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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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7 public participation in our process, the Commissioners  
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25 for when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn



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 Mona 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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