flew out of my mind right now. I'll
5 just stop there.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

7 Commissioner Turner.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair, and again,
9 for everyone for working on this. And for us to explore
10 further iterations, I think that's great. It takes the
11 collective minds of all of the Commissioners. I want to
12 say my biggest concern with the first iteration -- I
13 forget what it was called -- the first iteration is the
14 splitting of the communities of interest and all of the
15 testimony that we've heard in the Sacramento, the urban
16 areas, that whole split of the Lemon Hill/Fruitridge
17 Pocket, all of that area, to me, is real problematic.

18 And so as we're moving forward in iterations, in
19 addition to fixing the part further up North, I would
20 want to ensure that there hopefully can be something that
21 would not cause a split in those areas where we're able
22 to keep the Lemon Hill, Fruitridge Pocket, Parkway,
23 Florin, all of those areas together.

24 And then even if we're -- with West Sacramento into
25 the area, and there's -- again, there's COI into those

1 that's working on -- if you look at testimony that's
2 still coming in that suggests what can come in and out of
3 that area to balance but splitting in that area and then
4 adding them in with some of the other -- Rancho Cordova,
5 some of the other areas, to me, kind of ignores some of
6 the testimony that we've gotten from the beginning.
7 Different iterations in response to what we're currently
8 doing, but the testimony of what is required for that
9 area has not necessarily changed. Thank you.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
11 Commissioner Yee.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. Thank you, Commissioner
13 Turner. I mean, so much of this comes down to the COIs,
14 right, and which to honor and which to not.
15 Psychologically, the struggle for me is you can't just
16 discount them, right? It's not like Modesto is just one
17 COI versus five others, so obviously, the five others are
18 more important. I mean, Modesto's a pretty big city, but
19 how does that count COI-wise, right, in our thinking and
20 psychology? And especially when there's such unhappiness
21 going both ways, the ECA and Modesto, such unhappiness.
22 So wanting to hope that there's another way. We've tried
23 so many things. But Commissioner Kennedy and whoever
24 else that wants to give it a try, sure would like to
25 explore.



1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you. I believe the
2 consensus is, is let's --

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Chair.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh sorry.

5 Commissioner Turner? Yes.

6 Commissioner Turner?

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Just one more thing.
8 And I thank Commissioner Yee for saying that because I
9 think that was kind of in the back of my mind. Modesto
10 is an important COI and a big city, and I think the
11 iterations we've looked at have had them either whole in
12 ECA or whole in the San Joaquin County area. And they
13 are two hundred and nineteen, I think, thousand people
14 that I think will have a strong voice and opportunity to
15 participate wherever they are, which, to me, makes it a
16 little bit more problematic in keeping them whole as
17 opposed to splitting some of these other smaller areas
18 that rely on the strength of the testimony of each other
19 working together. And so I'm trying to weigh that into
20 the process as well and just wanted to lift that up.
21 Thank you. Chair, you're on mute.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. I see that
23 there are concerns with the versions we have, but there's
24 also a desire to try to pursue a possibility if there is
25 one. So I would like, since we have volunteers to look

1 into that. One thing, I would like them to go ahead. We
2 don't have a great deal of time left, so it would have
3 been a rather quick exploration.

4 And with that in mind, I do believe that there
5 are -- I don't think you need to go up into the other --
6 you can still do that within what is ECA right now with
7 some rearrangement of -- after Folsom, is that -- the
8 next town up. That is also -- you don't really start
9 getting -- that's another suburb. It's the first one in
10 El Dorado. I think a little investigation right in that.
11 Yeah. The El Dorado Hills. Those are certainly before
12 you start going up, that's still -- that's another area
13 to consider through the Sacramento area. And yes, but
14 I -- but the explorations have to seriously consider the
15 Lemon Hill, Florin, that combination.

16 So with that, I'd like to assign that task and move
17 on. Is that agreeable to the Commission? We have one
18 last -- okay. I'm getting thumbs up.

19 Commissioner Fernandez.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I just want to say
21 that there are more COIs than just the Lemon Hill, Oak
22 Park. So when Kennedy -- our mapper, Kennedy, is aware
23 of all the other COIs, too. So I just want to make sure
24 that those are taken into account as well and whichever
25 ones are broken up to please bring back. Thank you.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Thank you very much.

2 Commissioner Kennedy?

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: And we should go to break.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. We do have a few minutes.

5 And there's one item that -- the next on our list will be
6 just a quick overview of the Central Valley, the VRAs,
7 and just think Mr. Becker might give us a few minutes
8 because he won't be able to be with us much longer. So
9 if you just pan down to the Central Valley and the --
10 including also the San Benito, the VRA districts, please.
11 Kennedy, could you move the map down, please? And we
12 want to have a look at the -- that entire area.

13 Wonderful. Thank you very much.

14 And so, Mr. Becker, would you like to sort of give
15 us a quick overview of -- and say anything that needs to
16 be said about this entire area, please?

17 MR. BECKER: Sure. Thank you. Thank you, Chair.
18 So first of all, we did an initial analysis of racially
19 polarized voting patterns throughout California, and
20 that's reflected in, I think, what was called Appendix A,
21 which was posted on our website, I believe, at the very
22 end of October. And what that reflected was, for each of
23 the three types of districts that we are drawing -- I'm
24 excluding Board of Equalization here -- but for Senate
25 Elections, Assembly Elections, and Congressional

1 Elections, with those elections alone, given the existing
2 boundaries, did we see racially polarized voting. And
3 that was very informative, because those are the most
4 important elections, when you're drawing a Congressional
5 District, looking at racially polarized voting in
6 Congressional Districts is the most probative, the most
7 relevant, but it's not all that's relevant, particularly
8 if it's a gray area.

9 So in Appendix A, we have what we found with regard
10 to Senate Districts, what we found with regard to
11 Assembly Districts, and what we found with regard to
12 Congressional Districts.

13 And throughout the Central Valley, from basically
14 Bakersfield North up to, say, Merced County, we found
15 fairly consistently racially polarized voting with regard
16 to Latinos.

17 And in San Benito County, we found all three Gingles
18 preconditions, racially polarized voting with regard to
19 both Latinos and non-Latinos in the Senate Plan, but it
20 wasn't entirely clear in the Congressional and Assembly
21 Plan, given the districts that had been drawn before.
22 These are very dependent upon the existing districts.

23 So what we did is, after we posted that, we ran some
24 additional analysis on other types of elections,
25 statewide elections, for instance, to see if we could

1 clarify whether or not we found racially polarized
2 voting. And in our opinion, based on the data that we
3 reviewed for all of the elections that we had for the
4 past decade, it's fairly clear that not only is racially
5 polarized voting in existence in the Central Valley, it
6 also is in existence with regard to Latinos in San Benito
7 County. So that's why we're advising the districts be
8 drawn to protect Latino voting rights in those areas.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Becker.

10 I see, actually, Kennedy has a hand up. Kennedy,
11 did you have a question?

12 MS. WILSON: It wasn't about this area, so you can
13 come back to me.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, thank you.

15 Commissioner Toledo.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Just for clarity, for the
17 public, I just want to make sure that the recommendation
18 from VRA Counsel is that a Section 2 VRA District be
19 drawn in the Central Coast, encompassing San Benito and
20 Monterey areas?

21 MR. BECKER: Yeah, specifically San Benito.

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: San Benito, right?

23 MR. BECKER: Primarily, yes. Based on what we're
24 finding, based on -- and again, our analysis is always
25 dependent upon the existing districts because that's

1 where the elections are run, that's where candidates run.

2 But based on what we have looked at, we advise that
3 Latinos throughout the Central Valley and in San Benito
4 are protected under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.
5 And therefore, the Commission should do its best -- and
6 it's done a very nice job, I think, given the population
7 concentrations, to draw districts in such a way as to
8 protect their ability to elect candidates of their
9 choice.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

11 Commissioner Sadhwani.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sorry, my internet's a
13 little unstable here. While we're in this area, I did
14 just want to also note, as we're talking about the VRA
15 Districts, that we continue to receive public comments,
16 in particular about the Kings-Tulare-Kern District. Some
17 come in yesterday. I'm not sure if it's posted yet,
18 though it has been sent to the Voters First Act, so I'm
19 sure staff is going to get it up there soon.

20 Some specific areas were identified that may need to
21 be removed in order to further improve CVAP in this area.
22 So I just wanted to flag it and see if there's general
23 consensus to have Kennedy look a little bit more closely.
24 I know Commissioner Turner looked at it already, but I
25 think, from a community perspective, there continues to



1 be concern that this district may or may not perform.

2 So I just wanted to read out what it suggests. It
3 says: remove East Tulare, North Hanford, and Lemoore. I
4 know that those are also part of some key communities of
5 interest testimony for other communities. Also, only
6 North Visalia, what's known as El Barrio, should be in
7 the VRA District.

8 In Fresno, there's a potential to make a stronger
9 VRA District, again, by removing Old Fig and Sunnyside.
10 I know we've gone back and forth on this issue. So I
11 just wanted to raise that and see if there's interest
12 from the Commission to continue to look at this more
13 closely.

14 MS. WILSON: And if I may, I did -- and of course,
15 Counsel can look at this. And it's really just,
16 obviously, the Commission, but I looked at changing those
17 lines and Kings-Tulare, it does raise it, and like you
18 said -- well, for what we have now, it would just lead
19 to, again, I guess like you said, bringing out Sunnyside,
20 bringing out Old Fig, which are things we tried before
21 and have heard push back against from the Commission.

22 And then making this line a little bit wider out,
23 and then it would lower this one as well. This one,
24 right now, is at fifty. It could probably get to about
25 fifty-three, which is what it's at now. And so --

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: The Fresno-Tulare could be
2 at fifty-three, you said?

3 MS. WILSON: I think if we moved this line -- I
4 haven't tried that far but --

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay.

6 MS. WILSON: -- moving this would take more Fresno
7 and take out Old Fig and take out more Sunnyside.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, it might be worth
9 thinking more about.

10 MS. WILSON: Hearing that as well, I've looked at
11 similar maps from different organizations that also have
12 the same STANISFRESNO, but then their map takes this
13 similar ECA which also plays into that as well with a
14 Modesto and Turlock going out to ECA. So could
15 potentially change that as well.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you for that, Kennedy.
17 I know we're also up against break, so we don't have to
18 have a full conversation, necessarily, now. But I did
19 want to raise it. Thank you.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.
21 Yes, we are just up on break.

22 Commissioner Toledo and Commissioner Turner.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'll be brief. But if there
24 is a way to increase the CVAPs in the Central Valley,
25 then we shouldn't leave a stone unturned. And I know we

1 probably have turned many of the stones, but obviously,
2 Section 2 is above communities of interest. So if we are
3 able to -- at some point, I think, if we're -- that's
4 all. If we're able to increase the CVAP with the
5 additional testimony we're getting from community groups,
6 then we should take a look at it and see if it's
7 possible. Thank you.

8 MS. WILSON: And again, it is, definitely, but you
9 would lower STANISFRESNO too, which I guess has been this
10 time trying to keep that one at where it is as well. So
11 that is another thing, is that STANISFRESNO will lower.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So maybe this is a scenario
13 where we need to discuss with legal counsel. Thank you.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.
15 Commissioner Turner.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I was going to just suggest --
17 thank you, Kennedy. And again, we are appreciative for
18 all of the input that we're receiving. My particular
19 concern about Kings-Tulare-Kern down at the bottom -- if
20 you would, Kennedy, just prepare the snapshots or go back
21 to the previous iterations where we have tried it to show
22 where, yes, we can increase those, and then show where it
23 lowers, because then the Commission will need to decide
24 should we be in alignment or go with where the higher
25 CVAPs are, all the way down that block, because that will

1 increase CVAP for that one area.

2 And are we and is our attorneys okay with lowering
3 it in other places. But I think so that it's clear, so
4 that we're seeing more than just saying, this will lower,
5 this will increase, be able to say, here's snapshot 1,
6 Lemoore all out and into this district, this is what it
7 does for the three or four different areas. With it back
8 in, this is what it does for the different areas. And
9 then likewise for STANISFRESNO and if we do or don't pull
10 and in and out Old Fig Garden, because we do go back and
11 forth on that.

12 And it's not that we're confused; we're trying to be
13 responsive to what -- you do one thing and you get tons
14 more testimony that comes in. And so we're trying to
15 ensure that we are looking at all of it. But if we can
16 show it on the screen with the snapshots there, we'll
17 know why we've made our final choice, and then settle on
18 it and be able to move forward. Thank you.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
20 Commissioner Akutagawa.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

22 I guess, yeah, I think what Commissioner Turner
23 said, especially about understanding the tradeoffs.

24 I am curious, Commissioner Sadhwani, you mentioned
25 you just got some additional public input about ways in

1 which we could raise that Latino CVAP. Was there any
2 recommendations in terms of adjusting what the ripple
3 effect is going to be to the STANISFRESNO? We tried
4 really hard to at least get those up. I have seen the
5 other testimony, but still, it is raising concerns that
6 the CVAPs are not high enough. So I understand the
7 desire to ensure, if we're going to do this, we obviously
8 want to make it so that it's going to be effective.

9 With that said, I guess in terms of the -- I guess
10 it's the Old Fig Garden and that area. I know that there
11 were other COIs that we've had to split. I'm just
12 wondering if doing this move might also help unite -- or
13 maybe not unite but -- yeah, I guess, unite some
14 additional COIs so that we can create more of a place
15 where there will be additional communities of color that
16 could hopefully work in unison and in unity to advocate
17 for themselves together in a slightly larger block. But
18 I guess, that, we won't know until we see the options.
19 Thank you.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

21 Quickly, Commissioner Sadhwani.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, just to respond to
23 that, I'm largely responding to the testimony that we're
24 receiving, since we don't have those data points on how
25 these different regions actually perform. It seems that

1 the greatest concern is actually this Kings-Tulare-Kern
2 District. Perhaps the voting patterns are different
3 there than elsewhere. But again, that might be something
4 for Counsel or Dr. Gall (ph.) to take a closer look at.

5 I think the concern -- they don't address the
6 ripple, per se, in particular, the person writing in is
7 uplifting the MALDEF Plan and specifically cites concern
8 for this Bakersfield region and then making changes to
9 boost there. So it seems the concern is really in that
10 area and ensuring that there -- might need a higher CVAP
11 in order to elect. Whether or not other COIs make it
12 into such a district really comes down to questions of
13 whether -- voting patterns, right, and how and to what
14 extent communities actually vote together.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

16 So with that, yes, we will -- if you could have a
17 look at that, please. Now, is that Kennedy by herself or
18 someone helping?

19 Oh, sorry, Commissioner Toledo.

20 But Kennedy, did you have a quick there?

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm happy to help Commissioner
22 Kennedy and Commissioner Turner as they -- to leave no
23 stone unturned and to see if there's any way to do our
24 due diligence. We have to, for the people of -- to
25 ensure fair maps in the Central Valley. If we are able

1 to bring -- we'll bring whatever we come up with back.
2 Keep your fingers cross that we'll be able to find a gold
3 nugget underneath some of these stones. Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Commissioner Toledo, did you
5 mean mapper Kennedy or Commissioner Kennedy?

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Mapper Kennedy. Thank you.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's exactly what I was going to
8 say. I think Commissioner Kennedy's going to be looking
9 at the Sacramento area for us, so let's not double dip
10 for him. Well, thank you very much.

11 And on that, let's take our break. And then we will
12 come back, let's say at --

13 MR. MANOFF: 1:10, Chair.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: 1:10, would that be okay? Okay.
15 1:10, please. Thank you very much.

16 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Welcome back to the California
18 Citizens Redistricting Commission Meeting. We just did a
19 quick little overview of the Voter Rights Acts area in
20 the Central Valley, San Benito.

21 Now, we've assigned some tasks to our line drawers.
22 And while the line drawers in the Central area and the
23 North are working on things, we will now come to Los
24 Angeles County. So at this point, I'm going to list off
25 the areas that I believe we wanted to look at and check,



1 and then let's have a look at what areas we want to -- is
2 there other areas that I'm not listing. Let's go ahead
3 and create a little list if there's other areas.

4 I'd actually like a volunteer to take notes on that
5 in case there's items we should take care of. Do I have
6 any -- I see Commissioner Fornaciari. Okay. I couldn't
7 see other hands, and someone else really wanted to --
8 nope.

9 I think it's yours, Commissioner Fornaciari. Thank
10 you very much.

11 Okay. So the areas that I believe we need to have a
12 look at were areas assigned to Jaime.

13 Jaime, do you just want to -- those are: the Cal
14 State-Pomona area, the Angeles Forest area, that Eagle
15 Rock, Glassell Park, and also -- there was one more. I
16 think there's one more.

17 Jaime, is there one more area?

18 MS. CLARK: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen. So
19 right now, you're listing areas that made some changes to
20 live yesterday. I will zoom into those changes because I
21 did balance the districts last night.

22 The first -- where am I here? Okay. We did make
23 the Cal State-Pomona whole in the Pomona-based District.
24 Balanced population here. I did try and use the freeways
25 as guides. There just wasn't enough population just

1 along the freeways, so just balanced population between
2 Pomona and Diamond Bar.

3 Additionally, we included this area of Angeles
4 National Forest into GLEN2BA. There is some population
5 here, so again, just balanced population between the SFV
6 and GLEN2BA Districts.

7 And just so Commission and the public knows, the
8 shape file and equivalency file for this plan has been
9 provided to staff. Not sure if it's up and posted quite
10 yet, but it has been sent up. So if anybody would like
11 to take a closer look, this is available.

12 Additionally, yesterday, this was a zero-population
13 change, but we included areas of Angeles National Forest
14 into the CDCOV District.

15 And finally, yesterday, this was also a change that
16 was done in live line drawing. We added areas North of
17 Hollywood Boulevard into CDNELA. This was on request of
18 the Thai Town COI which is down here, to include both
19 sides of Hollywood Boulevard.

20 And then I received direction to balance between
21 CDNELA and GLEN2BA. And this was -- where is it? This
22 area -- here we go. I think it was this area -- was just
23 changed a little bit per Commission direction. And then
24 additionally, just balancing.

25 The overall direction was to move population, then



1 in Eagle Rock -- not move population but adjust the lines
2 in Eagle Rock and Glassell Park areas to balance
3 population, and I did that. Again, all of the districts
4 in LA County are plus or minus one person.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

6 Were there any -- thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.

7 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Thanks so much, Jaime. This
8 is incredible work. I'm actually wondering if you could
9 go back to the NELA District. I'm wondering if -- I know
10 the direction you got was mixed, but now, seeing the
11 final product, I'm wondering if we could potentially move
12 more of Eagle Rock into CDNELA by going further into
13 Mount Washington just to the South. That would be my
14 preference for final numbers.

15 I'm not sure if -- we've had, earlier, quite a bit
16 of testimony about Eagle Rock wanting to be in CDNELA.
17 We're definitely not going to be able to get all of Eagle
18 Rock in there. But if we can, and hopefully, if that's a
19 change that doesn't impact the other communities of
20 interest, that's what I would like to see in a final
21 version.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay, thank you.

23 Other input on this area?

24 Commissioner Vazquez, do you want to work on that
25 right now or do you want to leave that to Jaime to just

1 clean up?

2 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I'm happy to let just Jaime
3 just clean it up. Like I said, that would be my
4 preference. I think moving all of -- keeping Mount
5 Washington whole, move all of Mount Washington first, I
6 would say, and then take additional population from Eagle
7 Rock to balance it out. That would be my strategy.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Jaime.

9 MS. CLARK: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez, for
10 that direction. And because Mount Washington isn't part
11 of this neighborhood council layer, I'm wondering if you
12 could perhaps provide street-level boundaries so I can be
13 sure to follow it as you anticipate.

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sure. I would say that if
15 you follow this purple line down to the 100 Freeway, that
16 would be the Southern -- those are the Southern
17 boundaries. You can see, the purple line goes up from
18 the 110. The Northern purple line above the 100 is
19 probably that Southern boundary. And then the Western
20 boundary is that purple line going up, I would say, where
21 it says Elyria Drive. I think that might be a park.
22 Roseview Avenue, Altamont -- yeah, that line, I would say
23 is the Western boundary of Mount Washington.

24 MS. CLARK: So what's labeled on the map as Arroyo
25 Seco, basically.



1 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes, basically.

2 MS. CLARK: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: But not on the Southern side
4 of the 110. So don't cross the freeway.

5 MS. CLARK: Got it.

6 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Mount Washington is basically
7 Arroyo Seco plus some change on the Southeast side of the
8 110. Don't cross the 110.

9 MS. CLARK: So could I just circle with the --

10 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sure.

11 MS. CLARK: -- mouse, and you let me know if it's
12 what we're talking about, if it's the same thing?

13 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Yes.

14 MS. CLARK: Okay, I understand. Thank you so much.

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

17 Commissioner Fornaciari, that's a little item to add
18 to the list, please. We can remember to come back to it.

19 And then, Jaime, were there any other areas -- we
20 did this area. I believe there might be more detail
21 about the forest area. It was coming in as another
22 public input. I don't know if anyone has that, anyone on
23 the staff or -- Commissioner Kennedy might have that but
24 I'm not sure he's available right now.

25 Can we add that also, Commissioner Fornaciari, to

1 your list, please? In case there's some -- there might
2 be some additional direction, very specific direction, on
3 the Angeles Forest. I don't think we have that at this
4 time though.

5 And the Thai Town, I believe that there were no
6 questions on that one.

7 So Jaime, do you have any other iterations in this
8 area that I have not mentioned? Not at this time, great.

9 MS. CLARK: No, I don't.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

11 And do any of the Commissioners have other areas of
12 this that they would like to explore in the Los Angeles
13 area? Just naming those areas first, and then we will
14 decide which ones we would actually work on, what
15 priorities.

16 I believe we've heard -- Commissioner Vazquez.

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sorry. Just a question,
18 actually. What we're seeing overall, this map of LA
19 County, I got lost in the conversation yesterday, so I'm
20 just wondering where we landed in terms of -- I know
21 Commissioners Sadhwani and Toledo put forward an option.
22 I would just like to know where we landed and where we
23 are right now with this map.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, I will give you my
25 understanding. Although it was discussed and reviewed,

1 the general consensus was we prefer how the map is now to
2 making any of those changes. That's my understanding.
3 Now, if other people -- the map that we're looking at now
4 is, I believe, the general consensus. I'm seeing some
5 nods, so yes.

6 Now, if we want to go over it and have a look at the
7 entire area, certainly, just please ask for that.

8 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Got it, thank you. And this
9 view of the map is helpful to confirm that, so thank you.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

11 Any other areas that we really want to address at
12 this time?

13 Commissioner Yee.

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm sorry I don't have this
15 worked out, but there was some COI input about the
16 neighborhoods North of LAX and wanting a different
17 boundary there. I'm wondering, Jaime, if this boundary
18 has good reasons behind it, then we don't really need to
19 look at it again, or whether this boundary could be moved
20 for better reasons.

21 MS. CLARK: Thank you for that question. Here, this
22 is a similar boundary as is in the draft, I believe, and
23 previous visualizations of these districts. Should the
24 Commission wish, this certainly could be changed.

25 And I think that would perhaps include adding --

1 just considering other COI input, for example, that the
2 Commission has received, maybe adding Palms in. Just
3 looking at where then this 10CORR District could take in
4 population and still maintain the overall structure of
5 things, I would maybe suggest looking at Palms.

6 Basically, moving between these two would be the least
7 number of districts impacted, and there could be other
8 options if -- oh wait, I'm sorry. This is in South LA.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure. So at this point, no?

10 MS. CLARK: Maybe even this line could make Del Aire
11 and Hawthorne whole. Again, I don't have a precise
12 answer right now.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. It looks like a
14 population balancing line right now, so I'm just -- if
15 there isn't an excellent reason for it to be there the
16 way it is now, then maybe I can take a look at that.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Certainly. Okay.

18 Commissioner Fornaciari.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I forgot was I was going
20 to say. I guess what I would ask Commissioner Yee was,
21 what were you having in mind there? I'm just curious.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. I'll have to look back at
23 the COI testimony. There are some neighborhoods there
24 that, apparently, we're splitting. So there may be
25 actually a zero population -- a net-zero split that would

1 preserve those neighborhoods better, or maybe one of the
2 possibilities that Jaime mentioned. But just that that
3 split is splitting some neighborhoods that would like to
4 be together -- like to be whole.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. So my question to
6 Jaime, have you had a chance to merge your maps with the
7 other mappers? So can we go to Northern LA and Northern
8 San Bernadino then and see what things look like up
9 there, please?

10 MS. CLARK: Yeah, so we merged our maps just in
11 anticipation of potential changes. I know in Northern
12 California, there's some negative twos hanging out in
13 here. In the Ventura County District, there's a five-
14 person population. But in this map, throughout the
15 state -- and again, these files have been sent to
16 staff -- I don't think that there's any districts that
17 are more than eight people, certainly not more than ten
18 people out of deviation.

19 So this is what it looks like right now. I'll zoom
20 in. I'm just going to review the MORCOA District because
21 that's where the change has been. So in LA County, this
22 Eastern part, the very Northeastern LA County, it is East
23 of Antelope Valley. In MORCOA, we have whole Victor
24 Valley, some of these areas up against the RIASB
25 District, and here's the county line.

1 This Needles area, of course, is not included in
2 this district. So this is East of -- or West of Needles.
3 Up to the state border, the border with Inyo County, this
4 is the border between San Bernadino County and Kern
5 County. And then this here is the California City area.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So this is the same as we
7 saw before? You talked through this split, and this was
8 the option to move 17,000 folks down to come through the
9 FRESNO_KERN into here. Okay. I just wanted to see where
10 we were at up here now that all the maps are merged.

11 Thank you.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.
13 Commissioner Akutagawa.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just a question. I guess
15 what I was going to talk about is a different area from
16 where we are right now. So just a question. Should I
17 ask now or should we just wait until we finish this
18 conversation?

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Do the other Commissioners also
20 want to talk about this area? Okay, no.

21 Commissioner Toledo.

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I was also going to speak to a
23 different area.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, you were.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: But I'll defer to whoever



1 wants to talk about this area.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Does anyone -- any other hands
3 about this area? No, okay. Thank you very much then.

4 It was Commissioner Akutagawa.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I just wanted to
6 come back down to that -- I guess it's the LBNORTH. I
7 know that this has continued to vex us, I believe. I
8 know that we've gotten some more input. I guess I'm just
9 trying to get an understanding. Are we at a place where
10 we're just agreeing to live with it, or are we going to
11 try to see if there's additional solutions? While the
12 majority of the Gateway cities are in the district, there
13 also with very different cities. But I can live with it
14 if I have to. Not really super great, but I can live
15 with it. But I just wanted to ask that question.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

17 To the Commissioners in line, if you have something
18 to say about this particular area. Otherwise, I'll see
19 if there are others first.

20 Commissioner Sinay, do you have comments on this
21 one? No.

22 Commissioner Toledo.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes. My comment's in a
24 similar vein as Commissioner Akutagawa. The VRA
25 considerations are in the North in this District, LBNORTH

1 and not so much in the Long Beach area or the Southern
2 parts of the Long Beach area. I would be comfortable
3 with moving in this direction if we can shift the LCVAP
4 up a little bit more. I think it would be -- it's on the
5 lower end, if we're going to leave it like this.

6 If there was any way to increase it; otherwise,
7 architecturally, I think it would be -- if we're going to
8 stay with this architecture, I think it would difficult
9 to -- if we're going to stay with this architecture, I
10 think if there was a way to do a swap to see if we can
11 increase the CVAP a little bit more and address some of
12 the communities of interest, communities that
13 Commissioner Akutagawa is raising.

14 Otherwise, the only other option would be to pair
15 Long Beach South, right? And we looked at that. I don't
16 think the Commission -- my sense was the Commission
17 didn't have the stomach for pairing a portion of Long
18 Beach with Seal Beach and portions of the OC. So if
19 that's not an option, I think raising the Latino CVAP in
20 this area might be, if we do some minor swaps and maybe
21 potentially move in that area, without having to break up
22 Long Beach.

23 Jaime.

24 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Just a quick follow-up in
25 terms of raising the Latino CVAP in LBNORTH. I think

1 there are some solutions. For example, it could be to
2 split Montebello and maybe move more of Downey into STH60
3 or something like that. I think, essentially, at this
4 point, it would be looking at city splits. Just
5 wondering if that's something that you would like me to
6 explore.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Given that there is a VRA --
8 this is a VRA District. We made it into a VRA District
9 by putting a protected class into this district. I'd
10 want to raise the CVAP if it's possible, given that it's
11 on the lower end and could potentially impact Latino's
12 opportunity to elect candidates of their choice. And of
13 course, I'd never want to split a community if we didn't
14 have to. But VRA does come first.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.
16 Commissioner Fornaciari, did you have a comment in
17 this area? No, okay.

18 Commissioner Sinay, you're waiting for the next
19 issue.

20 Commissioner Akutagawa, do you have one on this one?

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I was just curious.

22 Jaime, you mentioned possibly having to split
23 Montebello to bring the Latino CVAP up. Just to
24 understand then, to make up the population there, which
25 way do you think you would go to bring in additional

1 population into STH60?

2 MS. CLARK: As there's already a split in Downey, I
3 would think that would maybe be a natural place to do a
4 trade for population, potentially.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: May I suggest that maybe
6 Commissioner Akutagawa, since she has interest in this
7 area, and I work with Jaime on potentially working on
8 some solutions to LBNORTH and Gateway cities?

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, I --

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And it would be minor
11 refinements at this point, given that the only other
12 option would be to go through OC. And I don't think that
13 was something that the Commission was interested in, or
14 at least that was my sense yesterday. I don't know what
15 it is today.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I think we have -- Commissioner
17 Fornaciari, you do have a comment about this one?

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. How about we just
19 take a look at it right now?

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think that's a good idea
21 too.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Particularly for smaller areas,
23 yes. I know the scenario that people have been concerned
24 about.

25 Before we jump into that though, could I get --

1 Commissioner Sinay, you had another area you wanted to
2 discuss. That way, we can get it on our list before we
3 forget it.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Two things. One is, I remember
5 the public input we got from the community that didn't
6 want to be split near Marina del Rey from Commissioner
7 Yee. I don't remember exactly where it is, so that's why
8 I'm just throwing out Marina del Rey. But there's a lot
9 of other COIs that were in that area, and that was how we
10 created that district, was based on the other COIs in the
11 Inglewood area. So I just wanted us to remember, as
12 we're exploring that, to be careful about the other COIs,
13 because we worked really hard to get that one together.

14 And then the other one I wanted to discuss later is
15 the San Fernando Valley, the Latino majority district
16 that we created. We've been getting a lot of input --
17 well, come input from Sylmar. And I just wanted to
18 understand some of our thinking around this. I know I
19 was there, and I feel good about it, but I just wanted to
20 just explore what the community is asking us.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right.

22 Commissioner Fornaciari, could you make sure that
23 gets on our list, please? Sylmar.

24 And as far as the area around LAX, in having a quick
25 look at that with Commissioner Yee, we see those

1 communities of interest. So if Jaime already knows
2 those, they can take that into consideration.

3 And then, let's jump into working on LBNORTH, or
4 playing around with that, please.

5 I'm sorry, Commissioner Akutagawa, this is about the
6 LBNORTH, correct?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, it is.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. One minute, please.

9 Commissioner Turner.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: LBNORTH.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. All right. Wonderful.

12 Jaime, I'm sure you have a snapshot of exactly where
13 we are right now. So let's do some exploration.

14 Commissioner Akutagawa.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Two things. One is I know
16 that members of the Commission said that they don't
17 want -- they're not open to reopening, I think -- well,
18 I'm going to just say this. I am open -- and I think
19 we've gotten some testimony, again, about Orange County.
20 I'm open to also revisiting San Diego as well too,
21 because I think that that's part of the key to
22 potentially unlocking something that could make something
23 work.

24 Alternately, Jaime, I also wanted to ask for your
25 thoughts on this. Perhaps instead of Downey, what do you



1 think about bringing in -- or instead of Montebello, what
2 do you think about bringing in a part of East LA? The
3 part that hugs that 5 Freeway area, so taking a small
4 portion of it. Would that be enough to lift the CVAP?

5 MS. CLARK: And then trade for what?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Maybe Vernon, a portion of
7 Vernon.

8 MS. CLARK: So Vernon, I think, has 200 people
9 total. So then it would be looking at moving out maybe
10 this Northern part of Bell, which is also very low
11 population; Maywood, which is also very high Latino CVAP
12 area; or part of Huntington Park.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Jaime, do you have any
14 suggestions to raise the CVAP in this area, because
15 you've been looking at this very carefully? I think you
16 had some.

17 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I suggested maybe looking at
18 Montebello, and then as there's already a split in Downey
19 for population, trying to trade that out. What we did
20 previously -- just a reminder -- earlier this week, I
21 don't know exactly when, the Latino CVAP in LBNORTH was
22 50.83 percent. And now, it's 51.19 percent. That was
23 accomplished by moving Commerce into LBNORTH in exchange
24 for a different split in Downey. So that's how the
25 Commission has already increased the Latino CVAP in

1 LBNORTH.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So I'd be open to the
3 Montebello split with Downey. Exploring the possibility
4 and seeing what happens, since we're doing it in live
5 line drawing. We should try --

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Could I ask --

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- testing some things.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Could I ask that -- it would
9 certainly help me understand this area. Are there other
10 areas, like you were saying, East Los Angeles, I guess
11 that are not within -- other areas around here that we
12 were trying to incorporate into these areas that we want
13 to be trying to trade? I don't quite understand the
14 whole -- all the communities in this area we'd like to
15 incorporate and others that are not -- they're in a part
16 of a district but they aren't actually part of the areas
17 that would require being protected, I guess is the best
18 way to say that. Just a little bit more explanation. I
19 know Commissioner Akutagawa, and actually, Vazquez and
20 Turner, are all a little more familiar with this area
21 than I am. So if I could just get an overview here as we
22 are getting into the specifics.

23 Who would like to go? We have Turner, Vazquez, and
24 Commissioner Akutagawa.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Chair, I just wanted to ask --



1 I do know that we received maps from Equality California
2 that has also submitted shape files for this area that
3 potentially addresses what we're attempting to do. And I
4 just wondered, at some point, can we see that overlay, if
5 indeed our mappers have it, so that we can either make
6 adjustments or decide that we can't go in that direction?
7 That might help also with the conversation.

8 MS. CLARK: Could I please respond, Chair Andersen?

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Please.

10 MS. CLARK: The shape files that I have from
11 Equality California mostly look at the Orange County
12 region. So I can turn those on really quick, and I'm
13 going to turn the districts off. So you can see, it
14 includes areas in Long Beach and Lakewood. So that's a
15 pretty big change from what -- I'll turn districts back
16 on. So that's a pretty big change of taking a
17 significant number of people out of this district. And I
18 will look through and see -- I think that also they sent
19 a screenshot. And I can try and pull that up, if the
20 Commission wishes.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Jaime, question for you. One
22 that one of the -- some of the feedback we got earlier
23 that what was shown a couple of days was an earlier
24 version of something that was sent. Did you get an
25 updated shape file or is this still the same one?

1 MS. CLARK: This is -- previously, I didn't have a
2 shape file of districts that they were suggesting. This
3 is an updated shape file. I think I have an updated
4 screenshot too.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Jaime, just a quick question
6 on the Equality California map. Were they able to
7 maintain all of the Latino majority seats in their maps?
8 I just can't tell based on the shape files at this point.

9 MS. CLARK: Again, they don't have -- this doesn't
10 include areas in Los Angeles. I will make this larger --
11 I'm sorry, their boundaries larger, so hopefully it's a
12 little easier to see. Let me change the color. Maybe
13 that will also make it easier to see. I'm going to
14 change it to this dark blue color. Just based on this, I
15 don't believe so. But I can look at their screenshot
16 that they sent, which has more LA County in it, and try
17 and assess.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Jaime.

20 Commissioner Vazquez.

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I guess I'm lost, sorry.
22 Maybe I'm being slow today. So there's, I think, two
23 considerations that we're holding in mind right now. And
24 someone correct me if I'm wrong.

25 One is, folks are looking at the Latino CVAP in



1 LBNORTH and wanting to get that higher if possible.

2 And then there's another consideration brought up by
3 Commissioner Akutagawa to include more of the Southeast
4 cities together. I'm not sure -- I may have made that
5 one up or misinterpreted that one. So first, can I
6 clarify what our goals are?

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think your first goal was
8 correct --

9 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Right.

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- the raising of the LCVAP.
11 And then I believe it's the Gateway cities -- for a more
12 rational alignment with Gateway cities for Commissioner
13 Akutagawa, but she can certainly --

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Got it. Okay.

15 Oh, sorry. Go ahead.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That was actually my point exactly.
17 Are we just balancing between these two districts --

18 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Right.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- or are we trying to incorporate
20 a few more cities into this area?

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Right. Okay.

22 I'll just state, for me, the Latino CVAP in LBNORTH
23 by itself is, I would say, on the lower end. But for me,
24 especially given, I think -- and Mr. Becker or Dale can
25 correct me if I'm wrong -- but I think especially with

1 the Black and even with the Asian populations there that
2 this district, for me, seems like it would still perform.
3 And I'm not sure, absent maybe major changes, if we could
4 get that Latino CVAP up much higher.

5 And I'd also -- I'm interested to see, Commissioner
6 Akutagawa, if you have a proposal for which Gateway
7 cities to swap to include more of them in there. But for
8 right now -- I don't know -- I think the map, as is, is
9 pretty good considering where we've been and where we are
10 now.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.

12 Commissioner Akutagawa, please.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Originally, I was thinking
14 about maybe trying to bring in the portion of South Gate
15 that's up at the top, and I think that that's bisected
16 there. Yeah, I think that's actually the 5 Freeway or
17 the 105. I think that's the 5. Is that the 5 or the 91?
18 Okay. But just that portion up above. However, I
19 realize that if we did that, it would probably throw off
20 the CVAP for the 710.

21 Commissioner Vazquez, I would ask you to weigh in on
22 this part. Are you opposed to perhaps bringing in a
23 portion of maybe East LA or even a portion of Boyle
24 Heights that's South of the 5, because that's probably
25 around the portion that does blend in a little bit too?

1 Vernon, I'm thinking about that's where Soto, Boyle
2 Heights, I think where the 5 is -- because I drive it.
3 I'm just thinking that if we were to bring in either that
4 portion or a small portion of East LA and then swap out
5 and move a portion of Montebello into the CDNELA District
6 to make up for population to bring up the CVAP.

7 The density there may bring it up a tick or two,
8 Commissioner Toledo. It's not going to be a large
9 increase, but I'm thinking it could be one to two --
10 maybe one percent, maybe, especially if you look at that
11 East LA area and then swap in some of Montebello from the
12 STH60, and then you move part of that either Downey or
13 Commerce until the STH60.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Maybe we can attempt a couple
15 swaps while we're here and see if there's any changes. I
16 think the ones that Jaime and Commissioner Akutagawa
17 raised are possibilities. And if we can't achieve it, we
18 can't. But I would also like to hear from legal counsel
19 to see if there's cross-voting between different minority
20 groups in this area.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah -- oh, go ahead.

22 MR. LARSON: We did see some crossover voting in
23 this area. I think the way that Commissioner Vazquez
24 characterized it a few minutes ago is accurate. As you
25 all know, there's no magic number here. So we're looking

1 at a range. And this is, admittedly, in the lower end of
2 the range, but we do think it's within an acceptable
3 range right now. If you're uncomfortable with it being
4 in the lower end, then an effort to bump it up slightly
5 would certainly be fine to do.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Quick question for Mr. Larson.
7 Did we see cross-voting with both with Asian and Latino
8 community, or rather Asian and African-American, or was
9 it -- just in terms of the different communities, did we
10 have crossover voting from the Asian-American community
11 specifically?

12 MR. LARSON: I'd need to go back and check my notes.
13 I can say, with the African-American community, we did.
14 But let me check on the Asian, and I'll have to get back
15 to you.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Appreciate that. Thank you.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So I say, let's try a few things in
18 this area, because we're trying to increase -- well, two
19 things actually. Increase the Latino CVAP and also get
20 communities of interest together a little and in a
21 slightly better order, is my understanding.

22 Commissioner Vazquez.

23 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, if I could respond to
24 Commissioner Akutagawa. I would be pretty opposed to
25 splitting off portions of East LA and/or Boyle Heights

1 from CDNELA, especially for the purposes of raising the
2 Latino CVAP, which again -- you heard Dale's analysis,
3 which I agree with.

4 What actually makes me bite my nails a little bit
5 more is the Latino CVAP in the Santa Ana District. So
6 for me, if we're going to spend time in this region
7 trying to get half a percent or a percent, that would be
8 my preference to spend our time. So yeah.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.
10 Commissioner Turner.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Just under, again, our running
12 thought of no stone unturned, and to be able to answer
13 the question that I did not have, actually Equality
14 California sent in publicly for all of us to say that
15 their map does allow for the same number of Latino VRA
16 Districts. And what they're believing is that, by moving
17 Long Beach in with the Coastal Orange County, that the
18 Gateway cities become a stronger Latino VRA District.
19 Now, of course, I've not done it, but if it's stronger,
20 it's stronger. And if we're saying we're looking for
21 stronger, it just is another option and opportunity to
22 explore.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Turner. My
24 one question on that is, if Long Beach joins Orange
25 County, what do they have that leaves Orange County? I

1 guess we'd have to look at the map.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: It's on the map.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Wonderful.

4 I'm sorry, Commissioner Toledo, are you also wanting
5 to say an additional thing here?

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I was just going to concur --
7 I was just going to say the thing that Commissioner
8 Turner said about Equality California that they had
9 raised, that they are able to -- their maps are able to
10 achieve some of the goals that we had wanted, including
11 uniting some of the LGBT COIs and raising the Latino CVAP
12 in the North.

13 Although it does involve reconstruction of the OC,
14 and potentially, even more. So I know that's something
15 that we have shied away from and that I am -- I think
16 Jaime has a comment about that too.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry, before I get to Commissioner
18 Fornaciari, Jaime do you have a hand up?

19 MS. CLARK: Sorry, I was just checking something. I
20 was going to note that additionally, and I'm not sure
21 exactly how this lines up with Equality California's
22 maps, but I do have MALDEF's Plan loaded into here. I'm
23 not suggesting that the Commission adopt MALDEF's Plan at
24 all, but that might be a useful tool for the Commission
25 to understand if you're moving part of Long Beach into

1 Orange County, the impacts on the current configuration
2 in LA.

3 Yes, moving part of Orange County -- excuse me,
4 moving part of Long Beach into Orange County would be a
5 redraw or would shake things up a little bit in Orange
6 County, but it also would in LA. And what I've seen, I
7 don't have the exact number for how many people Equality
8 California moves into Orange County. MALDEF moves about
9 100,000 people from Long Beach into Orange County. And
10 there are impacts to areas that the Commission has ironed
11 out already.

12 And I think that it does also accomplish things
13 that -- I think that moving the population out gives room
14 to accomplish some of the things that the Commission has
15 been looking at, but it also changes things that the
16 Commission likes right now in LA County. So that's just
17 a note about that, is that yes it gives room for some
18 options, potentially, in Orange County, and it also --
19 yeah, and just moving any population out of LA right now
20 is also inherently going to change with is possible in LA
21 County.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. Thank you, Jaime.

23 Commissioner Fornaciari.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, just from hearing
25 what was being said, it sounds like it is a lot like the

1 option that we looked at yesterday from
2 Commissioners Toledo and Sadhwani. So do you have that
3 one, Jaime, so we can --

4 MS. CLARK: I started a new plan. I can change
5 plans to look at that --

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

7 MS. CLARK: -- what Commissioners Toledo and
8 Sadhwani suggested. And a difference is that -- so what
9 we did yesterday moved population from Long Beach into
10 Orange County but also did an equal trade of parts of
11 Orange County going into LA, whereas the proposal from
12 Equality California and also proposals from MALDEF, for
13 example, move population out of Orange County -- excuse
14 me, out of Long Beach that would need to be rippled
15 around back into LA County.

16 So it pulls population South, if that makes sense,
17 that then ripples through Riverside and San Bernadino
18 County. So there are -- whereas what we worked on
19 yesterday with Commissioners Toledo and Sadhwani don't
20 have impact on further North in LA County, but the
21 proposal from the groups that we're discussing right now
22 do have impact.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right, because their
24 outlying districts are different that our outlying
25 districts. So we're talking about, I guess, Jaime,

1 running 100,000 people through our little -- up through
2 Riverside County. Okay. I just wanted to better
3 understand that. Thank you.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Jaime, on that very same thought,
5 is it rippled into San Bernadino County? Does it affect
6 that as well? Or is it just within -- essentially,
7 rather just doing it in the Long Beach North and the
8 STH60, if we just incorporated the two other areas around
9 it, would that contain them? How big are we talking here
10 in terms of areas that are affected? I know it's pretty
11 hard to say.

12 MS. CLARK: I haven't seen a statewide plan from
13 Equality California, so I can't say. MALDEF's Plan,
14 which we looked at yesterday, does have significant
15 changes to Orange County, Riverside County, San Diego
16 County, and also San Bernadino and LA County -- or it has
17 100,000-person difference, I should say, in those
18 counties.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. And I know that was reviewed
20 yesterday and said, no, thank you very much. And the
21 Equality California, we only have that section of Long
22 Beach and then the section of Orange County? We can't
23 actually see the rest of those; is that correct?

24 MS. CLARK: That's all that I have loaded into my
25 map, and I think that's all that --

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: That's all that we have.

2 MS. CLARK: That is all that I have right now, yeah.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. All right. I just wanted to
4 understand the extent of things that Commissioner
5 Fornaciari -- okay, thank you.

6 Commissioner Sinay -- and oh, I'm sorry. We also
7 have Dale. Do you want to switch there?

8 Mr. Larson, do you want to jump in here?

9 MR. LARSON: I was simply going to follow up on
10 Commissioner Toledo's question from earlier, if you want
11 me to do that now or hold off.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.

13 MR. LARSON: It was the -- the question specifically
14 was about the LBNORTH and SB10 area where we have some
15 VRA obligations. We see some evidence of crossover
16 voting with Black voters and Latino voters. We did not
17 see the same crossover with Asian voters and Latino
18 voters there.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

20 Commissioner Sinay.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just a few things. I know that
22 Commissioner Sadhwani has done research in this area, and
23 she had informed us that in her research there has been
24 crossover. And we can ask her when she returns.

25 I did want to say that MALDEF did submit a new plan,



1 because they didn't like our -- because we didn't like
2 what they did to Camp Pendleton. I haven't really looked
3 at it. The quick piece I looked at; it still didn't
4 address some of the challenges that I see in San Diego.

5 But I want to remind us that we have over 28,000
6 community engagements, and those are from all walks of
7 life, all different types of Californians. And a lot of
8 the groups who have created plans, they have spoken with
9 each other, but at the end of the day, their advocacy is
10 usually -- the strength of their advocacy is measured by
11 the community that they originally came together to
12 advocate for.

13 When we talk about some of these plans from
14 yesterday, they weakened other communities. And that was
15 the same thing we were seeing in the Central Valley. We
16 need to keep reminding ourselves that when we're going
17 into Orange County, there's a strong Asian -- different
18 Asian communities in there. We have spent a lot of time
19 making sure we keep them together. There's Asian
20 communities throughout Los Angeles that we have spent
21 time. Same with Latinos. Same with business
22 communities. And all of those, we need to be careful.

23 The other piece I wanted to remind us is that there
24 was a time when the VRA -- in the VRA Districts, our
25 Latino CVAP was way too high and we weren't comfortable



1 because the CVAP was so high. And we asked to explore
2 how to lower it. And now, we're saying, okay, now it's
3 too low, let's make it higher.

4 This LBNORTH -- I just want us to keep everything in
5 mind of the whole process, versus getting stuck on where
6 we are today. We need to remember that we've been on a
7 journey and that we've learned things along the way and
8 we've made some tough decisions along the way. Thank
9 you.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.
11 Commissioner Akutagawa.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner
13 Sinay for what you just said. I was just going to state
14 that I did not like yesterday's proposed option because
15 the groupings are not any much -- the groupings made less
16 sense than the current groupings right now. And as she
17 had said, I think my other concern was just the splitting
18 and the weakening of some of the communities in Orange
19 County.

20 But also, I guess, like we've tried to do in other
21 places, I think there's ways in which we can find other
22 solutions. But I'm also conscious that we're going to
23 run out of time. So I do appreciate this. And if we
24 could maybe start trying to see what these other
25 suggested changes could be, just so that we can see

1 whether or not it makes sense, I'd like to see us move
2 forward on that.

3 Lastly, we did also get some additional testimony
4 last night from communities in and around Signal Hill,
5 that Cambodia Town community that did ask to be put more
6 with the Greater Long Beach community in LBNORTH, less so
7 in the SP710. But I think we first need to work on the
8 Latino CVAP here. But I just wanted to acknowledge that
9 they were heard. Thank you.

10 And also, Equality California, I just want to thank
11 for -- thank you them for trying to make it work. Just
12 like MALDEF were trying to make it work. All the people
13 who have called were trying to make it all work. Thank
14 you.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

16 Now, Jaime, let's go with you, because I just want
17 to say, we have about twenty -- a little over thirty
18 minutes to work on something here. So we want to jump
19 into it and make good use of our time. Jaime, please go
20 ahead.

21 MS. CLARK: I just wanted to let you know that I do
22 have the updated MALDEF maps already loaded into the map
23 from this morning. And I just received the Equality
24 California maps, and haven't had a chance to look at them
25 yet, but they're in the map. And it sounds like the big

1 difference is that Pomona is put into the San Gabriel
2 Valley Latino seat, and that is how the other seats are
3 maintained. And this note also says that San Bernadino
4 Latino seats can be drawn without Pomona. So that's the
5 difference that I heard just now.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Commissioner Andersen, you're
7 on mute.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry. Thank you. I try to keep
9 my background noise out.

10 So that would mean to follow this, we'd actually
11 have to address the POMONTFON as well.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Um-hum.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you for that, Jaime.

14 Commissioner Akutagawa.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Jaime, just so that there's
16 some clarity, so is it -- I haven't been able to look at
17 the full details of the MALDEF map. I only saw a couple
18 details. So is the MALDEF map that includes Pomona, or
19 is it the Equality California one that includes Pomona in
20 what I think is the STH60 District? No? That's the
21 MALDEF map?

22 MS. CLARK: Yeah, this is the -- no, this is
23 Equality California and this includes Pomona with what
24 right is for the Commission called CDCOV. It looks like
25 Almonte is split into three districts. And they also --

1 and I don't know how much of this would be easy to change
2 or adjust, et cetera. I also have not seen this yet.

3 So just a broad overview is, it looks like this
4 includes South Central Neighborhood Council and Zapata-
5 King areas with Boyle Heights and East LA. This district
6 includes areas West of the 405 and the Culver City-
7 Jefferson Park areas.

8 This district is pretty similar. It doesn't include
9 Gardena in that part of Torrance. And it looks like
10 Lynwood is split in a similar way that the Commission
11 previously has had Lynwood split. The Ports are
12 separate. This includes part of Signal Hill, part of
13 Long Beach, Lakewood, up with some of the Gateway cities,
14 and includes Santa Fe Springs and La Mirada.

15 And then here's what Orange County looks like. I'll
16 just zoom out so we can see Orange County. Part of Long
17 Beach with a Coastal District. Costa Mesa and Irvine
18 look like they're whole with East Orange County. Here's
19 the Santa Ana and Anaheim District. The rest of Anaheim
20 with part of Placentia. Yorba Linda, Chino Hills, and
21 some of these Western Riverside County areas, going up to
22 Beaumont here. So this is it. This is what they have.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: How far down does it go to
24 San Diego?

25 MS. CLARK: It looks like it does not include San

1 Diego County. This just includes Western Riverside
2 County, Western San Bernadino County, and Southern Los
3 Angeles County, and all of -- most of Orange County.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Could you also show the
5 MALDEF one?

6 MS. CLARK: One moment. So the MALDEF Plan is
7 statewide. And just starting in -- I guess I'll start
8 with the areas we're talking about right now.

9 So the district with Port of San Pedro, Carson, and
10 West Carson. It includes part of Long Beach but the
11 Ports here are separate. It includes Paramount, Lynwood,
12 South Gate, and Walnut Park.

13 And then Signal Hill with this -- I don't know --
14 Eastern part, I guess, of Long Beach, with Lakewood and
15 Bellflower, Downey, Bell Gardens. And then this looks
16 like South Central and Zapata-King are split. It does
17 include Florence-Graham and Huntington Park.

18 I'm just trying to pull out and identify some major
19 differences, I guess, between what the Commission has
20 now. So just give me one moment. And then NELA
21 District, it looks like it has Chinatown and Little Tokyo
22 with Koreatown and Filipinotown. It does not include
23 Thai Town. It does have Eagle Rock and Glassell Park
24 together in this district. It looks like Greater
25 Wilshire is in three districts.

1 This doesn't have Toluca Lake here with the San
2 Fernando Valley, but that might be drawn off of a
3 previous iteration from the Commission. I'm not sure if
4 that's possible or not, but they do have Sylmar here with
5 the San Fernando Valley-based District.

6 And just looking around, again, for other
7 differences. In LA County, those are the biggest ones
8 that I'm seeing.

9 In Orange County, they do have this Coastal
10 District. Garden Grove, it looks like, is split. And
11 Tustin is split here in the Santa Ana and Western
12 Anaheim-based District. Of course, this is a big
13 difference, is having Eastern Orange County and Western
14 Riverside County together.

15 And then in terms of what they do with Camp
16 Pendleton, they have a Coastal San Diego District here.
17 This is the Chula Vista District. And then with
18 Coachella Valley, instead of Oceanside and Camp
19 Pendleton, they include San Marcos, Bonsall, Fallbrook --
20 I think this is Rainbow -- with Temecula and Murrieta,
21 and then up to the Cherry Valley County-Mesa area.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much, Jaime.

23 We can look at a lot of maps. I think we have
24 ideas. And we need to proceed with a plan here, what
25 we'd like to do.



1 Commissioner Akutagawa.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: If you could just come back
3 to me, I'm just processing everything. Thank you.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, certainly. Absolutely.

5 Commissioner Turner.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

7 And thank you, Jaime, for that. I'm wondering a
8 couple of things. If we are able to show the Equality
9 California maps and the MALDEF map lines would be one
10 thing. And maybe I do or don't want to see that. But in
11 addition to that, I'm wondering -- you're laughing,
12 Commissioner Sinay.

13 I'm trying to see how that relates to our lines. So
14 I'm trying to see where the big differences are between
15 the maps, because of course, we've listened to now, what,
16 almost 30,000 COIs. So we've got individual COIs. We
17 have group COIs. Equality California has also done a lot
18 of listening. And MALDEF has done a lot. I'm just
19 wondering how they all shake out and where the difference
20 is. Because of our time issue, I'm trying to see if
21 there is some one-shot wonder hit where we would be like,
22 man, we should've saw this a week ago.

23 Okay, so this is everybody. So I see MALDEF is
24 blue?

25 MS. CLARK: Yeah, so MALDEF is blue and the



1 Commission's lines are the black lines. I guess starting
2 just at --

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Before you start, is the
4 Equality lines on here also, or just the two of them?

5 MS. CLARK: Not yet.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

7 MS. CLARK: But I can add them all together. And it
8 might be even more overwhelming to look at all together.

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Let's look at it, and then you
10 can take it off and explain it.

11 MS. CLARK: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Jaime, what's the green
13 lines?

14 MS. CLARK: The green lines is a Maptitude setting,
15 and I'll just change that in one second.

16 So the Equality California lines are in red.
17 MALDEF's lines are in blue. And then the lines -- the
18 Commission's lines are in black. So there's a lot of
19 overlap and some differences. Overall, I'm just going to
20 start in -- I'm just going to start and try to show them
21 all together.

22 So in SP710, very similar in San Pedro, Carson, and
23 West Carson. Equality California uses less of Long
24 Beach, and they also put part of Signal Hill with some of
25 the Gateway cities. Another difference is that right now

1 the Commission has Long Beach in two districts, and
2 Equality California and MALDEF both have Long Beach in
3 three districts.

4 And then there's also differences here on the
5 Northern end. MALDEF has Walnut Park separate from
6 Florence and Huntington Park. Equality California and
7 the Commission both have those three cities together.

8 Look at -- sorry, I'm trying to see it all for you
9 also.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: You're doing good.

11 MS. CLARK: Okay, thanks. I'm going to keep going.

12 So for this district that includes Downey and
13 Lakewood and some of these other cities in the North,
14 Equality California has part of Signal Hill with this
15 central part of Long Beach. With Lakewood, they include
16 Downey. They also -- okay, so they include Norwalk,
17 Santa Fe Springs, and La Mirada with Commerce, Vernon,
18 Maywood, Bell Gardens areas.

19 MALDEF has all of Signal Hill, and then follows the
20 same Northern part. It includes also part of Long Beach
21 and all of Lakewood, it looks like, with Bellflower,
22 Downey -- it does not include Commerce, but they do
23 instead split South Central and Zapata-King and include
24 Central Alameda with these Gateway cities and with parts
25 of the City of Long Beach.



1 Up here, I'm going to have to take these one at a
2 time because it's hard to look at.

3 So looking at MALDEF first, MALDEF split --
4 actually, this is the LA River, so I don't even know if
5 these counts as a Boyle Heights split according to their
6 neighborhood council boundaries, and community members
7 have different opinions about where Boyle Heights is.
8 But MALDEF splits East Los Angeles. It includes Eagle
9 Rock and Glassell Park, splits Echo Park, does not
10 include Thai Town. Has all of Koreatown according to the
11 COI boundaries. Includes Pico-Union, and it looks like
12 has Little Tokyo and Chinatown in this.

13 Then just looking at this, Greater Wilshire is in
14 three districts, but this is somewhat similar to what the
15 Commission does, with the exception of not including Thai
16 Town.

17 Looking at the 10CORR District, they include more of
18 the West Side neighborhood areas, parts of Greater
19 Wilshire. And again, this is the other part of the
20 district into which South Central and Zapata-King are
21 split, whereas the Commission has fewer of these West
22 Side neighborhoods and includes different -- yeah.
23 Basically, it has a different area of Downtown Los
24 Angeles, and includes all of South Central and all of
25 Zapata-King and Central Alameda.

1 The South LA Districts look pretty similar. This
2 doesn't include the population here North of LAX. In the
3 MALDEF map, that's with the SHORELINE District. And they
4 include this part of Del Aire. And things are looking
5 pretty similar along the edges here, but some population
6 swaps.

7 And in terms of the districts here in San Gabriel
8 Valley, pretty similar. For CDCOV, it looks like the
9 population swap here mostly is part of Monrovia, parts of
10 Glendora are in this district. And it looks like they
11 did not include North Almonte.

12 In the STH60 District, they split Chino Hills,
13 making part of China Hills with this district, and also
14 include Commerce.

15 Now, I'm going to switch to Equality California,
16 because we didn't get to them for more interior parts
17 of -- we didn't get to them for the rest of LA.

18 So their NELA District is in some ways similar, and
19 they also split East Los Angeles and include Boyle
20 Heights, including Highland Park, excuse me, and parts of
21 Lincoln Heights. They, it looks like, do not include
22 Koreatown. And instead, include all of Downtown, South
23 Central, Zapata-King, Central Alameda areas with this
24 district.

25 And the 10CORR District, they include all of Greater

1 Wilshire. They also include Jefferson Park, Mid-City,
2 West Adams areas. They include more of the West Side
3 neighborhoods include Del Rey and have -- yeah, that
4 looks like that's where their population is made up from
5 not including Downtown-South Central areas. Instead,
6 they include Del Rey, Mar Vista, West Side, and Greater
7 Wilshire.

8 And South LA, they do not include any of Torrance,
9 and they have that split in Gardena. They have the split
10 in Lynwood, as the Commission previously had it, and
11 include these areas North of Westmont, so the
12 Empowerment-Congress areas.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Do you think we need to -- does the
14 Commission want a little bit more, or do you think you've
15 given us the whole overview of our area?

16 MS. CLARK: I think still a major difference, as we
17 noted previously, is that Pomona is included in the CDCOV
18 District. They have Almonte split here. And then they
19 have different configurations for some of these VRA
20 Districts in San Bernadino and Riverside Counties. And
21 those are some of the major differences.

22 And my understanding is that the purpose of
23 exploring all of this is maybe to look at other options
24 for Orange County. So it looks like both MALDEF and
25 Equality California have a Coastal District.

1 And then looking -- as these lines are all over the
2 place, having a hard time quickly saying exactly what the
3 differences are here in Orange County. So I'm just going
4 to turn back on the Commission layers. And that's the
5 overview.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Can you go South for the
8 Equality California one?

9 MS. CLARK: The Equality California one doesn't
10 include areas South of Orange County.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

12 MS. CLARK: Yeah, they end here.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much, Jaime.

14 Commissioner Turner, do you have other thoughts come
15 to mind? I could always come back to you.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Jaime, thank you so much. I
17 think it was really helpful. I feel like we keep
18 switching back and forth between COIs, what we've
19 previously seen and set our draft maps up using, versus
20 new COIs coming in. And then with the other groups
21 that's also continuing to receive information. I just
22 wanted to see what it looked like together to see where
23 are the points of agreement that we can perhaps know
24 where we need to do work and where we're settled on. And
25 so I think that visualization was very helpful. And if I

1 did anything different, I would have you add COIs on so
2 we can look at that. But we don't have time for that. I
3 think you all probably got it by now. And so that's what
4 I wanted to see. Thank you.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Turner. I
6 totally agree. That was very helpful for me in terms of
7 what was similar and what was different.

8 With that, we are going to go to Commissioner
9 Toledo.

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner
11 Andersen.

12 So I just wanted -- as a reminder, like, forty-five
13 minutes ago we were going -- we were going to test a
14 couple of options here, and we still haven't, but -- and
15 that's okay, because we had really good conversation and
16 discussion. And I mean, the possibility of rotating
17 population from Pomona through the San Gabriel Valley
18 into the North Long Beach area is a potential for raising
19 the Latino CVAPs in our VRA in these areas while also
20 having strong seats in our Northern area is a
21 possibility. And it's something that I'd be open to and
22 exploring. I just don't know if we have time to do it in
23 live line drawing or if we need to do it off-line. But
24 maybe perhaps we can test a couple of things in the North
25 Long Beach area as that, I think, was the purpose of --

1 the initial purpose of keeping us in this area.

2 But certainly, up to you Commissioner Andersen.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much, Commissioner
4 Toledo.

5 Yes, I do want to kind of get an idea -- we have,
6 well, actually fifteen minutes until it's break. And so
7 I'd kind of like us to have -- do we want to do a
8 little -- what do we want to do here?

9 At the end of our lunch break, we're going to come
10 back and actually, hopefully, sort of take care of all
11 the areas in the North and then spend the rest of the day
12 focusing Los Angeles and South. So a gameplan here --
13 idea is to actually draw right now. What do we want to
14 do?

15 Commissioner Sadhwani.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I apologize because I
17 missed the earlier part of this conversation, so I don't
18 know where everyone stands on this.

19 I just wanted to raise -- I think that the L.A. maps
20 are pretty similar, actually, to what we're seeing from
21 Equality California, as well as MALDEF. They're not
22 drastically different. On the Long Beach piece --
23 whether Long Beach stays in L.A. or goes to Orange
24 County -- either way, I could see that happening. I
25 think, currently, Long Beach is with Orange County in

1 current maps. Right?

2 Honestly, it doesn't matter to me which way, but
3 we've heard so loudly from them not to be cut. So I
4 understand we're going to cut them once in our current
5 plan. What I wouldn't want to see is for us to cut us --
6 cut them three times. And they have -- and I said this
7 yesterday, so I'll say it again, I mean, they have had
8 such a strong coalition asking to be kept together. I
9 get it. That doesn't always work out. But I wouldn't
10 want to see them cut three times. That doesn't sit very
11 well for me.

12 And so that would -- I think that where we're --
13 where the real interest, it sounds like, is to continue
14 to explore Orange County. I can get behind that. I
15 think that, though, that we had that exploratory piece
16 yesterday that Commissioner Toledo and I had worked on.
17 We had raised either it could be additional swaps there
18 and have it work within the current confines of what we
19 have going on in the Coachella Valley and Riverside and
20 San Diego. Or it could -- would it have to be a much
21 larger change if we wanted to adopt a different sort of
22 vision for that area? Honestly, either way. I'm at a
23 loss, because yesterday folks were saying they didn't
24 want to do anymore exploration. I can totally get behind
25 it, though, because I mean, I'm hearing all of the



1 testimony. And I get it. It doesn't feel like it's
2 quite right yet. But to me, if there's additional
3 exploration, it's Orange County-based. Not quite so much
4 Los Angeles-based. Because actually, mostly what we're
5 doing in Los Angeles, with the exception of some possible
6 swaps within that Long Beach area, it looks fairly
7 similar to those other maps.

8 So to me, it's about some of those areas. And we've
9 been talking about this for days. Right? Because those
10 Long Beach, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood -- they're not as
11 covered by VRA considerations. So whether they go North
12 or South -- both options could potentially work, because
13 they don't need to be in a VRA district. Right? So I'm
14 open to whatever folks want to do, but I wouldn't want to
15 see Long Beach split again. Thank you.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. And that is
17 actually -- we are talking currently right now about the
18 L.A. area and just doing a switch and things like that.
19 So you're right. Thank you.

20 Commissioner Turner.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Thank you.

22 The other part I wanted to say is -- and why that
23 was so -- at this point I know we're looking to see -- we
24 don't want to get to the end and then just do something
25 quick or hastily. We've spent all of this quality time



1 trying to get it figured out, and we are all, I think,
2 leaned in and wanting to do that. And so I appreciate
3 Jaime showing the maps that I'm aware of. The ones that
4 I could remember. Jaime, do we have any other statewide
5 maps or maps that cover all of this particular area so
6 that we're not excluding anyone? How many more maps of
7 this such do we have? Because we're looking at
8 individual COI testimony. But for me the visual was very
9 helpful as well.

10 MS. CLARK: For Shapefiles or GIS layers that cover,
11 like, all of L.A. County with all of the rest of Southern
12 California -- I believe that MALDEF is the only one that
13 I have.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. Well, thanks. Thank
15 you.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much, Jaime. We
17 have, like, ten minutes here. Do we want to jump into a
18 little bit of rearranging, or do we want to give just a
19 little bit of direction? Jaime actually has to eat lunch
20 as well, but if we wanted to have sort of getting a jump
21 on something that we'd like to then further explore later
22 this afternoon.

23 Commissioner Toledo.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I'd like to explore the
25 swap that we're -- that Jaime had -- or had suggested

1 earlier, just to try to raise the seat up a little bit.
2 I don't think it'll raise it too much, but just to do --
3 it was with splitting in --

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- the North Long Beach, with
6 Montebello, and I believe, Downey would be the swap. So
7 could we potentially take a look --

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- at that and maybe one or
10 two other swaps if that doesn't work through?

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Please --

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: In the next ten minutes.
13 Because --

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. We'll just --

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- before --

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: We'll try a --

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- we take our break.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- few things, and then we can come
19 back to that. Yes. Thank you, Jaime. If we did talk --
20 I think you have exactly what you need to run with here,
21 so thank you very much. Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

22 Oh, and Commissioner Akutagawa, while Jaime's
23 working with this?

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Jaime, is it
25 possible, since we're going to do a -- we're going to

1 look at a potential split in Montebello, could you do a
2 closer, like, zoom in, so we could see what the street-
3 level view is?

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And also --

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- if it isn't going to be too
7 confusing -- once we look at this -- do we have a quick
8 view of the -- thank you -- the Latino CVAP? You knew
9 where I was going. Thank you very much.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, and I would just --
11 at least for the beginning -- if you could stay along
12 Whittier Boulevard for right now. And then the next
13 iteration would be to go up to Beverly.

14 MS. CLARK: So this is a change of 23,814 people,
15 and the Latino CVAP in LBNORTH would be 52.14 percent.
16 And in STH60, 54.86 percent. And of course, we can go
17 back if we are unhappy with the results of this. But to
18 be able to see then what the results would be for a more
19 closely deviated district, we would have to make this
20 change and then go back to a different area to remove
21 population.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Great.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes, please do that. Seeing
24 nothing but head nods. As we're doing a little
25 exploration here before our break -- our lunch break.



1 (Pause)

2 MS. CLARK: So with this change, the deviation is
3 560 people off. In the South 60 would be 55.08 percent
4 Latino CVAP. And LBNORTH would be 51.8. So it's in
5 total gaining 0.6 percent Latino CVAP or so from where it
6 was before we made any swaps. I could also try adding
7 some of these areas instead of this area --

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. But I was going to say, if
9 you could please do that. Thank you. And Commissioners,
10 if you see, like, an area you think might be a little
11 more appropriate, please just speak up because I --

12 MS. CLARK: So here again, LBNORTH would be 51.73
13 percent Latino CVAP, and South 60 would be 55.14 percent
14 Latino CVAP.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Jaime.

16 Commissioner Toledo, do we think we like that or --

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: It's a little bit higher. But
18 it think that's -- without having to do major
19 architectural changes, I think that's what we're -- we'd
20 be trying to get incremental tiny increases at this
21 point, unless we're looking at --

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Or if we are looking at -- I
23 understand we're looking at Downey -- switching Downey,
24 because we've cut that. I'm just wondering if there are
25 other areas a little further North which we could

1 exchange. Some areas that are very low Latino.

2 MS. CLARK: So the split here, including this part
3 of Montebello, is in the very Northern part of the area,
4 so it would be basically moving Montebello back -- is now
5 the Northern boundary.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I see what you're saying. Thank
7 you. Okay.

8 Commissioner Akutagawa.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, Jaime, would it be
10 possible, instead of taking from Downey, what if you were
11 to --

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Take from Lakewood?

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, no. No. It won't
14 work. We'd have to put it into the South 60. I was just
15 thinking maybe trying to take a portion of Bellflower. I
16 was going to say, Lakewood, but it won't work. But maybe
17 a portion of Bellflower. Or again, maybe moving part of
18 Commerce or even Vernon. Maybe Vernon and a part of
19 Commerce? Would that make a difference?

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So moving Vernon or Commerce
21 would be a swap with the CDNELA.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Sorry. Okay. No,
23 that won't work.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Sorry.

25 Commissioner Turner.



1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. As we're looking
2 at this, can we keep an eye on all of the CVAPs? Jaime,
3 can you show all of them, please?

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

5 Commissioner Ahmad. Oh, I'm sorry, Commissioner
6 Turner, did you want to see something after that? I
7 really appreciate that -- adding that extra information.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Jaime, do you know what the
9 change was to the Black CVAP with the changes we've done
10 in LBNORTH?

11 MS. CLARK: With this swap the Black CVAP in LBNORTH
12 would become 8.22 percent. And I believe I have in here
13 my -- so that's from 8.24 percent, from before the change
14 at all, to 8.22 percent in LBNORTH.

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

17 Commissioner Ahmad.

18 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I just want
19 to check in with Counsel. If the swap that's highlighted
20 in red would create any potential neck problems?

21 MR. LARSON: So we're doing this for VRA
22 consideration, so we have a pretty strong basis for doing
23 it. That said, I'm wondering, and maybe Jaime could
24 explore, if that little population peninsula there could
25 be moved to the East slightly -- it would maybe decrease

1 that issue slightly. So that square that sticks out at
2 the very -- yeah, if that is swapped for the area just to
3 its East where there is that dark red -- that widens that
4 neck as well.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: What if you go a little bit
6 more South where there's a -- looks like a little less
7 Latino CVAP? Yeah.

8 MR. LARSON: Yeah. I guess I'm hurting the CVAP,
9 aren't I?

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Or yeah. Even over that -- the
11 area directly at the line --

12 MR. LARSON: Like I said, if that was the only way
13 to do it for our VRA goal here, then I think it's
14 justifiable, so I'm not saying you need to make this
15 change that we just made.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And we need to go to our break. Do
17 we want to just hold this area? Do we want to accept
18 this area? At this point? Jaime?

19 MS. CLARK: I was going to say that I can kind of go
20 with a more fine-tooth comb to refine this area, make it
21 a nice shape, and come back after lunch, if the
22 Commission is comfortable with me just quickly working
23 for fifteen minutes off-line on this.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I believe so. Any objections to
25 that?



1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No objections. And if you
2 can -- as you're making it a nice shape, if you can see
3 what the -- how best to increase the CVAP?

4 MS. CLARK: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Or maintain it? Thank you.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Okay. Thank you very much.
7 And Commissioner Turner, did you have also something?

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I did. Thank you so much for
9 this. And I don't have a problem, Jaime, with you moving
10 forward with it. But while we were out, I do understand
11 that there were also statewide maps that were sent or is
12 now available -- whichever the case is. We've looked at
13 MALDEF, Equality California, so I do want to see the
14 Black Census and Redistricting Hub's maps that they've
15 sent through and go through the same process for
16 consideration. Thank you.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you --

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And we can do that --

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- Commissioner Turner.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- when we return.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Thank you, Commissioner
22 Turner. We might have this. We might actually come back
23 to the Northern California. Give Jaime a little time
24 afterwards, and understand we have some of those
25 iterations that we can wrap up and then just continue

1 working in the South. So I'd like to do that. And at
2 this point, we're going to go ahead and take our break.
3 It's our lunch break. We will come back at 3:15. So
4 thank you very much.

5 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 2:40 p.m.
6 until 3:15 p.m.)

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Welcome back, everyone, to the
8 California Citizens Redistricting Commission meeting. We
9 were working the Los Angeles area. We're just going
10 to -- Jaime is going to give us a review of what we just
11 did, and then we're going to go back to a different --
12 back to finishing a previous section of the state.

13 Commissioner Akutagawa.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I understand that
15 we've received the statewide maps, I believe, for the
16 Black Hub now, and also Advancing Justice. I'd like to
17 recommend that we do review their maps as well, too,
18 since we did have a chance to see Equality California and
19 MALDEF's map in comparison to ours.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Thank you very much,
21 Commissioner. We will certainly do that. At this point,
22 I just want Jaime to just report on what she just
23 finished, and then we'll put this section on hold and go
24 up to finishing up the iterations from assignments in the
25 other sections of the state so we can return and spend

1 our complete attention on this. So Jaime, can you just
2 give us a rundown, please?

3 MS. CLARK: Certainly. So just balancing population
4 between STH60 and LBNORTH -- I'll zoom in to this split
5 in Downey, which goes along Woodruff, Hall, and then
6 South -- nope -- Northwest, then Northeast roughly along
7 La Reina and sort of moving North towards the city
8 boundary. And there's a total deviation -- or excuse
9 me -- there's a deviation between the two of roughly 350
10 people that I can work on off-line if the Commission
11 generally likes this split. And in LBNORTH -- I'll read
12 the CVAP for all of the groups. In LBNORTH, the Latino
13 CVAP is 51.82 percent. The Black CVAP is 8.17 percent.
14 The Asian CVAP, 8.61 percent. And white CVAP, 29.96
15 percent. In STHLA, the Latino CVAP is 55.06 percent.
16 The Black CVAP is 2.54 percent. Asian CVAP is 20.93
17 percent. White CVAP is 20.38 percent.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Jaime. Could you just
19 tell us what they were before we did this iteration?

20 MS. CLARK: So before any changes to the area,
21 LBNORTH Latino CVAP was 51.19 percent. Black CVAP was
22 8.24 percent. Asian CVAP was 8.65 percent. And white
23 CVAP was 30.48 percent. In STHLA, Latino CVAP was 55.64
24 percent. Black CVAP was 2.45 percent. Asian CVAP was
25 20.95 percent. White CVAP was 19.87 percent.



1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. Oh,
2 Commissioner Fernandez.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I just wanted
4 clarification. Jaime, you said it was -- STHLA, but it
5 was actually the STH60, right? That's the one you were
6 thinking of? I just wanted to make sure. Thank you.

7 MS. CLARK: I apologize. Yes, that's correct. The
8 population swap was between LBNORTH and STH60.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.
10 Commissioner Vazquez.

11 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Thanks. I appreciate
12 the intent here. I'll tell you I'm not thrilled. I
13 believe Montebello was already sort of slightly split.
14 I'm not thrilled at the idea of making such a big split
15 in Montebello and making the split in Downey even bigger
16 for such small gains. Understanding VRA considerations
17 are greater than COIs, but the change feels fairly
18 marginal. And the Cities of Downey and Montebello have
19 really, like, small town feel to them, so for me it seems
20 a real shame to do what I would consider pretty not
21 insignificant splits in those cities for not a whole lot
22 of gain the way I am seeing it. But this is not a hill I
23 will die on, so if this is something that the rest of the
24 Commission wants to do, then I am okay with it.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

1 Commissioner Toledo.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm leaning with Commissioner
3 Vazquez right here. But can you post the CVAPs again?
4 Because I saw very marginal increase in Latino and a
5 decrease in African-American, but I couldn't really see
6 it because the font is a little small. Okay, there --

7 MS. CLARK: So what's in orange here is the
8 previous -- it's what we started with. And the labels
9 that are in black is the current. So here's for LBNORTH
10 previously. This is LBNORTH current. And then this is
11 STH60 previously, and current.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay. So I'm leaning with
13 Commissioner Vazquez given the marginal nature and --
14 let's hear from other Commissioners.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

16 Commissioner Turner.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yep. I raised my hand to
18 support Commissioner Vazquez. Thank you.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

20 Commissioner Akutagawa.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Anyways, I almost did a --
22 I was going to say I almost did a Toledo, but -- I am in
23 agreement. I would like to ask, though -- I did also
24 ultimately suggested if this change didn't really
25 increase it in a way that -- at least maybe a percentage

1 point or so -- I did suggest perhaps looking at the East
2 L.A.-Boyle Heights area, since that has the potential to
3 maybe raise the Latino CVAP in the LBNORTH. And perhaps
4 looking at maybe some -- I don't know if there's --
5 Jaime, if you think that there could be other
6 alternatives to swap out.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

8 Commissioner Taylor.

9 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. Real quick. I just
10 raised my hand in support of Commissioner Vazquez's
11 statements. Marginal gains for splitting up those COIs.
12 Even recognizing the priorities data set.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

14 Commissioner Toledo, did you have another thing to
15 say, as well? No. Okay.

16 Commissioner Vazquez.

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. The East L.A. thing is
18 a hill I'd be willing to fight for. I really, really,
19 really don't like the idea of splitting up East L.A.,
20 especially since what we just attempted was -- were
21 pretty high concentrations of Latinos in Montebello and
22 Downey. Unless we take a big chunk of East L.A., which
23 the more of East L.A., I think you take from CDNELA, the
24 more uncomfortable I get, and I feel like the more in
25 violation of Congressional districts overall communities

1 of interest. I think, yeah, I'm really not in favor of
2 breaking up East L.A.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.
4 Commissioner Kennedy.

5 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Just to say,
6 I'm with Commissioner Vazquez, Commissioner Toledo,
7 Commissioner Taylor and others on the Downey and
8 Montebello idea. Thank you.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. Yes. So on
10 that -- oh, Commissioner Vazquez, you also have
11 additional -- no? We can certainly come back to this
12 area. I know there's a request to have a look at the
13 other maps and to see if there's another way to explore
14 this area. At this point, I want us to think about
15 those, and I'd like us to put this on hold.

16 And if we could get Tamina, please. We're going to
17 review our --

18 MS. CLARK: Sure. No problem. I, off-line, will
19 revert this change. It sounds like that is the wish of
20 the Commission. And Tamina will be with you shortly.
21 Thank you so much.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. And actually, if you could
23 find those -- oh, I'm sorry.

24 Commissioner Turner.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, Chair. You did not want



1 to see the other map before we moved from Jaime?

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I thought we would have a look at
3 that, and then -- unless you want to have a look at that
4 right now to be able to think about it, as we're going to
5 go to a different area then come back to this area. So
6 if there's --

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Well, I think if -- my
8 preference would be to look at it now while we're
9 thinking about the others while they're fresher in our
10 minds, and then go to Tamina.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right. Certainly. Okay. And
12 it's general consensus that that's absolutely no problem.
13 I think we're getting a -- sounds like a plan. Yes,
14 please. Jaime, do you happen to have those maps, please?

15 MS. CLARK: Yeah, I sure do. Just one moment,
16 please while I am reverting these changes, and it is back
17 to how it was before we began this --

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

19 MS. CLARK: -- exercise. So one moment, please,
20 while I pull those up. So I'm not sure -- I haven't
21 really had a chance to look at these. They really just
22 came in for me, so I'm going to add the Advancing Justice
23 lines. So it looks like overall, these are pretty
24 similar. A different split here in Long Beach, but this
25 does maintain the same boundary between Long Beach and

1 Orange County. They include Hawaiian Gardens in this
2 LBNORTH District, and oh, I see, there's a slight change
3 here too. Okay. I'll fix that before moving on. And
4 they also, it looks like, split South Central and
5 includes Central Alameda with the Gateway Cities and
6 these parts of Long Beach. Again, they do not include
7 Signal Hill here in the SP710 District. They do maintain
8 the split at the ports. Oh -- yes. They maintain the
9 split at the ports. Okay. So it looks like they are
10 splitting San Pedro. Again, the South L.A. District is
11 very similar. They do not include this area North of
12 LAX, and the population tradeoff it looks like is here
13 just kind of in the Westmont area.

14 So they also include Palms and parts of Westside
15 Neighborhood Council in their 10 Corridor District, and
16 it looks like that's a population swap once again with
17 areas of South Central, Neighborhood Council, Central
18 Alameda and Downtown L.A. Like MALDEF, they do not
19 include Thai Town in their NELA District. They also
20 don't split East Los Angeles, and they do include Eagle
21 Rock and Glassell Park. This district is also including
22 Koreatown, Historic Filipinotown, Chinatown and Little
23 Tokyo. In CDCOV, they have Monrovia -- they have a
24 different -- yeah, they include all of Monrovia and just
25 have a different split in Glendora.

1 Moving further South, it looks like they make Chino
2 Hills whole, and in OC -- I'm going to turn off the
3 Commission's districts, but it looks like -- it is pretty
4 similar -- I'm going to turn on the Commission's
5 districts one more time, but -- pretty similar
6 configuration. It looks like for them, Laguna Beach goes
7 with San Diego coastal areas. They have Placentia with
8 this OCSBLA District. Have a different split in Brea,
9 and then also have a different area in Santa Ana included
10 in the Santa Ana District. They also have Seal Beach
11 with this area of Fullerton, Brea, Buena Park, Cerritos,
12 Artesia, et cetera.

13 And in San Diego -- so this is not statewide -- it's
14 these counties -- San Diego, Orange County, and L.A.
15 County, but it looks like things are pretty similar in
16 San Diego County. They include Poway and the CDCOAST,
17 whereas the Commission includes parts of Escondido.
18 Similarly, having this district that includes areas in
19 the coast in Orange County and areas in the coast of San
20 Diego County. And moving on to -- and it looks like they
21 also include Sylmar in their San Fernando Valley
22 District.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: One minute, Jaime, while we move
24 on.

25 Commissioner Turner, did you want to have a comment

1 about this one before we move on to the next?

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I was just following Jaime as
3 she completed what she was sharing. I did have a couple
4 of questions. Jaime, you said Advancing Justice. Is
5 this the same map that the Black Census and Redistricting
6 Hub sent through? Are they one and the same? Or is that
7 yet another map?

8 MS. CLARK: It looks like there are differences.
9 Right now what is -- it might be a little challenging,
10 but here are some differences. So right now, the Black
11 Census and Redistricting Hub is in green lines, whereas
12 Advancing Justice is in purple.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh, so this is two more maps.
14 I just wasn't clear. I was asking for the Black Census
15 and Redistricting Hub. And then when you said Advancing
16 Justice, I was just trying to be clear. We're looking at
17 two additional maps or one? And so this is two?

18 MS. CLARK: Yeah. I apologize for the confusion.
19 So now what's in green on the map is Black Census and
20 Redistricting Hub's map. Would you like me to review
21 this as well? And I can turn on the Advancing Justice
22 lines just so we can see -- it seems like there are
23 slight differences. But as they've noted in public
24 comment, they've been collaborating closely, so most of
25 these lines are identical from what I'm seeing. Slight

1 differences in the Santa Monica area, for example.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And have all of the other
3 submitted maps come in maintained a coastal district
4 that's different than ours?

5 MS. CLARK: So Advancing Justice and Black Hub, they
6 both have a boundary between Long Beach and Orange
7 County. And the difference here in their -- the
8 difference here in the district in Orange County is that
9 these groups put Seal Beach with Little Saigon, Artesia,
10 Cerritos, et cetera. Whereas, the Commission excludes
11 Tustin from this area from the NOCCOAST District, and
12 Advancing Justice and Black Census and Redistricting Hub
13 split Tustin instead.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. And I see that there is
15 also -- ours goes down to Laguna Beach, but theirs stops.
16 And I'm sorry, Jaime, is that in -- Hawaiian Gardens is
17 still in L.A. County in their maps where we've moved it
18 to Orange County?

19 MS. CLARK: That's correct.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

21 Commissioner Turner or Commissioner Toledo.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Jaime, so this is a big
23 ask and either, yes, you know it or you don't, and we can
24 play around. Do you know broadly the variances, not of
25 all of all of them, of the CVAPs for all CVAPs. Not off

1 the top of your head. Here's what I'm trying to get at:
2 For the different iterations we're drawing and we're
3 trying to ensure that -- first of all, VRA districts, but
4 even for the others, we're trying to ensure that all of
5 the COIs are represented, that like groups are kept
6 together. That people have an opportunity to elect
7 candidates of their choice. And beyond a preference of
8 where lines go based on who we shop with, who we do --
9 I'm wondering about if we're ultimately achieving the
10 goal to ensure that people have an opportunity to
11 represent who they want, and if there's a way to tell
12 which of these lines are stronger from that perspective?

13 MS. CLARK: For all groups, do you mean?

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Generally, yes.

15 MS. CLARK: Honestly, I think that that could be a
16 question for your VRA counsel. I don't know that I could
17 answer that.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. That strikes me as a tall
19 ask. Unless does our counsel have a -- just quickly
20 to -- thank you for uplifting that question, Commissioner
21 Turner, because it's a very, very valid one. A lot of
22 groups are looking at their particular constituency, and
23 we are looking at everybody, which is why our maps are
24 usually different. But Commissioner -- I'm sorry, Mr.
25 Larson, could you have --



1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Right.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- a comment?

3 MR. LARSON: Sure. I appreciate your sentiment that
4 it's a tall ask, and I agree with that characterization.
5 We've not had a chance to go through every one of these
6 maps and to do -- to be able to respond to that question
7 as a whole. I'm sorry.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. So I guess I'll
9 end by ultimately saying that this, to me, would be a way
10 to honor all of the -- we're trying to represent all
11 Californians. And so based on COIs that's come in and
12 all of the various requests, outside of preference, et
13 cetera, if the ultimate goal is, indeed, to ensure as
14 many as possible have opportunity, it would be great.
15 And I know we don't -- I hear that we don't have the
16 time -- we haven't explored it. But it seemed like it
17 would be a really good way to determine this, and would
18 require probably a lot more research, but this is what I
19 was hoping to be able to see. Thank you.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
21 And that's a -- I'm actually struck by how similar many
22 of these have been. I haven't seen any gaping
23 differences. So I was very pleased to see that.

24 Commissioner Toledo.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. Thank you. This seems

1 a little bit different than previous iterations that
2 we've seen before from these two groups where I thought
3 previously there was connection to Long Beach and Seal
4 Beach with the maps from groups. I know these have
5 evolved, especially I think groups are evolving to our
6 thinking and I appreciate that. I do see -- and maybe
7 Jaime can speak to this -- that there is a change in the
8 VRA district in Orange County with the map presented from
9 the Black Hub and the Advancing Justice group. Can you
10 speak to those changes, and what they are?

11 MR. LARSON: I'll just remind the Commission that in
12 the Congressional maps we did not have the third Gingles
13 precondition met here, so this is not actually a black --

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I meant in the majority-
15 minority map in Orange County.

16 MS. CLARK: Yep. So it looks like -- and the lines
17 that are in green are the Black Hub lines, and the lines
18 that are in black are the Commission's lines. So the
19 Commission has -- basically, there's a different split in
20 Orange. Black Hub includes more of Orange in this Santa
21 Ana District. The split in Fullerton is different. The
22 Commission is slightly further North than the split that
23 Black Census and Redistricting Hub uses. And in Santa
24 Ana, there's also this very Western area of Santa Ana is
25 included in the Commission's version, keeping Santa Ana

1 whole, whereas Black Hub has a split here.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Jaime.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Vazquez.

4 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I was just going to
5 remark. I think Commissioner Toledo said this as well
6 that, like, these maps have -- these maps from our folks
7 at the different sort of statewide advocacy groups have
8 evolved as we have evolved but maybe haven't gone quite
9 as quickly as we have, especially as we've sort of made
10 bigger changes in the last, like, two days, in Orange
11 County, in particular, so. But I am also struck at how
12 pretty similar most of these are. It may be worthwhile
13 if we have sort of staff capacity to just go and sort of
14 tally up majority-minority districts in each of these
15 iterations and maybe what those percentages are, to
16 Commissioner Turner's point.

17 Hopefully, that's not something that takes several
18 days, but can be done with, again, some staff support
19 overnight. But yeah, I think -- I feel in much better
20 shape than when we started with these maps, for what it's
21 worth.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.
23 Commissioner Turner.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. I think Jaime wanted to
25 say something. But in addition to that, for example,

1 for -- and then I think I can watch and see how we move
2 forward with this, but Santa Ana area -- Santatana (sic),
3 Santa Ana, however those maps -- the VRA one that I think
4 was a VRA district, we struggled for a while with trying
5 to increase the CVAP in that area and was not successful
6 in doing so. And noticing that the Black Hub's lines
7 being different, it would, to me, be the right thing to
8 look at what their lines -- if that, indeed, does raise
9 it in that area. We've been stuck at around this fifty
10 and each time we comment that we want it higher. It
11 would be fifty -- we would love to get it up higher. I'd
12 love to see what the CVAP is with the boundaries that
13 they've provided.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
15 Commissioner Sinay.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. If we were to have
17 staff look at the different maps and the CVAP, I would --
18 I'm wondering from counsel if we need to open up so that
19 all groups who want to submit for that type of
20 evaluation, or can we do it just based on the ones we
21 have?

22 MR. LARSON: What would the ones we have entail?
23 How many is that?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: About four, I believe.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, these are -- yeah. In terms

1 of --

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I'm just concerned
3 about -- are we opening ourselves --

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I mean, I --

6 MR. LARSON: Yeah. I --

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- just want to make sure that
8 everybody has the same opportunity in the State of
9 California.

10 MR. LARSON: I agree with that goal. If there's
11 four that would make sense.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah, I'm --

13 MR. LARSON: If staff were -- I mean, you all need
14 to decide about the impact on staff of doing that level
15 of analysis.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Yeah. I'm sorry.

17 Commissioner Vazquez.

18 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. If I could -- I think
19 that's good thinking ahead, Commissioner Sinay. I will
20 just say that it's my understanding that we're looking at
21 these four because they've evolved along with us and with
22 our thinking. And these are most recently submitted maps
23 that take into account all of the different potentially
24 impacted regions in Southern California. If there are
25 other -- I don't know that there are other maps that have

1 been submitted in the last few days that also take into
2 account, sort of the regional impacts of different
3 changes. So I would say, in order to have a useful
4 analysis, that we should make sure that we are comparing
5 apples-to-apples. And to me, these four submitted maps
6 would be a helpful apples-to-apples comparison if we did
7 it.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.
9 Commissioner Akutagawa.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I would -- yeah. I think I
11 do agree. I think we do need to keep it fair, but I also
12 agree with what Commissioner Vazquez said. It has to be
13 an apples-to-apples comparison. Just looking at one
14 city, one region isn't going to be necessarily helpful
15 given the ripple effects that we've all been
16 experiencing. Before we go with what Commissioner Turner
17 has asked on this particular VRA district, I would ask
18 Jaime, if that's what you're going to do -- I'm curious
19 if -- I know it's going to look kind of very colorful,
20 but could we also see all of the other -- I guess,
21 Advancing Justice as well as MALDEF and Equality
22 California maps, all in this very specific VRA district?
23 I'm curious if they are also sharing the same exact
24 lines, or similar lines.

25 MS. CLARK: Yeah. Just to quickly respond to that.



1 I don't think that the -- I didn't understand that the
2 suggestion was to make this change. I think it was just
3 to see the difference in the CVAP for this district. And
4 because the -- this Shapefile doesn't have the exact
5 same -- the exact same fields that we have, I didn't want
6 to pull up something incorrect. So the most accurate way
7 for me to tell you the answer to that was just to
8 highlight it -- to pull it all up. And so what the --
9 well, what I should say what Black Census and
10 Redistricting Hub has for this district in Santa Ana is
11 for Latino CVAP 50.13 percent. For Black CVAP 2.75
12 percent. For Asian CVAP 16.92 percent. And for white
13 CVAP 28.53 percent. So just wanted to share that with
14 the Commission, and if you'd like I could also pull up
15 the lines for the other groups.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Jaime. Let's see if
17 there's a consensus for this, please.

18 Commissioner Toledo.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I --

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, I'm sorry --

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Commissioner Turner, I think
22 was before me.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- Commissioner Turner. Yeah, so I
24 didn't -- I'm sorry.

25 Commissioner Turner. I wasn't sure if you --



1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- were still --

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I put it down and back up. I
4 wasn't ready.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, thank you very much.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. And Jaime, thank you.
7 That's exactly what I wanted you to do -- was to select
8 it just so that we have an idea. So for that one -- and
9 that is a VRA district -- all of the CVAPs, I believe,
10 went down for this area, as the way it's selected for
11 Black Census and Redistricting, so that may or may not be
12 the case all over the -- all of the other lines, but for
13 this area that would present a problem. And yeah, I
14 don't mind seeing other maps how they're drawn in this
15 area. I think that we can keep assuming and thinking
16 that things are better or different. In some places they
17 may be, but until we test them out or spot test them, et
18 cetera, we don't know their lines. And we're trying to
19 hold a lot in our minds. This was helpful for me to see.
20 Thank you.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

22 Commissioner Toledo.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I'm trying to
24 understand the -- so I understand that we want the more
25 information and more data, that's critical. That's



1 important, especially as we make decisions. But
2 architecturally, when I look at the architecture of, at
3 least Los Angeles County -- I think Orange County is a
4 little bit different -- but Los Angeles County seems to
5 be relatively -- all of the maps seem to have very
6 similar architecture as our maps. And if we're intending
7 to maintain it -- there's slight variations -- but
8 they're slight. They're a couple blocks here or there,
9 but for the most part the architecture seems pretty
10 similar to me. So the decision point, really, seems to
11 be around this Orange County area, if we're going to make
12 changes here or -- and I think the two maps that we're
13 looking at right here don't really make drastic changes.
14 It's where we put Seal Beach, right? Or where you put
15 the cut in Los Angeles County -- between Los Angeles and
16 Orange County. But I thought we had a decision point
17 yesterday that we weren't moving -- or we weren't
18 changing the maps in Orange County. And that's where I'm
19 a little bit confused, because I'm not sure what the
20 decision point that we're trying to get at is.

21 Commissioner Andersen.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.
23 Yes. We'll hear from a few people, but then it's -- I
24 think we need to decide what we're actually doing here,
25 which I'm also a little confused at this point.



1 Commissioner Fernandez.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

3 Kristian, do I sound better now?

4 MR. MANOFF: You sound great.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Great. I wanted to
6 go back a little bit to what Commissioner Sinay said.
7 And I do agree with her, because there's kind of -- I've
8 had, like, an equity issue for those that don't have the
9 bandwidth and haven't been able to follow us, to continue
10 to submit maps. And I understand we want to see what the
11 differences are, and it can help, but I also don't want
12 to rely on it. I guess I'm just torn, because if we're
13 going to use somebody else's map, then why even go
14 through this process for us? So just proceed with
15 caution would be my advice. Thanks.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

17 Commissioner Akutagawa.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I guess this is -- I
19 guess I'll do my own little recap, and then hopefully, if
20 it helps everybody, maybe this will help us move on to
21 the next. I think this started because of the question,
22 again, about the LBNORTH District and about -- well, and
23 about seeing if we could make improvements in the Latino
24 CVAP there to strengthen the numbers a little bit. Then
25 what we then ended up seeing is the MALDEF map, I think

1 just to garner any additional ideas that maybe we were
2 missing, and so we looked at the MALDEF map. We also
3 felt it was important to see the Equality California map.

4 And then since we're getting quite active engagement
5 from both the Black Census and Redistricting Hub, as well
6 as Asian Americans Advancing Justice, and they have also
7 provided us with their Shapefiles for their statewide
8 maps -- I thought it was just important that we should at
9 least just take a look at it and just do a review to see
10 where there may be slight differences. I don't think my
11 intent was to say we should adopt one map over the other.
12 And then I think that's where -- I don't know, this
13 conversation about L.A. -- or straight into Orange
14 County, mostly because I think the Long Beach question.
15 But I think if we're not going to -- I think we're all
16 pretty much in agreement that any additional changes was
17 going to make only slight incremental change, not to the
18 degree that I think we were hoping to see. So with that
19 said, in some ways this is -- this is, I guess, I don't
20 know, maybe settled.

21 I will only just lift up again the request that we
22 got from the Cambodian community last night about not
23 separating out Signal Hill. I also saw more recently
24 additional COI testimony from the LGBTQ community that
25 also states that separating Signal Hill from the -- as I

1 look at the map, the Eastern part of Long Beach also
2 splits the LGBTQ community as well, too. So now we're --
3 I just wanted to see -- I think we just kind of came to
4 an agreement that the OC maps are generally just -- I
5 mean, we know that a lot of people are not happy with it,
6 but I think anything that we're going to do is going to
7 be incremental at this point. The only thing I would
8 just as is if we revisit the Signal Hill cut that we did,
9 and bring in two COIs that -- one COI that is being
10 split, and the other one that feels that they are better
11 served by being in the Eastern part of Long Beach. Thank
12 you.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner
14 Akutagawa.

15 Commissioner Turner.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. 28,000
17 pieces of public comment spanned over a lot of months is
18 a lot of information for us to hold and keep up with. I
19 think that we are really close to the process. We're
20 trying to work the ten and twelve and however many hour
21 days we are, go home and do some more reading. I don't
22 think it's a problem or a disservice to allow those that
23 have the opportunity to step back or see it at a higher
24 view and kind of be informed by what they're seeing as
25 well. We ultimately have to make the decisions, and I

1 know it's past time for us to do that and to land on
2 something and move. But a multitude of counsel is where
3 I'm coming from. It's just being able to hear what other
4 people -- and if, indeed, they present something that's
5 drastically different that hits all of our COIs and all
6 of our concerns and all of our criteria, then, you know
7 what? We brought them -- we led them to it with all the
8 discussion, and then we could take -- but we don't see
9 that right now.

10 I do appreciate all of what's coming in, and if what
11 we've seen in the differences of the current maps that's
12 been flowing with us, sending in new iterations, trying
13 to keep in mind what we've named as our importance,
14 because I think a lot of the maps that are coming in --
15 they're staying based on the Commission's stated
16 requirements or what we need. I think they're being
17 responsive to that, too. And if individuals still are
18 writing in, we sit up -- I do. I know we -- and we write
19 and we listen to individual comments for hours that comes
20 in and then we allow those comments to inform us we go
21 into the next conversation.

22 So I hope no one feels that we are preferring one of
23 over the other. We're trying to use technology. We're
24 trying to use the benefit of people calling in. We're
25 trying to retain what was already done to draw the best



1 maps possible. And I think best possible -- that stone
2 unturned we talked about a little bit ago -- is what
3 we're doing. And at this point, I think if people can at
4 least see what was attempted -- what we're trying to
5 do -- it will help them understand why they're going to
6 live with what we ultimately decide for the next ten
7 years. And so I think it's a worthy process. Yeah. I
8 just think that we're trying to do what we can. And I
9 think this was -- it was good to see how other people are
10 thinking about it. At some point we will need to say,
11 this is where we're going to land, and we will not change
12 for this area so that we can move on to the next.

13 But I also know that we don't necessarily have a
14 good evidenced pattern of stating that and not making
15 changes, which makes us keep saying, well, here's another
16 opportunity to do something. Because I'm not one hundred
17 percent mad at that, because if it can get better, why
18 would be stuck in something just because of an arbitrary
19 line that we drew? And I mean, in our mouths by what we
20 said, not so much what we've literally drawn. So thank
21 you for the process. Thank you for looking at all of the
22 maps. For those in the area, if it informed you to do
23 something different or better, I hope that you say, yes,
24 let's make that change. And I know we're paying close
25 attention to our VRA districts, and so for that one Santa



1 Ana it did not necessarily, but perhaps other areas.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Uh-huh.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, thank you for that,
5 Commissioner Turner. As always, you give a very good
6 framing for how we're looking at the maps, and I really
7 appreciate that.

8 Commissioner Akutagawa.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

10 Commissioner Turner, I do appreciate what you said,
11 too. And I can't remember who said this earlier, whether
12 it was Commissioner Sinay or Vazquez -- I think there was
13 something similar said, too. I think we're all conscious
14 that there are different groups that are advocating for
15 their communities. There are their own communities that
16 are specifically advocating for their communities, but at
17 the end of the day what we are trying to balance out is
18 all of the communities, all of the Californians, knowing
19 that, yes, not everybody's going to be maybe super
20 excited. But at the same time, I mean, there's others
21 that are going to be and then others that are going to
22 be, like what we've been asking, can you live with it?
23 Is it something that can work? And that's what we're
24 really trying to do is make it so that it can work for
25 all Californians.



1 With that said, I'd like to just perhaps move on.
2 And I'd like to address the question about Signal Hill
3 and the LGBT and the Cambodia Town COIs. And I'd like to
4 ask if maybe we could swap that particular COI -- both
5 the LGBTQ and the Cambodia Town COI -- and maybe split
6 Lakewood, and put Lakewood into the 710 District, and
7 then put the Signal Hill portion into the LBNORTH? And
8 maybe if we're lucky, we'll even see the CVAP go up for
9 the Latino CVAP.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
11 We'll take the next questions, because this is an area
12 that I think we'll want to come back to and spend even
13 more time on. This is an item that I want to see if
14 people want to address this one right now, but I know
15 we're going to come back to this area. And I'm just
16 keeping an eye on our time here.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think Mr. Larson has a
18 comment.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Mr. Larson.

20 MR. LARSON: Thank you. I appreciate it, Chair. I
21 just wanted to -- I had a moment a few minutes ago of too
22 many meetings where I misspoke, and I wanted to clarify
23 the record that what I said about the Santa Ana
24 District -- as you all know and have been operating as --
25 there is a VRA obligation there, and so you have been

1 addressing that correctly. I just wanted to clarify that
2 for the record.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Larson.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And just to that -- it does
6 meet all three Gingles. And it is a Section 2 VRA
7 district.

8 MR. LARSON: Correct. Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

11 Commissioner Yee.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you. I did want to just
13 comment on the preceding conversation. I don't disagree
14 with anything anyone said. I love the different
15 perspectives and I learned so much. I did want to uphold
16 Commissioner Fernandez's comments, being careful about
17 giving special attention to certain groups or groups that
18 have expertise at a certain level. Of course, that's an
19 asset, and of course, we want to use anything and
20 everything that people bring, and any assets that we can
21 bring to this work.

22 But at the same, we are the Citizens Redistricting
23 Commission. There are people in the legislature that
24 know far more about redistricting than we do, and the
25 State has chosen to not use them. I am sure there are

1 people in the nonprofit community who know far more about
2 redistricting and have been doing it far longer than I
3 have been. And yet this Commission was formed to operate
4 in the way it does. And it's not simply turn to maps
5 like that, so I agree with Commissioner Fernandez. Yes,
6 of course, we want to value and use everything of value,
7 but also to honor the spirit of the Commission, and it's
8 not just about expertise narrowly conceived. It's about
9 the shared wisdom that fourteen citizens bring to this
10 task.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.
12 Commissioner Toledo.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I think coming back to
14 this district and the LBNORTH District. Because we
15 put -- I mean, I think the Northern part of -- the
16 Northern part of this district certainly has VRA
17 considerations and because it's lumped in with LBNORTH,
18 it is a Section 2 VRA district. And so I am comfortable
19 looking at options, but only if we're able to maintain
20 our CVAPs --

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- and so I'm comfortable with
23 exploration but maintaining the CVAPs as are to ensure
24 that the protected group, which is in this case, because
25 of the connection to -- in this case, it's the Latino

1 community. And that's just VRA compliance. Otherwise, I
2 think if it wasn't a VRA district I think we'd have more
3 ability to work with the communities of interest. But
4 certainly willing to explore. Thank you.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yes. At this point,
6 Jaime, you have the idea, I'm thinking. Can we have you
7 do this really quickly? We were trying to do this switch
8 here and see what we think about that.

9 MS. CLARK: One moment.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much.

11 MS. CLARK: My guess is that it's going to bring
12 down the Latino. Well, let's check it out. Let's check
13 it out.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

15 MS. CLARK: So I'm selecting Signal Hill. And the
16 area -- what was highlighted in blue is the Cambodian
17 COI. I will move this over so we can see. This is a
18 change of about 70,000 people. And I'll just make this
19 change quickly and then try and do a swap for this
20 Western part of Lakeport, which was Commissioner
21 Akutagawa's direction. So just one moment while I do
22 that. Let's see. So the highlighted area right now is
23 34,000 people. It's a lot less densely populated. So
24 Commissioner Akutagawa, I'm wondering if it would be okay
25 if I also grab portions of Long Beach?

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

2 MS. CLARK: And I'll clean that up in a second. One
3 moment, please.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That's a lot of people in
5 that small area.

6 MS. CLARK: Yes, it is. Let me just double-check
7 that none of Signal Hill is included. So this is roughly
8 an equal swap, and in SP10 the Latino CVAP would become
9 50.45 percent, and in LBNORTH, the Latino CVAP will
10 become 50.92 percent.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Can you show us all the CVAPs,
12 please?

13 MS. CLARK: Yes, I can. One moment.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: 50.92 or 52.92?

15 MS. CLARK: 52.92 for Long Beach North and 50.45 for
16 SP710. So I'll just read all of them. For SP710, the
17 Latino CVAP would be 50.45 percent. The Black CVAP would
18 be 14.79 percent. The Asian CVAP would be 12.98 percent.
19 And the white CVAP would be 19.38 percent. For LBNORTH,
20 the Latino CVAP would be 52.92 percent. The Black CVAP
21 would be 8.74 percent. The Asian CVAP would be 9.45
22 percent. And the white CVAP would be 27.43 percent.
23 There would be a population discrepancy around 2,000
24 people, and that I could fix off-line if the Commission
25 is comfortable with that.



1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Jaime, just a quick question.
2 So if I'm reading this correctly, the Latino CVAP goes
3 up?

4 MS. CLARK: The Latino CVAP for LBNORTH goes up, and
5 the Latino CVAP for SP710 goes down.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm comfortable with this
7 change.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Sadhwani.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm just trying to -- before
10 we commit to that change, I'd just like to take a closer
11 look at, like, street level, what we're looking at in
12 terms of the trades. I mean, we've heard so much
13 testimony from Long Beach, I just want to make sure.
14 We've from the Cal States, from so many different folks.
15 I just want to know more of what I'm looking at. From a
16 CVAP standpoint, it seems to be, like, a fairly even
17 trade, but just want to make sure that we're not cutting
18 into other things.

19 MS. CLARK: So in Lakewood --

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think they have an airport
21 or something, too, right?

22 MS. CLARK: They do have an airport. Yeah. And I'm
23 just walk through or talk through the changes here. So
24 this is Bellflower going through Lakewood. And then
25 following Carson Street, going East, which is at the city

1 boundary of Lakewood, this is Woodruff. To the South,
2 Wardlow. This diagonal street is called North Los
3 Coyotes Diagonal. The literal name for a street. And
4 then this is East Spring Street. Back to Bellflower,
5 moving South, Stearns or Steering (ph.) Street. Clark
6 Avenue. This is following Pacific Coast Highway. And
7 this is the city limit roughly of Signal Hill. It's
8 Redondo Avenue. Willow Street, and then following the
9 city boundaries of Signal Hill up Cherry. So this
10 area -- going to zoom out -- does include Long Beach
11 Airport. So the airport would be with SP710.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. I would have to go
13 back and look at testimony, but my sense is, like, I
14 don't know if there's interconnectedness between the
15 airport and the ports. I mean, certainly, we've heard a
16 lot from the ports, and are there any of the college
17 areas that are getting cut off doing this? I think we've
18 heard from a couple community college as well as Cal
19 State Long Beach.

20 MS. CLARK: So Cal State would be in with the port
21 and LBNORTH.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Um-hum.

23 MS. CLARK: The community college is -- one second.
24 I apologize. I'm having a moment. Oh, I'm sorry. The
25 city college is in the Cambodian COI, so they would be

1 separate from -- oh, no. They would be together. Pardon
2 me. They would be together.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: They would be together. And
4 is the airport just this area right up here?

5 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Is that what that is? I
7 mean, I'm curious just to see, like, keeping that in
8 the -- I mean, I'm going to guess that there's probably
9 not a ton of population there. But just to keep those
10 resources together since, I mean, we've definitely heard
11 a lot from the ports. I don't know. I mean, I think it
12 would be worth taking a look at it.

13 (Pause)

14 MS. CLARK: So the airport is no longer included.
15 In the highlighted area, there's a little bit of
16 population, but not a ton, so that is still about 2,000
17 people. And the CVAP it looks like has not significantly
18 changed.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.
21 Commissioner Turner.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Thank you, Chair. So
23 for sure we saw the LCVAP increase for LBNORTH; however,
24 a lot of the other CVAPs did go down. And I think the
25 testimony in this area -- the public comment that we

1 received -- they're trying to have Signal Hill included.
2 And I think I missed it -- it looked like the swap --
3 Signal Hill, according to our paperwork we have, is
4 11,911 people for just Signal Hill. And if we put Signal
5 Hill in, could we not just take that amount or close to
6 that amount out of Lakewood without doing anything
7 different to Long Beach?

8 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Yeah. So Signal Hill is
9 this area, and then it does have overlap with the
10 Cambodian COI, which I think Commissioner Akutagawa asked
11 me to look at both of them. So Commissioner Turner, just
12 to clarify, is your suggestion to just move Signal Hill?

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Well, I wasn't trying to break
14 up a COI. I missed that part. I was wondering why we
15 grabbed all of it. Yes, I thought we were just trying to
16 get Signal Hill in.

17 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So the area that's in blue on the
18 map right now is the Cambodian COI. And then this area
19 that has the small outline around it is Signal Hill.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. And Jaime, I'm sorry,
21 so Signal Hill we're trying to get into -- what are we
22 trying to do?

23 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So Signal Hill was in SP710.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-hum.

25 MS. CLARK: And then the direction was to move it

1 in -- to move Signal Hill, which is part of the LGBTQ
2 COI, and this Cambodian COI, which is here in blue on the
3 map, into LBNORTH, and that was about 70,000 people.
4 Signal Hill plus this area that's highlighted in blue.
5 And so then, we're looking at the --

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh, okay, so --

7 MS. CLARK: -- area highlighted in red, moving that
8 into SP710 for the population swap.

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. Because there wasn't
10 enough to move into SP10 that was non -- areas outside of
11 Long Beach. So it would increase -- so Signal Hill just
12 11,900. So that other seventy comes from that other
13 portion of Long Beach?

14 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'm trying to see how the
16 populations gets so high. Okay.

17 MS. CLARK: Yeah. It's like, this area and these
18 areas basically, make up the rest of that population.
19 It's a densely populated area.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Fernandez.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Just a
23 little bit along the same lines with Commissioner Turner.
24 More on the CVAP numbers in terms of it going down.
25 SP710 went down from 53.53 to 50 -- I'm looking for the

1 number now -- 50.45. That is a little concerning, but
2 Dale, again, I believe you said crossover here is high?

3 MR. LARSON: We do see crossover with Black voters
4 here.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: With the black? Okay.
6 Thank you.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Toledo.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I was just curious to
9 see the CVAP changes for all the CVAPs for the Long Beach
10 North, because I thought they hadn't changed much. I
11 mean, yes, the Latino went up slightly, but I thought the
12 other ones didn't change much. Thank you. That's
13 helpful.

14 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So what's in orange on the map is
15 where we started today, so I'll read Long Beach North
16 first, because that was the one we were looking at. So
17 we started with Long Beach North being 51.19 percent
18 Latino CVAP. That would change to 52.92 percent Latino
19 CVAP. We started with 8.24 percent Black CVAP. It would
20 change to 8.74 percent Black CVAP. We started with 8.65
21 percent Asian CVAP. It would change to 9.45 percent.
22 And we started with 30.48 percent white CVAP. It would
23 change to 27.43 percent white CVAP. For SP710, we
24 started with 52.17 percent Latino CVAP. It would change
25 to 50.45 percent. We started with 15.41 percent Black

1 CVAP. It would change to 14.79 percent Black CVAP. We
2 started with 13.85 percent Asian CVAP. That would change
3 to 12.98 percent. And we started with 16.14 percent
4 white CVAP. It would change to 19.38 percent.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

7 Commissioner Akutagawa.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I was going to ask
9 if we could see Equality California's Shapefile or their
10 particular area for the Signal Hill area. I know that
11 they've given us a Shapefile for this. So I think that
12 includes --

13 MS. CLARK: It's going to be -- these are the
14 Equality California lines. Their lines here in Long
15 Beach are significantly different from the Commission's
16 in certain ways. They have Long Beach in three different
17 districts, and they put Signal Hill with all of Lakewood
18 and the Gateway Cities.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. So Long Beach North.
20 I'm uncomfortable splitting Long Beach three times, also.
21 I think limiting -- and I think we've tried to do this in
22 all the cities -- is to limit to no more than splitting
23 it in half, not three times. But it looks like from
24 their Shapefile it included all of Signal Hill. I was
25 just trying to see if there was a portion of Signal Hill

1 that did not need to be included, but looks like it's all
2 of it. For me, I would say I'm comfortable with this
3 because it does raise the Latino CVAP in LBNORTH. I
4 think we -- it's been mentioned that there's a lot of
5 crossover voting. I also want to note that for the Asian
6 CVAP, the population in Carson and in this particular
7 area that's in this SP710 District are predominately
8 Pacific Islander and native Hawaiian and also Filipino
9 population, too. So my sense is that, again, this is how
10 diverse the Asian-American community is and the Pacific
11 Islander communities are. So for what it's worth, I
12 think they share a lot of similar demographics to the
13 populations in this SP710 district. Thank you.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
15 Commissioner Ahmad.

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. The
17 statement that we are trying not to split cities more
18 than twice is not necessarily an accurate statement as
19 the City of San Jose has been split four times. And I
20 think we talked about this early on that splits don't
21 necessarily mean a bad thing. It means more
22 representation, theoretically. I think what this current
23 conversation what would be helpful for me is to really
24 understand what the options are on the table so we can
25 move forward. I am comfortable with Long Beach being



1 split three times if that means we can meet some of our
2 more higher ranked criteria. I would just like to get
3 that solidified so that we can move onto the next area.
4 Thank you.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.
6 Yeah. Can we do that? What Commissioner Ahmad just
7 asked. I'm sorry, Commissioner Ahmad, was I not clear
8 on?

9 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I don't even know what I asked
10 any more.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Okay. I'm sorry. I got
12 distracted for -- so for clarification --

13 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I think just trying to figure
14 out what are we trying to -- what is our goal here in
15 this area with this current visualization? With this
16 current shading right now? And if it's acceptable for
17 the general Commission, we should probably make a
18 decision now and move on to the next area.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.
20 Commissioner Akutagawa.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. So the goal is to
22 bring in the Cambodian Town COI and the LGBTQ COI. I
23 think with what we have displayed right now, it'll
24 accomplish both of those. I don't think there's a need
25 for a further split. The only reason why -- the question

1 about a further split of Long Beach was just looking at
2 the overlay of the Equality California Shapefiles, but
3 that would then have ripple effects across all of the
4 region, which is not what we want. We were just trying
5 to localize it to just bringing in the Signal Hill and
6 the Cambodia Town COI and then trying to offset that with
7 a swap of populations in Lakewood, which was not as
8 densely populated as the Cambodia Town COI is. And so we
9 had to go a little bit further down. So that's what I
10 believe we are trying to do.

11 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: So I'm seeing that we do -- this
13 would be successful -- Commissioner Turner.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. So I guess the surprise
15 or the difference for me was that swap would include
16 removing more of Long Beach and wondered if we could look
17 at removing more of Lakewood, Bellflower -- going that
18 direction instead of into Long Beach?

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

20 Commissioner Toledo.

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I do worry that if we move
22 into Bellflower and Lakewood that we are going to create
23 a compactness issue, because that neck is small and the
24 higher up we go that neck is going to be even -- it's
25 going to be thin. So I would want legal opinion on that

1 in terms of about compactness around -- if we go through
2 Bellflower, which we'd have to take a pretty significant
3 amount of Bellflower and more of Lakewood in order to
4 achieve that because they're less densely populated. So
5 I would want Legal to weigh in on the compactness issue
6 around -- or the neck around -- that we'd be creating.

7 MR. LARSON: So --

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Go ahead, Mr. Larson.

9 MR. LARSON: Thank you, Chair. As you know,
10 compactness is going to be a low criteria. You actually
11 may be violating a higher criteria because you'd be
12 splitting Bellflower to accomplish what you're trying to
13 accomplish. So to me, that would be a higher concern and
14 something you all need to consider.

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Turner.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you for the, I guess,
18 heed or warning and counsel, but until we see it, we've
19 not looked to see what that looks like. And if we go and
20 move Downey into SP10 to save more of Long Beach. Let's
21 see what the neck looks like, and start grabbing. If
22 it's a heavily populated area, maybe it won't get so
23 thin.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Or having an area up in
25 Downey or something from the North than adding more of

1 Long Beach.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I like that idea.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I do worry that it will impact
5 the CVAP, though. The areas above this was higher CVAP,
6 so we'd be taking lower CVAP area and replacing it with
7 higher Latino CVAP area. But I'm willing to explore.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Jaime, do a read on this?
9 Do you know the outcome before we're looking at it?

10 MS. CLARK: Let's give it a shot. I don't know the
11 outcome before we look at it.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.

13 MS. CLARK: So just grabbing this corner, Southwest
14 corner of Bellflower, this is about a 1,000 people off of
15 the ideal population of each district, and I'm just going
16 to zoom out to see what that would look like. I don't
17 know if these are the areas in Long Beach that you wanted
18 to be removed, but with this area of Bellflower, it would
19 be pretty close to your ideal deviation, and the Latino
20 CVAP in SP710 would be 51.08 percent, and the Latino CVAP
21 in LB North would be 52.29 percent.

22 Commissioner Turner, is this looking better to you
23 in Long Beach, or would you like me to remove other areas
24 in Long Beach?

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I would like to see if you



1 could remove, because this would be the third split
2 unless we can get rid of more of Long Beach. Unless we
3 can -- yeah.

4 MS. CLARK: I'm sorry. So this would still only be
5 splitting Long Beach into two different districts.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. The way it currently
7 is?

8 MS. CLARK: That's correct, yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. I mean, I think this
10 looks better, and I don't think it created so much of a
11 neck issue.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Commissioner Sadhwani, I'm
13 sorry, you had your hand up?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, yeah. No, I was just
15 going to agree with Commissioner Turner. I think this
16 seems like a reasonable swap to try and preserve more of
17 the City of Long Beach. I mean, we've definitely had
18 tons and tons of testimony from them, so. Certainly, it
19 gets us a little bit a -- little bit closer, I think, and
20 doesn't seem to have a massive impact to the LCVAPs,
21 because that, of course, would be a major concern for me.
22 But it seems here that it's a fairly even swap.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.

24 Commissioner Akutagawa and Commissioner Toledo, you
25 both have your hands up. What's your direction here?

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm comfortable with this.
2 We are splitting, now, an additional city, though, but
3 I'm comfortable with it, too, if this is the way the
4 Commission wants to go.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I mean, did we have three
6 splits before? Because I thought -- I've only seen two.
7 I've not seen three splits, so I was comfortable the way
8 we had it, with the highest Latino CVAP, which was our
9 goal, and a higher African-American CVAP. This reduces
10 the Latino and African-American CVAPs, and breaks up
11 Bellflower, so. And I only see -- if our goal is to
12 split Long Beach twice, we had accomplished that the way
13 we had it. So I'm trying to understand.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Commissioner Fernandez?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I agree with
16 Commissioner Toledo. I preferred the other way, because
17 he's right, it decreased both the Latino and the Black
18 CVAP.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. And yes, so do we have a
20 consensus on going with this -- wait, I'm sorry. I guess
21 we're looking at two different options here, the previous
22 version of Long Beach, or the switch into Bellflower.

23 Commissioner Sadhwani?

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I was just going to
25 see if -- I mean, these are swaps -- I mean, the

1 percentage of the Latino CVAP that's changing is not a
2 lot. But I think the outcome is that, you know, the
3 Signal Hill, the LGBT COI, the Cambodia Town COI get to
4 be a part of Long Beach, and Long Beach is preserved a
5 little bit more. So it may not be exactly this, but I
6 think it's worth, you know, it could be about one census
7 block versus another to maintain the Latino CVAP because,
8 yeah, they went down, but not by a ton, and so I'm just
9 curious, maybe there's something that Jaime or a
10 Commissioner could work on off-line to just try and see
11 if, you know, we can meet all of those goals,
12 potentially.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you.

14 Commissioner Fornaciari?

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Turner, you also --
17 nope?

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, Yeah. I was just going
19 to say, Jaime, if you can, just flip around a couple of
20 other census blocks and see if we can improve, but I do
21 like the moving into be it Bellflower just to be able to
22 not take more from the Long Beach area. So anyway, if
23 you can --

24 MS. CLARK: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- I think it's great. If



1 not, I don't think it's detrimental.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you.

3 MS. CLARK: So just to --

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

5 MS. CLARK: -- I'm happy to do that. Thank you so
6 much. Just clarifying direction, which is -- and I think
7 I'm a little confused about the direction because it's,
8 like, boosting the CVAP in which one? Because since this
9 is a trade between two districts only, then raising the
10 CVAP in one of them is going to be lowering the CVAP in a
11 different one. So I'm just wondering what the goal is.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Thank you, Jaime. I
13 think that's what we were already seeing, though, was the
14 increasing the CVAP in Long Beach -- in LB North was
15 reducing it, and SP10, and I think the Commission likes
16 the numbers that it was seeing for LB North, and with
17 this change, that came down slightly. So if you can,
18 with this change, choosing different census blocks, get
19 it back up a little bit closer to what it was, perhaps
20 there will be greater comfort.

21 MS. CLARK: Thank you for that clarification,
22 Commissioner Turner. I understand.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And Commissioner Fornaciari?

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, so we've heard a lot
25 about Black crossover here, and, you know, if we look at

1 the relative amount of potential Black crossover, we have
2 more potential Black crossover now with SP710, with the
3 lower Latino CVAP, and higher Latino CVAP in the LB
4 North, with less potential crossover voting. So I mean,
5 for me, this is kind of heading in the right direction to
6 help, you know, ensure that these districts will perform.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. I like that -- I've been
8 looking at the combination, making sure the combination
9 stays at the same level.

10 Commissioner Akutagawa?

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think I'm trying to
12 understand why it's okay to split Bellflower to retain
13 more of Long Beach, when the other way around, we had a
14 higher Latino CVAP in the LB North, and even though the
15 CVAP went down in the 710, we did see higher numbers, I
16 believe, or numbers that were, I think, good enough that
17 the SP 710 will perform because of the potential for
18 other communities, you know, crossing over. So I'm just
19 trying to understand it. I'm not necessarily saying one
20 or the other, but I think I'm just looking for some
21 perhaps understanding from others who are seeing things
22 differently. Thank you.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Ahmad?

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I just
25 wanted to say thank you to Commissioner Fornaciari. That

1 last statement just made so much sense to me and it
2 clicked in my head. I can support this.

3 And I do not have an answer for Commissioner
4 Akutagawa's question.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Commissioner Turner?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Let me attempt it. I
7 think the move -- our desire to move Signal Hill into LB
8 North was to unify communities of interest for both the
9 LGBTQ, as well as, I think, it was the API. And in our
10 attempt to move it into unify COIs, if we further split
11 the same COIs, we really didn't accomplish all of what we
12 intended to do. And by bringing Signal Hill in and
13 taking parts of Long Beach out, you really did not unify
14 the COI at all.

15 And so that's my reasoning, and my kind of thinking
16 for wanting to move up in a different direction, so that
17 by -- in our first move to unify, we don't turn around
18 and undo what we've done. And if that can be
19 accomplished, where we don't sacrifice the CVAP numbers
20 in this area, I think that's a win-win.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
22 Commissioner Taylor?

23 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. I think further, to
24 answer Commissioner Akutagawa, I think we all should be
25 looking for veins of consistency in our analysis as we

1 make these changes in all these districts. So what we
2 hold for one, we should hold for majority. I understand
3 that each place might be different and have a different
4 set of circumstances, but there should be some vein of
5 consistency. So I agree with you in your question,
6 Commissioner Akutagawa. I just hope that we're able to
7 answer those.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner
9 Taylor.

10 Commissioner Toledo?

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I agree with both Commissioner
12 Akutagawa and Commissioner Turner, in the sense of --so
13 I'm comfortable with exploring, having Jaime take us off-
14 line, see how she can refine it a little bit better, but
15 ultimately, you know, moving in that direction --

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- while also, I mean, I do
18 also see Commissioner Akutagawa's point about cutting
19 smaller communities, right? Long Beach is a much bigger
20 community. Bellflower is much smaller. And we've said
21 that over and over again, but this is a VRA, area and I
22 don't know. So I can balance both, and comfortable with
23 the compromise. Thank you.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yes. At this point, do
25 you feel confident enough to -- you're going to have

1 direction to work with this one?

2 MS. CLARK: Yup. I'm happy to --

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay.

4 MS. CLARK: -- check it out online. I'm going to
5 commit this change. And please let us know where you
6 would like to go next.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Well, I believe we'd like
8 to -- we'd like to have you adjust these things and have
9 a look as we go off-line. And I'd like to have a look
10 back at the other portion of the state. I'm just
11 wondering if we want to go to our fifteen-minute break
12 and then just start back with Tamina. Let's do that
13 right now, because we have a sort of a (indiscernible)
14 here. So fifteen-minute break, that's going to bring us
15 back at 4:50, or Kristian, is it 4:52?

16 So Commissioners --

17 MR. MANOFF: Something like that, Chair.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- yes.

19 MR. MANOFF: Something like that.

20 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Can we get an extra three
21 minutes? Can we go to 4:55?

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I don't know. That's a bit much.
23 Certainly. Let's go 4:55. Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you.

25 MR. MANOFF: Sounds good.



1 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:37 p.m.
2 until 4:54 p.m.)

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Welcome back, California, to the
4 California Citizens Redistricting Commission meeting for
5 the general public. We will be taking public comment at
6 6, and we will not be taking that (indiscernible) show
7 break at 5:45, as we just came back from break, but we
8 will, at about 6:25, need to take our mandatory fifteen
9 minute break for our interpreters and reporters.

10 So with that, we're going to jump into -- Tamina has
11 some little revisions that she was going over, and if we
12 could have a look at that, please? And I believe this
13 was with possibly Commissioner Yee, so.

14 MS. RAMON ALON: Thank you, Chair.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioners, take off.

16 MS. RAMON ALON: Just one revision. This is to the
17 NORTHCONT district, which you are looking at right now.
18 The revision will be in blue. This revision takes the
19 Grizzly Bay area of Solano County, adds it to the
20 NORTHCONT, and just slightly shifts the lines in
21 Vacaville to make the bottom part of Vacaville whole with
22 the rest of Vacaville. So the new shape of this
23 district -- I'll turn off the background district so you
24 can see. This is what the new proposed district would
25 look like, I and invite Commissioner Yee to comment on.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. So thank you, Tamina.
2 You did such a skillful job of selecting this area. So
3 this is mostly an almost all intact wildlife refuge and
4 nature area, so I believe the population shift is only a
5 141 people. And so just a very small shift in the
6 populated areas, and I believe it makes for a much better
7 shaped district. We'll be losing what we've been calling
8 the dragon district. If anyone sees something different
9 in this shape. But we'd like to go ahead with this
10 change.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Akutagawa?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was just curious. What
13 was this district previously like, or what was included
14 in it? Thank you.

15 MS. RAMON ALON: So this district is currently cut
16 in this area, and just this area, as Commissioner Yee
17 mentioned, only about 121 people, the wildlife reserve,
18 so that area was not included. So this area would now be
19 included here. And then this small part of Vacaville in
20 the South, which was part of NORTHCONT, is now with Yolo-
21 Lake, which adjusts the line a little bit up here in the
22 Southeast corner.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. And so there was no
25 trade. That that was the extent of the trade; is that

1 correct? There was no difference in our line in Antioch
2 or actually in Contra Costa County.

3 MS. RAMON ALON: That was the extent of the trade.
4 It affected no other districts aside from the line in
5 Yolo-Lake right here with that that block change. But
6 aside from that, it affects nothing else.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: And the Southern line continues
9 to go through -- right along the county line there in the
10 Waterway, Grizzly Bay, Suisun Bay, and so forth.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you very much.

12 And Commissioner Toledo?

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I just wanted to say
14 that I support this change. It makes for a -- it brings
15 in representation to -- or different representation, and
16 unites parts of Solano County, so I'm supportive.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yes. Given that, from
18 the description, I also like that, but can we have --
19 anyone who prefers the previous edition?

20 Commissioner Akutagawa? Oh, okay. All right,
21 great.

22 Then, Tamina, yes, please do that. Thank you very
23 much.

24 Commissioner?

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Tamina.

1 Thank you, everyone.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Thank you very much for that
3 extra work.

4 And then, if we could -- then, if we could swap
5 Tamina for Kennedy, please, and we'll go to -- I
6 understand we have a few ideas on the ECA fix and in the
7 Sacramento area.

8 MS. WILSON: And one moment while I pull that up.

9 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Thank you very much.

10 (Pause)

11 MS. WILSON: So here is the iteration, iteration,
12 Rosebell is what I've called it, and exploring Rosebell
13 populating ECA a little bit, keeping Stanislaus going
14 North. On these, it's very similar to what we had before
15 as far as the South Sac, San Joaquin, and the Sacramento
16 district. One thing that we explored was keeping Parkway
17 whole, and so we moved Parkway in, and moved Rancho
18 Murrieta up. So we made a swap there, some blocks in
19 between here and there, and were able to balance those
20 two. So Parkway, again, is whole. All other lines have
21 stayed the same. Sacramento, the city, is whole,

22 And moving into North Sac, this stayed relatively
23 similar as well. The cities there, Fruitridge Pocket and
24 Lemon Hill are separated from the rest, but they are not
25 split, and with Oak Park, Pocket area. West Sacramento's



1 with the downtown area. The split in Arden Arcade down
2 Howe and the American River to the South has stayed the
3 same as well. And we have Elverta, Rio Linda, McClellan
4 Park, Rancho Cordova, again.

5 And then moving North into Placer SAC, we explored
6 taking some of Roseville out. And so we have El Dorado
7 Hills up to Shingle Springs with Cameron Park, Granite
8 Bay, parts of Roseville, down in Northern Sacramento
9 suburban communities. And then, moving out to the bigger
10 ECA, we have Rocklin, Loomis, Penryn, North Auburn,
11 Auburn, Lincoln, Sheridan, the bigger cities here in
12 Placer, out to the Eastern parts of Placer, the rest of
13 El Dorado. So there's no El Dorado Hills in there, as
14 well, and then follows the boundaries that were there
15 before as far as Yuba and up to Plumas goes.

16 And so the main change came from Parkway is no
17 longer split and there is a split in the Roseville.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

19 Commissioner Kennedy?

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

21 And one thing that we did not explore but could, I
22 think, be easily resolved is if we want to make Arden
23 whole, we could just be adjusting that line in Roseville.
24 Thank you.

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Thank you for this



1 work.

2 Do we have Commissioners' ideas on this one?

3 Commissioner Turner?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair.

5 Thank you, Kennedy, and I forget who worked on this.

6 Can you let me see the Sacramento region, please?

7 The North. Okay. And go down so I can see the Northern
8 part of it. (Audio interference) --

9 (Pause)

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: In the very tail? Okay. So
11 this is Mountain House -- Mountain House is just the
12 name. Mountain House is with Tracy into the San
13 Joaquin --

14 MS. WILSON: Mountain House and Tracy are South, and
15 with Modesto, and Turlock, and Lathrop, Manteca, and then
16 the Eastern farming cities of San Joaquin.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. For this area, can I
18 see the CVAPs for all of the areas in this current
19 iteration?

20 MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: While that comes up, may I
22 just make one or two comments about this?

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. Go ahead.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thanks. I was just going
25 to -- just going to note, and I had taken a look at this

1 earlier, this takes that Parkways district that we saw
2 this morning that I think Commissioner Fernandez had
3 worked on, and just localizes the change up North, as the
4 community testimony had suggested. We actually did not
5 look at anything further South. We just took what was
6 there for the Parkways one. So I think, totally -- we've
7 never made any adjustments to any of this. So I think
8 totally fair game.

9 And Commissioner Turner, I know, of course, you know
10 this area well. So very curious to hear your thoughts.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

12 Commissioner Turner?

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. I was writing the
14 current CVAPs down --

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- so that when I ask for the
17 others, I'll be able to see the difference.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Do you want Kennedy to read them
19 out? Because sometimes I have trouble reading them.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: That would be great. I see
21 what we currently have. I'm wondering what they were
22 with the different splits starting from right above
23 Sacramento. Is it NORTHCONT? No, not over there. I'm
24 sorry. What was above Sacramento?

25 MS. WILSON: North --



1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: North Sac.

2 MS. WILSON: Yes. This is North Sac. Do you want
3 me to read those out?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. I want you to read out
5 what were the CVAP numbers before this most recent
6 change?

7 MS. WILSON: So for our -- okay. One moment.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Because I see what's on the
9 screen. Thank you. And I've written those down. And
10 Lemon Hill, West Sac, all of that is in -- what is this
11 area called? Where is the -- where is the line? Where
12 is this?

13 MS. WILSON: One moment. I was just pulling up the
14 old CVAP from before we made the changes.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. Yes.

16 MS. WILSON: So the old ones -- and I just realized
17 they are in decimals, so hold on, but they are going to
18 be the ones that are in red. And so you can see that
19 CVAP. And one moment while I get those -- I'm going to
20 change that for you. Okay. There we go. That's fixed.

21 So the old CVAP numbers are from before we started
22 making the changes here. So in Sacramento it would be --
23 and I can change the color of that line as well. Sorry.
24 My apologies. I don't know if you'd like me to switch on
25 and off between them or what. But North Sac, the line



1 had -- was going here in kind of the river, and we had --
2 we moved it down for population, so it went from up here
3 and was pushed down here.

4 So North Sac before and now, the Latino CVAP, was
5 16.81 percent. It is now 21.19 percent. The Black CVAP
6 was 16.81 percent, and it was 14 -- or it was 16.81
7 percent, and it is now 14.02 percent. The Asian CVAP was
8 11.20 percent, and it is now 16.88 percent. The
9 Indigenous CVAP was 1.25 percent, and it is now 0.297
10 percent. And the white CVAP was 58.44 percent, and it is
11 now 44.41 percent.

12 And moving to the areas of Sacramento and Elk Grove,
13 the dividing line was a lot different. So we had a
14 dividing line at the San Joaquin border, and now, you
15 know, that is more fluid and it goes into Sacramento and
16 San Joaquin, but the Latino CVAP before was 20.40
17 percent. It is now 26.98 percent. The Black CVAP was
18 12.83 percent. It is now 12.05 percent. The Asian CVAP
19 was 21.11 percent. It is now 21.35 percent. The
20 Indigenous CVAP was 0.90 percent. It is now 0.84
21 percent. And the white CVAP was 41.293 percent, and it
22 is now 36.54 percent.

23 And then for the San Joaquin areas, again, they are
24 quite different in composition, as far as, you know, we
25 had some of Modesto going out before, but -- so comparing

1 those to now, it was -- the Latino CVAP was 31.74
2 percent, and it is now 28.03 percent. The Black CVAP was
3 8.79 percent, and it is now 3.79 percent. The Asian CVAP
4 was 15.89 percent, and it is now 9.12 percent. The
5 Indigenous CVAP was 1.03 percent. It is now 1.34
6 percent. And the white CVAP was at 40.73 percent, and it
7 is now at 56.08 percent.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. And looking at -- just
9 hold for one moment. I'm looking at, also, ECA and
10 (indiscernible) Tracy. (Audio interference) --

11 MS. WILSON: And this -- oh, yeah, the SCALRATRACY,
12 that was separate from these changes. There are -- I
13 guess those changes don't reflect all of what Tamina has
14 done now, because this is --

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

16 MS. WILSON: -- from before she made those changes.
17 And I believe the ECA is even different because this
18 version had -- oh, no. It's pretty similar, but it's
19 not -- this -- the ECA is not up to date, either. As far
20 as a swap, as far as where -- this line, we had moved
21 higher here, regardless of that, just from being the
22 17,000 people.

23 But as far as comparing goes, I would say, yeah, the
24 Sacramento ones, the San Joaquin ones, and the North
25 Sacramento ones.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Can we also see the Placer
2 Sac?

3 MS. WILSON: Oh, yes. We can read that one as well.
4 So Placer Sac Latino CVAP was 9.76 percent. It is now
5 12.47 percent. The Black CVAP was 1.65 percent. It is
6 now 5.6 percent. The Asian CVAP was at 6.31 percent. It
7 is now at 8.14 percent. The Indigenous CVAP was at 1.48
8 percent. It is now at 1.13 percent. The white CVAP was
9 at 80.09 percent, and it is now at 71.44 percent.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Kennedy.

11 I know you're taking all that in, Commissioner
12 Turner. Do you want me to get Commissioner Fernandez and
13 then come back to you, to give you a little --

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you.

16 Commissioner Fernandez?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

18 So I don't like this. It's splitting up COI. And
19 what I want to do is I want to remind everyone that right
20 now, Modesto is whole. And it's just not in the district
21 that it wants to be, so in order to make Modesto whole
22 and bring it into the district it wants to be, you end
23 up, as has been said many times, carving Sacramento, and
24 that's exactly what happened.

25 So right now, San -- I should say before this. So

1 in our draft that we have that we've already looked at,
2 Modesto makes up -- or Stanislas County makes up 56
3 percent of that district, and there's nine other counties
4 in that district. So if you -- I guess I would say it's
5 the big dog in that district. And so what we've done by
6 making this change, or if we do make this change, is
7 prior, San Joaquin was just about whole, except for a
8 corner of it. Sacramento was somewhat self-contained,
9 except for Folsom.

10 And as we move up, Kennedy, can you move up, please?
11 What we've done is we've disrupted some of the
12 communities of interest. And I guess one of the major
13 ones is in the most marginalized and disenfranchised
14 communities in Sacramento, which would be your Lemon
15 Hill, Fruitridge and Oak Park. Now, that is lit from
16 Lemon Hill, Florin, Vineyard, and Elk Grove. And then we
17 also have another community of interest -- and when I say
18 another community, it's multiple people that have written
19 in. We have the Asian community that is also in that
20 area, plus also Greenhaven and Pocket to be with Vineyard
21 and Elk Grove. And we've also split up the community of
22 interest of Elk Grove, Florin, Freeport, Fruitridge in
23 South Sacramento. I've already talked about the Lemon
24 Hill, Fruitridge, Pocket, Parkway, and Florin AAPI of Del
25 Paso is also in there with Meadowview and the Hmong

1 community with Del Paso Heights.

2 So what we have done, however, is we have accepted
3 the -- or not accepted -- we have respected the
4 communities of interests of Modesto to be whole. We've
5 done that. We've also satisfied another community of
6 interest in terms of keeping together Lake Tahoe with
7 Truckee. However, in that prior iteration, I actually
8 liked how it was split up because it did keep it in the
9 communities that it belongs to.

10 So my frustration is that I heard it many times say
11 that, oh, there's going to be extra population, and what
12 we'll have to do is go in to Sacramento and carve it up.
13 Again, what I said is -- that's exactly what we've done.

14 And the other frustration is that because maybe
15 Sacramento doesn't have the ability or the bandwidth to
16 listen to every single change that we've made, and
17 because of that, now we're listening to -- which we
18 should anyway -- we're listening to the most current
19 information. And I just want to remind the Commissioners
20 that we have had COI, we've had since June with these
21 communities of interest.

22 So I'm really not sure what else I can say in terms
23 of we are really taking the part of Sacramento that is
24 marginalized and we are splitting it up, and they are
25 definitely -- you're splitting up their voice, or we

1 would be splitting up their voice, and I'm just having
2 issues with that. And so my recommendation is to go to
3 the prior maps. Thank you.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
5 Commissioner Ahmad?

6 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair.

7 I actually kind of like this visualization. I know
8 before we went on lunch, one of those breaks, we were
9 trying to figure out a way to bring Roseville back in
10 with ECA, and this visualization does not bring all of
11 Roseville in. So to me, it's speaking more, too, about
12 compromise.

13 And also, the iterations that I've seen previously,
14 and I might be mistaken, don't all keep whole Lemon Hill,
15 Florin -- can you zoom into that area? That area had a
16 split. Fruitridge Pocket, Lemon Hill, Parkway, Florin,
17 in the previous iterations, as well, so that part did not
18 solve for me in this iteration. However, it does bring
19 Roseville in a little bit into ECA, which I think I heard
20 a lot about. Thank you.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you Commissioner Ahmad.
22 Commissioner Kennedy?

23 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. And I may
24 have some more later, but just a couple of things. First
25 of all, as I mentioned earlier, I think, this is not

1 being put on the table as a final answer. This is a
2 direction in which we might want to do further
3 exploration. And for that, I think it has a lot to
4 recommend it.

5 You know, the question of Modesto is not just a
6 question of it being whole. It is more a question of,
7 you know, is it appropriate to really be -- I mean, to
8 have it in a district that is not a Central Valley
9 district, largely? I mean, I do understand the
10 population numbers. So yes, theoretically, even though
11 it's not a part of the Sierras region, it could always
12 elect its candidate of choice if it wanted to. If that's
13 the perspective that's being taken. But I really -- you
14 know, I look at this, and I look at some of the solutions
15 that we've come up elsewhere, and as Commissioner Ahmad
16 just said, you know, this does represent some
17 compromises, but again, I think there's some good
18 compromises, and, you know, it's certainly open to
19 further refinement. Thank you.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

21 Commissioner Fornaciari?

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Well, I'd
23 definitely be open to seeing how we could refine it
24 further, more globally here.

25 If you can zoom in to the -- around the Northern



1 part of this district, around Rosedale? Yeah. Go
2 further North and then zoom out a little bit.

3 So you know, I guess I would argue that, you know,
4 the people in Modesto have the same amount in common or
5 less -- or more, I mean, than the people of Roseville and
6 Rocklin with the other communities. So I don't see that
7 that, other than population that -- you know, there's a
8 valid argument there, but I think we should look at this
9 more and look at other opportunities for working through
10 this.

11 I guess I have a question for Dale. Is there any
12 compactness concerns here?

13 MR. LARSON: I'm not seeing it, no.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.
15 Commissioner Kennedy?

16 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Sorry. One other point that I
17 wanted to make. As I said, I went into this largely to
18 resolve the issue of Parkway, and the Parkway resolution
19 was a fairly simple one of moving Rancho Murieta into the
20 North Sac district and then just balancing for
21 population. That was the easiest part of this. You
22 know, other than the split in Roseville, things are
23 pretty much whole. You know, the issue, may be one of,
24 you know, where a district cuts between two cities, but
25 as far as cities and CDPs, other than the Roseville

1 split, you know, I think we've done a very good job of
2 respecting boundaries here and keeping things pretty well
3 grouped with places that are nearby or similar.

4 So again, we offer this as a as a starting point for
5 some further exploration. Thank you.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.
7 Commissioner Fernandez?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. At this point, I need
9 to state this is a nonstarter for me. You are picking or
10 choosing Modesto, and as Commissioner Fornaciari noted,
11 some of these other communities that you've added also do
12 not have commonality. Again, you're splitting up
13 communities in Sacramento that -- well, you've weakened
14 their voices of those that are the least heard. So
15 nonstarter for me. Very disappointed.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you Commissioner Fernandez.
17 Commissioner Kennedy?

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, I have to say, I'm a bit
19 disappointed, too, because I think that this could
20 represent a way forward, and just taking a stand and
21 saying it's a nonstarter, you know, I think we could make
22 some progress from here.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.
24 Commissioner Ahmad?

25 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah. Thank you. I thought

1 maybe I'd jump in here. And I think thinking of breaking
2 up communities, the lines are going to do that across the
3 whole state. That's just the nature of the game, is
4 communities will be broken up. But how can we draw these
5 lines to, as best as possible, keep intact as many
6 communities as possible? And I do see that there's a lot
7 of communities in this general area that have been broken
8 up, but there are also a lot of communities that we kept
9 together.

10 And one that I did not see previous to this
11 iteration was that Roseville piece to ECA. And as you
12 can see, it's a tiny chunk of Roseville. We could have
13 drawn this iteration in a different way where more could
14 have been encompassed. However, again, this is where I'm
15 seeing a compromise to at least move forward to some
16 resolution in this area. Thank you.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.
18 Commissioner Turner?

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Yeah. I'm looking
20 at resolutions, and particularly, I was struck by just
21 kind of the conversation that says that the Northern top
22 doesn't have any more in common than Modesto, or what
23 have you, and I'm wondering if we should be looking at a
24 split in Modesto where we're sharing and not sending
25 across so much population there, and if it would make a

1 difference in where some of the lines are, and in so
2 doing, be able to perhaps keep more of the Sacramento
3 Fruitridge, Pocket, Lemon Hill, Florin, Vineyard, more of
4 that together, maybe even Elk Grove, and split somewhere
5 there, and then have less -- do something different with
6 the split up at Roseville.

7 I don't know. I'm wondering if we can just split
8 between the two, so we're not trying to move the whole.
9 And not just to intentionally cut Modesto, but we are
10 splitting smaller cities in this process of trying to
11 make it work.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you, Commissioner
13 Turner. Yeah.

14 I'm just wondering if -- I'm hearing that we'd like
15 to come to a bit of a resolution, but we think there's a
16 path forward. It doesn't have to be one or the other. I
17 think there's an area to work in here, and I'm just
18 wondering if we could get -- maybe Commissioner, maybe,
19 Kennedy and Fernandez might want to work on this
20 together, or -- I pulled those names out of the hat. I'd
21 like us to some -- I would like us to explore this
22 because, you know, there are a lot of areas that did make
23 sacrifices on the Assembly map and, you know, I think
24 there is a way out of this without it being -- without it
25 being one way or the other, and I would like to see that

1 explored myself.

2 But let's hear -- Commissioner Akutagawa?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you. Yeah.

4 This one, I got to say, I was a little torn. I mean,
5 when we, you know, did the drafts to propose this
6 morning, when we did the work last night, we knew what we
7 were getting into, and we did discuss the splitting of
8 all the COIs and we were a little concerned.

9 I do like the idea of maybe -- what it is looking at
10 Stanislas County, there's a number of smaller cities in
11 the area. You know, maybe trying to keep those in this
12 district. But I do support what, you know, what's now
13 been said about looking for an alternate way. I think I
14 understand that there's been a lot of pain spread around,
15 but at the same time, I think I'd like to see -- yeah --
16 I would support just looking for one other -- maybe
17 another alternative, if there can be, to try to prevent
18 breaking up some of those communities, especially in the
19 Sacramento area.

20 And also, I'll just comment, I think -- I'm not sure
21 what the magic about Roseville is, but I will say that
22 it's a little -- I'm always wary about people from
23 outside of an area trying to say we should include
24 another area, so that's the only other thing I'll say. I
25 think we've heard that in all of the areas in which we

1 may come from, and so I'm trying to be very sensitive to
2 that, too.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No. Yeah. Thank you.

4 I'm going to go to Commissioner -- sorry,
5 Commissioner Turner, you still have your hand up. Is
6 that you -- want to say something new, or? Because
7 otherwise, we're going --

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Maybe it's something
9 new. Maybe it's a repeat, like an old broken record. I
10 don't know.

11 CHAIR ANDERSEN: No, no, no. I don't mean it in
12 that direction.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I know.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: I mean, I'm guess I'm going to come
15 back to you, but I didn't know if it was --

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- if you were directing --

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: It's okay.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- (indiscernible, simultaneous
20 speech) your point.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: What I'd like to say is, in
22 addition to Commissioner Sadhwani that was already trying
23 it, if Commissioner Kennedy, or whoever else, I'm also
24 willing to work on this area, whenever you determine who
25 the best combination of folk would be. That's all.

1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you very much. And before I
2 ask Commissioner Sadhwani, could we have the instruction
3 for public comment read, please?

4 MR. MANOFF: Yes, Chair.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

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1 down the livestream volume.

2 Back to you, Chair.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Kristian.

4 Going back to -- I'm just realizing that while I was
5 having a look at that, Modesto is actually already split.
6 It's not whole right there. Part of it is in the
7 STANISFRES area, I'm just noticing.

8 Commissioner Sadhwani?

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. That's exactly right.
10 That's what I was going to raise, the fact that Modesto
11 is already split.

12 A couple things, right? So as a reminder, this was
13 an exploration. And so Commissioner Kennedy and I spent,
14 I don't know, what? About twenty minutes with Kennedy
15 off-line. And we really tried to localize the change
16 based on Commissioner Fernandez's map and based on the
17 communities of interest testimony that we had received.

18 So this is a starting point, but it sounds like
19 there are many who would be curious to see it play out in
20 greater detail. And I will just say, you know, some of
21 the things that we had kind of thrown around were
22 possibly in the Assembly maps, we started snaking through
23 the county borders, right? I recall a very fun
24 conversation about Copperopolis. So you know, I think
25 that there's many different ways to think about these

1 changes.

2 And I just really want to raise and, you know, I
3 said this I don't even remember what day it was. But I
4 know I had kind of targeted it at that point to
5 Commissioner Kennedy, right? Like, any time someone says
6 something is a total nonstarter, it does give me pause,
7 right? Because, you know, as Commissioner Ahmad had
8 mentioned, like, we're breaking COIs left and right, and
9 it hurts, and no one -- like, I definitely don't like
10 doing it. That's the nature of this work, though, and so
11 I -- you know, that always does just give me pause when
12 one place is, you know, just completely off limits as
13 something that we can look at, because this is
14 redistricting, and we're trying to get to zero
15 population, and respect wherever we can, and in an effort
16 to explore communities of interest testimony, that's what
17 this is, right?

18 And so I think that there's plenty more that could
19 be explored, and I would certainly defer to Commissioner
20 Turner, you know, to pick up where I left off because,
21 you know, I'm sure that -- I'm sure that would be
22 helpful. Thank you.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.
24 Commissioner Taylor?

25 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. You know, this is a

1 shared experience to all these communities throughout the
2 state, so you know, it's hard. It's hard. It should be
3 painful. It's going to smart, and it should smart. So
4 bearing that fact, I think it would be prudent and wise
5 for us to explore all possibilities and alternatives, so
6 I think we have to be open to exploration. I think
7 that's in our best interests and the best interests of
8 the people of the state.

9 And we're doing okay. It doesn't seem like it, but
10 I think we're doing fine. We're getting there. Let's
11 continue to slog along. We're doing the work. Thank
12 you.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.
14 Commissioner Akutagawa?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you for those
16 words, Commissioner Taylor. I think you're right.

17 I'd like to -- I'd like to make a suggestion that
18 Commissioner Fernandez be a partner in this particular
19 exploration. You know, I think, because she knows the
20 area -- I'm just kind of thinking about like all of the
21 areas, and I mean, you know, we've heard over and over
22 again from different Commissioners, you know, "we're
23 going to share the pain". And you know, I've said it,
24 too.

25 I think, though, for the people who come from



1 certain areas, I think there there's a nuance that I
2 think we'll need to take into account that, as they read
3 through the COI testimony, I think we should also use to
4 help us understand, can we do something better? And I
5 think it was Commissioner Sadhwani, or maybe it was
6 Commissioner Turner who said, you know, leave no stone
7 unturned. So I'd like for us to do that.

8 I think, you know -- I mean, we all have areas in
9 which we have wish we could have done something a little
10 bit different. But you know, we've had to just kind of
11 go with it because -- yeah, it's to share the pain, and
12 it's what's in the best interests of, you know, what
13 we're trying to do.

14 But I think if we're at a place where we're hearing
15 that, you know, we can't just move on, I think we need to
16 try to -- we need to try to do better if we can. And if
17 it's just the addition of time and having that work done,
18 I think we're pretty close on a lot of places, and so I
19 think we can do this. So anyways.

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I just wanted to say that.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner -- yes.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.

25 We have Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner

1 Kennedy.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

3 A couple things. I find it interesting -- I've
4 never used the term nonstarter. I used it this time, but
5 I've heard others use it, and this time when I used it, I
6 was attacked. So very interesting that now, we have an
7 issue with it, which actually I had issues with it in the
8 past as well. But it seemed to put a point across.

9 Secondly, I did want to reiterate, I believe it was
10 what -- I can't remember who said it, in terms of wanting
11 to dig into Roseville, was never Roseville saying they
12 wanted to be part of ECA. I believe it was Inyo and
13 Mono.

14 And my other thing is, I would be willing to work
15 with Commissioner Turner on this, since it's kind of
16 areas that both of us know very well. Thank you.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
18 Commissioner Kennedy?

19 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: And I would endorse that. I
20 mean, I got involved in this mostly by accident. You
21 know, my interest was trying to find a solution to
22 Parkway, and I phrased my statement, something along the
23 lines of, you know, I'd be happy to see us go down this
24 road and explore, which colleagues took as my
25 volunteering. It wasn't intended to be a -- I wasn't

1 intending to volunteer myself for it, but I was happy to
2 participate in it. You know, again, I'm happy to see
3 Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Turner take this
4 on and, you know, just offer that, yes, as far as Parkway
5 is concerned, shifting Rancho Murieta seems to be a
6 fairly easy solution to that. So thank you.

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you, Commissioner
8 Kennedy. Yeah.

9 Commissioner Toledo?

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I'd just be hopeful for
11 a resolution, whether it's a compromised solution or
12 otherwise, but it would be good to be able to finish up
13 our maps, and I think this is -- so we do need a decision
14 point here. And what that --

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Um-hum. Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- what our decision point is,
17 whether we have -- ensure that we have a backup just in
18 case for this area.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Right. Yes. And thank you very
20 much.

21 Commissioner Sinay -- I'm sorry.

22 Commissioner Taylor, you also have your hand up. Is
23 that a -- you have something additionally to -- oh, okay.

24 Commissioner Sinay?

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. This late in the

1 game, I'm just wondering if it may make sense for those
2 who are working on it to continue working on it, versus
3 those that are close to it, who may have, you know, blind
4 spots, and it hurts. It's more personal. Maybe they
5 shouldn't. I mean, I think in the beginning, it's really
6 important, but we're at a stage where I just feel that we
7 need to -- all of us need to be a little bit removed and
8 be able to look at the bigger picture, and I'm just
9 concerned that -- I mean, I would be more supportive
10 of -- I think Commissioner Kennedy did a very good job of
11 looking at it very analytical and look at the COIs. I
12 understand the desire to have Commissioner Fernandez and
13 Commissioner Turner, but I do feel that right now, we
14 need objectivity so that we can kind of move forward.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.
16 Commissioner Kennedy?

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Sorry. Commissioner Fornaciari
18 is the other one who has worked on this area, so maybe
19 instead of accidentally volunteering myself, I can
20 purposely volunteer Commissioner Fornaciari. I don't
21 know. You know, I think he's also able to approach this
22 analytically, and certainly is more familiar with the
23 region than I am, so.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.
25 Commissioner Akutagawa?

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Very nicely done,
2 Commissioner Kennedy. Okay.

3 I think for me, in response, I would disagree. I
4 think, if anything, this is a time -- well, a few things.
5 One, I think we do a disservice to both Commissioners
6 Fernandez and Turner that they cannot be analytical or
7 impartial in what is best for the entire state. And so I
8 would completely disagree with that. I think that they
9 are more than capable, and I think that they've proven
10 that to us over and over again.

11 I believe that having a little bit better local
12 knowledge is more important because they know where the
13 kind of places where, I don't want to call it the
14 nonstarters, but the places where it is important to try
15 to preserve, and where are the places where, you know
16 what? Look, it's going to hurt, but this is a place
17 where we can -- where perhaps, the line can be cut better
18 than in another place.

19 And I think, you know, I'm sure each one of us would
20 feel the same about some of the areas in which we know
21 well, and we would want to make sure that while there's a
22 share the pain, we also want to make sure that it's done
23 appropriately, and I think that's where local knowledge,
24 or at least the more familiarity with an area would make
25 a difference, especially in this time and place that we

1 are now. So I would wholeheartedly continue to support
2 Commissioner Turner and Fernandez, you know, exploring
3 and coming back to us all on this.

4 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
5 Commissioner Turner?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Oh, I support me,
7 too.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Great. Is that a volunteer?

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I volunteered a long time ago.
10 I absolutely believe I can do it, and I certainly will
11 not -- I will be objective in this area and analytical in
12 my approach. I've worked on some of the LA areas, Long
13 Beach areas, commented on -- I don't know anything about
14 those areas, either. I'm following the COIs, following
15 our criteria, and anything less to suggest is
16 problematic, at this point. I'm not tied to anything
17 other than getting our maps completed in the manner that
18 they should be, while taking into full account all of the
19 public comment and testimony that we have.

20 And with that said, I'm equally not offended if
21 someone else wants to take it on, but by no means do I
22 feel like I can't do it. Thank you.

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
24 I'll take Commissioner Ahmad, and then I think I might
25 make a decision here.



1 Commissioner Ahmad?

2 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah. Thank you, Chair.

3 I, too, agree with Commissioner Akutagawa. I have
4 no doubt in my heart that Commissioner Fernandez and
5 Turner can take this on. I also don't think that you
6 need specialized local knowledge to do this job. I have
7 not seen much of California, yet here I am. So I trust
8 that we all have the ability to review all of the public
9 input that we all have received to get this job done, and
10 I am excited to see the starting point that they bring
11 forward to us. Thank you.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yes. I would say that
13 I was about to say Commissioner Fernandez and
14 Commissioner Sadhwani until Commissioner Sadhwani said,
15 look, and I completely believe that Commissioner Turner
16 is more than capable. I was not going to -- actually, as
17 Commissioner Kennedy did with Commissioner Fornaciari,
18 and volunteer her, but since she has indeed said that, I
19 would like to see Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner
20 Turner work on this, because I know that -- you know,
21 passions run high in certain areas. I know.

22 But I also know that there are a lot of issues here,
23 and I firmly believe that -- I know myself, it's hard to
24 be dispassionate about certain areas. For me, it's the
25 Bay Area. It's also for the -- you know, it's -- well,

1 it's many of them. But you know, living where you live,
2 it is hard to remove and say, no, wait a minute. Am I
3 being fair and consistent with the whole state?

4 And I have no doubt that these two wonderful,
5 capable Commissioners will do that and will apply --
6 because I feel that there is a solution here. And I
7 think that with our capable line drawer, also, that we'll
8 come up with something. So I look forward to hearing
9 from them.

10 Commissioner Toledo?

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm just curious when we're
12 going to receive the solution. Are we receiving it
13 tomorrow, or are we receiving it on Monday? I'm just --
14 I would be -- I always just want to make sure that we
15 have enough time to discuss it and also, if necessary,
16 any additional deliberation and/or potential votes,
17 right, so.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. We will be meeting tomorrow.
19 So I would say that we will be meeting tomorrow to go
20 over things.

21 At this point, what I'd like to do, we only have a
22 few minutes left. I'd like for us to quickly go down,
23 actually, to Orange County. Not Orange County. I say
24 that every time. San Diego, because we do have some
25 things to look at in San Diego. And so I do hope that we

1 can actually get this back to this area to look at by
2 tomorrow meeting, which will be starting at 1 o'clock,
3 not 11.

4 So if we could change maps here, please, and look at
5 San Diego?

6 MR. MANOFF: I'm sorry to interrupt, Chair, but did
7 you want to take a break before we start taking calls?

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, actually, I thought we would
9 just go directly in, since we took our earlier break, and
10 then we would end up having to take our break at, I
11 believe it's 6:25.

12 MR. MANOFF: That's right. Sounds good, Chair.

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. And we do have until 6
14 o'clock, so we have a short minute here to introduce the
15 topic, and I don't know if we can -- how much we have to
16 do on this.

17 So thank you, both, Andrew and Sivan.

18 MR. DRECHSLER: Thank you, Chair.

19 MS. TRATT: Kristian, are you seeing my screen okay,
20 Kristian?

21 MR. MANOFF: Looks great, Sivan. Thank you.

22 MS. TRATT: Yeah, absolutely. Go ahead, Andrew.

23 MR. DRECHSLER: No, I was just going to do a quick
24 introduction as you're getting your screen up. Thank
25 you.



1 We did meet with Commissioner Sinay. She did have a
2 couple of changes that she wanted to go through, just
3 cleaning up -- just making the San Diego maps. She had
4 some suggestions on the San Diego maps. So Sivan worked
5 on them this morning. And I do believe that this is
6 posted up on the website, the changes that we're going to
7 be talking about now, and I'll turn it over to you.

8 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Thanks, Andrew, for that
9 introduction,

10 And Commissioner Sinay, if you want to cut in to add
11 anything, please feel free.

12 This can be found on the website. It's -- it is CD
13 iteration, S1 from today's date, 12/11/21. Just to
14 orient everyone before I show those changes, this is how
15 we left San Diego last time. Just a high level overview
16 of the swaps that we made in this iteration. It was
17 responding to community of interest testimony about
18 Escondido not -- or preferring to be in a district that
19 was more aligned with the orientation of the city, so
20 either in East County or with cities like Oceanside,
21 Vista, San Marcos. And then we were able to do a swap
22 that keeps Carlsbad whole. So let me just pull that
23 snapshot up. Okay.

24 So the main changes, as I mentioned, were with the
25 City of Escondido and Carlsbad. So previously, Escondido



1 was split in more of like a North -- it was divided more
2 North-South, and now the line goes North-South to divide
3 it more East-West. As you can see, the Eastern part of
4 the City of Escondido, as well as the San Pascual area of
5 the Northern part of San Diego City, is now in the East
6 County district. We also reoriented Carlsbad to remove a
7 split and place it with the cities of Encinitas, Solana
8 Beach, in this SD Coast district. The resulting changes
9 were that we had to make a small split in the Southern
10 portion of San Marcos, but it's pretty minimal. And then
11 again, we just changed where the split in Escondido is.

12 Are there any questions from Commissioners?

13 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Akutagawa?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. So could you -- I
15 don't know if you could do an overlay of the previous map
16 and --

17 MS. TRATT: One moment, please.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And the reason why I'm
19 asking is because I believe -- and this is -- I thought
20 we were all comfortable with this, I believe we kept the
21 district the way it was because it was going to be an all
22 coastal district. Now, it's going inland, and I don't
23 think that that -- I mean, one, we've gotten lots of COI
24 testimony that the South OC people would prefer not to
25 have gone into San Diego, but if they had to, they wanted

1 to keep it coastal, and now we're doing exactly opposite
2 of that. And so I'm just concerned about why this came
3 about now, when there really -- I thought we had pretty
4 widespread agreement on it.

5 MS. TRATT: Yeah. If I could just respond to
6 Commissioner Akutagawa quickly.

7 So the district was already orienting slightly
8 inland in this Northern portion. And actually, if you
9 see these red lines, this is what we started with. It's
10 actually improved that orientation by swapping out
11 Escondido, which is more inland, and the San Pascual area
12 of San Diego for the City of Carlsbad, which keeps more
13 of the coastal cities intact. So you can see that it
14 actually does increase the coastal orientation of both
15 the SSCNFC district and the SD Coast district.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I don't see how it improves
17 the OC one. It goes in. If you kept it -- if you
18 stopped it at Carlsbad, even that would at least keep it
19 coastal.

20 MS. TRATT: Yeah. So it -- I mean, it goes into as
21 far as San Marcos, which it did previously, and stops
22 short of Escondido, so it's not a major swap, but --

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sivan, I can help explain
24 what's going on. Can we zoom out a little bit on San
25 Diego, please?



1 And I know that I said I was fine, and when we went
2 through this, we -- you know, I took a step back and
3 facilitated and said, where are some of the pain points
4 in this? And we collectively made decisions. When the
5 decision was made for Escondido, I was very clear that
6 that was not fair for Escondido. It had asked for
7 what -- it had asked for two things. And it's not just
8 Escondido. It is really the 78 corridor. And I think
9 North San Diego County is just as important in this, as
10 is South Orange County. And you're putting wealthy, you
11 know, coastal Orange County communities with working
12 class communities in San Diego.

13 The idea here was to look at the 78 corridor, which
14 is a strong collaborative that's been built between
15 Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, and Escondido as a business
16 collaborative as well as a nonprofit and educational
17 collaborative. They serve Camp Pendleton. Cal State San
18 Marcos is in there, and Cal State San Marcos is a
19 commuter school. I think it's, like, eighty percent
20 commuters from that area. And then Carlsbad is actually
21 in the School District with Encinitas, Del Mar, Solana,
22 and part of Rancho Santa Fe and Carmel Valley.

23 We have looked at a lot of -- the big issue was, you
24 were connecting San Pascual, which is a very, very
25 rural -- if you've ever gone to San Diego Wild Animal



1 Park, that's where San Pascual is. And it's avocado
2 trees, and orchards, and farms, all the way down to the
3 City of San Diego, which is really the center of power.
4 And people feel like if you're with the City of San
5 Diego, you're not listened to.

6 And so by doing this, it was an effort to really try
7 to keep the coastal more coastal, and the North county,
8 North inland county, or North county business districts
9 more together. And so it was really looking at that
10 Escondido COI that we were not listening to at all, and
11 trying to -- you know, it's still split, but it's split
12 between two communities that they are working with, and
13 they're together, as well as Carlsbad has a strong
14 affiliation further South in the coast than North.

15 And for me, I just had to present it, because it was
16 something that was really bothering me. Escondido is
17 really a community that is very, very, very mixed, in a
18 lot of different ways. It's a lot of Latino, low income
19 community as well as a lot of -- you know, it was one of
20 the places where we have had mixed policies on how it
21 helps the community, and I just wanted to explore it. So
22 like with everything else, it's an exploration, and we
23 can go back.

24 The other piece we had done was cleaned up a little
25 bit between Bonsall and Fallbrook. There was an

1 unincorporated area that was kind of sticking out, and we
2 took that out so it could be with Fallbrook and Bonsall
3 because it made more sense to keep them all together. So
4 that was the only other little thing we did.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.

6 Commissioner Akutagawa -- Commissioner Toledo? And
7 we only have two more minutes.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I understand what
9 your logic is, but you know, you're still combining, you
10 know, very different South OC communities with Vista,
11 Oceanside, and San Marcos, and if anything, you know, I
12 think the gap has become worse, not better.

13 And so I mean, another alternative is that instead
14 of -- can we go up just a little bit, Sivan? I mean, I
15 don't know. I mean, the only -- just thinking just right
16 now, very quickly, you know, for me, I mean, I would just
17 say, I mean, you know, you've got Dana Point and San
18 Clemente, for example, including Laguna Niguel. Those
19 are some pretty, you know, higher income areas within
20 South Orange County and very different from those other
21 areas. And so you know, one consideration -- and again,
22 I'm just talking very quickly off the top of my head, is
23 to perhaps move more of the middle income kind of
24 communities like Rancho Mission Viejo, which I know they
25 have an affiliation with Camp Pendleton. I know also,

1 San Juan Capistrano also has a Latino community there
2 that may have more in common with Vista, San Marcos, and
3 Oceanside in terms of less of a, I'll call it a income
4 inequality range, in this district. I know that
5 previously, Camp Pendleton was seen as just a coastal
6 district and so therefore, it should be, but this doesn't
7 make sense to me right now.

8 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner
9 Akutagawa.

10 Just Commissioner Toledo, and I think we will start
11 with this area tomorrow, because I think it's worth --
12 you know, we're going to come back to many different
13 areas, and we have not come back to San Diego.

14 So I guess a couple more -- I'll give you a couple
15 more minutes to kind of just wrap this up for tonight and
16 we'll jump into this in the morning tomorrow.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, quickly. Yeah, I
18 thought we had wrapped up (indiscernible) ago, but I
19 think -- I am appreciative of Commissioner Sinay's, you
20 know, providing us with this proposal and, you know, and
21 look forward to the discussion. Thank you.

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. Yeah. I will
23 say that I have heard --

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can I just --

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Oh, certainly

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- since we're going to end,
2 can I just --

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- answer?

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Please.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Again, the main thing here is
7 that we do have two different groups. In the past, it
8 goes straight down the coast and includes Encinitas and
9 Solano. The reason for Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, and
10 Escondido coming together is that it does give them a
11 voice in a district that already has the economic -- and
12 Camp Pendleton has that economic difference. So now you
13 have, half the district is wealthy and the other half is
14 not, because of the way that this was kind of set up to
15 go down this way. And so this was to give an opportunity
16 for those cities to have a voice in a district that would
17 predominantly be heard by the far North.

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

20 Commissioner Fernandez, one last item?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I just want to ask
22 for tomorrow, it sounds like we're really close, so I was
23 just wondering why we're still meeting tomorrow, since we
24 can tie it up on Monday. So that was just --

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: We don't actually --



1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- before we go -- before
2 we go to public comment. Thank you.

3 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Could I say something, too, on
5 that same point? Just you know, I think the line drawers
6 are pretty -- have been pretty busy, and it's been, you
7 know, a lot of work. And given the 11 o'clock start,
8 it'll be difficult for us to meet and be able to actually
9 turn every rock that we're supposed to be turning and do
10 our due diligence with them. So I just wanted to throw
11 that out there, because I know that's a challenge,
12 especially if I'm -- you know, given the work that we
13 need to do.

14 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

16 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you. On that note, we're
17 starting at 1 tomorrow, not at 11 o'clock. 1 p.m. will
18 be tomorrow. And the reason we are doing tomorrow is
19 because Monday, we actually, it -- although it was not
20 agendized for -- it was agendized slightly differently.
21 And so today is our day to finish this up -- I mean,
22 today and tomorrow, and then we can, you know, jump into
23 the Senate, then, on Monday. I'm sorry. Not the Senate.
24 Oh, yes. The Senate on Monday.

25 Commissioner Fornaciari?



1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. So just to revisit
2 the original plan, the plan was that we would use Monday
3 to wrap up any loose ends we had on Congress, and if we
4 were able to -- I mean, we specifically -- that was the
5 plan, to finish Congress on Monday. And if we had -- you
6 know, if we were able to finish it up, then we could move
7 forward with the Senate, but the plan was to take on the
8 Senate Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and BOE.

9 And I just want to also reiterate, you know, our
10 line drawers need some time to draw lines. If we're
11 going to think creatively about looking at the North
12 state question, I think some time to do that would be
13 useful. You know, I kind of feel like we have one major
14 outstanding question and a few loose ends to tie up, and
15 we should be able to do that on Monday. I'm just putting
16 in my two cents.

17 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Certainly. And Commissioner
18 Fernandez?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Actually, I was just going
20 to (audio interference) Commissioner Fornaciari said
21 exactly what I was thinking, because it was -- on our
22 original schedule was Monday was for --

23 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- finishing everything up.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Just to add to that, I mean,



1 at this point, I'm only able to get about thirty minutes
2 worth of line drawing for tomorrow for the Central
3 Valley, and that just seems like not enough time. So
4 just throwing that out there. Of course, I'm going to
5 see if we can work to get to a little bit more, but.

6 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Okay. Yeah. I would love to say
7 that -- yes, I understand that on the original plan, it
8 was Monday. That got missed in agendizing, and so that's
9 why we're -- and we have been doing a lot of talking and
10 not actually, you know, being that productive in terms of
11 getting our lines drawn, and it's just that we do have
12 tomorrow available. You know, I would like to make sure
13 we get this done. I'm concerned if we go into Monday,
14 that other items will come up, and we might not complete.
15 And so I'm very concerned about our deadline here. And
16 also -- but now we're into public comment time.

17 So Commissioner Fernandez?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just one last thing. On
19 our agenda for Monday, it does say line drawing. Live
20 line drawings, so I'm just trying to do one last poll,
21 just trying to let everyone get a little bit of rest and
22 catch up on all the committees of interest.

23 Thank you, everyone, for responding and sending in
24 your input, but we've got to really catch up on some
25 stuff. Thanks.



1 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And Commissioner Taylor?

2 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. I'm just hopping on
3 that bandwagon that my understanding was Monday, we'd be
4 able to finalize the loose ends, and I think the line
5 drawers can use a breath, and in essence, they still
6 would be working with some of the Commissioners on
7 iterations. So it's really not a day off if the full
8 Commission is not meeting. And some of us will be doing
9 some creative thinking as well, trying to tie up those
10 loose ends from Monday.

11 So I remember, Commissioner Andersen, you wanted --
12 or Chair Andersen, you wanted a few moments of
13 reflection. Man, Sunday would be a great time to have a
14 few moments of reflection.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yeah. Monday, Commissioner Kennedy
16 takes over, and we also have a business meeting,
17 partially, on Monday. So we do not have the whole day on
18 Monday. But I'm hearing that this is indeed what the
19 Commission wants. I'm very concerned about us actually
20 completing on Monday, but if we all promise to really
21 lead off with directions and, you know, and bring this
22 one home, I will -- it's consensus, so. And I'm hearing
23 almost everyone say, no, we shouldn't meet tomorrow.

24 Commissioner Akutagawa?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I hear what you're saying,



1 Commissioner Andersen. I am concerned. I know we're --
2 I feel like we're getting close to finalizing things, but
3 I know we do have a business meeting also scheduled for
4 Monday.

5 Just curious if we can perhaps do a shorter meeting
6 on Sunday, or perhaps start later even? That way --

7 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, we are starting at 1. We're
8 not starting at 11. We'd start at 1. And we could just,
9 if we finish up by 3, public comment, we're out of here.

10 But you know, I am concerned because we -- and it's
11 understandable. We have a lot of -- there's a lot of
12 tough issues that we're bringing up and we need to spend
13 the time on it, but at some we have to say, yep, we're
14 done. So we have to say, yeah, we're done, so. I --
15 Commissioner Ahmad, did you want to say something or?
16 And also have a look around? But --

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah, I just.

18 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And --

19 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Are we meeting tomorrow or not?

20 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, that's -- well we --

21 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I guess you're --

22 CHAIR ANDERSEN: -- have scheduled a meeting --

23 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: -- deciding person in this,
24 right?

25 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes. But I feel I'm the --

1 certainly the minority here. And we do have the crew,
2 since we have scheduled -- we will have our staff.
3 Everyone will get the day off. But we have actually
4 settled them in, so. But do I have any other person who
5 thinks we should meet tomorrow?

6 Commissioner Vazquez?

7 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: You all can throw darts at
8 me. I do think we -- virtual darts. I do think meeting
9 tomorrow for a couple of hours does make sense. I --
10 that's for me, but also, yeah, whichever way. But I just
11 thought I would give my two cents.

12 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

13 Commissioner Akutagawa.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I'll make the target
15 a little bit bigger, and I'll join Commissioner Vazquez
16 on that, too. I don't necessarily believe we need to
17 meet for the whole day, but I am -- I think at least two
18 or three hours might be useful. Thank you.

19 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you.

20 Commissioner Fernandez.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I will be the unpopular one
22 and say, I honestly think that if we meet for two hours,
23 it's going to be the whole day. And I'm not sure how
24 effective we will be, in terms of getting through
25 everything versus if we meet on Monday, and we know it's

1 Monday, we will get it done.

2 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Commissioner Yee.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, you know, what's keeping us
4 from the finish line is two -- these two or three, you
5 know, stuck points where we have not landed. So the
6 question is, how do we get past those stuck points? The
7 folks working on those issues on the side, you know, they
8 come up with a brilliant idea that wins us over, then
9 we'll get past them quickly. If they don't, we won't.
10 So it's hard to say, you know.

11 I definitely think the line drawers need a break. I
12 also know that deadlines focus the mind. So if we take
13 tomorrow off and meet Monday and have to do it Monday, we
14 have to do it, we have to do it Monday.

15 CHAIR ANDERSEN: And -- yeah, and we do have the
16 business meeting too. So we do not have all of day on
17 Monday. So --

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, but I don't believe
19 there's -- I don't believe there are major items of time-
20 consuming business. I mean, I don't think there, yeah.

21 CHAIR ANDERSEN: There are some items that we --
22 that are on the business meeting agenda, yes. All right.
23 Oh, Commissioner Sadhwani.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Since everyone's weighing
25 in, I figure I'd put something, too. I'm a fan of taking



1 a break. You know, Monday -- I'm pretty we're agendized
2 or business meetings every day from here on out. So we
3 could also span it out across the week. I think all of
4 us need to just let our minds get fresh again. And you
5 know, when we worked on Assembly, we were here till like
6 12:30 at night or something, but we finished.

7 And for me personally, I think I'd rather do that
8 and just get a little bit of a break and have a fresh
9 mind. Thanks.

10 CHAIR ANDERSEN: All right. Well, like -- that's
11 pretty much a decision for us. I don't -- I do not want
12 to have to say I told you so. Okay? But it's been a
13 pleasure to be the chair, and I will turn it over to my
14 vice chair, who will be the chair on Monday. That's
15 Commissioner Kennedy. And with that, let's go to public
16 comment.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I mean -- oh, there we
18 are. I got muted. Thank you so much, Chair.

19 Thank you to all of those that have called in.
20 Looks like we have lots of raised hands. For those who
21 have not chosen to do so already. If you will, please
22 press star nine, this will raise your hand indicating you
23 wish to give comment, helps our staff keep track of the
24 hands we have raised.

25 We will begin this evening with a minute and a half



1 public comment time, warnings at thirty seconds and
2 fifteen seconds remaining.

3 Who -- our first up will be caller 1036. And up
4 next after that, will be caller 0129.

5 And please, everybody in the queue be alert for when
6 it is your opportunity to speak. I will be identifying
7 you by the last four digits of your telephone.

8 Caller -- if I have them.

9 Caller 0129, if you'll please follow the prompts to
10 unmute; the floor is yours.

11 MR. LEBARRE: Hi, this is Mike LeBarre, Mayor of
12 King City. I am calling to one, give my appreciation
13 regarding CD_MIDCOAST and CD-Clara-Benito. I appreciate
14 the effort that you put into it, but I'm very, very
15 concerned that you still allowed CD Clara-Benito to be
16 connected to San Jose. It's very weird the way you do it
17 in there to connect a portion of that. It is a
18 completely different community interest. I urge you to
19 look at the submitted Central Coast Community Fix map,
20 and its attached Monterey's Fix Shape files that show
21 how to properly draw these districts, so they comply with
22 the Voting Rights Act.

23 I would like to remind the Commission that Monterey
24 County was one of four counties in California that
25 required preclearance before any electric change --

1 electoral changes. This is the first cycle that that was
2 not required. And what is happening is really
3 unconscionable the way our communities are being divided
4 up, communities of interest being split.

5 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

6 MR. LEBARRE: So I asked the Commissioners, please
7 look very, very closely. There is no reason for San Jose
8 to be part of CD-Clara-Bonito --

9 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

10 MR. LEBARRE: -- connecting San Salinas Valley in
11 this map. Thank you, Commissioners.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 And right now, we have caller 4993. And up next
14 after that, will be caller 5944. Caller 4993, please
15 follow the prompts; the floor is yours.

16 MR. REED: Thank you. My name is Jim Reed, I am the
17 chief of staff for San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo. And
18 we've been watching the Commission's incredible work for
19 so long to come up with district lines and haven't had a
20 strong feeling on anything that's been submitted so far,
21 until what came forward last night.

22 I'm not a lawyer, so I don't understand if there's a
23 need to have the districts configured, so -- in such a
24 contorted way, to pick up the previous caller, where King
25 City and San Jose are part of the same community of



1 interest. Maybe that does have to be done, in your in
2 your perspective, and you're the experts.

3 But if you're going to have to take the Northern
4 part of San Jose for an Asian district and the East side
5 of San Jose for a Hispanic or Latino district, I would
6 implore you to not split the remainder of the City of San
7 Jose.

8 Out of all the largest cities in Northern
9 California; Oakland, Sacramento, San Francisco, they all
10 have one district that's primarily responsible for
11 representing that city.

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13 MR. REED: Under this map, we have -- we are not
14 going to be more than one quarter or one third of the
15 Congressional District of anybody. We're not going to
16 have anybody who's on the hook to keep the City of San
17 Jose well represented --

18 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

19 MR. REED: -- in Washington, D.C. You can correct
20 that by making sure that at least one district in the
21 City of San Jose represents at least 50 percent of the
22 city's population. This is the tenth largest city in the
23 United States of America --

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 right now, we have caller 5944. And up next after that,



1 will be caller 9938.

2 Caller 5944, please follow the prompts; the floor is
3 yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. I
5 called in last week to talk about the Assembly maps with
6 Bakersfield that the street level and just commend you
7 guys on doing a good job on that. You guys really did a
8 great job this week in Bakersfield and Kern County,
9 replicating your previous work on the Assembly maps. I'd
10 just like to ask you, as you guys go forward and make any
11 final edits, that you guys don't touch Bakersfield. You
12 guys got it right there already.

13 Also, if any movement is done to our district, you
14 know, then things need to be connected to the South,
15 Lancaster, Palmdale. Those areas are already in our
16 Congressional District. We have Edwards Air Force Base
17 in East Kern and Plant 42, down in Lancaster, which is
18 actually the second largest employer in the Antelope
19 Valley.

20 So if things change to the North, and you're having
21 to rejigger things to the South in our county, please
22 think in that direction and not toward the coast or you
23 know, up Inyo, Mono County, any of that kind of stuff.

24 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Great work. Thank you.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
2 right now we have caller 9938. And up next after that,
3 will be caller 0919.

4 Caller 9938, if you'll please follow the prompts to
5 unmute; the floor is yours.

6 MS. SHELL: I can you hear me?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

8 MS. SHELL: Great. So my name is Linda Shell, and
9 I'm speaking on my own behalf, as an individual. In
10 Northern California, thank you so much for creating
11 CD_BERRYSUNNY_DRAFT Congressional District, which brings
12 together Fremont, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Cupertino,
13 Milpitas, Berryessa in a Congressional District. It's
14 also known as GREATERED now.

15 In support of this type of district, there's cities,
16 I believe, for their city. I believe you've received
17 letters from the Sunnyvale City Council, Santa Clara City
18 Council, each of which has supported this by unanimous
19 vote of their seven city -- all seven city council
20 members. And the majority of the Fremont City Council,
21 including the mayor and vice mayor, also supported this
22 type of district for their city. In addition, this past
23 week, you heard Cupertino City Council member Hung Wei,
24 who is a longtime former school board member of Fremont
25 Union High School District --



1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MS. SHELL: -- also supported this. And also, I
3 believe, this week you heard former Cupertino Mayor, Rod
4 Sinks, who is a current Rotary Club president in
5 Cupertino, also support this type of district --

6 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

7 MS. SHELL: -- which is like GREATERED. I wanted to
8 also thank Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Kennedy
9 for speaking out, that this type of district looks good,
10 and it should be maintained, even if you're changing
11 other areas. Thank you all --

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now, we'll have caller 0919. And up next after
14 that will be caller 4768. Caller 0919, if you'll please
15 follow the prompts; the floor is yours.

16 MR. MULDOON: Thank you. Good evening,
17 Commissioners. Again, thank you for your important work
18 towards redistricting. My name is Kevin Muldoon, and I'm
19 the Mayor Pro Tem of Newport Beach calling to comment on
20 the Orange County Congressional seats. I'm calling to
21 generally support what was occurring in Orange County
22 prior to the map Commissioner Sadhwani made in a closed-
23 door meeting without the public being able to watch.

24 The Commission was asked in a transparent manner
25 when it was swapping within the three non-VRA Orange



1 County districts. Currently, as you know, in Orange
2 County, we have four strong Congressional seats --
3 districts, I should say. And I believe the people are
4 best served if it stayed that way.

5 I know not every community of interest will get
6 everything that they want, but I think we need to come
7 together for the sake of ensuring our county is not mixed
8 in with Los Angeles County and remains whole and united.
9 I hope any additional changes can be kept within these
10 parameters. Again, Commissioners, thank you so much.
11 Have a nice evening.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now, we have caller 4768. And up next after that
14 will be caller 6196. Caller 4768, please follow the
15 prompter unmute; the floor is yours.

16 MR. CHAPMAN: Good evening, everyone. My name is
17 Ben Chapman. I'm a resident of Costa Mesa, here in
18 Orange County. I'm calling about some of the changes
19 that this Commission has made to the Orange County since
20 the great meeting on December 9th. I totally understand
21 how difficult it is to balance everyone's concerns.
22 However, the lines that were drawn on December 9th were
23 legitimate and fair to so many of the major COI groups.
24 It kept the Vietnamese community together and whole
25 with other prominent Vietnamese populations in SEAL Beach



1 and Huntington Beach. Costa Mesa was together in
2 districts with our coastal neighbors, and we had a strong
3 Inland OC district that respected what the residents
4 there --

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: It appears he hung up.

6 All right. Right now, we have caller 6196. If
7 you'll please follow the prompts unmute.

8 MR. MULDOON: First time.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

10 MR. MULDOON: Thank you again, for all of your hard
11 work. Have a good night.

12 MR. CHAPMAN: Hello, Commissioners. My name is
13 Craig Chapman, and I am calling with one simple request.
14 Please put the Vietnamese communities of Garden Grove,
15 Fountain Valley, and Westminster back in alignment with
16 the Vietnamese community of Huntington Beach. I
17 understand what a difficult job that you have, and this
18 cannot be easy, but the testimonies that you've heard
19 from other areas, it shows an overwhelming support for
20 the Vietnamese communities to stay together. I thank you
21 very much for your time.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 And Chair, at this time, we are up against a break.

24 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Thank you, Katie. Yes, we need to
25 take our mandatory 15-minute break at this time. And we



1 will be back. So all those in line, please, please don't
2 hang up. We'll be back at 6:40.

3 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 6:24 p.m.
4 until 6:40 p.m.)

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Welcome back to the Citizen's
6 Redistricting Commission Meeting. We are taking public
7 comment at this time. We're just coming back from our
8 mandatory break. Thank you, public, for hanging in there
9 with us.

10 And please open the line, Kristian -- Katy.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair. Thank
12 you so much. And right now, we have caller 5181, and up
13 next after that will be caller 7507. And again, as the
14 Chair said, we are back in open session. Please be
15 present and awaiting to be called on for public comment.

16 Caller 5181, if you'll please follow the prompts to
17 unmute.

18 And one more time, caller with the last four digits,
19 5181, if you will please follow prompts to unmute by
20 pressing star six; the floor is yours.

21 MR. O'CONNOR: Hello. My name's Kevin O'Connor.
22 I'm calling about Sylmar. Sylmar is eighty percent
23 Latino, and is part of Eastern San Fernando Valley.
24 Latinos will be disenfranchised, if they're put in Santa
25 Clarita and not San Fernando Valley. Please keep Sylmar



1 with the Eastern San Fernando Valley to prevent a huge
2 racial disenfranchisement from happening to the Latino
3 community in the current Congressional map. Thank you
4 for your hard work and hope you take this to heart.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
6 right now, we have 7507. And up next after that, will be
7 caller 3770.

8 Caller 7507, please follow the prompts to unmute.

9 And one more time, caller, 7507, please follow the
10 prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

11 I do apologize, caller 7507. You appear to have
12 some type of connectivity issue at the moment. I will
13 come back to you.

14 And right now, we have 3770. And up next after
15 that, will be caller 7068. Caller 3770, please follow
16 the prompts to unmute; the floor is yours.

17 MR. GARRETT-PATE: Good evening, Commissioners.
18 This is Sam Garrett-Pate on behalf of Equality
19 California. I want to start by expressing our deep
20 appreciation for publicly reviewing our plan for Long
21 Beach, Southeast L.A., and Orange County today and for
22 your robust discussion. We recognize that the plan did
23 not line up perfectly with the Commission's structure,
24 because of changes made in the past few days. So we're
25 going to get you a new plan tomorrow morning that would



1 keep Long Beach as whole as possible, with no more than
2 one split for VRA purposes.

3 Unite LGBTQ and coastal COIs and Long Beach, Signal
4 Hill, and coastal Orange County. Maintain the number of
5 Latino VRA districts and increase L-CVAP increase API-
6 CVAP in the Orange County API Opportunity District and
7 fit within the current structure, requiring no changes to
8 Ventura, Central Valley, San Diego, et cetera.

9 I also want to thank Commissioner Akutagawa for
10 bringing Signal Hill's LGBTQ Plus and Cambodian
11 communities into LB North. But please don't do that by
12 moving more of East Long Beach, which also has a --

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 MR. GARRETT-PATE: -- significant LGBTQ population
15 out of LB North, as you did today, to balance population.
16 The areas around Signal Hill to the East and North, have
17 significant LGBTQ population. And by trading Signal Hill
18 for these neighborhoods --

19 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

20 MR. GARRETT-PATE: -- we're still divided between FP
21 710 and LP North, just with a different split. Please
22 try to reunite these neighborhoods in Long Beach and
23 Signal Hill together in LB North, and do not move out
24 anymore of Long Beach. That is not our intention. Thank
25 you so much.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And right now, we have caller 7068. And up next
3 after that, will be caller 6855. Caller 7068, if you'll
4 please follow the prompts to unmute; the floor is yours.

5 MS. HU: I can you hear me?

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

7 MS. HU: Hello Commissioners. My name is Bong Hu
8 (ph.), and I am a Vietnamese-American from Little Saigon.
9 I am calling because I am very upset with the
10 Commission's decision to divide the Vietnamese community
11 with Huntington Beach. There are so many Vietnamese
12 families living just over the city border in Huntington
13 Beach. Our economies are completely on twined. I ask
14 that the Commission return to the previous maps that
15 accomplish this, respected our concerns, and that truly
16 empowers the Vietnamese community. Thank you for all of
17 your hard work. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
19 right now, we have caller 6855. And up next after that,
20 will be caller 7331. Caller 6855, please follow the
21 prompts; the floor is yours.

22 MR. SUKATON: Commissioners, good evening, this is
23 Sam Sukaton from California Environmental Voters
24 Education Fund. I've been following the calls today.
25 Definitely appreciate a lot of the heavy lifting you've



1 been doing all over the state. I was listening, and I'm
2 actually very excited to see the Sierra map. But I
3 wanted to draw your attention to the North SD, South OC
4 district. I appreciate Commissioner Akutagawa's comments
5 saying that the coast should anchor that, and that
6 actually lines up with the maps that we submitted to you
7 in November, recognizing that the 78 corridor is
8 absolutely like, you know, San Marcos is connected to
9 those communities.

10 Splitting up the tri-cities, splitting Carlsbad out
11 of the tri-cities and Encinitas and Del Mar actually
12 breaks federal rail corridor, and the federal defense
13 corridor related to MCB Camp Pendleton and San Onofre
14 Nuclear Generating Station. We have emphasized that
15 those closest to a problem, in this case, bluff erosion
16 from climate change, storage of -- long term fuel storage
17 in San Onofre, and the communities that are around that,
18 should be closest to the answer --

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 MR. SUKATON: -- folks that are united around that
21 question, as I suggested in the letter -- the response
22 ought to be sent to Director Kaplan. With that in mind,
23 we are still advocating then that you -- when you
24 consider San Diego that you're drawing a North coast
25 district with Encinitas --



1 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

2 MR. SUKATON: -- Carlsbad, Oceanside, Vista,
3 separate from cities along the 15 corridor, as far North
4 as Laguna Niguel. Thank you very much. But again, just
5 want to emphasize that the coast North of San Diego and
6 South of Laguna Beach have a district to its --

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 And right now we have caller 7331. And up next
9 after that, we have 2118. Caller 7331, if you'll please
10 follow the prompts.

11 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: The floor is yours.
12 Hi, Commissioner. My name's Kim. And I just want to
13 thank you so much for listening to the San Fernando
14 Valley residents about our community. Thank you for
15 understanding that Chatsworth, as well as Porter Ranch
16 and Granada Hills are all West Valley communities.

17 This is an important -- this is really important
18 from a federal perspective, because there's still fallout
19 from the huge Porter Ranch gas leak a few years back, and
20 we really need the EPA to be there for us. And
21 Chatsworth and Porter Ranch are entirely in the valley
22 and don't have any roads or connections to Santa Clarita.
23 The San Fernando Valley community closest to Santa
24 Clarita in Sylmar, which is connected by the 5 freeway.

25 So Chatsworth and Porter Ranch are connected to



1 areas like Westfield, Granada Hills, and Northridge. And
2 all these are together on your map, which is great.
3 Thank you so much for doing right by the San Fernando
4 Valley. Have a great night, guys.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
6 right now, we have caller 2118. And up next after that
7 will be caller 4918. Caller 2118, if you'll please
8 follow the prompts; the floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, I'm calling
10 tonight to express my support for the December 9th maps,
11 and specifically in relation to Orange County. And I
12 believe that is the most reflective of what the public
13 input was expressing. These versions did a few very
14 important things that are essential for the people of
15 this district. So first, it grouped Irvine with Costa
16 Mesa. And next, it kept the Vietnamese communities in
17 Little Saigon, in Huntington Beach together. We've heard
18 a lot about that so far. The outpouring of support
19 behind this has been significant, and I believe the
20 Commission must reconsider before finalizing the maps.

21 So please put Irvine back together with Costa Mesa,
22 and then, most importantly, keep the Vietnamese community
23 together in Little Saigon and Huntington. Thank you so
24 much for your time.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And



1 right now we have caller 4918. And up next after that,
2 will be caller 6445.

3 Caller 4918, if you'll please call the prompts to
4 unmute; the floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners,
6 I'm calling about making sure Long Beach is not merged
7 with Orange County. Thank you all for your hard work
8 during this thankless process.

9 I'm calling about the work you have been doing in
10 Long Beach and how to best accommodate the dozens of
11 callers from both Long Beach and Huntington Beach who
12 each want their cities to remain whole and united. Long
13 Beach should remain separate from Orange County. This is
14 clearly the most dominant testimony we've heard from both
15 sides of the county lines. Residents want their
16 districts to remain within county boundaries, and this is
17 the easiest way to do so. Thank you again for your hard
18 work.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
20 right now we have caller 6445. And up next after that,
21 will be caller 6659. Caller 6445, if you'll please
22 follow the prompts to unmute; the floor is yours.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good evening,
24 Commissioners. My name is Kenny, and I'm a Vietnamese-
25 American from Little Saigon. I've been listening as this



1 Commission has prioritized keeping every other minority
2 community together. But for some reason, you've all
3 divided the Vietnamese community in Orange County. Why
4 is this? Please restore our voting power. Bring back
5 together, like you had before, Huntington Beach, Little
6 Saigon, Westminster, and Garden Grove. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
8 right now, we have caller 6659. And up next after that
9 will be caller 7618. Caller 6659, please follow the
10 prompts; the floor is yours.

11 MR. TRAN: Hi. Can you guys hear me?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

13 MR. TRAN: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is
14 Henry Tran. I'm calling to ask the Commission to bring
15 back the maps that respected the Vietnamese and Asian
16 community of Little Saigon within the Vietnamese
17 communities in Huntington Beach. This will truly protect
18 the Vietnamese community and maximize our ability to vote
19 for our own representation. We need this. More
20 importantly, these changes are not major changes, but
21 actually something that you can do without blowing up the
22 process. So please restore and protect the Vietnamese
23 community. Thank you for your consideration.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 right now we have caller 7618. And up next, after that



1 caller, 6380.

2 Caller 7618, please follow the prompts to unmute;
3 the floor is yours.

4 MS. NGUYEN: Can you hear me?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

6 MS. NGUYEN: Hello, Redistricting Commission. My
7 name is Luan Nghi Nguyen (ph.), and I'm a Vietnamese-
8 American and a resident of Huntington Beach. While I
9 live in Huntington Beach, so many of my family and
10 friends live in Little Saigon. This is a case for so
11 many of my Vietnamese neighbors in Huntington Beach and
12 vice versa. I understand that you have a very difficult
13 job on your hands, and you are doing your best. But if
14 you are able to make just one small change, please
15 restore the Vietnamese community and protect our voting
16 power.

17 These strong Asian-Americans and Vietnamese
18 communities belong together. Thank you for your time,
19 and get this process right. Thank you so much.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
21 right now we have caller 6380. And up next after that,
22 we have caller 8951.

23 Caller 6380, if you'll please follow the prompts to
24 unmute. The floor is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commission. I



1 just wanted to make a comment about the Congressional
2 map. I have a few pointers. Please keep Orange County
3 and Los Angeles separate.

4 In addition, my second point is, please put
5 Huntington Beach with Dana Point and San Clemente
6 together, because they have common tourism, coastal
7 communities, cultural, economic and tourism interests.
8 My 3rd point is, please keep the Orange County beaches
9 together; like Seal Beach and San Clemente. And my last
10 point is, please separate the coastal communities, the
11 beaches from the urban cities. Thank you. And that's
12 all.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now, we have caller 8951. And up next after that
15 caller, will be 8802.

16 Caller 8951, please follow the prompts to unmute;
17 the floor is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.
19 My name is Anna, and I'm here to talk about the
20 Commission's decision to divide the Vietnamese community
21 in Orange County. The Commission has prioritized the
22 voting power of nearly every other major community of
23 interests. While I appreciate the hard decisions, this
24 group has to make, we must restore the voting power of
25 Asian-Americans and Vietnamese people in Orange County.



1 Please keep Huntington Beach residents together, along
2 with the strong Vietnamese communities of Little Saigon,
3 Westminster Garden Grove, and Fountain Valley.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
5 right now we have caller 8802. And up next after that,
6 will be caller 3480.

7 Caller 8802, if you'll please follow the prompts to
8 unmute; the floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good evening. My name
10 is Chris. I'm a Vietnamese-American living in Little
11 Saigon in Orange County. The Commission has repeatedly
12 prioritized keeping our community together, and I want to
13 thank you for that; even despite the many changes
14 happening in these maps. Please don't consider any
15 options that split our city to maximize our ability to
16 elect a representative that reflects our interests. We
17 also ask that you go back to the map that had us with
18 Huntington Beach.

19 Not only are there many young families living just
20 over the city borders in Huntington Beach, but our
21 economies are completely entwined. I ask that you return
22 to very complete maps that accomplish that. These truly
23 empower our community. Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 right now, we have caller 3480. And up next after that,



1 will be caller 8063.

2 Caller 3480, please follow the prompts; the floor is
3 yours.

4 MR. LEI: Hi. Can you hear me?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

6 MR. LEI: Hi. Yes, my name is Kevin Lei (ph.), and I
7 just like to say that, you know, in Orange County, the
8 Commission has spent a significant amount of time to
9 maximize the Vietnamese community, and we're very
10 appreciative of that. And we know we can't get it to 150
11 percent Asian district, but I think the Commission can do
12 more work to make this a stronger Asian-American
13 district; either by looking at Fulton, or even the
14 pockets of Vietnamese voters in Huntington Beach.

15 I hope the Commission can make this a top priority.
16 We deserve our representation to be maximized and have a
17 voting bloc that can truly make a difference in an
18 election. And I hope you can consider these changes.
19 Thank you guys so much for your hard work. Have a good
20 day.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
22 right now, we have caller 8063. And up next after, will
23 be caller 8394.

24 Caller 8063, please follow the prompts; the floor is
25 yours.



1 MR. NGUYEN: Hello. My name is Dai Nguyen. I'm a
2 resident of City of Westminster. I'm requesting you keep
3 the old Congressional maps that you do on Wednesday.
4 Little Saigon needs to be included there, Garden Grove,
5 Westminster, Palm Valley, and Huntington Beach.

6 Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
8 right now, we have caller 8394. And up next after that,
9 we caller 3588.

10 Caller 8394, please follow the prompts; the floor is
11 yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Working class Simi
13 Valley's interests match closer to those of Santa Clarita
14 than wealthier Agoura and Calabashes. For true
15 representation, huge San Fernando Valley is not a good
16 match for Santa Clarita, which would be better served in
17 line with Simi Valley, another bedroom community for L.A.
18 workers and which has a similar topographical situation
19 and demographics. United interests may make for more
20 effective voting bloc. Please do not separate Simi and
21 Santa Clarita, because that would essentially divide and
22 conquer us, which is not a service to voters. Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
24 right now, we have caller 3588. And up next after that,
25 will be caller 2974.



1 Caller 3588, please follow the prompts; the floor is
2 yours.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Thank you for the
4 opportunity to share my thoughts with the Commission. I
5 know that this process is not an easy one, and that the
6 Commission is doing its very best. So thank you, and
7 keep up the good work. I've lived in East San Fernando
8 Valley, Santa Clarita, and Antelope Valley. They're all
9 great places, but quite different in many respects.

10 I'm, therefore, not sure why the Commission is
11 considering extracting and isolating Sylmar from the rest
12 of the East San Fernando Valley and exiling them to a
13 Congressional District dominated by the entirely
14 dissimilar Santa Clarita Valley and Antelope Valley.

15 Sylmar is a vibrant community and is geographically,
16 economically, socially, and culturally integrated with
17 the rest of East San Fernando Valley. I'm a big sports
18 fan, so I suggest you check out the East Valley Baseball
19 League, the El Paso Soccer League, or the San Fernando
20 Youth Soccer League. The ties between Sylmar and the
21 rest of East San Fernando are quite clear, natural, and
22 authentic. And these neighbors deserve to stay together,
23 so that their elected officials can more effectively
24 advocate for voters so much in common.

25 In fact, I would be surprised if anyone in Sylmar



1 wants to join Santa Clarita and Antelope Valley, as
2 Sylmar shares almost nothing in common with these bedroom
3 communities.

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So please don't sacrifice
6 Sylmar to satisfy much wealthier and less diverse West
7 San Fernando.

8 In addition, Hispanic representation in Santa
9 Clarita and Antelope Valley is less than half, compared
10 to Sylmar and the rest of East San Fernando. If voters
11 in Sylmar are forced to share representation in San
12 Fernando Valley --

13 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- I'm concerned that their
15 very different needs will not be heard or met. East San
16 Fernando is important, but has challenges like other
17 communities, and they deserve to be in a district where
18 the elected officials can best serve their constituents.
19 Thank you very much.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
21 right now, we have caller 2974. And up next after that,
22 will be caller 0074.

23 Caller 2974, please follow the prompts. Caller with
24 the last four digits, 2974, please follow the prompts to
25 unmute by pressing star six; the floor is yours.



1 MS. TRAN: Hi. My name is Paulina Tran. I have
2 been calling a few times to ask you not to separate
3 Little Saigon from Huntington Beach city. We are a
4 shared community, which has many similarity interests. I
5 sincerely hope that you can go back to the old map last
6 Wednesday, and keep our Vietnamese community together,
7 Garden Grove, Westminster, Huntington Beach, and Fountain
8 Valley Lake. Thank you so much and have a good night.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
10 right now, we have caller 0074. And up next after that,
11 will be caller 7692.

12 Caller 0074, please follow the problems; the floor
13 is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello. My name is
15 Sonya. Thank you for letting me comment. Thank you for
16 all your hard work, Commissioners. And I just want to
17 comment on Santa Clarita and Antelope Valley. I work in
18 Lancaster and live near Santa Clarita. And those
19 communities are very similar. However, I was very
20 surprised to see that Sylmar was grouped together. We do
21 go to Sylmar from time to time to see doctors, and they
22 really are very, very different districts.

23 So in Santa Clarita and Antelope Valley, most people
24 are bedroom community working. And now they -- or they
25 work in the Defense tech. And Sylmar is much more of a



1 San Fernando Valley community. So I would like to ask
2 that you keep Lancaster, Palmdale, Santa Clarita together
3 and not put Sylmar together with us. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
5 right now, I have caller 7692. And up next after that,
6 will be caller 0594.

7 Caller 7692, please follow the prompts. Join me;
8 the floor is yours.

9 MR. BIGFOOT: Thank you. Dan Bigfoot here. Your
10 Assembly and Congressional iterations connect Inland, San
11 Diego County, and San Diego County communities in a way
12 that works. I'd like to actually talk about the Senate
13 maps, because I know you're coming up on those next week,
14 and I wanted to give my input.

15 Senate District Map SCCA could use some tweaks. We
16 understand it's a voting rights district and must be
17 linked with parts of San Diego County to Imperial County.
18 But I don't know why it doesn't pick up the heavily
19 Latino neighborhoods that are South of 94 in San Diego
20 City, and shed some of those rural parts of San Diego,
21 like Alpine, Ramona, Burgos Springs, that they fit better
22 with cities like, Poway, El Cajon, Escondido, and Santee.
23 Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 right now, we have caller 0594. And up next after that,



1 caller 3406.

2 Caller 0594, please follow the prompts; the floor is
3 yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
5 I'm a resident of Yorba Linda. And on Wednesday night, I
6 was so pleased to see all of our North Orange cities,
7 like Yorba Linda, Placentia, Brea, Fullerton, and Anaheim
8 Hills together in one Congressional District. Then the
9 very next day, the Commission completely changed the map.

10 Under your current lines, you split North Orange
11 County in Yorba Linda and Placentia into separate
12 Congressional Districts. All of North Orange County is
13 one community of interest. But Yorba Linda and Placentia
14 especially work well together and even share a School
15 District, the Placentia Yorba Linda Unified School
16 District.

17 We should all be together. My hope is that you
18 consider -- reconsider the maps to Wednesday night. They
19 made sense. They compromised our community testimony,
20 and, most importantly, they didn't prioritize the coast
21 over the District. They balanced everything. I hope we
22 can revert to those maps.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
24 right now, we have caller 3406. And up next after that,
25 will be caller 0801.



1 Caller 3406, please follow the prompts; the floor is
2 yours.

3 MR. TRAN: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is
4 Tim Tran, and I'm calling in to protest against the
5 decision to split up Orange County, Little Saigon. This
6 action will weaken the collective voting power of its
7 large Vietnamese-American community. I ask that you
8 please do not proceed with this new map, and please
9 include Huntington Beach, a city which has over 20,000
10 Vietnamese residents with Garden Grove, Westminster, and
11 Fountain Valley. I thank you so much for your hard work,
12 and that's it. Thank you so much.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now, we have caller 0801. And up next after that,
15 will be caller 8642.

16 Caller 0801, please follow the prompts; the floor is
17 yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, good evening,
19 Commissioners. I grew up here in the Santa Clarita
20 Valley, and you know, I see that you've given us Sylmar
21 and taken away Simi Valley, and I'm asking you to please
22 revert that decision, and go back to the previous map.
23 You know, I suggest instead what you can do with Sylmar,
24 is create a, one, San Fernando Valley Latino
25 Congressional VRA District, and then, two, San Fernando



1 Valley Latino Assembly VRA District, and one San Fernando
2 Valley Latino VRA District.

3 Okay. The reason being is Sylmar is 80 percent
4 Latino and part of the Eastern San Fernando Valley. And
5 Sylmar really doesn't have anything in common with the
6 San Fernando Valley or the Antelope Valley. As a matter
7 of fact, people from Sylmar constantly move up here,
8 because they want to get away from all that.

9 And you'll actually be disenfranchising those
10 Latinos, if they are with San Fernando Valley and not the
11 San Fernando Valley.

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And Latinos are a huge
14 community of interest, and they cannot be split off San
15 Fernando Valley to be randomly put in with Santa Clarita
16 and Antelope Valley. So please keep Sylmar with the
17 Eastern San Fernando Valley to prevent the huge racial
18 disenfranchisement from happening to the Latino community
19 in the current Congressional map.

20 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you for time. Have a
22 good evening.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
24 right now we have caller 8742. And up next after that,
25 we have caller 4201.



1 Caller 8742, please follow the prompts to unmute;
2 the floor is yours.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. Thank you for
4 your work to improve the redistricting process. I'm
5 calling to say please keep Sylmar with the Eastern San
6 Fernando Valley to prevent a huge racial
7 disenfranchisement from happening to the Latino community
8 in the current Congressional map.

9 Sylmar is eighty percent Latino and part of the
10 Eastern San Fernando Valley Latino community, along with
11 San Fernando, Pacoima, Arleta, Panorama City, Sun
12 Valley, Van Nuys, and Mission Hills. If Sylmar is
13 randomly split off from the San Fernando Valley, Latinos
14 will be disenfranchised by diluting their votes with
15 Santa Clarita and Antelope Valley, whose residents have
16 different needs and priorities.

17 Sylmar does not have anything much in common with
18 Santa Clarita or Antelope Valley. Please keep Sylmar
19 with the San Fernando Valley. Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
21 right now we have caller 4201. And up next after that,
22 will be caller 6625.

23 Caller 4201, please follow the prompts. And one
24 more time, caller, 4201, if you'll please follow the
25 prompts to unmute by pressing star six.



1 Caller 4201, I do apologize. You appear to have
2 some type of connectivity issue at the moment. I will
3 come back to you.

4 Caller 6625 will be right now. And up next after
5 that, will be 7483.

6 Caller 6625, please follow the prompts; the floor is
7 yours.

8 MR. MARTINEZ: Hi Commissioners. Jerry Martinez
9 from San Bernardino County's High Desert. I wanted to
10 call and thank you for keeping the Mercola district
11 pretty much the High Desert. We didn't get everything we
12 wanted. There's a little bit of L.A. in there. And we
13 were hoping not to do that.

14 But what we would like to request, and I think I'm
15 speaking for a lot of my neighbors, who have called in
16 before; please, please, before you finalize, go back, and
17 look at the Assembly maps, and really weigh the
18 difference of having Pinon Hills mixed in with Pasadena.
19 You're talking about mansions in Pasadena. Pinon Hills
20 with houses on dirt roads. There's not a lot in common
21 there. And it doesn't really make sense to have them
22 mixed. Let's try to go back and fix the Assembly maps.
23 Anyway, thank you, Commission.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 right now, we have caller 7483. And up next after that



1 is caller 8939.

2 Caller 7483, please follow the prompts; the floor is
3 yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm commenting on the
5 current version of 12/11 on your website for Modesto and
6 Turlock. The Central Valley is not a sprawling
7 metropolis, like the Bay Area or Sacramento. If you
8 drive down 99, you move in and out of 16 groups of
9 cities, and this is the case with Turlock in Modesto.
10 It's a relatively small population compared to many
11 cities in California. It's an agricultural area, like
12 the rest of Central Valley, and we belong in a district
13 that encompasses the same needs and issues.

14 The parkway map that was discussed earlier, put us
15 in the Central Valley district, which is where we should
16 be. I grew up in a mountain community, and the needs of
17 the Sierras are much different than those of Turlock and
18 Modesto. We share a university. We share issues in
19 health care, employment, and agriculture.

20 I know that you say that this is causing -- will
21 cause some angst in everyone --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- but by not putting us in a
24 Central Valley district, you're causing us lifeblood.
25 Commissioner Fernandez, I can -- I wish you could see the

1 value of considering the needs of a smaller, less known
2 area, the Central Valley. Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
4 right now, we have caller 8939. And up next after that,
5 is caller 1740.

6 Caller 8939, please follow the prompts; the floor is
7 yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Thank you very much.
9 This is David. I'm calling from Mammoth Lakes. We in
10 the Sierra Nevada, have endured wildfire, our water is
11 shipped to L.A., we've been fighting for decades to save
12 Mono Lake and Lake Tahoe. And those are just the obvious
13 issues that unify our district. We need a voice.

14 If our district is functionally noncontiguous,
15 that's a really important point. If it is functionally
16 noncontiguous, then we are voiceless. Please keep this
17 in mind, as you do your work. Thank you very much for
18 your consideration.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
20 right now we have caller 1740. And up next after that,
21 is caller 9907

22 Caller 1740, please follow the prompts; the floor is
23 yours.

24 MR. LE: Hello. My name Yun Le (ph.). You put
25 Garden Grove, Fountain Valley and Westminster back with



1 the Vietnamese in Huntington Beach. I want the map on
2 the Wednesday, December 8th. Please protect my
3 community. Thank you so much. Have a good weekend.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
5 now, we have caller 9907. And up next after that, will
6 be caller 5921. Caller 9907, please follow the prompts;
7 the floor is yours.

8 MS. PHUONG: Hi, my name is Thi Phuong (ph.).
9 Please go back old map Garden Grove, Westminster,
10 Fountain Valley, and Huntington Beach together. Change
11 for your map on Wednesday. Good night.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now, we have caller 5921. And up next, after that,
14 is caller 6303.

15 Caller 5921, please follow the prompts; the floor is
16 yours.

17 MS. LE: Hi. My name Tsu Le. I live in Garden
18 Grove, my family Huntington Beach. We need to stay
19 together. Please go back old map. Thank you very much.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
21 right now we have caller 6303. And up next after that is
22 caller 7807.

23 Caller 6303, please follow the prompts; the floor is
24 yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioner.

1 I want to thank you for all the effort that you have
2 done. I just want to make it abundantly clear, the
3 distance between Fresno and Bakersfield is 109 miles.
4 The distance between San Francisco and Sacramento is 89
5 miles. You would never put Sacramento with San
6 Francisco. The distance from Bakersfield to L.A. is 111
7 miles. Again, that is two miles difference. And you
8 would never put Bakersfield with L.A.

9 So I want you to consider Fresno and the Northern
10 Fresno and Clovis area to be considered with other areas
11 closer, and not with another major metropolitan city.
12 Fresno is the fifth largest city in California and has a
13 population greater and a lot of states in the United
14 States and should be heavily weighed in your
15 consideration.

16 Again, Fresno should be considered and especially
17 Clovis, special consideration. And we ask that you
18 relook at the maps. Thank you. Take care.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
20 right now, we have caller 7807. And up next after that,
21 will be caller 2567. Caller 7807, please follow the
22 prompts; the floor is yours.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. Hi. My name is
24 Huynh Tong (ph.). I am a (indiscernible). I ask you to
25 put a Little Saigon with Huntington Beach. I live in the



1 Little Saigon. My son live in Huntington Beach. Please
2 don't separate me and my son. Thank you very much so you
3 listen.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
5 right now we have caller 2567. And up next after that,
6 is caller 1789.

7 Caller 2567, please follow the prompts; the floor is
8 yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
10 I'd like to comment on the King-Tulare current
11 Congressional District map. It's possible to still have
12 VRA districts in the Central Valley without looking
13 gerrymandered. Please keep Bakersfield whole. Thank
14 you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
16 right now, we have caller 1789. And up next after that,
17 is caller 3726.

18 Caller 1789, please follow the prompts; the floor is
19 yours.

20 MS. NGUYEN: Hello. Good evening. You hear me?

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

22 MS. NGUYEN: My name's Thuy Thi Tin Nguyen. I live
23 in Westminster. I want Little Saigon to go with Fountain
24 Valley and Huntington Beach. Please do not divide us.
25 Thank you.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
2 right now we have caller 3726. And up next after that,
3 will be caller 4436. Caller 3726, if you please follow

4 And one more time. Caller with the last four
5 digits, 3726, if you will, please follow the prompts to
6 unmute by pressing star six.

7 I do apologize, 3726. You appear to have some type
8 of connectivity issue at the moment.

9 I will -- oh. Wait. No. The floor is yours.

10 MR. NGUYEN: Oh, hello. Can you hear me?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

12 MR. NGUYEN: Oh, I'm so sorry about that. All
13 right. Hello. My name is Daniel Nguyen. I'm from
14 Orange County. I just wanted to say, I hope the
15 Commission can revisit maps that kept Little Saigon with
16 Huntington Beach. This will allow the Vietnamese
17 residents of Huntington Beach to be included with their
18 neighbors, and it also acknowledges that there is more to
19 a community than CVAP numbers.

20 Little Saigon is completely connected to Huntington
21 Beach, and that the Commission has even discussed that it
22 even makes sense to have them together. You know, I
23 honestly think it's just you went a little crazy with
24 changes and dismissed the map created Wednesday that
25 maximizes the community. I hope we can revisit and link

1 Little Saigon with Huntington Beach again. Thank you
2 very much.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
4 right now we have caller 4436. And up next after that
5 will be caller 6743.

6 Caller 4436, please follow the prompts. Caller with
7 the last four digits, 4436, please follow the prompts to
8 unmute by pressing star six; the floor is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me? We sure
10 can.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh. Okay. Hi. Yes. I
13 happen to be -- let me get to my notes, because I happen
14 to be in the 93532 areas, and then I have rentals in the
15 93534 and the 93550, and then we have family in Simi
16 Valley. So we also have a lot of aerospace, you know,
17 the people from Simi Valley and Santa Clarita come up to
18 the Antelope Valley, you know, commute for the aerospace
19 industry. But we also share a lot of the fire,
20 earthquake, sheriff sources -- you know, resources, and
21 that kind of thing.

22 So I saw that you were maybe trying to put Sylmar
23 with us, but they really have nothing -- they -- they're
24 a little bit different than we are.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: They belong to the San
2 Fernando Valley, and their families would love to stay in
3 the San Fernando Valley, and they work in the San
4 Fernando Valley. So I would like to keep the -- keep us
5 together --

6 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- keep the demographics of
8 Simi Valley and Santa Clarita Valley and the Antelope
9 Valley. Appreciate that very much. So San Fernando
10 Valley is also, like, the second biggest city in the
11 United States, like, compared to Los Angeles. So we --

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now we have a caller is 6743. And up next after
14 that, will be caller 3746.

15 Caller 6743, please follow the prompts to unmute;
16 the floor is yours.

17 MS. SEWELL: Hi. Thank you, Commissioners, for your
18 work and this opportunity to comment. My name's Karen
19 Sewell. I'm a native-born Californian, and I've been a
20 resident on and off in Yorba Linda, since 1968. I'm
21 really excited to hear so many comments from my fellow
22 Californians, especially those from Orange County.

23 I was very happy and really liked the way the lines
24 were drawn for the Congressional Districts on Wednesday's
25 map, and felt that you really listened to the input from



1 the residents, and that you did draw the lines with their
2 comments taken into consideration. I know it's difficult
3 to fairly draw the line, but when the lines were redrawn,
4 you split up cities in North Orange County.

5 I believe we deserve a fairer and balanced district,
6 and we want to be with our neighboring cities --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 MS. SEWELL: -- especially with Placentia. Yorba
9 Linda Boulevard is the major street in Placentia, and we
10 also and share the School District with Placentia as
11 well.

12 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

13 MS. SEWELL: I appreciate if you would consider
14 putting the map back the way you had it on Wednesday.
15 And thank you all for your hard work on this as well as
16 your consideration.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
18 right now we have caller 3746. And up next after that,
19 is caller 7644.

20 Caller 3746, please follow the prompts to unmute;
21 the floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. First, I would
23 like to thank the Commission for all your hard work. I
24 can't imagine how much work has been put into this. A
25 couple of thoughts about the Vietnamese community in



1 Little Saigon.

2 Please, under no circumstances, separate the City of
3 Garden Grove, Westminster, and Fountain Valley. I know
4 we don't make up a VRA district, but it should certainly
5 be the top community of interests of the Vietnamese
6 community, and make up significant portions of the voting
7 population.

8 And are Vietnamese community is growing into
9 Huntington Beach. In Huntington Beach, we have over
10 20,000 Vietnamese residents. Please refer back to your
11 map on Wednesday night. That map really, truly protects
12 the interests of our community and our voting rights.
13 Thank you for your hard work, and I hope you would hear
14 all the voices of the past few nights day, and please,
15 again, protect our communities. Thank you, and have a
16 wonderful night.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
18 right now we have caller 7644. And up next after that,
19 is caller 5428.

20 Caller 7644, please follow the prompts; the floor is
21 yours.

22 MR. PAYNE: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is
23 Eric Payne. I'm the Executive Director of the Central
24 Valley Urban Institute. We wanted to make while -- we
25 recognize you didn't make all the shifts we wanted in the



1 Assembly for Fresno area. And you still split a number
2 of COI's, specifically African-American families, in the
3 West Park area, the West of 99, and the area around the
4 Fig Garden Loop and the areas in the Old Fig Garden area
5 between Bullard and Shaw.

6 The Fig Garden Loop areas, as well as the Old Fig
7 Garden areas, are still paired with Clovis. To ensure
8 you correct these issues in the Congressional and Senate
9 Districts, we wanted to reemphasize the hub maps that we
10 have provided previously for course correction. Again,
11 thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now, we have caller 5428. And up next after that,
14 is caller 3783.

15 Caller 5428, please follow the prompts; the floor is
16 yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Commissioners.
18 And Katy, thank you so much. We're going to miss you.
19 After the unworkable versions of Contra North were
20 dismissed on Thursday night, we expected to see a better
21 version Friday. Today's version forced and illogical,
22 splitting Martinez, one of the five refinery cities in
23 this district, to be able to include suburban Southeast
24 Antioch, made no sense. This is not the multi-family
25 Antioch, and does not include the population someone

1 wanted to include. You've got the swimming pool
2 commuters, not the essential workers North of Highway 4.
3 Knowing the communities matter.

4 Including all of Vacaville in Contra North, adds an
5 equivalent population for removing Pittsburgh and parts
6 of Antioch. Pittsfield and Antioch are a historical COI
7 and a current COI --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- of primarily single-family
10 home commuters. The negative jobs housing balance drives
11 the residents to the Central Costa --

12 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and on to the Bay Area
14 for employment. The North Contra COIs, made up of
15 Highway 80 commuters, moving South to the Bay Area and
16 East to Sacramento for jobs. Their --

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
18 right now, we have caller 3783. And up next after that,
19 will be caller 1866.

20 Caller 3783, if you'll please follow the prompts to
21 unmute; the floor is yours.

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

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

24 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.
25 My name is Irene, and I'm calling about the Commission's



1 decision to divide the Vietnamese community in Orange
2 County. Commissioners prioritize the voting power of
3 nearly every other major community of interest. I
4 appreciate the hard decisions this group has to make, but
5 we must restore the voting power of Asian-Americans and
6 the Vietnamese in Orange County. Please keep together
7 Huntington Beach residents, along with the strong
8 Vietnamese communities of Little Saigon, Westminster,
9 Garden Grove and Fountain Valley.

10 Without combining these communities, the Asian-
11 Americans in Orange County will never have the power to
12 elect representatives they feel are the best for them.
13 Thank you for all of your hard work, and I hope you will
14 consider making these changes.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
16 right now, we have caller 1866. And up next after that,
17 will be caller 0052.

18 Caller 1866, please, if you'll please follow the
19 prompts to unmute. And one more -- oh, there you are.
20 The floor is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
22 I'm calling from the High Desert of San Bernardino
23 County. And I just wanted to say, we're very happy with
24 the mark up map, but we really encourage you to go back,
25 and look at Phelan and Pinon Hills, which you've mixed



1 with million-dollar mansions of Pasadena, which doesn't
2 really make much sense at all.

3 Please reconsider grouping Phelan and Pinon Hills
4 with High Desert communities, where they should be
5 rightfully grouped. Thank you for all you do.
6 Californians really appreciate it. And I hope you have a
7 great weekend. Thank you so much for having me.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
9 right now we have caller 0052. And up next after that,
10 will be caller, 3995.

11 Caller 0052, please follow the prompts to unmute;
12 the floor is yours.

13 MR. STEINWINDER: Good evening, Commission. I am
14 Michael Steinwinder, calling from San Bernardino County's
15 High Desert, myself and fellow neighbors have asked the
16 High Desert in San Bernardino County to be kept whole.
17 And that was achieved by the MORCOA. We didn't get
18 everything that we wanted, but we're still included with
19 Los Angeles County.

20 We hope that the Commission did their best to
21 respond to our concerns. We also hope you all will take
22 another look at the Assembly map that includes Phelan and
23 Pinon Hills with Pasadena. Because it makes no sense to
24 put a rural community with dirt roads with Pasadena,
25 which is a highly urban community with million-dollar



1 mansions. Thank you so much for considering all of our
2 testimony, and we thank you all for your efforts.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
4 right now, we have caller 3995. And up next after that,
5 is caller 4706.

6 Caller 3995, please follow the prompts to unmute;
7 the floor is yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
9 I'm calling from San Bernardino County, and just wanted
10 to say that, while we are very pleased with the MORCOA
11 map for the Congressional level, please reconsider going
12 back to the DBHD Assembly map, and regrouping Phelan and
13 Pinon Hills into the DBHD map. They are both High Desert
14 communities that are currently with multimillion dollar
15 communities of Los Angeles County, and it's just not fair
16 to them to be represented by a -- to be represented into
17 a map that is not -- that does not resemble their
18 communities at all.

19 Please put them back into the High Desert map, the
20 DBHD. Thank you, again. And I hope you'll have a great
21 evening.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
23 right now, we have caller 4706. And up next after that
24 will be caller 1991.

25 Caller 4706, please follow the prompts. And one



1 more time. Caller with the last four digits, 4706, if
2 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
3 star six. The floor is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, great. I am calling
7 you from the West San Fernando Valley, specifically the
8 town of Encino. I don't really understand the reason for
9 the MALIBUSFV iteration, to include Western San Fernando
10 Valley with Malibu. I mean it doesn't make any sense to
11 me. Putting those working-class families in the -- from
12 the middle of the San Fernando Valley and with Malibu,
13 it's not really representing their best interest, and I
14 highly implore the Commission to change that.

15 Also, the other side, obviously, including Shomar in
16 it; I believe you should also -- the San Fernando Valley
17 has always been West and East; two Congressional
18 Districts. Right now, you're splitting between three and
19 four. I think you need to bring it back to one and two.
20 West San Fernando Valley, East San Fernando Valley. Keep
21 it clean and simple, which best represents our interests.
22 Thank you for your time, and I hope you consider my
23 suggestions. Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 right, now we have caller 1991. And up next after that,



1 will be caller 0240.

2 Caller 1991, please follow the prompts. And one
3 more time; caller with the last four digits, 1990, if
4 you'll, please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor
5 is yours.

6 MR. ALVAREZ: Hello, Commissioners. Thank you for
7 allowing me to speak. My name's David Alvarez calling
8 from the High Desert. Very pleased with the MORCOA map,
9 and I appreciate your consideration of our testimony, but
10 please consider going back to the DVHD Assembly map for a
11 finalization. Phelan and Pinon Hills have been grouped
12 in the Assembly map with multimillion-dollar communities
13 of Los Angeles County, as opposed to the High Desert,
14 which is a much different area for a variety of reasons,
15 especially geographic and other similar items, so.

16 So yeah, with that, I'm just really appreciative it
17 if you guys can go back and look at that. Thank you very
18 much.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
20 right now we have caller 0240. And up next after that,
21 is caller 9392.

22 Caller 0240, please follow the prompts. Caller with
23 the last four digits, 0240, please follow the prompts to
24 unmute by pressing star six.

25 Caller 0240, I do apologize. You appear to have



1 some type of connectivity issue at the moment. I will
2 come back to you.

3 And right now, we have caller 9392. And up next
4 after that, will be caller 9016.

5 Caller 9392, please follow the prompts; the floor is
6 yours.

7 MR. SAWYER: Can you hear me?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

9 MR. SAWYER: Hi. I just wanted to reiterate what
10 some of the other callers said about reuniting Sylmar
11 with the San Fernando Valley. My name is Mark Sawyer
12 (ph.). I'm from Los Angeles. Now, Sylmar really has
13 nothing to do with the Santa Clarita Valley or the
14 Antelope Valley. So -- and it also has a majority Latino
15 population. So I think it is disenfranchising them to
16 move them out of that district. I think it should be
17 kept in the VRA district that's based in the San Fernando
18 Valley.

19 I know some other callers suggested maybe putting
20 Simi Valley back with the Antelope Valley. And I think
21 that's one good option. Another option is to unify the
22 Edwards Air Force Base area. So for example, Lancaster
23 and Rosamond. Edwards Air Force Base in L.A. County, and
24 it's also in Kern County. And a lot of people who work
25 at Edwards Air Force Base either live in Rosamond or live



1 in Lancaster. So I think that could be a good option, as
2 well, to make up for the population loss you would get
3 from taking so much out of the Antelope Valley District.

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MR. SAWYER: But anyway, thank you so much for all
6 your work. I appreciate it. And I hope you guys keep
7 that in mind, in terms of reuniting Sylmar with the San
8 Fernando Valley. Thank you very much.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
10 now, we have caller 9016. And up next after that, is
11 caller 0394.

12 Caller 9016, please follow the prompts; the floor is
13 yours.

14 MS. BOLTON: Good evening, Commissioners. My name
15 is Linda Bolton, and live in Mono County. Thank you for
16 keeping Inyo-Mono and Alpine Counties together and for --
17 on the Eastern Sierra District from Inyo going North;
18 that includes Tahoe and Truckee. I only ask that you not
19 include Modesto for population. We are on the East side,
20 and we're rural communities. We have completely
21 different issues than the West Side and different
22 economic drivers.

23 We have a tourism, recreational-based economy, and
24 we mostly are surrounded by public lands. We would lose
25 our voice if we were connected to a large city, like



1 Modesto. And we have no idea about each other's
2 communities and can't even drive across the Sierra in the
3 winter. So please give our mountain communities the same
4 consideration as the COIs you're trying to keep together
5 around Sacramento. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
7 right now we have caller 0394. And up next after that,
8 will be caller 0026.

9 Caller 0394, please follow the prompts; the floor is
10 yours.

11 MS. MIDGET: Hello. My name is Kawano Midget (ph.),
12 and I just want to say thank you so much to the
13 Commissioners for all of your hard work. I want to
14 stress please, please, please keep district number 43,
15 please keep it the same. Please do not change it.

16 It is so important that we keep Vermont Knolls,
17 Inglewood, Westchester, the Airport, and especially LMU.
18 It should all remain the same within this Congressional
19 district. We have the most common interests. And most
20 importantly, they are impacted by LAX. These children,
21 they go to school here, there's the shops that are here
22 that are very supportive, and we really need to keep this
23 district together, so please do not break it up.

24 And I just want to say thank you so much for all of
25 your hard work and to please consider keeping it the



1 same. Thank you very much.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
3 right now, we have caller 0026. And up next after that,
4 will be caller 2641.

5 Caller 0026, please follow the prompts. The floor
6 is yours.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, Commissioners. Thank you
8 for listening to us, and thank you for your hard work. I
9 just want to reiterate what previous caller said, keep
10 the Sierra and Antelope Valley separate, and keep the
11 Modesto in the Central Valley. Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now we have caller 2641. And up next after that
14 will be caller 3122.

15 Caller 2641, please follow the prompts. And one
16 more time, caller 2641, please follow the prompts to
17 unmute by pressing star six.

18 Caller 2641, I do apologize. You appear to have
19 some type of connectivity issue at the moment. I will be
20 coming back around for those retries after the upcoming
21 break.

22 And right now, we have caller 3122. And up next
23 after that, will be caller 1036.

24 Caller 3122, please follow the prompts; the floor is
25 yours.



1 MR. NGUYEN: Good evening, Commissioners. My name
2 is Ken Nguyen, a resident in Westminster. I'm calling to
3 ask you to ask you to keep Little Saigon together with
4 Huntington Beach. The political group claiming
5 Huntington Beach is racist. It's not true. Please
6 listen to the voice of the community by keeping Little
7 Saigon together with Huntington Beach. Please go back to
8 the old map. Thank you for listening.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
10 right now, we have caller 1036. And up next after that,
11 will be caller 3970.

12 Caller 1036, please follow the prompts; the floor is
13 yours.

14 MS. VARGAS: Good evening, distinguished
15 Commissioners. Thank you so much for all your hard work
16 and commitment in this redistricting process. My name is
17 Anna Lisa Vargas, and I'm a resident of the City of
18 Indio. I'm an active member of this community. It's
19 located in the Eastern Coachella Valley.

20 I'm calling in support of the MALDEF, because it
21 draws strong Latino majority CVAP district, which will
22 better serve our communities. The MALDEF plan creates a
23 new Latino CVAP majority district, Congressional District
24 36 in Riverside Imperial County, which will perform very
25 well.



1 This MALDEF also creates two new Latino majority
2 districts; Assembly District 60 and District 61 in the
3 Inland Empire, which complies with the VRA in this fast-
4 growing region. And it also creates a new Latino CVAP
5 majority and also new Latino Opportunity District in
6 Senate District 31, also in the Inland Empire.

7 And for Senate Districts 40, the MALDEF plan
8 demonstrates a strong Latino CVAP of 59.28 percent --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MS. VARGAS: -- and the visualizations depict a
11 weakened VRA and the Latino CVAP of less than 56.75. And
12 so we really feel that this is -- this plan really draws
13 upon our leaders and organized organizers --

14 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

15 MS. VARGAS: -- from across the state, and has
16 really also retaining historic Black districts in Los
17 Angeles and API districts. Thank you so much for your
18 time.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
20 right now we have caller 3970. And up next, after that
21 will be caller 5060.

22 Caller 3970, please follow the prompts; the floor is
23 yours.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Thank you,
25 Commissioners. I'm calling tonight asking you to keep



1 Huntington Beach whole and with our friends in Little
2 Saigon and Fountain Valley. Commissioners as an
3 immigrant, I can tell you that the comments made a few
4 nights ago about Huntington Beach being anti-immigrant
5 and racist were comments made by people who are
6 politically motivated to gerrymander Orange County.

7 If you were to take those comments and not listen to
8 the vast majority of comments made by these communities,
9 it would be a blemish on the Commission. Please do not
10 let partisan interests impact this map. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 right now we have caller 5060. And up next after that,
13 is caller 6910.

14 Caller 5060, please follow the prompts; the floor is
15 yours.

16 MR. LARA: Yes, good evening. My name is Cesar
17 Lara. I'm the director of the Monterey Bay Central Labor
18 Council, and I'm calling, in particular, around the
19 Congressional maps in the Monterey, Santa Cruz and San
20 Benito County. Our communities of interest in the Tri-
21 County area will be lost if we're split up into two
22 Congressional Districts.

23 Currently, you're proposing to have an urban center
24 of San Jose connected with a farm-working, middle class
25 community in the Salinas Valley, and at the same time



1 having a Coastal District that really splits up Santa
2 Cruz County, where you have workers in Watsonville that
3 work in Santa Cruz County now will have to go to two
4 Congressional Districts. So we ask the Commission to
5 really revisit this. And you're disenfranchising Latino,
6 farm-working communities, and giving it up to urban Santa
7 Clara County.

8 So we ask that you please revisit this. This will
9 be a devastating blow to our working families here on the
10 Tri-County --

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 MR. LARA: -- Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito
13 area. And we ask that you revisit it, and try and make
14 us as whole as possible and revisit the Congressional
15 Districts that are currently in play in Congressional
16 District 20, where it takes into consideration --

17 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

18 MR. LARA: -- our communities of interest and would
19 like the Commission to revisit that. And thank you for
20 all the work you've done. And please, do this wrong, and
21 fix this. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
23 right now we have caller 5832. And up next after that,
24 is caller 9499.

25 Caller 5832, please follow the prompts. And one



1 more time.

2 Caller with the last four digits 5832, please follow
3 the prompts to unmute by pressing star six; the floor is
4 yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi there. I want to thank
6 the Commission for their endurance. I've been in San
7 Joaquin and parts of Stanislaus County for more than ten
8 years, and I've come to appreciate the specific
9 challenges and local interests unique to these areas. In
10 the spirit of conducting earnest attempts to keep those
11 communities with similar issues intact within shared
12 Congressional Districts, it would seem most prudent for
13 Lodi, Modesto, and East San Joaquin Valley to be
14 together. These areas serve as the pantries and
15 supermarkets for the region, state, and nation. It makes
16 sense to marry these agricultural producers together
17 without inclusion of the mountainous region to the East.

18 To put it another way, Modesto, Lodi, and East San
19 Joaquin County are like the peanut butter and jelly
20 sandwich, a natural combination given their
21 characteristic. But including Tahoe is like adding tuna
22 fish to an otherwise sensible dish. It creates an
23 unpalatable imbalance. Let's keep Lodi, Modesto, and San
24 Joaquin tied at the hip and find a better relationship.
25 I appreciate your time.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
2 right now we have caller 9499. And up next after that,
3 will be caller 0413.

4 I'd like to ask those that have not done so already
5 to please press star nine. And if you're around for a
6 retry, and you're near your phone and have some different
7 connectivity at the time, please press star nine as well.
8 Raise your hand again. I do see some of those lines --
9 some of those hands coming up.

10 Perfect. Right now we have caller 9499. And then
11 up next after that, we'll go ahead and do a retry of
12 caller 7507.

13 Caller 9499, please follow the prompts; the floor is
14 yours.

15 MS. CABAZA: Thank you. My name is Deborah Cabaza.
16 I've been in Santa Clarita for thirty years. I want to
17 thank you for all your service. This is torture. I
18 understand that. We want to keep Sylmar with the East
19 San Fernando Valley and prevent this huge racial
20 disenfranchisement from happening in that -- in that
21 Latino community. San Fernando is a tiny area, for an
22 example, ninety percent -- it's like a three-mile radius.
23 It's ninety percent Latino. Sylmar, Arleta, Panorama;
24 they're like eighty and seventy percent Latino.

25 We are a separate issue. Simi, Santa Clarita,



1 Antelope Valley, are very similar. We were surrounded by
2 the same mountain, we've been in fires together, and I
3 really think it doesn't make any --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MS. CABAZA: -- sense at all to consolidate us with
6 any -- but any -- any of the communities in the valley.
7 We're Newhall School District. They are LA-USD. It's
8 totally, I think -- it's disruptive to our families. Our
9 children are already behind in school. It's been an
10 issue ongoing for years. I want to thank you for your
11 consideration and Merry Christmas.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now, we have callers -- oh, I'm sorry. We're doing
14 retry of caller 7507. And then up next after that, will
15 be caller 0413.

16 Caller 7507, please follow the prompts to unmute;
17 the floor is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. I'd like to
19 comment on a Congressional map in Orange County. And I
20 really want to echo what some of the earlier callers have
21 been saying. The City of Fullerton, Placentia, and Brea
22 belong to North Orange County. And they deserve to be
23 together with Yorba Linda in a common district to
24 represent North Orange County. So please keep in mind
25 revisit the map, and, if you can, try to go back to the



1 map on Wednesday night. Thank you, and have a good
2 evening.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
4 right now of caller 0413. And then up next after that,
5 we will retry caller 4201.

6 Caller 0413, please follow the prompts; the floor is
7 yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello? Hello, Commissioners.
9 I've lived in Mariposa for my whole life. My husband and
10 I have been watching this process very closely on our
11 computer, at least when the internet works. Anyway, I
12 saw that you guys are still changing the lines here in
13 Central California. I think it's important that the
14 Commission put Mariposa with Merced and Chowchilla and
15 Madera.

16 A lot of us up here in Mariposa and Oakhurst drive
17 to Merced to work and go to the stores. So please keep
18 that in mind. Mariposa and Oger (ph.) should be joined
19 with Merced and Madera especially in the so-called ECA
20 Congressional seat. Thank you very much.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
22 now, we have caller 4201. And up next after that, will
23 be caller 8065.

24 Caller 4201, please follow the prompts; the floor is
25 yours.



1 MR. WALDMAN: Good evening, Commissioners. Stewart
2 Waldman from VICA, calling. I've heard a lot of callers
3 talk about some changes that they'd like to see, but I
4 don't think anyone's really talked about how to make them
5 happen. So I'd like to make a simple suggestion. It's a
6 simple, four district swap. It would take Sylmar and put
7 it back into SFV district. It would take the same amount
8 of people from Simi Valley and put them into the AVSCV
9 district. It would take the same amount of people from
10 Reseda and put them into the MALIBUSFV district, and then
11 the Los Virgenes-Malibu cog would be united in the
12 VENTURA District.

13 It's not perfect, but I think it does accomplish
14 some of the ideas that a lot of callers have talked
15 about. And you know, we'd appreciate that if you were
16 going to make those changes, that use our ideas. So
17 thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
19 right now we have caller 8065. And up next after that,
20 we'll have caller 1535.

21 Caller 8065, please follow the Browns; the floor is
22 yours.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I'm calling to ask
24 you to protect Little Saigon. Commissioner Taylor
25 explained it best, when he said just because not directly



1 coastal doesn't mean it's not a shared community. It's
2 my hope, we can revert to some previous maps that have
3 Garden Grove, Westminster, Fountain Valley and Huntington
4 Beach together. And please, don't divide Little Saigon.
5 Thank you for your services.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
7 right now we have caller one 1535. And up next after
8 that, will be caller 4967.

9 Caller 1535, please follow the prompts; the floor is
10 yours.

11 MR. MALDONADO: Can you hear me?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

13 MR. MALDONADO: Commissioners, my name is Tony
14 Maldonado. With all due respect, you have a serious
15 problem with focusing and time management. I'm sorry,
16 but this is ridiculous. This week you spent a total of
17 eight minutes saying anything about the San Fernando
18 Valley maps, which are all over the place, and over
19 twenty-four hours discussing the Los Angeles Basin, Long
20 Beach, and Orange County, which you will repeat again
21 tomorrow, as if these are your only focus.

22 So now will you give us equal time and spend all day
23 Monday to fix the screwed-up maps of San Fernando Valley,
24 which, to be quite honest, you could probably just simply
25 resolve it by swapping Sylmar and putting into San



1 Fernando Valley East, which should be its own VRA. Maybe
2 taking Simi Valley, putting it into the AVSCV, and maybe
3 take Reseda, and put it with MALIBU? I think that'll
4 work for you. To be quite honest, it's not very
5 difficult.

6 Another problem you have right now is that when the
7 Chair asks the Commissioners for input regarding other
8 parts of Los Angeles County, all of you remain silent.
9 Not one word is said by anyone.

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 MR. MALDONADO: So you please -- I will ask you to
12 please manage your time more effectively, be more
13 productive in this regard, because it's going to affect
14 us all for the next lifetime, to be quite honest. So
15 will I hope that you actually work together, and get rid
16 of this nonsense. Thank you for all.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
18 right now we have caller 4967. And then up next after
19 that, we will retry caller to 2641.

20 Caller 4967, please follow the prompts. The floor
21 is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. I'd
23 like to discuss that KINGTULAKERN Congressional map.
24 This district, in particular, looks gerrymandered.
25 Please keep Bakersfield whole. Thank you.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
2 right now, we will retry 2641. And then up next after
3 that, we will have caller 3241.

4 Caller 2641, please follow the prompts to unmute.
5 And one more time, caller 2641, please follow the prompts
6 to unmute by pressing star six, if you still wish to give
7 comment this evening.

8 Caller 2641, you do appear to have some type of
9 connectivity issue for you. Please contact the
10 Commission in the various other ways.

11 At this time, we will be going to caller 3241. And
12 then up next after that, we'll be giving caller 5188 an
13 opportunity.

14 Caller 3241, please follow prompts.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You can hear me, right?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi there. On Wednesday, the
18 Commission produced maps that showed true compromise and
19 strongly reflected community testimony. The best part is
20 these maps exist in all the teams are contained within
21 Orange County, so they will cause no ripple effects to
22 some of the big changes you are making elsewhere. It was
23 a fair map. We kept North Orange County together, kept
24 Irvine, Tustin, and Costa Mesa together, and kept the
25 heavily Asian district, that's Little Saigon, with



1 Huntington Beach.

2 It was not perfect. Some people were upset, but it
3 really pleased most of the communities of interest. I
4 hope we can make these small changes to revert back to
5 some solid districts we had a few nights ago. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
7 this time, we're giving caller 5188 an opportunity. And
8 up next after that, will be caller 8069.

9 Caller 5188, please follow the prompts to unmute, if
10 you wish to give comment this evening; the floor is
11 yours.

12 MS. HO: Hi. My name is Minh Ho (ph.). I'm a
13 resident of Westminster. I want to keep Little Saigon
14 and Fountain Valley with Huntington Beach. Do not divide
15 Little Saigon. Huntington Beach is racist. This is not
16 true. Please go back to old map. Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 And right now, we'll be going to caller 8069. If
19 you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
20 star six; the floor is yours.

21 MR. PHAN: Good evening. My name is Long Phan. I
22 am a voter of (indiscernible). My -- I ask you to keep
23 my city with Huntington Beach. Do not divide Little
24 Saigon. I thank you, the Commission, for old map on
25 Wednesday. Please keep that map. That map reflect our



1 voice. Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
3 at this time, Chair, that is all of our callers this
4 evening.

5 CHAIR ANDERSEN: Well, thank you very much, Katie.

6 And I just want to thank the staff or videographers,
7 our ASL, our interpreters, court reporters, and everybody
8 involved in this for this week. And thank you very much
9 to our -- the public for calling in.

10 This will end this meeting, and we will -- and there
11 will be no meeting tomorrow. And we will meet again on
12 Monday at 11:00 a.m.

13 This meeting is in recess, or this meeting is
14 adjourned.

15 (Whereupon, the Citizens Redistricting
16 Commission (CRC) meeting adjourned at 8:03
17 p.m.)

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