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P R O C E E D I N G S

9:30 am

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Good morning, California. Welcome
2
3 to today's meeting of the California Citizens
4 Redistricting Commission. I'm Ray Kennedy, the current
5 rotating Chair of the Commission. Ravi, would you please
6 call roll?
7

8 MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair. Thank you. Commissioner Le
9 Mons?

10 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here, good morning.

11 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

13 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Aqui.

15 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

16 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I am present.

17 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

19 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Happy Friday, I'm here.

21 MR. SINGH: Happy Friday. Commissioner Vazquez?

22 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

25 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

2 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa? Commissioner
3 Andersen? Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

5 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

7 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: I am here.

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

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ravi.

11 Are there any announcements from Commissioners or
12 staff? The run of show today is going to be very similar
13 to yesterdays. Unfortunately, that means there will be
14 some back and forth and we will try to keep everyone up
15 on exactly what it is that we are looking at, at any
16 particular time.

17 We will start with finishing up some work on
18 Congressional districts between now and 11 o'clock. We
19 will take a break at 11 o'clock.

20 Then at 11:15 we will shift to Senate districts and
21 have one, two, three - hopefully we can finish Senate in
22 three ninety-minute blocks, which would take us to 4:45.
23 My hope is that by the 5 o'clock mapping block, or at
24 least at some point during the 5 o'clock mapping block,
25 we will be finished with the Senate and able to turn our

1 attention to the Board of Equalization.

2 We would have a break from 6:30 to 6:45, at which
3 time we would begin taking public comment. We did pass a
4 new public comment policy yesterday, just updating the
5 previous policy and recognizing the time that we have
6 remaining in this process, but also wanting to continue
7 to take public comment on the maps and the process, so
8 public comment would consist of no more than two ninety-
9 minute blocks. That would be 6:45 to 8:15 and 8:30 to no
10 later than 10 p.m., depending on whether there are people
11 in the queue.

12 So as last night, we did not -- we did not go all
13 the way - we did not have to go all the way to 10 o'clock
14 because we had exhausted the queue. We invited people to
15 join the queue, a few more did, we took those calls and
16 then that was the conclusion of the public comment
17 period.

18 We should have a brief recap and review at the very
19 end of the day and then as of tomorrow, I will be handing
20 over to Commissioner Fernandez, who will be the new
21 rotating Chair.

22 Are there any business items that are outstanding at
23 this point?

24 Okay, no business items so we go to Congressional
25 districts, and as I understand it, we have some work done

1 in the Central Valley and Sacramento areas to review?

2 So Kennedy, I will turn it over to you and I believe
3 that's - who was that with? Commissioners --

4 MS. WILSON: Good morning.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- Fernandez and Turner.

6 MS. WILSON: Yes, good morning. I did have the
7 pleasure of working with them last night and so we have
8 two iterations to show you. A kind of overview of both
9 of those is one -- is moving Modesto in with kind of some
10 Gold Country area, down to Fresno, and the other one is
11 moving in Tahoe and reuniting Tahoe and Truckee together.

12 So I will start with this one, here. Our previous
13 iteration had -- it's similar to something that they had
14 worked on before when I showed Modesto, so I'm going to
15 move in here. Modesto is no longer with Mono, Inyo,
16 Alpine. It is with parts of El Dorado, El Dorado Hills,
17 Cameron Park, out to Diamond Springs, Amador, down to --
18 actually, Fresno. So we brought in the mountainside of
19 Fresno and that extra 119,000 people that moved North of
20 Fresno is brought into this iteration with Modesto.

21 Then moving into San Joaquin, we have Stockton with
22 Manteca, Ripon, Escalon, Valley Home -- so just a portion
23 of Stanislaus and Tracy, Mountain House, Byron, Discovery
24 Bay -- and so keeping a majority of San Joaquin whole --
25 of course Lathrop is moving South into the VRA district,

1 so that's why it's not a part of it in here.

2 And then moving into Sacramento, there were not too
3 many changes. Let me move closer in. We have Elk Grove
4 with the bottom half of Sacramento County with Vineyard.
5 We do have the dividing line at the river again, and took
6 a tiny portion of Arden-Arcade at the bottom -- again
7 with West Sac in here.

8 And then looking to the North we have Natomas, South
9 Natomas going with Arden-Arcade, Carmichael out to Rancho
10 Cordova up to Citrus Heights and Antelope, Elverta.
11 There is no split in Citrus Heights, however there is a
12 split in Fair Oaks.

13 And then moving up North we have Folsom and
14 Orangevale going with the rest of Placer County, Nevada,
15 Yuba, Sierra, up to Plumas with Alpine, Mono, and Inyo.
16 And that is this iteration.

17 I can throw up the other one as well, unless you
18 would like to talk about this one now.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fernandez --

20 MS. WILSON: And yes, you can --

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Sorry, Kennedy. Go ahead.

22 MS. WILSON: No, I was just going to say, also of
23 course, the Commissioners I worked with can have the time
24 to --

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

1 MS. WILSON: -- say --

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, okay. Commissioner
3 Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. And
5 thank you, Kennedy. I just -- awesome, awesome. She's
6 our magic person, right -- magic maker. And I just want
7 to let everyone know that we did not touch STANISFRESNO,
8 because that is our VRA district, so we worked with the
9 other districts, trying to minimize, obviously, the
10 number of districts that would be impacted by this.

11 And as Kennedy said, this one is similar to what we
12 had presented -- it felt like five weeks ago, but I think
13 it was just a few days ago. But we all -- it's a little
14 bit different when you move up North, because it was less
15 population than -- I think, Commissioner Turner and I, we
16 were working with about 417,000 -- was the population we
17 were trying to move around and this time it was close to
18 like 300,000, something like that.

19 Commissioner Tuner?

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Yes, thank you so
21 much, miracle-working Kennedy and Commissioner Fernandez.
22 I just wanted to name -- we are fully aware -- we have
23 reviewed over and over, the COIs, and we have notes as
24 far as what the Commissioners desire, in what they've
25 heard, what you all have heard. This area is very

1 difficult to attempt to map in that we do have Inyo and
2 Monyo (sic) that we want to consider and Alpine -- and we
3 do have our borders and we do have our VRA.

4 I'm wanting again, just to remind that we are
5 required by our criteria, equal population, then into
6 VRA, and then we do have to deal with the very shape of
7 our state and the -- where we're situated on the map and
8 so it does make things -- it does create some things that
9 just kind of makes it very challenging.

10 So we tried to look at different things, we tried to
11 disrupt as few COIs as possible and the people had to go
12 somewhere based on what we -- decisions we've made based
13 on our VRA districts, so I won't say less than ideal.

14 I'll say that I love everything that we've created,
15 all the iterations because we've put our heart and time
16 and resources and our attempts in it and we're believing
17 that what we're creating, wherever it lands, will be
18 something that you all as amazing California say you are,
19 will be able to work through and get it figured out of
20 how to work together. Thank you.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner. I
22 really appreciate the sentiments in that.

23 Commissioner Sinay?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you so much. I know this
25 was a lot of work. I saw you all when you came back

1 after you did -- literally, pour your heart and soul into
2 it, so thank you all -- all of you.

3 I just wanted to ask, Kennedy, can you take off the
4 labels, just so that we can see the big picture here?
5 It's hard to see where the lines are with all the labels.
6 Just so we can admire the work.

7 MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment while I take those off.
8 I can also -- I don't know if it helps -- one thing that
9 Commissioner Turner said last night, was putting a color
10 fill on them helps, so I can also do that, and if not,
11 I --

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That would be great -- just so
13 we get a real feel of the whole thing. Thank you.

14 MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment while I do that.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Since we've got it on all of
16 California, can we see our other work down below, just so
17 that we get the prettiness of it all? Thank you. It's
18 an amazing state.

19 MS. WILSON: And I didn't zoom in anywhere also,
20 because I know it gets a little crowded down here and up
21 there, so if you want me to zoom in, I can do that as
22 well.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, I think this was really
24 helpful. Thank you, I just -- it's great for all of us
25 to see the whole state like this, because it reminds

1 us -- I mean, it's such a diverse, big state with
2 different areas and different densities, so this is
3 really helpful, thank you.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.
5 Commissioner Fernandez?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I was going to say if
7 there's no more questions, but I see Commissioner
8 Sadhwani --

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, Commissioner Sadhwani?

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, can we just go in
11 and -- I apologize, I need to find the one on -- posted
12 to the website -- can we just go in -- back in one more
13 time and take a closer look at the COIs, what is and is
14 not being kept together and -- throughout that
15 Sacramento, Central Valley, sort of, area?

16 MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you.

18 MS. WILSON: So -- and I don't have to speak to
19 this -- if you -- I can, if you want me to -- I don't
20 know. You tell me what to do.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think -- I'm just trying
22 to wrap my head on what the change is. So this new
23 district here is being populated by what was left from
24 the Modesto and the -- and Fresno; is that right, where
25 we cut the -- in to make that VRA district?

1 MS. WILSON: Yes, so Fresno, that portion there,
2 Madera, and the kind of mountainous sides of Madera and
3 Modesto going up with the -- Mariposa, all the way up to
4 Amador being kept together and Modesto not going as far
5 out at Mono and Inyo, but in this area.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. And then Tracy,
7 Stockdon --

8 MS. WILSON: And Tracy and Mountain House are kept
9 in San Joaquin County and kept within -- with Stockdon.
10 We also have in Sacramento, Elk Grove and Vineyard
11 together, Fruitridge Pocket, Florin, Pocket, Little
12 Pocket, going -- keeping all the downtown together, we do
13 keep Arden-Arcade and Carmichael together, Foothill
14 Farms, McClellan Park, Natomas, South Natomas.

15 Going North, we have Roseville -- I mean, all of
16 Placer is actually kept together so it inherently is then
17 Rocklin, Roseville, Lincoln, all of those together. You
18 do keep Tahoe together, Nevada, Sierra together as well.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And then Folsom is in that
20 district with Modesto?

21 MS. WILSON: No, Folsom --

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay.

23 MS. WILSON: -- is actually going North, my
24 apologies. So Folsom --

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh --

1 MS. WILSON: -- a piece of Fair Oaks, and Orangevale
2 are going up into Placer.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, okay. My concern was
4 that Folsom was being connected all the way down to
5 Fresno. Okay, go it. So connected to those COIs, okay,
6 got you.

7 MS. WILSON: Yes, going North.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you.

9 MS. WILSON: Not South.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Perfect, thank you.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.
12 Commissioner Sinay?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We've received mixed testimony,
14 kind of, on the far North, coastal, and the far North,
15 the Oregon border. And I just wanted to see -- when you
16 all were looking at these options, did you look or try to
17 see if there was ways -- we've done the coastal so it's
18 always the coastal -- you know, like this in all the
19 maps, though we have received some requests from the
20 Oregon border groups and Trinity to be put together
21 because of forest, and so I just wanted to see -- in our
22 explorations, if we looked at that, and it just got too
23 complicated, just because we've received a lot of -- we
24 never -- yeah, we just left the coastal and you just
25 thought that was perfect, and so I just want to make sure

1 that we did look at all opportunities in that.

2 MS. WILSON: So we kind of tried to keep the
3 population, and not going into Tamina's areas and messing
4 that up as well, but we do -- we've had iterations where
5 we did pull in Delmar and we did pull in Trinity, but --
6 so not in this particular iteration did we look at that,
7 just because we were trying to keep everything localized
8 and since this Northern district and the coastal district
9 weren't spoken about as far as direction goes, we didn't
10 look at those around, however in previous iterations, we
11 have had Trinity in -- and we've even tried Delmar in,
12 but for population and just the Commissions' wishes, they
13 were put out to the coast.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner
15 Sinay.

16 Commissioner Fernandez, did you have something
17 further at this point? All right.

18 MS. WILSON: Commissioner Yee has his hand -- I was
19 just going to kind of transition into the next one.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, so what we're going to do --

21 MS. WILSON: Because we have two iterations, sorry.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: We're not yet -- we're not yet ready
23 for that.

24 MS. WILSON: Yes.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: So thank you.

1 Commissioner Yee?

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, before we transition, just
3 want to say again, this is beautiful and amazing. And
4 looking at it, all the choices, and it all seems kind of
5 obvious now, but I mean, I'm remembering all the blood,
6 sweat and tears that went into previous iterations and
7 the further blood, sweat, and tears that got us to this
8 amazing iteration, so just appreciation to everyone who's
9 worked on this in all its different forms, and I'm so
10 happy how this has now come out.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

12 Kennedy, I'm wondering if it would be easy to
13 display the populations by county in this -- in the --
14 let's call it the foothills district -- and I'm looking
15 particularly for the population in every county that's in
16 that district. So if we've got a piece of Fresno -- I
17 just need the population of the piece of Fresno County
18 that's in the district. I'm just looking to see how the
19 voting strength balances out.

20 MS. WILSON: So I don't have a label for that, and I
21 can really only put the label --

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

23 MS. WILSON: -- for the county itself, but I can
24 tell you at least for Fresno, again, that was 117,000
25 people we had to move North. I can definitely highlight

1 the areas and let you know that way too, if you wanted a
2 specific one.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, but I mean -- just off the top
4 of my head, I'm looking at this and if we took -- I think
5 it's Calaveras and Tuolumne and one more -- basically
6 that would equal the amount of Fresno population, so it's
7 not that Fresno is completely dominating that district,
8 and I would guess the same for Modesto, so it looks to me
9 like the district is fairly well-balanced, and so I'm
10 very happy with that.

11 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Turner?

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I think Modesto -- if I took
14 correct notes, was 169,594 into the ECA.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right, and the foothill counties
16 still have significant weight --

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Significant, yeah.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- in this district. I think that's
19 certainly something to recommend this iteration.

20 Commissioner Andersen?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, the numbers on that
22 are from yesterday, it's like 310 in Salinas Valley in
23 that chunk of Stanislaus and two -- 117 in Fresno, and so
24 that's 427 out of 760, so it's like 427 -- 427,000 versus
25 333 in the foothills -- in the Sierra counties. So the

1 Central Valley is more dominant. It's not -- it's like
2 5/8ths, something like that, 5-3.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: But it's very distinct portions of
4 the Central Valley, it's not just one --

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's correct.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- block --

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It's not one block --

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- in the Central Valley.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- in total.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: That is correct.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It's a small --

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah, and I --

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It's a portion of Fresno --
14 the downtown portion of Fresno and the Modesto,
15 Turlock -- or half of Turlock I think it is, something
16 like that.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right, I'm looking at this as --
18 there's a Fresno chunk, there's a foothills chunk,
19 there's a Modesto chunk, and those chunks look to me to
20 be fairly well balanced.

21 Okay, Commissioner Fernandez, back to you.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you, Chair.
23 And so we built this one -- it's like We Built The City,
24 that song -- I'm almost going to start singing, but
25 that's okay. And we weren't super excited about it, but

1 it was -- it's doable, correct.

2 So a couple of things that we felt we needed to
3 bring up was just the length from Inyo to Plumas County,
4 just the mileage -- it's six-hour drive.

5 And also, if you remember the Communities of Interest
6 information, it was Inyo, Mono, and wanting to go up all
7 the way to Tahoe and Roseville. But if you read the
8 Communities of Interest from Tahoe and Roseville, Tahoe
9 wants to go towards Sacramento because they are -- Tahoe
10 and Truckee are both connected by Interstate 80 and
11 Interstate 50 to Sacramento and then also to the Bay
12 area, and when I refer to the Bay area, I'm referring to
13 the one in only San Francisco Bay area.

14 And then the other piece of it was -- there is a
15 piece of El Dorado that is being tied to that foothill
16 district and I think that was it. So what -- in terms of
17 Commissioner Yee, blood, sweat, and tears, I think the
18 only tears might have been by Kennedy and that was
19 justified also. Thank you, Kennedy.

20 And so what we did is we came up with kind of a
21 small iteration, another iteration of what our
22 currently -- our draft maps and what that did was move
23 the lines a little bit around to try to bring in the
24 Tahoe, Truckee area in one district together, and so
25 that's mainly the difference between this iteration and

1 what our current draft maps are, so this also doesn't
2 have Inyo going all the way to Plumas, as our draft maps
3 have. So I believe that's the only difference, but I
4 will let Kennedy take it away. Thank you.

5 MS. WILSON: Yes, we pretty much localized the
6 switcheroo from ECA to PLACER-SAC and so this line here
7 covering Cameron Park and El Dorado was going out a bit
8 further into El Dorado County. However, when we took in
9 Meyers, South Lake Tahoe, and moved them North, we had to
10 move this line a bit further back, so it just has El
11 Dorado, Cameron Park, Folsom, Orangevale, up with the
12 rest of Placer going to Plumas.

13 And then South, you do have El Dorado, Alpine, Mono,
14 and Inyo are with Gold Country, but also with Modesto, so
15 that's -- yeah, it does have the opportunity to be with
16 Gold Country too, but with Modesto as well. And so yeah,
17 the main difference was just shifting the lines between
18 PLACER-SAC and ECA.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Commissioner Andersen,
20 your hand was up.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, it was. And thank you,
22 everyone for this. Those little -- these few changes --
23 I just want to say, though, everyone seems to think that
24 it was -- and there's a couple that -- from Inyo, Mono,
25 Alpine, say -- they just want to go North. They actually

1 want to be with the Gold Country. It was those -- as a
2 group, going North. Meaning, both sides of the hills.
3 It wasn't -- let's divide one and put them up.

4 This sort of does that, but it also leaves all the
5 Central Valley -- and what they wanted to be is not be
6 led by the Central Valley. They wanted to be led by
7 someone further North, you know, essentially take their
8 area, and just move in the hills, North. And that isn't
9 in either of them, so it's kind of -- you know, six of
10 one, half a dozen of the other.

11 I was really also -- the one thing that I was really
12 hoping, in the Congressional, is -- and I'd forgotten
13 about this. Someone called in early -- the floodplain in
14 Sacramento -- and that's a Congressional issue.

15 Sacramento, the city itself, is supposed to be whole
16 because the floodplain issue, which, you know, that's --
17 that is a real -- something that the city will have to
18 deal with as the -- as water comes, either nothing or a
19 lot of it.

20 And I was hoping that we could actually keep
21 Sacramento County in Sacramento and condense the -- so
22 Folsom would not -- would stay in the county and the
23 other areas would actually go up the suburbs, that would
24 stay with their counties, and it would give us a little
25 rearrangement that way.

1 But this is where we are, and -- you know -- so
2 anyway, that's -- I've said everything that I can say, so
3 thank you very much.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
5 Commissioner Fernandez, did you have anything
6 further at this point?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, I'm sorry. I forgot
8 to mention on the other iteration with Inyo, Mono -- you
9 know, they wanted to dip into Roseville. Roseville --
10 their Communities of Interest see themselves as going
11 North not South.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that, Commissioner
13 Fernandez.

14 Commissioner Sinay?

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, same question I ask every
16 group that does multiple iterations. What -- which one
17 is -- makes you more proud? You're proud of both, but
18 which one do you feel -- looking at the big picture of
19 the whole State of California, would you recommend that
20 we gravitate towards?

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Well --

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And why?

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I think we're presenting both
24 because I think either will serve some interest. And in
25 them, I think Commissioner Fernandez and I, we both

1 worked closely and held the desires and wishes of
2 Californians in both maps. And I think either will
3 serve.

4 We both have a personal preference. Personally, I
5 prefer one. I think Commissioner Fernandez sees the
6 value in the other and we're not in disagreement. We
7 either -- can support either of them. At its core that
8 we would be repeating, again, what we've said over and
9 over, it's the COIs, it's the testimony and it's the
10 constraints that we have based on the population, based
11 on -- you know, the requirement to be equally populated
12 and then driven by our VRA districts, and the shape and
13 geography of the state.

14 So it doesn't make it too much of a mystery. It's
15 where we are, and we do hear and know why everything from
16 water, everything from living circumstances, everything
17 from strength and power and electability; we've weighed
18 all of that in and we have two options for us and nothing
19 more to add. Thank you.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that, Commissioner
21 Turner.

22 Commissioner Andersen?

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, could we have a
24 look -- so basically, Sacramento and San (indiscernible)
25 are the same. So the differences are in the Northern

1 area, right up here and then, you know, as -- Inyo,
2 Mono -- how the Sierra is grouped.

3 Could we have a look, please, at the close in at El
4 Dorado and how that breaks down?

5 Yeah, so basically this is Folsom and -- what's the
6 next town over? You know, as you're going up the 50, but
7 it's --

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: El Dorado.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, El Dorado, thank you.
10 So those go up with Tahoe, but the bulk of the county is
11 South.

12 And then -- could you turn the other one on, please,
13 Kennedy?

14 Okay, yeah, and there Folsom still goes with Tahoe,
15 but El Dorado and -- through Placer, I guess it is, goes
16 South and the rest of the county goes North and gets down
17 to Inyo. So those are the differences. So what do we
18 think?

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
20 In -- I'm not seeing other hands. I'll take the
21 opportunity to say that -- you know, I would tend to
22 favor number 1, but I could certainly -- I could support
23 number 2. I continue to believe that pairing -- the
24 issue is not so much that Inyo relates to Roseville as it
25 is that Inyo relates to Tahoe and Tahoe relates to

1 Roseville and this is a very small population in Alpine,
2 Mono, and Inyo and looking for the best way to get
3 representation for them and their interests, in my mind,
4 is to group them with Tahoe, and the fact that Tahoe
5 wants to be grouped with Roseville -- you know, to me, I
6 say put the two together.

7 So Commissioner Sinay?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, I tend to like number 1
9 better as well. And part of it because we're not carving
10 out just South Lake Tahoe, but we're actually taking the
11 bulk counties. I didn't -- I've said it from the
12 beginning that when we just carve out part of an asset,
13 it's difficult and in this case, you drive -- when you
14 drive up there, you go back and forth between the
15 counties and so I like one.

16 And I also agree, I think the way that you worded it
17 is great, because people tend to look at the outliers,
18 you know, the two that don't seem to make sense, but
19 there's always those connecting dots that gets you from
20 point A to point B, so thank you for sharing.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

22 Commissioner Taylor?

23 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you, Chair. I think I
24 would agree with Commissioner Sinay. I seem to favor
25 number 1 and the connecting dots, and I know I've spoken

1 on the compactness of districts throughout this process.
2 I believe compactness speaks to access and our ability to
3 communicate with our seat of government.

4 However, that's criteria number 5, and I believe
5 that this more readily puts like communities together, so
6 I tend to favor number 1, but see the value in number 2.
7 Thank you.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.
9 Commissioner Toledo?

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, and I think these are
11 great maps and I'm torn between all of them. I think
12 it's actually three options, right? The option that we
13 had yesterday, that we approved, the Central Valley with
14 the improved maps. The one and two, and I'm not sure
15 which one I'm leaning towards, I mean, I'm weighing all
16 the options. Thank you.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.
18 Commissioner Andersen?

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I -- I like, you know,
20 door number 3, but given this -- you know, Inyo, Mono,
21 Alpine, you know, in the winter, the only way they can
22 actually get North -- you know, all of them close, you
23 know, 108, 120, 4, and even 89 -- they close in the
24 winter. And Alpine has -- they have to go 395, into
25 Reno, and then in. But that is a way, and if -- in the

1 other area -- in the other one they are cut. So -- you
2 know, which is why, it was the whole idea of getting all
3 of them to go North.

4 So I think this is a bit better, option 1. What I
5 think would be better -- if you go 50 from Sacramento,
6 you go through, you know, multiple county -- multiple
7 districts and El Dorado, I don't think is going to really
8 like this. It's like, wait, what? And I -- but that's
9 where the population is, so you'd have to take -- you
10 have to really go differently to shape that. You have
11 to -- and I'm sure they probably looked at, you know --
12 Commissioners looked at this. So this is probably the
13 best. Thank you.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andresen.
15 Commissioner Sadhwani?

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, just to weigh in --
17 and again, thank you so much to Commissioner Fernandez
18 and Turner for laying out these options for us. I think
19 it's exciting to see, and to see the possibilities, and I
20 think I would agree with Commissioner Taylor and with
21 what else has been said. I mean, I can see the logic
22 behind both options.

23 I think I'm leaning towards one, I think for all of
24 the pieces, the compactness, and bringing together like
25 communities -- recognizing that there's, of course,

1 trade-offs, and we've had to deal with the trade-offs all
2 over the state, so I -- these aren't easy decisions, but
3 I think I'm leaning towards one as well.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.
5 Commissioner Ahmad?

6 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah, thank you. I just want
7 to note for the record that Turlock is split in both of
8 these options, however, I understand the nature of the
9 game, which is compromise and negotiation, so I think I
10 am okay with either, particularly Commissioner Turner's
11 statements really stuck with me, that each map does serve
12 Californians, just might serve them in slightly different
13 ways, so I am okay with either, given the constraints
14 that we had to work with.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you so much, Commissioner
16 Ahmad.

17 Commissioner Yee?

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, so we're looking at one
19 right now, correct? This is the one I like for all the
20 reasons stated, but especially Commissioner Kennedy's
21 reasoning about the Eastern Sierra is really in Tahoe,
22 and Tahoe to Roseville. That just makes a lot of sense
23 to me, thanks.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.
25 Commissioner Fernandez?

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. And as
2 Commissioner Turner stated, I prefer either our draft or
3 number 2. And the reason for that is just the length
4 from Inyo to Plumas, it is concerning to me. And also, I
5 feel that Iteration 2 does fill other COIs in terms of
6 keeping some of the Northern communities of interest
7 intact.

8 And just to answer Commissioner Ahmad, in term of
9 Turlock being split, part of it is in the VRA district,
10 so we did not want to touch that, so yeah. We actually
11 looked at it and were thinking about it, and we're like,
12 oh no, wait, we can't touch it, so sorry about that.

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

15 Commissioner Andersen?

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I'm just wondering --
17 is there -- I'm having an issue with this hook down into
18 Fres -- into Folsom and I'm just wondering -- oh sorry,
19 on the other version. And I'm just wondering -- this
20 is -- wait, which one are we on? I'm sorry, yeah, you
21 see both here.

22 Yeah, I'm just wondering if, you know, Folsom -- I
23 don't know if it's something else in there, I can't tell,
24 but I'm wondering if we could switch some of that, you
25 know, put -- let's have it -- rather than from Tahoe, it

1 loops around and down -- it actually, you know, could we
2 have a little bit more of El Dorado county with Tahoe and
3 put Folsom in that district?

4 You know, can we do a little -- can we switch a
5 little bit? Does that make sense? Like, put Folsom --
6 you know, take Folsom out and put Placer in. I don't
7 know if they -- if you looked at that, it's just -- you
8 know, that is an issue.

9 Also with Plumas, I know you take Plumas, put it
10 back in the North, and put a little bit more of Yuba in.
11 You could switch that, that's like 20,000 people. So you
12 wouldn't have to be quite that far removed. But those
13 are two separate issues. Thank you.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

15 Commissioner Fernandez, on Commissioner Andresen's
16 question?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, we -- I'm sorry, we're
18 laughing because we're trying to figure out how to say
19 con --

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Contiguity.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Contiguity. English is my
22 second language.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: You wanted to make it congruent?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So sorry.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Contiguity.

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I know, but it's -- let me
2 tell you, it's a difficult word. That and entrepreneur,
3 for whatever reasons, were very difficult words for me to
4 say growing up. That has nothing -- so anyway, has
5 nothing to do with this.

6 But it does, we could not bring Folsom in because of
7 contiguity concerns and again, we wanted to minimize the
8 number of districts that we were impacting, so we didn't
9 look to move Plumas into another district, then that
10 would impact another district.

11 So we were trying to minimize it to like the three
12 or four districts.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
14 Commissioner Akutagawa?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I will agree that I
16 like the inclusion of Tahoe. We heard a lot from the ECA
17 district about tourism actually, and being one of the big
18 kind of drivers for the area, but also just the federal
19 stewardship of lands that are oftentimes managed by the
20 federal government, or at least -- yeah, the federal
21 government is involved, and I think that includes part of
22 Tahoe as well, too.

23 I guess the one question I would have, and I
24 apologize -- I was working with Jaime on another map, but
25 is there a reason why we have to go all the way up to

1 Plumas? Is it to just minimize taking away the splits
2 that you were talking about in Sacramento and trying not
3 to break up so many more, I guess, parts?

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fernandez?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. The
6 reason we did not -- we kept Plumas because that was in
7 that district that included Roseville and -- so what we
8 did is we moved Inyo, Mono, and Alpine into that
9 district, does that makes -- okay.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: All right, thank you.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Anything further, Commissioner
12 Akutagawa? Thank you.

13 Commissioner Andersen?

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, just dealing with
15 Plumas, could we just put Plumas in the NORCA and take a
16 little bit more of Yuba to put -- you know, the same
17 amount of people, instead of 20,000, to put that into --
18 I guess that's now called ECA? That way it wouldn't
19 be -- there's -- I know that Yuba, Sutter, and Butte
20 actually all want to be together, but that would be a big
21 switch.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: So Plumas is 19,839. Kennedy, could
23 you show us what taking --

24 MS. WILSON: So I do have a question. On which --

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

1 MS. WILSON: -- version would you like me --

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: On -- from number 1.

3 MS. WILSON: From this? Okay, so from --

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

5 MS. WILSON: -- Plumas down to -- okay, so I will
6 try that now.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Kennedy, could you then jump
8 over and just go Beale on the West side? I'm sorry, on
9 the East side? Yeah --

10 MS. WILSON: Taking Beale -- and not this part here?

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, you could take that if
12 there's any -- little people in that.

13 MS. WILSON: There's only -- there's only 711 --

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

15 MS. WILSON: -- people selected right now. So I
16 don't have to take that part in, if you do not --

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, yeah, I -- yeah, that
18 part I'd take, you know, but -- but then start -- then
19 start over at the -- correct, at that side.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: While she's doing that, I'll say
21 that -- you know, one of the things that I always do when
22 we're looking at these sorts of things is I pull up my
23 topographical map and -- Plumas, on my topographical map,
24 just looks so much like Sierra; and Yuba does not look
25 like the others, and so when I do the -- which of these

1 does not look like the others, Yuba does not -- and
2 particularly Western Yuba does not look like the others
3 and so I have a hard time.

4 I mean, in theory I wouldn't have a hard time with
5 this, but as I say, once I go to my topographical map and
6 look, it just doesn't seem to make as much sense to me,
7 but please, Kennedy, continue --

8 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- exploring and seeing when we get
10 to the 19,839 to balance Plumas.

11 Commissioner Sadhwani?

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Chair, Chair, actually could I say,
13 the reason why I'm doing this is because people are
14 saying, you know, why go that far North? I agree. It
15 is -- Plumas is a Sierra county where Yuba really isn't,
16 but there's been discussion on this, and so I sort of
17 wanted the general people -- public to see why it goes
18 this far North. I actually would prefer just keeping
19 Plumas.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, thank you for that
21 clarification.

22 Commissioner Sadhwani?

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I -- you know, I had
24 raised my hand actually to agree with you, Chair. There
25 had also been a COI that we've heard from about keep

1 Yuba, Sutter, Butte together. And while we -- this
2 iteration that we're looking at does generally cut into
3 some of Yuba, many of these cities right down here next
4 to Yuba City, which I believe isn't -- Yuba City is in
5 Sutter County; is that correct? You know, at a minimum,
6 it keeps them together so I would -- my preference would
7 be the Plumas one also if we move in this direction.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, thank you.

9 Commissioner Fernandez?

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. And I
11 wouldn't want to move Beale into that other district, I
12 think that's what we're considering, correct?

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Correct.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. It should stay
15 where --

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- it's at. Thank you.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that.

19 MS. WILSON: Also -- I'm sorry, in this exploration,
20 I think it would kind of require having to split up one
21 of these cities.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right, right, and I -- you know,
23 again, I think that the relations between Sutter and Yuba
24 are not just between the counties with the cities closest
25 to the Sutter County line have the most interest, I would

1 think, in staying linked with Sutter County, so -- and
2 having heard Commissioner Andersen, I think -- we
3 appreciate the exploration, but I think we're probably
4 good sticking with number 1.

5 Commissioner Turner?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh, yes. I was just going to
7 say, this is painful to watch, let's undo it.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, it's painful to watch, let's
9 undo it. Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

10 Commissioner Andersen?

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, thank you, Chair for --
12 this is for the public's view.

13 This is why Plumas, I think, should be in one -- not
14 this area. And it's -- may seem like a very long
15 district, but that is the way of our state, and this is
16 what the people who live in these areas would like, so
17 that is the reason why it goes this direction.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you so much --

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- Commissioner Andersen.

21 Commissioner Taylor?

22 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. Just real quick,
23 the Yuba testimony, Butte -- all that's fairly
24 compelling, thanks.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much,

1 Commissioner Taylor.

2 Okay, my sense is that we have a fair amount of
3 willingness to live with either, but when it comes down
4 to a preference, that the bulk of the preferences are for
5 number 1. So unless there is opposition to going with
6 number 1, I would propose that we go with number 1.

7 Commissioner Ahmad?

8 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah, thank you, Chair. Just
9 for clarity, can you state the title of the document that
10 is in reference to number 1? Just so that we can all
11 follow along? Is it the document titled "Modest_move" or
12 is it "Tahoe_move"?

13 MS. WILSON: This one is the Modesto move.

14 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: What we've been referring to as
15 number 1, correct?

16 MS. WILSON: If number 1 is Modesto move, then yeah,
17 number 2 is Tahoe move.

18 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Okay, thank you.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you so much for requesting
20 that information, Commissioner Ahmad.

21 Okay, so we have resolved this matter and I want --
22 yay, yes, thank you.

23 Thank you, Kennedy, thank you to the -- Commissioner
24 Turner --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Kennedy.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- Commissioner Fernandez, good job,
2 everyone.

3 Ms. Mac Donald, just want to check with you on any
4 other remaining iterations -- outstanding iterations for
5 Congressional maps?

6 MS. MAC DONALD: Hello, just switching seats here
7 really quickly. We are done with Congress. There is
8 nothing else outstanding. If you are done, we're done.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yay.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Did she say that?

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: All right, thank you so much.
12 Commissioner Akutagawa?

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, please don't say
14 that. There's -- there was a couple of things that I
15 noted in COI testimony that I just want to check on.
16 Specifically, one is around Thai Town --

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And it's in LA, so -- they
19 want to move -- they are requesting not to be with the
20 other Asian -- you know, like Little Tokyo, Chinatown,
21 and Koreatown. They want to be with East Hollywood
22 because they have a close working relationship. They
23 asked to be swapped into GLEN2BA and out of NELA.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, then I guess we need -- is
25 there anything else in the Central Valley --

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- since we have Kennedy --

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, no.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, so Kennedy, thank you very
5 much. Job well done. And Karin, is Jaime available?

6 MS. MAC DONALD: Jaime is in transit right now.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

8 MS. MAC DONALD: She just wrapped up with
9 Commissioner Akutagawa and is finalizing a file with your
10 attorneys. So she will be on later on. I would suggest
11 that perhaps we can take this up when Jaime is available
12 and perhaps now move over to Senate, if that pleases the
13 Commission and continue with Kennedy and Tamina.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: If you can hold just a moment, I'm
15 going to hear any other remaining items on Commissioner
16 Akutagawa's list and then hear from Commissioner Vazquez.

17 Commissioner Akutagawa?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, there was one other
19 thing that I wanted to note. There was a comment about
20 Eagle Rock being split and then with this Thai Town
21 request, it may actually be an even swap to make between
22 the two -- to make Eagle Rock whole and then bring Thai
23 Town into the GLEN2BA, and then the rest of my notes
24 around the COI testimony that I read through are related
25 to the -- mostly Assembly district, and then there was

1 just a comment about Chapman University being split, but
2 it didn't indicate whether it was Congressional or
3 Assembly, and I haven't had a chance to check that one --

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, okay.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- but I wanted to just say
6 it.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: And that's in orange, if I'm --
8 okay. So we'll look at those later, thank you,
9 Commissioner Akutagawa.

10 Commissioner Vazquez?

11 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Thank you. Just wanted to
12 note that when Jaime is ready, I have some refinements in
13 the Mount Washington area that we were working on. So
14 my -- hopefully, very, very minor, but that's it.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, very good. So we can, in
16 fact, move to Senate maps. And as Ms. Mac Donald
17 suggested, we will stay with Kennedy.

18 And so what do you have for us on the Senate level?
19 Or Kennedy and --

20 MS. WILSON: And one moment --

21 MS. MAC DONALD: Hi, yes, should -- just one moment,
22 we are switching computers out.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good, so we'll stand at ease
24 for two minutes.

25 MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Yee?

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: So sorry, with the Congressional
3 maps there was a zero population move -- I forgot to
4 mention, it's the Shell Refinery in Martinez, which
5 apparently we've accidentally split, so moving one line
6 zero population would make it whole.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, any objection to that switch?
8 Seeing none --

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: I can just follow up with Tamina.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, thank you, Commissioner Yee.

11 Commissioner Akutagawa?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, thank you. Sorry, I
13 had a second page that I missed. Just a question, I
14 noted in the most current COI testimonies, there was a
15 question about the San Francisco boundaries. It looked
16 like it was all whole but there was comments about using
17 Van Ness as the dividing line and not the freeway.

18 And then also there was some -- a couple comments
19 around the North coast and Humboldt and requesting that
20 the Karuk and Yurok tribal lands be kept together, which
21 I thought we had already achieved, but I just wanted to
22 lift those up.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: In relation to the Karuk and the
24 Yurok, we had -- we've heard various things over the
25 course of time and most recently we had heard that the

1 Karuk were okay with, and in fact would prefer to have a
2 foot in both districts, and so that's why we went ahead
3 and made that shift yesterday, was to give them that foot
4 in both districts. Thank you for that.

5 Commissioner Sinay?

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: This is on the Assembly, but I
7 keep putting it on my list and I just don't want to lose
8 it and -- Santa Cruz has been grouped many times, has
9 been split many times in our Assembly and I just was
10 wondering if it would be possible for us to look at it
11 and see if there -- if we can minimize that.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: You're talking about Assembly maps?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I believe in the Assembly is
14 when they're split the most, and I know that's -- that
15 was in the past, but it's been -- it's come up several
16 times and I've had it on my notes, and --

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- I didn't want to lose it.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Unless we finish Senate and BOE,
20 we're not going to be talking about Assembly districts
21 today. That can be discussed during the review over the
22 weekend, but we must finish Senate today and I would very
23 much like to finish Board of Equalization today as well.

24 So Tamina, you're with us?

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, Chair. Kennedy and I are both

1 here, standing by.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, and I understand that you are
3 able to speak to and/or go ahead and make that change,
4 zero population shift in relation to the Shell Refinery?

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: Happy to work with Commissioner Yee
6 on that zero pop shift in Congress off-line.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good, thank you so much.
8 Commissioner Andersen?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Tamina, I did give you the
10 specifics of that, I sent that over in an email and
11 that's exactly the outline that --

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

13 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, I have that, Commissioner.
14 Thank you.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, perfect. So let's now shift
16 to the Senate maps.

17 Tamina, where would you like to direct our
18 attention?

19 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay, so we'll give you a little
20 bit of a review of what we started yesterday and then the
21 homework that you sent me home with. Kennedy is here
22 because it greatly affects all of the North areas.

23 Where we started yesterday is we deconstructed the
24 Senate district that had San Benito in it, along with the
25 Fresno area.

1 And so this was the new district which was created.
2 And that created a negative population in ECA and a
3 positive population in MIDCOAST, which we moved around.
4 And so my job was to take it around to ECA in this way
5 and Commissioners Yee and Ahmad were nice enough to help
6 me do this and suffer through some of the moves with me.

7 So I'm going to show you a little bit of what we
8 worked on and a little bit of where the pain points were
9 and where we can use a little assistance in some
10 refinements or some decisions.

11 So we are starting here in San Jose. One of the
12 things that we did look at, because we did have Gilroy
13 down South with the MIDCOAST was how to balance that 6.5
14 per Senate and so we looked at balancing it in the South
15 and tried to figure out where it would be to move
16 different pieces on different sides and the decision was
17 made that it was not -- that it would be splitting
18 Communities of Interest and cities and that for this
19 iteration, I should return Gilroy to Santa Clara.

20 So the Santa Clara district that we have -- Santa
21 Clara-based district is San Jose. This has the majority
22 of San Jose City. As you can see, San Jose is split just
23 in two in this visualization -- in this iteration, and
24 the majority of San Jose South -- all of San Jose South
25 is with the San Martin, Gilroy, and Morgan Hill COI.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Tamina, could you please
2 put up the full statistics, the CVAPs on each district?

3 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, absolutely. One moment,
4 please. Uh-oh.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Yee?

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, I just wanted to mention.
7 So Gilroy, of course has that connection to the South,
8 but this keeps it in its own county, in Santa Clara
9 County so that was one -- another reason for that move.
10 As we look more closely at the San Jose area, what you'll
11 see, to make this only one split in Santa Clara and a
12 good split -- the price was separating Cupertino from
13 Sunnyvale and Santa Clara. So that's probably the
14 biggest cost, but no city splits to do that.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: And can I add, Chair?

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.

18 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: This was our homework. We did
19 do some extra credit, which you all will have the
20 opportunity to either reject or revise or, you know, move
21 forward with, with refinements, but we were pretty proud
22 of the assigned homework, keeping together many COIs,
23 recognizing there was some compromise that was needed,
24 but we do see this area as an area that will serve the
25 people of California.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: In fact -- I can add, in fact
3 this keeps together more COIs than previous iterations.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Excellent.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Tamina, could you just
6 remind the order of what we're seeing on those CVAPs? Is
7 it Latino, Black, Asian, Indigenous, White?

8 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, apologies. It is Latino,
9 Black, Asian, Indigenous, and White.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, and can you go ahead and zoom
11 in a bit on San Jose? Okay.

12 Commissioner Sinay?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm still trying to wrap my
14 head around separating Gilroy from -- you know, Salinas
15 Valley and Watsonville and a lot of those communities,
16 and so -- did I hear that the choice was really -- if we
17 did Gilroy then we had to split up above the Sunnyvale
18 and that COI, was that what --

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Yee?

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That was one of the costs? Is
21 that what you said, Commissioner Yee?

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: I think the greater difficulty is
23 at the bottom of MIDCOAST and you know, having to split
24 small cities or split the whole Piru COI, you know, there
25 were just no good splits that we could -- and then, you

1 know, depending on what we did, having to push into LA
2 and reworking things there.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay, so it wasn't that you
4 were trying to keep the COI of Sunnyvale -- sorry, I'm
5 forgetting the term --

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: Cupertino? No, no.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: No, no.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay, I just wanted to make
10 sure. Can we just -- can we just look at what the CVAP
11 was with -- with Gilroy in with the MIDCOAST, and what
12 it's -- I know MIDCOAST has changed a lot, and it might
13 not make a difference. But I'm just trying to wrap my
14 head around that and I know you all did a lot of good
15 work and you already looked at it, but I just want to --
16 to see it one last time.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Just mention that with the --
19 with the split in San Jose, the airport is with the
20 larger portion of San Jose.

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: Pair MIDCOAST without Gilroy in it,
22 has an LCVAP of 27.54 percent. With Gilroy being added
23 to MIDCOAST, the LCVAP is at 28.59 percent.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Tamina. Okay, if she can
25 enter the map again a bit on San Jose? Okay, thank you.

1 Commissioner Sadhwani?

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I think I would
3 make -- I'm still trying to wrap my head around Gilroy,
4 too and I think it would make more sense to go with the
5 MIDCOAST district. Is it -- I mean, it is a part of the
6 Salinas Valley; am I correct in thinking about it that
7 way?

8 I'm also noticing with the SSACSTANIS, it looks like
9 it's overpopulated at 6.8 percent, so that's going to
10 need to come down. Could we look upwards a little bit?
11 I'm just wondering if there's a small amount of
12 population -- it looked like the possibility of moving
13 Gilroy in would put us -- the deviations over slightly.
14 I'm just wondering if there's a small amount of
15 population anywhere that could be shifted?

16 Which might mean coming through EDENTECH, and I
17 think that that would be reasonable in order to put
18 Gilroy back together. But if someone can confirm that
19 COI, of Gilroy being part of Salinas Valley and wanting
20 to stay together would be helpful.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Yee?

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: The whole SSACSTANIS
23 overpopulation, that's actually part of our larger --
24 that's part of our extra credit homework presentation.
25 We certainly could look to that, to replace Gilroy

1 population in San Jose. I think -- you know, if we're
2 going to contemplate Gilroy -- moving Gilroy, we should
3 really look at the bottom of the MIDCOAST and decide what
4 cut we can make there, because that's the challenge.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Let's --

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: If you can't make the cut there,
7 you can't do it.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah, let's go ahead and move to the
9 Southern part of MIDCOAST, and Commissioner Yee,
10 Commissioner Ahmad, or Tamina, you can walk us through
11 what was explored, what came closest, those sorts of
12 things, what choices you were presented with.

13 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah, so I can start and then
14 Commissioner Yee or Tamina, please feel free to jump in.
15 We did explore moving all of that unincorporated area --
16 I believe that we did that in open session at one
17 point -- into -- out of MIDCOAST in exchange for Gilroy,
18 and then we also took a closer look at Rio Grande area,
19 Pismo Beach area in exchange for Gilroy moving into
20 MIDCOAST. We would have to move some of that population
21 down to SLO.

22 So it would most likely have required a cut into --
23 I believe it's Rio Grande, and then that population would
24 then have to shift down South, beyond SCOAST into -- what
25 is the next name here? This -- Salinas, Moorpark, Santa

1 Rosa Valley area, and that's where we kind of paused --
2 Camarillo area -- we kind of paused because we thought
3 that was above our pay grade, to go further down and make
4 those ripple effects down into the South in SoCal area.

5 So we paused there, we weren't sure if, you know,
6 making a cut in the Pismo Beach area was going to be
7 acceptable by the Commission. There is COI testimony to
8 keep that area together and there's COI testimony
9 speaking to that whole area from Los Osos down being
10 closer to Santa Barbara area and -- but, at the same time
11 we just weren't sure where that split would occur --

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

13 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: -- in that area.

14 Commissioner Yee, am I missing anything else that we
15 explored?

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: No, that was it.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I guess my question in this
18 is, in relation to Santa Paula, Piru, Fillmore, et
19 cetera, my recollection is that they were wanting to not
20 be grouped with Camarillo.

21 So in my mind, moving Camarillo into that Eastern
22 Ventura County district was something that I was
23 certainly willing to consider. You know, realizing that
24 we would need to bring Jaime in on this and understand
25 the broader implications of moving Camarillo into that

1 district. But that was certainly something that I was
2 willing to consider if it got us Gilroy in the MIDCOAST
3 district.

4 Commissioner Turner, and then Commissioner
5 Akutagawa, Commissioner Fernandez, Commissioner Andersen?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. Very
7 helpful conversation, thank you Commissioner Ahmad and
8 Yee.

9 What I raised my hand, basically -- for the work
10 that they've done. I understand Gilroy and us needing to
11 get that piece figure out, but it does cause ripple and I
12 just really wanted to see the whole of the work that they
13 did as it currently stands and understand their reasoning
14 and rationale so that as we're making decision in one
15 area, we know why it cost us in -- well, where the trade-
16 offs were in other areas, and be able to understand it
17 going in. So I just wanted to see the whole of their
18 work.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. And yes -- and that's
20 part of why we wanted to come down and see the Southern
21 end as well and hear what went into this, as far as
22 exploration and considerations that came in when looking
23 at the Southern part of MIDCOAST, but we can certainly
24 pull back out some and look at the bigger picture as
25 well.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair.

2 Particularly before we start making changes to it.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good, thank you.

4 Commissioner Akutagawa?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I'm just curious. I
6 guess I didn't quite hear this, but why do we have to
7 look down below, why isn't it -- as I think you was --
8 someone had mentioned, you know, looking more towards
9 pulling from the North -- or pushing out into the North?

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Yee?

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: It's theoretically possible. I
12 mean, it would just be a much longer reach, I think. And
13 you know -- I don't know -- it just didn't -- at the time
14 we were working through it, it did not seem like there
15 were any obvious ways of doing that and --

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

17 Commissioner Ahmad?

18 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah, and I had that initial
19 thought too, Commissioner Akutagawa, 'cause it makes
20 sense there's a dense population in that area, so let's
21 just move up. But before -- the iteration that you're
22 seeing right now on the screen, it shows EDENTECH in the
23 positive whereas when we started working with this area,
24 it was in the negative. So we started pushing population
25 up already.

1 And so then this is when it gets kind of interesting
2 that SSACSTANIS district shape and the population that
3 was over there being pulled into ECA and then us having
4 to try to rebalance that area on the inside, just -- it
5 just seemed like it was going to be a lot more population
6 that would have to move all the way up and around to
7 rebalance that area up North. But if there's another
8 solution, we're all ears.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.

10 Commissioner Akutagawa, correct me if I'm wrong. My
11 sense is that your question really centers on a potential
12 split in Santa Cruz County and moving some of that
13 population North to PENINSULA in order to accommodate
14 moving Gilroy.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, or even -- I guess
16 swapping out -- well not so much swapping out, but
17 yeah --

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Or --

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- moving up that way and
20 then moving across through EDENTECH if needed, or -- I
21 guess maybe even if it's a little bit here, a little
22 there we minimize the splits down South or something like
23 that? I just -- you know, I'm sure you explored all
24 different kinds of things. I was just curious as to --
25 it just sounded like the North was never an option, so I

1 was just curious. But thank you for that explanation.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
3 Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. And
5 thank you, Commissioners Ahmad and Yee. This is great.
6 And so if I understand it correctly, so the SSACSTANIS,
7 we would only need to move out about 1.5 percent, right,
8 into ECA, am I reading that correct? Or into SACRAMENTO,
9 I guess?

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Correct.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So it doesn't seem as
12 daunting as I -- I mean, I thought it was going to be a
13 lot worse, but -- so that's not -- that's doable,
14 definitely.

15 And then the Gilroy -- yes, it would be nice to keep
16 them in. Also, I would probably lean more towards what
17 Commissioner Akutagawa is saying, because once you get
18 down to San Luis Obispo and to those communities down
19 there -- they -- there are small communities, but they
20 are attached to each other. Does that make sense?

21 And to some of the major -- and I would really not
22 want to split that up, because we're already splitting up
23 San Luis Obispo, so I would prefer to look to the North
24 if needed.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

1 My sense, as I expressed yesterday, was that there was
2 some potential moves in the Pismo Beach area because of
3 the five cities, we have three on one side and two on the
4 other and so there is some scope, potentially, for moving
5 there. But we would need to bring Jaime into the
6 discussion to really have a good understanding of what
7 our options are in the South.

8 Commissioner Sadhwani?

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, Chair. I don't
10 believe this is posted on our website. I'm just
11 wondering if we can get it posted.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that. Ms. Mac Donald,
13 I don't know whether you can liaise with staff and make
14 sure that we have the latest on the website?

15 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes, will do. We're looking into
16 this right now. Thank you.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you so much. We've got about
18 fifteen minutes, fourteen minutes before break. I'm
19 thinking that at this point, we are probably best as far
20 as the Gilroy question, asking Tamina and perhaps
21 Commissioners Yee and Ahmad if they could go back and
22 perhaps take another look at this, bringing Jaime in and
23 exploring options beyond the bounds that they were
24 exploring within last night.

25 Let me -- Commissioner Sadhwani, do you have

1 something further? Thank you. Let me go ahead and ask
2 Commissioners Ahmad and Yee to walk us through their
3 extra credit work.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Fine, I would be happy to do
5 that with Gilroy, take another look.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Chair, did we get a full
7 explanation of what is here in this one, what the -- like
8 Commissioner Turner said, could we look at the whole
9 picture before we -- I think we sort of stopped at Gilroy
10 and didn't quite really go through everything.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, Commissioner Yee, if you could
12 cover --

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, let's take a look --

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- any remaining points as well.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: No, that was all for the San Jose
16 area. Well, I mean, we can take a closer look. You can
17 see that, you know, Cupertino is separated from
18 Sunnyvale, Santa Clara. And then we have that split in
19 San Jose, taking in the airport.

20 So for the extra credit -- Tamina, maybe you're
21 actually better to describe. I think we -- maybe even
22 starting at ECA is where we started and our logic for
23 where we moved on from there.

24 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sure, Commissioner. So this was
25 tricky, I'll warn everybody in advance that we -- so the

1 goal was, we had an overpopulation coming out of San Jose
2 that was ending in EDENTECH. An underpopulation in ECA,
3 and the question was how to get population from this side
4 over to this side without interfering with the VRA
5 district.

6 So we looked at a couple of options. One option
7 would be to go up this corridor and then come down, back
8 this way. As you'll see the Eastern part of Contra Costa
9 is in the NAPABYRON district, so we did not go all the
10 way up to NAPABYRON, but we tried to localize it within
11 the Contra Costa, Alameda area. So the EDENTECH now has
12 Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, Milpitas, the Berryessa area and
13 North area of San Jose. Fremont is whole, there's
14 Newark, Union City, and Hayward that are whole.

15 And then we run into the 91,000 people in San
16 Leandro and the accompanying Eden areas over here and
17 wanting to keep them together. However, we could either
18 push them up into SD80 Corridor, which would then require
19 us splitting the Pinole, Hercules, Richmond area. Or
20 they could come in with the rest of mid Contra Costa in
21 the 680 corridor. So that's where they are in this
22 visualization.

23 So Eden joins the tri cities and the tri valley in
24 COCO. Coming from ECA -- let me zoom out a little bit --
25 we balance this side and so came into this part of

1 Stanislaus County and took Modesto and -- up to Ripon and
2 then down South to Cressey, Ballico, Delhi, Hilmar.
3 Which created an interesting district kind of in the
4 middle between these two, which is SSACSTANIS.

5 So SSACSTANIS has San Joaquin County up to the
6 border and then comes down into Alameda County and has
7 these areas of the tri -- sorry, the tri city in Alameda
8 County -- not the tri valley, just the tri city that is
9 over here. So coming through Dublin, Pleasanton,
10 Livermore, Sunol.

11 We did explore areas of Sacramento and moving some
12 things around up here in order to get here, so ECA really
13 when we were balancing, kind of came up around through
14 NORCA, PLACER-ED and SACRAMENTO. So we have Elk Grove,
15 Vineyard, and Sacramento proper in SACRAMENTO and then to
16 the East, Elverta, Arden-Arcade to the East going with
17 PLACER-ED -- again, ending at that county line.

18 And that's what brought us down to SSACSTANIS. So
19 SSACSTANIS currently has those two areas and it also has
20 Western Stanislaus County, Patterson, Diablo Grande,
21 Crows Landing and Newman.

22 As you can see, it is not completely balanced. We
23 have -- 6.18 percent is our deviation for SSACSTANIS and
24 that can be resolved in any number of ways, but there was
25 no easy way to resolve it that we saw and wanted to kind

1 of get some feedback on this new architecture, because it
2 is very different than what we looked at before and other
3 ideas that the Commission had. Thank you.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Tamina. Very good work.
5 Thoughts on where this excess population should go?

6 Commissioner Andersen?

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I believe we're about eight
8 minutes before break. Could we have a look -- you know,
9 back, sort of out and see the whole North area?

10 And I know Commissioner Fornaciari is not here. He
11 has a lot to say about the tri valley and what has
12 happened now. Well, not quite that far -- okay, will
13 this get -- so we can have a look at this, is there a way
14 to have a look at this over our fifteen-minute break, to
15 really kind of have a --

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Sure, we can do that. Thank you,
17 Commissioner Andersen.

18 Commissioner Sinay, your hand was up a moment ago?
19 Thank you.

20 Commissioner Fernandez?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, excuse me. Tamina,
22 could you go into the border of -- what is it, Sacramento
23 and San Joaquin please? Thank you.

24 And just for clarity, Tamina, I think, just for
25 Sacramento, I think this is the first time Sacramento's

1 actually whole, right? The city of Sacramento, I
2 believe, is whole.

3 MS. ALON: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, okay.

5 MS. ALON: The city of Sacramento is whole.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you. And if
7 you can go back down, I was just going to make
8 recommendations on how to move population --

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Please

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- if that's okay. If you
11 can take Thornton and you can -- oh, wait. Oh, it's a
12 PLACER-ED. Oh, that's fine. That could go into the
13 PLACER-ED, I believe. It's not very big; I think it's
14 maybe two people bigger than my town. So it's about
15 1,000, I think, right? So that's not going to get us
16 very far. But we could also look at Collierville. I
17 think Dogtown would be too much.

18 MS. ALON: So --

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can you get -- can you get
20 the space in between the -- from there to Thornton? I --
21 You'll probably get like three more people maybe. All
22 the way to the -- okay. How many is that?

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: 3,386.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: All right. Might have to
25 get Dogtown then, because there's no way. Yeah, there

1 you go. Take it all the way to the county. Thank you,
2 Tamina. And that other side too. Thank you. I
3 appreciate that. Getting close. Okay.

4 Another option if you move down -- oops. And if you
5 zoom in into where that San Joaquin -- yeah, San Joaquin
6 and Stanislaus corner, another option could potentially
7 be maybe Escalon. I'm not sure. Escalon to go into ECA.

8 I'm looking at Commissioner Turner because she knows
9 that area. It's right there. How much is that one? Oh,
10 that would do it. Okay.

11 MS. ALON: That would do it. I assigned it to
12 PLACER-ED for this second so we can see the population,
13 but I'm happy to move them separately as requested.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you for exploring that.
15 Commissioner Fernandez?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Well, actually,
17 maybe making -- if you make Stanislaus whole -- you might
18 be able to make Stanislaus whole. That might do it.
19 Okay. That's another option too, is making Stanislaus
20 whole.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
22 Commissioner Fornaciari?

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, that was my first
24 reaction, if we start by making Stanislaus whole and then
25 go from there. But I just got back. I need a little

1 more time to kind of stew on this. So it's going to be
2 posted so we can take a look?

3 MS. ALON: It should be in the (indiscernible) right
4 now.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: I understand that it is posted.
6 There aren't PDFs, but the shape files are posted. Okay.
7 So yeah. As colleagues have said, making Stanislaus
8 whole would also resolve the overpopulation. Okay.

9 And Commissioner Fornaciari, did you -- okay, thank
10 you.

11 Commissioner Andersen?

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could we possibly get a PNG
13 posted so we can actually go in and look at the whole
14 thing? A shape file -- unless we can download it. I
15 guess we can --

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: It's --

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- we can download that into
18 the viewer; is that correct (indiscernible)?

19 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Can I share that this iteration
20 is actually posted on the map viewer --

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: -- so you can zoom in there
23 now.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you. And we will leave

1 things here and go ahead and go on break until 11:15.
2 Colleagues can peruse the map viewer, public can peruse
3 the map viewer, and we will resume our discussion on this
4 at the end of break. So we are on break until 11:15.
5 Thank you, everyone.

6 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 10:58 a.m.
7 until 11:14 a.m.)

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you everyone for your patience
9 during our break. Welcome back to today's meeting of the
10 California Citizens Redistricting Commission. We have
11 been working for the last hour maybe, looking at an
12 iteration where we were looking at how to move some
13 excess population from the MIDCOAST district to ECA. And
14 we are now looking at the excess population in South
15 SSAC-STANIS and the best move or moves to resolve that
16 population imbalance.

17 So Kennedy, please take it away.

18 MS. WILSON: So me and Tamina, we're both here, can
19 go back and forth, but since we started moving into
20 Central Valley, I thought I would just take over some of
21 that as well, if that is okay with everyone.

22 A recommendation that we had over break was just
23 moving the entirety of Stanislaus into ECA, which would
24 bring the deviation of ECA to a 4.39 and SSAC-STANIS to a
25 1.65. So it puts both at an acceptable deviation range.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thoughts on that from colleagues?
2 Commissioner Fernandez?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I like that in that it
4 keeps the entire county together. That would probably be
5 my preference over trying to dig into different corners
6 of the SSAC-STANIS district.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
8 Could we zoom in a bit, Kennedy, into that area?
9 Are we -- did you say that we were -- so we are taking a
10 small slice of San Joaquin County? Do we need that small
11 slice of San Joaquin County? Does that make sense to
12 have that small slice of San Joaquin County, or do we
13 just want this to be along the Stanislaus-San Joaquin
14 line?

15 MS. WILSON: I think --

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Go ahead.

17 MS. WILSON: I was just going to say previously, I
18 wasn't there with Commissioner Yee and Ahmad, so
19 obviously I don't know exactly what they were thinking,
20 but I think these were similar to the lines we had
21 before, and the thought of putting Stanislaus, all of
22 Stanislaus, in wasn't really on the table. So if we move
23 that in, then we can possibly even that out if that's the
24 wish of the Commission.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Kennedy.

1 Commissioner Andersen?

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I think Commissioner
3 Yee might be talking about the reasons why he was doing
4 this, in which case, I'll have him go first.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Yee?

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: Actually no, I think putting that
7 piece back in San Joaquin would be fine. Actually there
8 was a pre-step to all of this when we were -- started
9 working on this last night. The state of things at that
10 point had several of these counties split, and we made
11 several of them whole. So making another one whole would
12 continue that good work.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

14 Commissioner Andersen?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, okay. There are a
16 couple of things which are certainly not whole. And I
17 understand we've had a huge amount of work to do on this.
18 Moving, what, 300,000 people? But the public really will
19 have no time to look at this essentially, and I want us
20 to make changes as little as possible and as palpable as
21 possible.

22 And what I'm specifically talking about -- I kind of
23 like the idea of putting Stanislaus County whole. I do
24 not like it with ECA. I mean, that's just, like, why
25 even call it ECA? It's Stanislaus County, so Central

1 Valley County area.

2 And also, Tri-Valley has been -- it doesn't exist
3 anymore. It's completely split. There are a lot of
4 things which are -- it was all together, and now it
5 isn't. Are you kidding me? That's what I'm thinking the
6 public is going to say.

7 And I'm just wondering if there's any way of doing a
8 few different things in trying to keep -- trying to keep
9 the map as sort of close to what it was. And still -- I
10 kind of -- I like the idea of putting Stanislaus with San
11 Joaquin, that sort of thing and trying to go -- going a
12 few little things, areas up North to rearrange this.

13 But I know Commissioner Yee has been working on
14 this, and I'd like him to talk a bit more how when the
15 San Leandro into COCO and then COCO became all cut in
16 half. I'd like to kind of walk through that a little bit
17 and what was going on in that.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
19 Commissioner Yee?

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, thank you for that,
21 Commissioner Andersen. Actually last night, we did not
22 move San Leandro in. That was the state of things that
23 we inherited, and that -- actually, that was the last
24 problem we did not get to try to fix.

25 So the three main problems that we are not able to

1 fix: San Leandro with COCO -- San Leandro, Castro
2 Valley, that whole area with COCO, the Tri-Valley split,
3 and just this kind of T-district (ph.) -- ugly T-district
4 we kept calling it last night, including the part that's
5 shaded right now that just has so many different things
6 going on that don't really seem to make sense. Those
7 were the three problems we did not get to fix last night.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

9 Commissioner Fernandez?

10 Kennedy?

11 MS. WILSON: I just also wanted to do -- as we do
12 this exploration, just like -- I know everyone knows, but
13 just a quick reminder that a lot of big changes are
14 happening to a lot of these districts too, because
15 300,000 people had to be moved back into San -- into this
16 MIDCOAST district. So as we are just moving, a lot of
17 big changes are happening because we had to make a really
18 big change in the Central Valley for that district, so
19 moving in for Merced. So just wanted to put that out
20 there as well.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Kennedy.

22 Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you, Chair. And
24 I -- that's what I was going to say, Kennedy.

25 Commissioner Turner and I just got through trying to

1 move 300,000. Regardless if you go North or if you go
2 East, the communities are going to be split up from what
3 we currently have because that's a huge pot of population
4 to move around. And we've talked about this in the past,
5 the Tri-Valley, is it kept whole in some of the other
6 districts? And I believe it is.

7 Commissioner, you could probably correct me on this.
8 So we've done share the pain, and if you don't get it in
9 this map, you might get it in the -- hopefully will get
10 it in the next map. So it's huge, huge population. It's
11 going to -- it's a huge -- it's not even -- it's not a
12 ripple, it's a -- I don't even know what you call it,
13 tsunami or something? It's huge.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

15 Kennedy, did you have anything further? Okay.

16 Commissioner Yee, did you have anything further?

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right, just to note, I mean,
18 today's -- this morning's what I consider miracle map on
19 the Congressional districts, to move Modesto out and all
20 that. We'd love to do that here. But yeah, when we're
21 talking about Senate districts, which is our -- which are
22 our largest districts. So if we had Stanislaus with San
23 Joaquin, then ECA would eat up, more than the entire
24 North of the state, I think. So I would like to think
25 that that's possible, but I don't envision that that

1 would be an exploration that would lead us to anything
2 we'd be happy with.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay. Thank you,
4 Commissioner, Yee.

5 Commissioner Turner?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, thank you so much for
7 the work that was done on this. I would like to see
8 Stanislaus whole. I thought that was brilliant,
9 including San Joaquin, that portion.

10 But Kennedy, remind me. San Joaquin, that goes down
11 how far? That line straight down that we currently have,
12 that's not the county line, is it?

13 MS. WILSON: This one here following Valley Home,
14 that is the county line.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: That's the -- oh. So we
16 took -- Oh, I have in my mind, the map where we went out
17 of the county line (indiscernible).

18 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay, great. So yeah, so
20 those are whole. I think if there was a way to go back
21 and address the San Leandro portion, I love what you all
22 did in Sacramento. I love these counties whole. That
23 ECA is just going to be bizarre for everyone always, but
24 again, same difference from the Congressional, we know
25 the why's.

1 And it would be interesting to see how much of North
2 if we keep those -- what that looks like exactly, to be
3 able to keep these counties in the Central Valley in the
4 Central Valley. Again numbers, population is going to, I
5 think, dominate anything that we would desire. So we're
6 going to either be real comfortable with a real long,
7 large block for population, or it will look like you've
8 designed. Thank you.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
10 Commissioner Andersen?

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, the -- if we do this,
12 the Senate was the only map where the Tri-Valley were
13 going to be kept together, and now they're not. And the
14 ECA has never had what it wanted, so -- in any of the
15 maps, and I think there is a possibility here.

16 And I really, really would like to keep Stanislaus
17 in the Central Valley. It being whole is a great idea.
18 It's clearly a Central Valley county, and I'm just
19 wondering if there's a way -- and it might do some
20 rearranging, but there is population in those, if we look
21 further North, in the suburbs of Sacramento, which are El
22 Dorado County and Placer County, which could help balance
23 this, wouldn't have to take the entire North.

24 There would be some rearranging required,
25 absolutely, but I'd still like to figure out how we could

1 do an attempt to get the Tri-Valley back together.
2 Because as I said, it really is an engine-driver of the
3 entire -- that huge amount of anything over in the East
4 Bay, and it's never been put together. So it's always
5 been the pain. It's never been shared. So I'd like
6 to --

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'd like us to work on that.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
10 Commissioner Yee, can you speak to efforts made or
11 any explorations related to that?

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: To ECA going further North?

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: No, to keeping the Tri-Valley whole.

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: Oh, we did not work on that last
15 night. That was clearly desirable. We wanted to work on
16 it, but we just never got that far.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: By the time, it was too late.
19 For the ECA, I mean, this morning's Congressional
20 district, you have to -- you would have to have that plus
21 another 300,000 people, right? So it just seems
22 extraordinarily large number of people to add further
23 into ECA. Where would you even go? The suburbs of
24 Sacramento? Sure, but I mean it has to be that much
25 bigger than even the Congressional district that some

1 thought was too big already this morning.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, I mean, Kennedy, can you just
3 give us a population figure for the portion of Stanislaus
4 that is already in ECA, as well as that portion of Merced
5 that's in ECA? If we were to draw a line there at the
6 Stanislaus-Calaveras-Tuolumne line and the Merced-
7 Mariposa line, how many people are we talking about?

8 MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: In the meantime, Commissioner
10 Fernandez?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, we just got finished
12 tearing up the Northern part of Sacramento and the
13 Roseville area in Congressional. I'd like to be able to
14 keep them whole, for once, in this map. Thanks.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, and it might even be possible
16 to more closely approximate our Congressional lines in
17 some new iteration of this. So over half a million
18 people -- that seems rather herculean at this point.

19 Okay. Then Commissioner Andersen, let me come back
20 to you. And let's focus the map on -- or let's center
21 the map on the Tri-Valley. And Commissioner Andersen, if
22 you could talk us through any ideas that you have for
23 resolving the issue that you've pointed out.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, the Tri-Valley was all
25 together. And so it would be a sort of a switch for a

1 switch, essentially. We've added, what, 90,000 I think
2 it is now from -- or more, from the San Leandro over.

3 So actually, a fix that I think might work would be
4 taking part of -- you know how we -- in all of the other
5 attempts, we've tried to take part of the Northern
6 portion of Contra Costa County and add it to -- with
7 Vallejo. And that would require then though -- a portion
8 of that which would just probably be Yolo coming out of
9 the NAPABYRON. And that's never been -- a thought that's
10 sort of never been allowed.

11 But something like that to make the room to handle
12 the San Leandro having to come over to keep that
13 county -- to keep that whole, essentially. And that
14 would require then a -- that would -- population would go
15 up into the North which would give you a bit more, but
16 you'd have to add the Stanislaus to San Joaquin. Part of
17 San Joaquin would have to be -- essentially, the
18 Sacramento would have to come down, which it would if it
19 gave up the El Dorado County.

20 And right now, that PLACER-ED, it just have -- that
21 would be divided at the county line up there to gain more
22 of San Joaquin to allow San Joaquin and Stanislaus to
23 join together. And then that -- in some fashion, that
24 might work out.

25 Because if you trade -- essentially, the lines would

1 be coming -- on the West side of this, around Sacramento,
2 would come down a little bit. And like, essentially,
3 we'd grab part of the Northern Contra Costa, and then
4 that would require the Yolo line to come down. The
5 NAPABYRON and the Stanislaus would go into the San
6 Joaquin. You'd draw the line at Alameda County. And
7 part of the San Joaquin would go over to PLACER-ED, and
8 that Placer line would then come down to accommodate
9 that. And then up North, you see where it naturally
10 would break to create that district.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Karin, do you have any reaction to
12 this as far as feasibility and time required to do
13 something like this?

14 MS. WILSON: It will definitely take time to do it.
15 I think that the question is -- I understand the basic
16 rotation, which is to take San Leandro up along the
17 corridor, up through NAPABYRON --

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No. No. No, no, no. It's
19 to take --

20 MS. WILSON: Okay. Maybe I don't.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. It would be to drop
22 the line at the Alameda, San Joaquin and create -- COCO
23 would be that entire district. And then you'd take --

24 MS. WILSON: And (indiscernible) go where?

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Leave that where it is.

1 Leave that where it is.

2 MS. WILSON: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And then you'd take part of
4 the Contra Costa -- oh, I see, I see. Yeah, you could
5 take enough of San Leandro to allow -- actually, you can
6 probably put San Leandro -- almost, most of San Leandro
7 back in, and that would give you everything in Contra
8 Costa to play with. You could take all of the -- between
9 the Albany and El Cerrito line and go across, essentially
10 grabbing, that Martinez to Antioch. Have that go North.

11 Well, sorry. The NAPABYRON line would come South to
12 put that in however -- the people. And then you would be
13 dropping the NAPABYRON line at Yolo down, again, South to
14 accommodate that people going North. Essentially, we'd
15 be shifting -- NAPABYRON would shift downward.

16 And then in over at San Joaquin, Stanislaus would be
17 whole. That area would go with San Joaquin, so the
18 PLACER-ED line would be coming South, and its Northern
19 line would come down to the Sacramento County border. So
20 then that whole area would be at the top, and you would
21 be going to -- the ECA would now -- its line would be at
22 the Mariposa-Tuolumne-Calaveras border, and it would be
23 going up and probably grabbing -- as Yolo shifted, Yolo
24 shifted in, that would be going up, so that rotation
25 would go like that. Does that make sense? Is that clear

1 in terms of the rotation?

2 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah. Hello, Chair Kennedy, if I
3 may answer the question that you had earlier for me
4 before the description from Commissioner Andersen. We
5 think that this is a pretty major affair, and probably we
6 should do this live if you want to explore it because, A,
7 this is going to require both of the mappers being here.
8 There's going to be a pretty significant ripple effect
9 that would probably require the entire Commission to take
10 a look at, unless you perhaps don't want to get done with
11 Senate today.

12 We're just concerned that if we do this offline and
13 then come back, it may just -- it may take quite some
14 time to do it offline, and then it may not fit in the
15 rest of the big picture. So we think it might make
16 sense, if you wanted to explore that, to perhaps do some
17 work here live and then see where it goes, if that makes
18 sense. Thank you.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Thank you. And that was the
20 kind of answer that I was looking for on this, as an
21 estimate of time and the best way forward.

22 Commissioner Fornaciari?

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, I'm trying to
24 formulate an alternative approach which might be shifting
25 the far-Eastern Contra Costa cities into San Joaquin,

1 moving the rest of Stanislaus -- putting Stanislaus
2 whole. And I'm thinking about shifting the Tri-Valley up
3 into COCO, but COCO would still need to shed some
4 population somehow. And maybe it could shed San Leandro
5 into the SD80 corridor. And maybe some of the Castro
6 Valley either into the SD80 corridor or EDENTECH.

7 So that would, I think, be a kind of a simpler swap
8 if that would work. I have a feeling the population of
9 those East Contra Costa cities is 100-and-something
10 thousand, and the Tri-Valley -- Livermore, Pleasanton,
11 Dublin is about 250, 240.

12 I mean, that might be a simpler rotation. And based
13 on just the numbers that we have in the East Bay there,
14 we might be able to do it without going North into
15 Solano, Yolo, and around that way.

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

18 Tamina, could you give us a total of the population
19 in that East Contra Costa area that's currently in
20 NAPABYRON?

21 MS. WILSON: Yes, Chair. And if I may ask
22 clarification, it's to take this East County area out of
23 NAPABRYON, so it would be a -- it would be a three-
24 district swap; is that right?

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fornaciari?

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I would -- yeah, I'd
2 like to see what it -- first of all, if we took it out of
3 NAPABYRON, NAPABYRON still be within --

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Deviation?

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- deviation? But
6 obviously -- and I'm talking about putting it with
7 Stockton.

8 MS. ALON: Chair, the population of this area is
9 130,985 people. NAPABRYON becomes underpopulated by 8.53
10 percent. COCO would be overpopulated by 14.87 percent.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Tamina.

12 Commissioner Andersen?

13 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, it was actually -- I
14 was talking about moving that into Stockton. And
15 then moving --

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right, but NAPABYRON would still be
17 underpopulated by eight and a half percent.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No, it would be
19 underpopulated by three and a half percent, but we could
20 probably fix that. I mean, we'd have to swap some out of
21 COCO North if there is an interest in doing that. I
22 mean, no matter what we do to make the Tri-Valley whole,
23 we're going to have to move North a bit -- some North a
24 bit. But I was just trying to not move the whole,
25 250,000 people North. I was trying to minimize how much

1 we'd have to move North.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay, thank you.

3 Commissioner Andersen?

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I was -- we sort of
5 did some of this when we first put the Senate district
6 together. I really feel trying to do this live is going
7 to take a great deal of time, and I would propose that
8 Commissioner Fornaciari and I, to try to work together,
9 even if it's not necessarily with the line drawer, just
10 try to come up with some ideas that might fly and try to
11 present this. Because attempting this live, I just don't
12 think we have the time to do it, quite frankly.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

14 Commissioner Turner?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I guess, on the
16 contrary -- I think, in agreement with Karin, I think we
17 have to do this live if we're going to do it. It touches
18 too many areas. And if Commissioner Andersen or
19 Fornaciari or whoever, or me, it doesn't matter. If
20 someone takes their time offline to go through this
21 massive amount of change and bring it back, we're going
22 to spend that same time asking a thousand questions and
23 wanting to shift it, the work that was done. So I don't
24 think -- I don't see it at all as a time-savings for this
25 large of a shift to take it offline because we're still

1 going to debate it when it gets back here.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
3 Commissioner Ahmad?

4 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes, I agree with what
5 Commissioner Turner just stated and Karin's
6 recommendation if we are to move in this direction.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.
8 Commissioner Andersen?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I think we should kind of
10 have a discussion of (indiscernible) that we're going to
11 hear, and it sort of doesn't really matter if we attempt
12 this or not. I think we should sort of do a discussion
13 rather than kind of spending time, spending time going
14 into it if we know that we're really not going to pursue
15 this. And that's why I was thinking we might come up
16 with a couple of options, or we might find you just can't
17 do it. And that's why I was saying that could be done
18 offline without wasting everyone's time.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
20 Commissioner Yee?

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, I would like to see
22 Commissioner Fornaciari play out his limited geography
23 option live, I think, for all the reasons that have been
24 stated.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

1 Commissioner Taylor?

2 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Can we restate the purpose?
3 What are we trying to accomplish -- our goal one more
4 time, please?

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: The goal that we're looking at right
6 now is making the Tri-Valley whole.

7 Commissioner Fernandez?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Just so
9 that the public knows, which cities encompass the Tri-
10 Valley? Thank you.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fornaciari?

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: There are five cities in
13 the Tri-Valley: Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon,
14 and Danville, and then some little bit of unincorporated
15 areas around them.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Danville, San Ramon, Dublin,
17 Pleasanton, Livermore. Okay. Okay.

18 Commissioner Andersen?

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, the goal here is --
20 this is Friday, and we were hoping to vote and have these
21 final on Monday. And these are radical changes, and I'm
22 concerned that the public will not have time to -- these
23 sat for a long time like this, and the public's looked at
24 it. And we're doing completely different changes with
25 little time to make any -- to get any public input on it.

1 That's why I'm trying to minimize these -- the changes
2 and keep as many of these areas together as the public
3 has been used to seeing.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
5 Commissioner Yee?

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, I'm agreeing with
7 Commissioner Andersen, but I mean, once we had to redo
8 San Benito, these changes are forced upon us. So not
9 ideal in our short timeframe, but I don't think we really
10 have a choice.

11 The goals, yeah, unite the Tri-City. We have to
12 move population out of SSAC-STANIS, right? It's
13 overpopulated right now. Also, trying to get San Leandro
14 and surrounds into a better configuration.

15 Also, by the way, just to clarify. Tri-City refers
16 to Fremont, Union City, Newark. Tri-Valley is the area
17 that Commissioner Fornaciari mentioned.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee. Let's
19 also pull the map back and recall that this all started
20 with reconfiguring San Benito County, Monterey County, et
21 cetera. And I just wanted to take a moment and ask Mr.
22 Becker, are we right to be proceeding in this manner?
23 Are we causing ourselves more problems than not by
24 proceeding in this, or should we be going back to a
25 different focus on this?

1 MR. BECKER: Just so I'm clear on the question, are
2 we predominantly asking whether the VRA areas that we've
3 identified are adequately covered and you can draw lines
4 around those areas as you like, which is, I think, one
5 set of questions. There's a broader set. I mean
6 obviously, you have the right to consider all the
7 criteria as they apply and change the maps until they're
8 final, et cetera. That's a separate process question, so
9 I just want to be clear on -- and given that the equal
10 population deviations are within the safe harbor.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. No, it was more the first
12 part.

13 MR. BECKER: Can I -- in that case, I'm not sure
14 who's controlling the map, so my apologies, but can I see
15 the complete CVAP? And zoom in on, I believe, SBFRESNO
16 (sic) and the lower Central Valley districts, please.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Toledo.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, I'd also like to see
19 what the current map looks like, because it's my
20 understanding that currently, San Benito is in a VRA
21 district with Merced and parts of Fresno County. And I
22 mean, I think the challenge has been that each one of our
23 VRA districts has a million people and that we can't put
24 all of that population into one area. But I would like
25 to compare what's currently in existence to what we're

1 moving to, given that this is a VRA area, an area with
2 VRA considerations.

3 MR. BECKER: Okay. Can you scroll South just a
4 little bit so I can see the KINGS-KERN District? Yeah,
5 so we've looked at this -- I don't know if this has
6 changed from before, but it's pretty -- what's the
7 number, the small number off to the side? The .553133,
8 is that the previous --

9 MS. WILSON: Yes, that is the Latino CVAP of the
10 previous, the ones with the blue lines.

11 MR. BECKER: So KINGS-KERN is a modest difference.
12 It doesn't make a difference. I'm not quite sure that
13 the -- I think there are some concerns with reducing
14 SBENFRESNO over two percentage points. Something to
15 consider. So I think that's on the lower edge that
16 probably needs to be considered.

17 What we have seen in this area is that there are
18 roughly four Assembly districts that include areas where
19 Latinos are protected under the Voting Rights Act and
20 where districts can be drawn that would protect those
21 rights. The two Senate districts would seem to be
22 appropriate, given that there are four Assembly
23 districts.

24 I think it's extremely unlikely, if not absolutely
25 impossible, to draw a third where Latinos would be able

1 to elect candidates of their choice. There's a
2 relatively small population of San Benito that we've been
3 able to include in districts that were over fifty
4 percent, but I think it's unlikely. In fact, I'm about a
5 hundred percent sure, given the percentages we've seen in
6 the Congressional districts, which are smaller, that it's
7 unlikely that we can draw a third fifty-percent district
8 anywhere there.

9 So I think, with the caveat that I would probably
10 caution against the reduction we've seen here, and would
11 try to mitigate it in SBENFRESNO, the current
12 architecture is close, if not there.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Mr. Becker.

14 Any questions? Commissioner Turner?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I don't know what to do with
16 that. I don't know that I walked away -- Chair, can you
17 restate what we just heard?

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Mr. Becker, can you restate what we
19 just heard?

20 MR. BECKER: I think you have a previous
21 architecture that had a fifty-five percent Latino CVAP in
22 SBENFRESNO. You've reduced it by over two percent. VRA
23 considerations predominate over everything except equal
24 population, so I think there needs to be a really good
25 justification there. And it's something I think is of --

1 increases risk to some degree.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner
3 (sic).

4 Commissioner Toledo?

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, I just wanted to look at
6 what the current district for this area is, because it's
7 my understanding that San Benito is currently in a VRA
8 district with -- and it looks like it's a portion, a
9 little piece of --

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Monterey.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- a little piece of Monterey
12 and then into the Fresno area, potentially maybe even a
13 little bit of Merced. But it's hard for me to tell on
14 this map.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sorry. I'm sorry. Do you
16 mean the current today district?

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No, I mean the --

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Like, the district that's
19 in place today, or --

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- maps that are currently in
21 existence today that are -- the districts that are
22 currently in existence today, rather than the maps that
23 we've been considering.

24 MR. BECKER: And Chair, if I --

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And there we go.

1 MR. BECKER: Yeah, this is helpful.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Because when we look at where
3 the map is right now today, like right now, San Benito is
4 in a VRA district, and it's protected in a VRA district
5 with Merced, Fresno, and portions of Stanislaus and
6 Madera.

7 And I mean, my question to you, Mr. Becker, is by
8 taking out of the VR-protected area, reducing potentially
9 some CVAPs, because it's such a heavy Latino area, does
10 that increase our risk?

11 MR. BECKER: Thank you. This is actually a very
12 good illustration, and the answer is yes, it increases
13 your risk. It's a relatively small population of San
14 Benito, but that San Benito population has been a covered
15 area and included in districts in other maps and in
16 previous maps, meaning existing maps that were in
17 existence before this redistricting cycle. The main
18 concern was whether or not the Latino communities in
19 Merced and even into Stanislaus which are also covered
20 were included, but this map does that well. And it has
21 a -- it protects it somewhat better, because it has a
22 higher Latino CVAP.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that.

24 Commissioner Yee?

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, thank you, Chair. I'm

1 confused, because did we not have this discussion
2 yesterday, and was not the choice that when we got to
3 this end of the Valley in the VRA districts, that this
4 Northern-most one had to choose whether to go into Merced
5 or to go into San Benito, but could not do both, based on
6 the districts that we had drawn up to that point in the
7 Valley. And then we looked at population concentrations
8 and numbers and so forth and opted to go the Merced
9 route, which is how San Benito ended up in the MIDCOAST
10 district. Was that not yesterday's discussion and
11 choice?

12 MR. BECKER: And I'll tell you, I thought that was
13 too, but I'm looking at a map right now. And I don't
14 know if this is the right map, but I'm looking at a map
15 that includes San Benito, Merced, and Fresno. Am I
16 misreading that map?

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: This is the current-day map.
18 This is the map for the current election. Then we have
19 our draft map, which also included San Benito, Monterey,
20 and the Fresno area --

21 MR. BECKER: Because I remember this discussion --

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- which is very similar.

23 MR. BECKER: -- Commissioner Yee, and the Merced,
24 California -- I'm sorry -- Merced County Latino
25 population was significantly larger than the San Benito

1 population. We had this conversation. That's absolutely
2 right. Three and a half times larger.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. Right.

4 MR. BECKER: And we thought we were -- and I don't
5 think I was there when the lines were actually being
6 drawn, but the discussion was if we have to choose, the
7 larger community would be appropriately included. But
8 I'm looking at this, and I don't know if this is the
9 first time I'm seeing this, but I'm looking at this and
10 it appears that that's not the case.

11 Oh, sorry. I think we were thinking this is --
12 these are not the current map -- these are the current
13 maps that are being used in California, not the current
14 maps that are before the Commission.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: That is correct.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: These are from 2010.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: These are 2010.

18 MR. BECKER: Got it.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And the population has now
20 shifted and changed.

21 MR. BECKER: So back to the original point, if we
22 have -- if there is a -- if there's a choice where it's
23 only possible to draw a State Senate district with Merced
24 or San Benito, I'd advise Merced.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Mr. Becker.

1 Commissioner Andersen?

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could we see with this map,
3 the 2010 map, and then the two different versions, our
4 map of one that had Fresno, San Benito and one that has
5 the -- yeah. And have those next to it to see what --
6 like, with black lines, our different ones, to see how
7 populations have just gotten much denser. And now you
8 cannot cover the same area in the same forty -- dividing
9 this population forty times. Every single Senate
10 district has to get smaller.

11 So this one is which -- yeah. Thank you.

12 And Kennedy, if you could walk us through these? Or
13 whoever -- the differences.

14 MS. WILSON: Yes. So the dotted lines, of course,
15 are the current-day districts drawn ten years ago. And
16 the light blue lines are when we included San Benito-
17 Salinas Valley with Fresno. So that was something -- I
18 don't remember the exact percentage of deviation.

19 But then we also took a look at putting San Benito
20 back in Monterey County, and so I'll turn on the district
21 that we changed to. And just including -- sorry, there's
22 a lot of lines going on here. And so now what we have
23 redrawn when we took San Benito out was taking in not
24 even the entirety of Merced, just up into the corner, and
25 some more of Fresno.

1 So the difference is, yeah, that there is just a lot
2 more people in this area. Because if I turn even these
3 lines off, before this area covered some of Fresno,
4 Madera, and Stanislaus, and San Benito, and the Salinas
5 Valley. But those populations no longer fit all
6 together.

7 MR. BECKER: Can you take the current maps off and
8 put back the other -- the two maps that are reflective of
9 current population?

10 MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment.

11 MR. BECKER: Thanks.

12 MS. WILSON: So turning those off. Turning on our
13 version with San Benito in. And then turning on the
14 version with Merced in.

15 MR. BECKER: Can I get all of the -- for what we're
16 calling the version with San Benito in, can I get all of
17 the CVAPs on that?

18 MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment.

19 MR. BECKER: Thank you.

20 MS. WILSON: So these are in decimals, so my
21 apologies for that.

22 MR. BECKER: No, that's okay.

23 MS. WILSON: The San Benito before was -- it's
24 Latino, black, Asian, indigenous, and white. Latino
25 before, was 55.3. Black was before, 6.1. Asian before,

1 was 8.74. Indigenous before, was .98, and white before,
2 was 28.02 percent. Versus now, Latino CVAP did drop to
3 53.03. Black CVAP raised to 6.28. Asian CVAP raised
4 9.05. Indigenous CVAP raised 1.11 percent, and so did
5 white CVAP by 29.65 percent.

6 MR. BECKER: Okay. I think now that it's clearer to
7 me what the two options are, I think there is a greater
8 justification for the inclusion of Merced in this
9 district. And while I would still say that 53 is
10 probably on the lower end, and there might be a -- there
11 might be a way to boost that somewhat, because it
12 encompasses significant Voting Rights Act-protected
13 communities. Given its much larger Latino population
14 than San Benito, and given the construction of these
15 districts and the population disparities, I think it's
16 justifiable to go to the newer districts inclusive of
17 Merced, particularly if some effort -- if it's possible
18 to slightly boost that percentage somewhat.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Mr. Becker.

20 Commissioner Andersen?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I think I might have
22 door number three. In comparing the 2010 maps to our
23 maps, they do not have nearly as much of Fresno in their
24 map as we do. And Fresno has 550,000. San Benito County
25 has, is it 64,000? Could we possibly put our area that

1 needs to be covered in San Benito with Monterey, see how
2 much population that is, and put it into the entire area
3 by just rearranging a little bit of Fresno and actually
4 having our Merced -- it's the STANIS-FRES (sic) or
5 whatever -- the one that's Merced and Fresno. Have it be
6 with San Benito if we rearrange a little bit of the
7 Fresno in our KINGS-KERN. I think that is an idea that
8 would really deserve some looking at, because it would
9 save, one, so much time and save so much of all of our
10 other portions of the maps.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

12 MS. WILSON: And can --

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: And Kennedy?

14 MS. WILSON: I was just going to say, there's still
15 only enough population in this concentrated area if you
16 wanted a high enough CVAP for two districts. And if
17 you -- if I zoom in on Fresno, just the county and the
18 city, you can take a look at the heat map. But my
19 concern with that would just be stranding other
20 populations, if moving it around that way.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Kennedy.

22 Commissioner Fernandez, I thought your hand was up.
23 Thank you. Okay. So we've heard from counsel that
24 sticking with the current configuration is an acceptable
25 option. Probably a better option than trying to expand

1 it to the West, given the larger Hispanic population in
2 Merced County. And it seems to be, that is our choice.

3 So Commissioner Fornaciari and then Mr. Becker.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I will defer to Mr.
5 Becker.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Mr. Becker?

7 MR. BECKER: Yeah, I just want to say briefly, I
8 think you summarized it quite nicely, Chair. And I just
9 want to note that if you want to look at an option that
10 might include everything, including the areas in San
11 Benito County that are covered, that does not require all
12 of San Benito County to be covered.

13 There are areas of Latino concentrations, and if I'm
14 recalling correctly, from what we looked at yesterday,
15 the Latino CVAP raw number is roughly 17,000. So we're
16 talking about 17,000 people in San Benito. Once we get
17 closer to Santa Clara County, those were areas where we
18 saw significant crossover and were probably not as
19 significantly covered under the Voting Rights Act, if
20 covered at all. So I think the areas, looking more in
21 terms of the middle of San Benito County, were the areas
22 that I think where there was some coverage.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner -- Thank
24 you, Mr. Becker.

25 Commissioner Fornaciari?

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, to just touch on
2 that point, nearly all of the population of San Benito
3 County is in Hollister. And in order to go grab that
4 Latino population would be splitting up Hollister and the
5 county. So I just want to go back and kind of review the
6 conversation from yesterday.

7 We talked about the trade-offs between including
8 Merced or including San Benito County. We landed on
9 Merced because of the higher population in Merced. We
10 recognize that whatever the choice we make, some of the
11 Latino population will not be in a Latino -- in a Latino-
12 majority VRA district. We talked in depth about the
13 reasons for having -- additional reasons for having the
14 Valley-based districts, and one of those reasons was the
15 in-place organizing capability that will enable that
16 district to -- the San Benito-Fresno District to perform
17 at that level. And then finally, we talked about the
18 desires of the people of San Benito County to be with the
19 Monterey County, and in the desire of those three-county
20 region to be together, Santa Cruz, San Benito, and
21 Monterey.

22 And so I mean, we spent an awful lot of time on this
23 discussion, and that's where we came to. So I just
24 wanted to kind of refresh us all on that conversation.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.

1 Commissioner Fernandez?

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just for clarity -- again,
3 English is my second language. And Chair, you did say
4 per guidance, what we have is unacceptable. So it makes
5 it sound like it's unacceptable. But --

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: No.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- I think what you're
8 saying is that it is acceptable, correct?

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, I did.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. Thank you. Okay, so I would
12 say let's leave this as it is. Let's return to our
13 question that we must resolve, which is we have an
14 overpopulation currently in South SSAC-STANIS, and we
15 have to figure out how to resolve this.

16 Commissioner Fornaciari?

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, just reiterate, if
18 we make Stanislaus whole, we've solved that problem.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that. And there is
20 support for that. Shall we proceed with that?

21 Commissioner Turner?

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, we shall. And there was
23 a slice in, I think, San Joaquin we were going to look at
24 as a next step.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

1 Commissioner Yee? You're on mute.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, happy to proceed with that.
3 Recognizing that Stanislaus with ECA is not -- it makes
4 some people unhappy. But after that, I'm still
5 interested in having Commissioner Fornaciari walk us
6 through live line drawing the swaps that he was
7 envisioning for Alameda, Contra Costa, and Solano
8 Counties.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Any further comment?
10 Commissioner Turner?

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I just wanted to lift --
12 I don't know if it was Commissioner Andersen or who
13 earlier, certainly given the time that we have, willing
14 to do that. But if trying to keep those areas, the Tri-
15 Valley together -- and they may be in different counties.
16 But if in trying to keep them together, we ultimately
17 walk around and split SAC, San Joaquin, et cetera, I just
18 want to say that that would not be something that seems
19 like should be an equal trade. If we're going to push
20 counties together for the sake of keeping them together
21 to turn around and split out counties on the other end, I
22 just want to lift that as a concern that I would have.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

24 So Kennedy, if we can go ahead and accept this
25 change? Okay, thank you.

1 Commissioner Yee, is your hand up again? Okay,
2 thank you.

3 So Ms. Mac Donald, am I -- oh, okay. Thank you,
4 Kennedy, for reminding me yes, we wanted to take care of
5 moving Ripon back into San Joaquin County. So we are at
6 3.34 percent above the target in South SSAC-STANIS, we
7 are 2.69 percent above in ECA. Both are within
8 acceptable deviations. I'm scanning the map. It looks
9 like we are within acceptable deviations in all of the
10 districts that I can see on the map.

11 So Ms. Mac Donald --

12 MS. MAC DONALD: Hello.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- are you aware of any outstanding
14 issues on the Senate map at this point?

15 MS. MAC DONALD: Well, I think one of your -- and
16 just for the court reporter, this is Karin on Kennedy's
17 Zoom. I think you may need to -- you may want to take a
18 look at your Assembly district and see if there is
19 potential nesting, or whether you have nested, since that
20 is your last criterion. And we want to do our due
21 diligence. So with your permission, we could ask Kennedy
22 to just turn those on, and you can take a look. And
23 perhaps there are some very minor adjustments that you
24 could make to this, or maybe not.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, thank you. You can go ahead

1 and do that. I'll call on Commissioner Fernandez and
2 Commissioner Ahmad in the meantime.

3 Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you. I'm just
5 going to respond to the nesting question. I think that's
6 probably not going to work, because we've made so many
7 changes to the maps. And then to try to overlay what the
8 Assembly looks like to what we have left, I'm just
9 cautioning because I actually like the way the maps look
10 right now going North.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
12 Commissioner Ahmad?

13 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah, and just to add,
14 Commissioner Yee and I will work with Tamina on that
15 Gilroy piece to see if there's something that we can
16 still do there. So we're hoping to work over lunch --

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: -- and bring back something.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that.

20 Commissioner Sadhwani? No? Okay.

21 Kennedy, over to you.

22 MS. WILSON: So I have the labels on. And let me
23 make those a bit smaller. Oh, and the wrong ones.

24 So we have the Assembly lines in red. As you can
25 see, there's a little bit of difference. So starting

1 with the Bakersfield area and the Kings-Tulare-Kern area,
2 the lines actually are pretty close. They divvy off a
3 bit to go a little bit lower here and have a little bit
4 wider out in Kern County going to the East. We also do
5 have a split in Shafter, which was following a split from
6 community groups that they took as well. We do have
7 similar splits within Visalia as well. And Tulare was
8 not split in the Assembly maps. However, we took the
9 line that we took from Congressional maps and
10 Congressional consideration as well.

11 Moving North, we have this Fresno and Merced-Fresno.
12 Very similar and close to one another. And the San
13 Benito was a separate one by itself over here -- San
14 Benito, Salinas Valley, up into a little, like Gilroy, I
15 think just underneath San Martin and into Santa Cruz
16 County.

17 Then continuing to move North, we had a district
18 that encompassed the rest of Merced that was not in a VRA
19 district, and then moving North into taking Modesto. So
20 this was one district. Above that, we had Stockton,
21 Mountain House, and Tracy together. And then we had the
22 rest of -- we had the rest of San Joaquin County up into
23 Sacramento County as well and down into Stanislaus. And
24 now this doesn't necessarily nest. It takes some of the
25 same parts. Again, it is a bit different there.

1 We also had -- taking in some of -- splitting some
2 of Amador and Calaveras in the Assembly -- whoops -- in
3 the Assembly Districts that were also a part of this
4 Stanislaus, Eastern San Joaquin, Sacramento, and then it
5 splits there.

6 In the City of Sacramento, we had kind of a lower
7 half -- a lower portion and the Northern portion. So we
8 did have some splits within Carmichael, a split
9 through -- I don't exactly remember what street we went
10 across, but we had Fruitridge, Lemon Hill, Parkway,
11 Florin, Elk Grove together. And then so in our districts
12 now, you take in all of Sacramento City, Elk Grove,
13 Vineyard -- all of those are together. Arden-Arcade and
14 Carmichael are actually going out with West Placer,
15 Sacramento, which kind of comes down to the rest of
16 Sacramento and then we take Rancho Cordova, Folsom, out
17 to Elverta. And then I'm going to turn these off.

18 We had a version with Roseville, El Dorado, out to
19 Diamond Springs, Georgetown, Meadow Vista. We were
20 excluding Sheridan from Placer. And then in this current
21 version, it has Placer, the more populated cities of
22 Roseville, Rocklin, Granite Bay, going down into
23 Sacramento as well. And then we have some of El Dorado
24 and Placer with Lake Tahoe being whole, going South now.

25 Continuing to move North, we have -- again, toggling

1 them on and off to see those differences. Moving North
2 here, we had, again, a split in Amador, the rest of
3 Amador County, the rest of El Dorado, the rest of Placer,
4 Nevada, Sierra, Plumas, Lassen, Shasta, Siskiyou, and
5 Modoc together.

6 Now looking at your Senate district, it contains
7 Siskiyou, Modoc, Trinity, Shasta, Lassen, Tehama, Glenn,
8 Butte, Sutter, Yuba, Colusa, Plumas, Sierra, Nevada, and
9 then parts of Placer. So then there is kind of a cut
10 here through Placer, and then the rest is going down.

11 Then we're moving to the coast. We did have Trinity
12 pooled into the coast. And within this, you also had the
13 Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Sutter, Yuba going into this
14 Northern district as well.

15 Moving down the coast again, you had Trinity. You
16 did not have Lake in there. And I'm going to zoom closer
17 in. Yolo, Napa, Lake, Colusa were all together in
18 Assembly District. And now you have Napa, Solano, Yolo,
19 and parts of Contra Costa County.

20 I'm going to move in a bit closer to this area here.
21 A lot of districts going on. Martinez down to Brentwood.
22 Then you have, again, as you mentioned, Tri-Valley
23 somewhat separated here. San Ramon, Danville, up to
24 Walnut Creek. We had a split through Dublin and
25 Pleasanton and out to Livermore. And then we did have

1 Hercules, Pinole, Richmond, down to Berkeley, parts of
2 Oakland all together. And then we had the rest of
3 Oakland and Emeryville down here. And then our current
4 Senate districts somewhat follow that as well, down to
5 the Oakland boundary up to Hercules. So those are kept
6 together.

7 In the COCO Senate district, we do have a split
8 from -- Martinez was going to Brentwood, and Brentwood
9 and Byron are going North up to NAPABYRON. But we do
10 have the district in Contra Costa with the rest of Contra
11 Costa together, as well as, again, Castro Valley, San
12 Leandro. So some of -- as you said, some are together,
13 some are not, but a majority kind of fit in each other.

14 If you look in San Francisco, you see that those two
15 districts that split San Francisco kind of down the
16 middle are together with some of Daly City, Coloma going
17 South. Then we have here --

18 MALE SPEAKER: Colma, not Coloma.

19 MS. WILSON: Colma. Yeah, not Coloma. My bad. I'm
20 back to my area.

21 Then looking here in San Mateo County, we have
22 two -- you had a district here from San Bruno down to the
23 split you did in -- or Brisbane down to the split you
24 created in Menlo Park. And you also had down past
25 Pescadero. And you have a Senate district now that

1 follows that, also including some of this district here
2 within Mountain View down to Saratoga. I believe the
3 Senate district goes around and includes some of those,
4 although it does take out Cupertino from that Sunnyvale
5 area.

6 Continuing to move down, we have an Assembly again.
7 Just remind you, San Jose going both East and West, and
8 East to most of San Jose, there's Alum Rock there as
9 well. And then we have out to Santa Cruz County on the
10 other side. And you have a Senate district that just
11 takes in all of the Santa Cruz -- not Santa Cruz, my
12 bad -- my apologies -- San Jose down to the rest of the
13 Santa Clara County.

14 And so, of course, Santa Cruz needs more population
15 since it was using the rest of San Jose. So that now
16 goes down to San Benito, Monterey, all the way down into
17 San Luis Obispo. And that's including the San Benito
18 district as well, but it did include some of Gilroy, so
19 that's taken apart.

20 So there are some slight differences, but some
21 things that are in both. And that was just a general
22 overview. I can drill, zoom into any areas you would
23 like to see closer. And yeah.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Kennedy. As Ms. Mac
25 Donald explained, this was to give us an overview in case

1 there were any minor adjustments that we wanted to make
2 to the Assembly districts in order for them to conform
3 more closely to the Senate lines.

4 Commissioner Andersen?

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Yes,
6 there are two areas that -- I think the only two areas
7 that we could possibly nest would be San Francisco and
8 then the North Coast. And I did not catch that Trinity
9 has been -- yeah, in San Francisco, I would really like
10 to have those two Assembly districts nest into a Senate
11 district.

12 Kennedy, did you say that there was a difference?

13 MS. WILSON: These two do nest. The San Francisco
14 districts are in one Senate district.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Could we go up
16 and see the North Coast?

17 MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And so this -- I missed the
19 Trinity. I did see the Lake, which -- I know Trinity
20 County did want to be with Humboldt, so I was hoping it
21 would be -- I would like to see that. I'm sorry. Oh, we
22 did correct our -- the AD North (ph.) did follow the
23 Assembly into keeping Humboldt whole; is that correct?
24 It has been adjusted? Sorry, we can't hear you, Kennedy.

25 MS. WILSON: I accidentally muted myself. We hadn't

1 gotten to the North part of the state in Senate yet, so
2 that definitely can be adjusted to the county line.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: My recollection is that we did, no?

4 FEMALE SPEAKER: Yeah. (Indiscernible) North.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I thought you did,
6 Chair.

7 MALE SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) --

8 FEMALE SPEAKER: No.

9 MS. WILSON: We did --

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

11 FEMALE SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) --

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So thank you for that,
13 Commissioner Andersen. I recalled us squaring that off,
14 but maybe that was -- I guess that was on one of the
15 other maps.

16 MS. WILSON: Yeah, we had this iteration in most of
17 the other maps, so we hadn't gotten this far North yet.
18 But we did fix it in the other ones.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well that's why we're here. So
20 unless there's any objection, let's go ahead and fix
21 that. Thank you.

22 MS. WILSON: So that is now rectified.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Andersen?

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, Trinity only has
25 16,000. Could we also match the Assembly district on

1 that one? So put Trinity with AD North Coast (ph.)?

2 MS. WILSON: And now that is done as well. And
3 deviations are still in acceptable range. North Coast
4 moves to a 0.35 percent, and NORCA, North California,
5 goes to a negative 3.23 percent.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Before we move on, I didn't
7 have a chance to ask if there was any objection to that.
8 I just want to make sure before we move on. Okay.

9 Commissioner Andersen, you have more?

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I do in that one Lake.
11 Could we look further down to see -- thank you for having
12 the numbers on both the assemblies and the -- it really
13 helps. Okay, yeah. The NAPABYRON is already full.
14 Because Lake County said they really wanted to be with
15 Napa, and they did not really want to be with Mendocino.
16 And we did accommodate that in the Assembly. It looks
17 like we did not in the Senate. There would have to be
18 some changes, and I don't think anyone has the stomach
19 for that.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah, that --

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So I would prefer to match,
22 but I'll defer.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: And my recollection from Lake was
24 that they wanted to be with both Napa and Sonoma. And so
25 they are with most of Sonoma. We just couldn't fit Napa.

1 Commissioner Sinay and then Commissioner Toledo.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'll bring up my same question
3 from this morning. Can we go to the far North? We keep
4 just accepting that we're going to go down the coast and
5 separate the Oregon border, but we have heard from many,
6 even from Del Norte and Trinity and Humboldt, Siskiyou.
7 So I'm wondering, for the Senate, can we not nest that
8 way so that there is some conversation? These are forced
9 areas at the state level that do need to be looked at.

10 So in all the other plans, we have it going straight
11 down the coast. But is there a possibility in this one,
12 to do the far North and then go down?

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: And that would -- so just give us a
14 little more detail on what you're asking.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I'm not sure how these
16 Senate districts were created, but if we're looking at
17 the possibility of making any changes up here in the far
18 North or in North -- it's just instead of nesting the --
19 I mean, I'm asking for, ideally, Siskiyou, Modoc, Lassen,
20 and Shasta go in with Del Norte, Trinity, Humboldt, maybe
21 Mendocino. There might be others, but --

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay, but that's not -- as I
23 understand it, that's not nesting. I mean --

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I --

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- that's regrouping.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No. Well, I'm saying at the
2 minimum. We do have two Assembly Districts that could be
3 nested up in the far North, and I'm giving what my at
4 minimum would be. So I've said both pieces.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So the nesting would be we
6 nest -- how far down does that go? Amador, El Dorado,
7 Placer, Nevada, Sierra, Plumas, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta,
8 Siskiyou, which is one Assembly district, with the
9 Assembly district that currently includes Del Norte,
10 Humboldt, Trinity, Mendocino, and most of Sonoma; am I
11 correct? Okay. So could we see what that would look
12 like?

13 MS. WILSON: Yes, one moment.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. In the meantime, Commissioner
15 Akutagawa?

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Well, I guess my question
17 would be kind of moot. I was just going to ask, when I
18 was looking at the Senate district, I guess, previous to
19 this potential change, it looked like the ECA to the
20 NORCA border was just above Lake Tahoe, and it was
21 separated from Truckee, so I was just asking for
22 clarification on that, but --

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We'll get clarification on
24 that.

25 Commissioner Toledo?

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, so right now we're
2 looking for possible nesting options; is that what we're
3 doing? I'm just trying to get a little bit of
4 clarification.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Again, as Ms. Mac Donald indicated
6 before we started this --

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Um-hum.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- this is so that we can see if
9 there are potential areas, mostly related to our Assembly
10 districts --

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Um-hum.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- where we want to make minor
13 adjustments to the Assembly lines in order to make them
14 conform more closely to Senate district lines.

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: That's very helpful.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Ms. Mac Donald, am I correct?

17 MS. MAC DONALD: Yes, thank you. Either or. I know
18 we're also going to be looking at Assembly tomorrow, and
19 not that I would want to encourage you to reopen that
20 whole conversation, but there may be some very minor
21 moves that you could make that perhaps don't really upset
22 the apple cart. And then you could fulfill that last
23 criterion. And of course, I think we all knew, moving
24 into this process, that nesting is the lowest-ranked
25 criterion. It's probably not going to work in most

1 areas. You had to -- and I should defer to legal counsel
2 here, you drew all of these Senate districts on their own
3 merit and make sure that you adhere to all of the
4 criteria. But now we're at the lowest one, so let's just
5 take a peek.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Thank you very much.

7 MS. WILSON: And one moment while it selects. It is
8 a very large portion of the state, so it does take a
9 while to get all those census blocks and everything
10 calculated.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. In the meantime,
12 Commissioner Fernandez?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. I'm a
14 little frustrated that now that we're in the North, now
15 we're all of a sudden worried about nesting when we have
16 not even looked at nesting or considered it for any other
17 part of the state. And we built these Senate districts
18 based on communities of interest, which are higher
19 criteria than nesting. And I'm just a little upset,
20 because it's being treated differently than what we did
21 with the rest of the state. And I realize that there
22 were some VRA districts, but there was also flexibility
23 there.

24 So I, again, will state that I just prefer to go
25 with our Senate maps that we have now. Maybe there's a

1 couple, but I feel like I'm being forced to nest at this
2 point, and that's not my direction nor my preference.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: And I'm sorry if there's a
4 misunderstanding. No one is being forced to nest. What
5 we are doing right now is reviewing the two layers, the
6 Senate layer and the Assembly layer, to see if there are
7 any minor modifications that we want to make in either
8 direction to get us closer to that.

9 And this is something that we're going to do for the
10 entire state. This is not just for the North. This is
11 something that we will do for the entire state, and this
12 is not a process of nesting so much as it is to see if
13 there are any minor modifications that we want to make to
14 districts. That's all it is. Okay.

15 Kennedy, are you --

16 MS. WILSON: I'm sorry, one portion is now -- the
17 first one has been chosen. We're now choosing the second
18 one.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

20 MS. WILSON: A preview of what it will look like is
21 kind of -- it's kind of going to look like a U shape
22 going -- U or V or whatever, from Amador, coming up and
23 going around to Sonoma. And again, we will see when it
24 all calculates all those blocks, but that's a preview of
25 where it's going to go down to. And it'll be highlighted

1 in red for you to see what that looks like.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

3 Commissioner Sinay?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, I don't think that that
5 makes sense. I just wanted us -- we've heard often from
6 the very beginning, there are conflicting testimonies
7 about the far North, and I just wanted us to explore this
8 a little bit, because we hadn't talked about for Senate.
9 We just made an assumption that we still wanted to keep
10 the North Coast the North Coast, and the folks up by the
11 Oregon border have asked us several times to please take
12 a look at if there is a possibility for them to be with
13 Del Norte, Trinity, Humboldt, Shasta, Siskiyou, Modoc,
14 Lassen. I don't think this makes sense, but I did want
15 to explore it versus just us just go move forward without
16 looking at the folks to the far North who haven't really
17 had -- we haven't talked about them in this iteration.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right, okay. Thank you. So this is
19 not something that we will proceed with. Thank you very
20 much, Kennedy.

21 Commissioner Ahmad?

22 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. And thank
23 you, Kennedy, for that very thorough overview of the
24 Senate districts overlaying our Assembly districts. In
25 the two iterations we have, I am comfortable supporting

1 them as you described. Thank you.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.

3 Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So I'm going to go back to
5 being upset. So I guess why I'm upset is when we went to
6 the South, the Central, we didn't do the Assembly
7 overlay. But now that we're North, that's our first --
8 that's our first go-to instead of looking at the Senate
9 districts. I know --

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: That's because Kennedy is the mapper
11 that's currently online.

12 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Commissioner Fernandez, I hear
13 your frustration. When we worked offline -- when I
14 worked offline, that was the first thing we did was to
15 see if there was nesting, what were the possibilities in
16 Southern California, and then we came back. But I do
17 hear your frustration.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sadhwani?

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I definitely hear the
20 frustration too, and I totally get it, because I feel
21 like any time I've raised nesting, I was like -- ah. We
22 did look at it. I specifically recall, like, when we
23 were in Riverside and San Bernardino, we would turn it
24 on, largely because we were thinking about some of the
25 COIs that we had worked out in the Assembly and whether

1 or not we can use some of the logic of the Assembly to
2 inform the Senate. Not necessarily nesting, but simply,
3 like, some of the good work that we've done. So I'm
4 thinking about it from that way.

5 I'm hoping that that helps, because I hear you. But
6 I think, to the extent that things -- if we worked things
7 out in a positive sense in the Assembly, then perhaps it
8 can help us. That being said, if we need to share the
9 pain and shake things up, I think that's reasonable, too.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well again, as Ms. Mac Donald
11 explained, this is not to make any major changes. This
12 is to see if there are any minor adjustments that we want
13 to make in either direction.

14 Commissioner Andersen?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Now that we're in the South,
16 though, I did think that the line cutting San Bernardino
17 at the East, I thought we were trying to make that the
18 same in every single map. And I am surprised to see that
19 it is different in this one.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: You are correct. And what we
21 were -- what we were informed the other day by the
22 mappers was that they wanted to wait until we were
23 finished and then, given that the population is so
24 negligible in that area, they would make that adjustment.

25 So yes, we do want to make sure that that is done.

1 I'm seeing head nods from the mappers that it will be
2 done. So thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Akutagawa?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, well one, I'll just
6 comment and just say I think some of these
7 conversations -- I mean, it's neither here nor there, but
8 I think this nesting conversation should have happened
9 before we did the Senate district. And I think that's --
10 I'm suspecting that that's maybe part of Commissioner
11 Fernandez's frustration.

12 I'm also a little concerned because I think there
13 are additional adjustments, not changes, not big changes,
14 but small adjustments that do need to be made. And I'm a
15 little concerned about trying to have this nesting
16 conversation without us having this other look at the
17 Assembly districts because there are a number of small
18 adjustments that I think were being requested to make.

19 And we spent time also on these Senate districts to
20 get it to a place where we were all comfortable. And if
21 it makes sense to nest and have that look after we just
22 affirm or decide we want to do something different, then
23 we do it then. But I don't know. I feel like we're
24 losing a little time here just kind of arguing about
25 whether we nest or not nest or which way we're going to

1 nest and other things like that. We built these Senate
2 districts. Let's just keep moving forward.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
4 I don't know that we're being asked to make any
5 adjustments. We're being given an opportunity to make
6 any.

7 And I don't see this as a nesting discussion so much
8 as a discussion of whether we want to make any minor
9 adjustments in any direction as we review these.

10 We are coming up on our meal break at 12:45.

11 Commissioner Andersen?

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thanks for that share. Yes,
13 I am seeing this as an opportunity to -- before we go
14 back to the Assembly, is to see what we've done at the
15 Senate because we have made changes and corrections in
16 the Senate, to see is any of that, oh, right, we do want
17 to make that change in the Assembly. That's how I'm
18 viewing this. This is not a, oh, now we're going to try
19 to nest. No. We had the discussion and we said we're
20 not nesting unless it happens to work out that way.

21 And because it's the number 6 criteria, right?
22 Isn't that -- or I should know exactly which one. So the
23 other criteria comes first.

24 So this is just an opportunity to sort of review,
25 and in my case, you know, I didn't realize that Trinity

1 was not in that. And you know, there are some areas that
2 we might go, oh, oops. I totally forgot about that.
3 That's how I'm seeing this.

4 Also, but I am thinking in terms of one possible
5 that we might have nested. Did we do that in Santa
6 Barbara or the Ventura? Could we see those ones?

7 MS. WILSON: So here we have Santa Barbara up to --
8 there's a looks like you take in Oceano and San Luis
9 Obispo and then take the rest of Santa Barbara County.

10 And then in Ventura, you do have a split in
11 Camarillo, and then go as far out as Moorpark City
12 boundary.

13 And then for your Senate districts, it does include
14 the entirety of that, plus a bit more, and a little bit
15 farther North into San Luis Obispo, you just also include
16 Grover Beach as well. So those two Assembly districts
17 are situated within a Senate district. Not exactly, but
18 all the same cities are in there that are in your
19 Assembly district as well.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Kennedy.

21 Commissioner Andersen, anything else? That's it?

22 Commissioner Ahmad?

23 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I hate to
24 pull us away from this exciting nesting conversation, but
25 I just heard back from Jaime and Tina that they do have a

1 proposal that could work to bring Gilroy back into
2 midcoast for the Commission to review.

3 I will leave it up to you, Chair, whether we review
4 that now before our break or after lunch. It is 12:41
5 right now, so.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: It is 12:41. We are coming up very
7 close on our lunchbreak.

8 Unless there's something further at this point, I
9 would propose that we go ahead and break for lunch and we
10 come back as scheduled at 1:30.

11 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Sounds good.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. But we are on meal break
13 until 1:30.

14 Thank you, everyone.

15 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much, Chair.

16 Enjoy your lunch, everybody.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Back at 1:30.

18 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 12:42 p.m.
19 until 1:29 p.m.)

20 MR. MANOFF: We're standing by for the Chair,
21 everybody. Thanks for your patience.

22 We are standing by for the Chair. Thanks for your
23 patience.

24 Checking in with Vice Chair Fernandez. Hey, there.
25 The Chair is on a phone call. Would you like to bring us

1 back into session?

2 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I should probably turn my
3 video on first.

4 MR. MANOFF: Yes, please.

5 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And then I'm ready. Thank
6 you.

7 MR. MANOFF: All right. Stand by. You are live.

8 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome back, everyone. We
9 will be continuing our journey in the Senate. And I
10 believe at this point -- let me see. Sorry, I just got
11 another message. We will be starting with Southern
12 California.

13 Is that correct, Andrew?

14 Is Andrew there?

15 MR. DRESCHLER: That is correct, Vice Chair. We
16 will --

17 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. What are we doing --

18 MR. DRESCHLER: -- Sivan --

19 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- in Southern California?

20 MR. DRESCHLER: Well, Sivan has some maps that she
21 would like to show. She was let -- just a reminder, last
22 night, we were working on trying to get SAA, the CVAP up.
23 I think we started just over fifty percent, originally,
24 and we were able to get it up to 51.18.

25 So we just wanted to show that and just see if there

1 was any feedback from the Commission.

2 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Well, that is very exciting
3 news.

4 So Sivan, work your magic.

5 MS. TRATT: Thank you, Vice Chair Fernandez. Yeah.
6 So I, off-line, explored a lot of different things in SAA
7 that were going off of the instructions given to me to
8 try and raise the Latino CVAP of SAA without throwing off
9 the surrounding districts or SAA itself into a deviation
10 that would be outside of our legal range.

11 So I did try a lot of different things, and the
12 exploration that I did live in the meeting yesterday
13 ended up being the route that was least impactful to
14 neighboring districts and also raised the Latino CVAP the
15 highest.

16 So as a reminder, that was removing a Southern
17 portion of Buena Park, just over here and down here next
18 to Cypress. And as Andrew mentioned, the resulting
19 Latino CVAP was 51.18 percent, and the current deviation
20 of SAA is negative 4.97 percent.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Sivan.

22 Any discussion on this?

23 Any objection to moving forward with this slight
24 alteration to SAA?

25 Commissioner Fernandez?

1 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Not at all. And I just
2 wanted to thank Sivan, and I feel like Andrew kind of
3 took away your, you know, punchline at the end, but thank
4 you for bringing up that CVAP.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Excellent.

6 MS. TRATT: No, I appreciate that as well. And I
7 did just want to mention, there was an email that was
8 brought to my attention that was a submission from the
9 People's Redistricting Alliance that had a suggestion for
10 a slightly different iteration for OC that were based on
11 how the districts looked before we did some of those
12 swaps between the OC Coastal and the San Diego Coastal
13 District.

14 I would love to show you what those would look like
15 because I think it's potentially another route that we
16 could explore. It would involve backtracking those swaps
17 that we did that involved Costa Mesa, Mission Viejo, Dana
18 Point, San Clemente, that we did yesterday. But I do
19 think that there's still a way that we could potentially
20 bring in at least Dana Point into the coastal district
21 after these swaps are made.

22 So let me just put those lines on so you can see
23 what that would look like.

24 The reason why I wanted to just bring this to the
25 Commission's attention is because their swaps were able

1 to raise the Latino CVAP of SAA to fifty-two percent. So
2 this swap is also -- helps 60 by 605 and would raise -- I
3 believe this the deviation that it's rounding up
4 slightly. I believe it's closer to fifty-six-ish percent
5 and some change. It's not quite fifty-seven. But it
6 would raise both Latino CVAPs for both of those VRA
7 districts.

8 So just -- yeah. Chair, would you like me to just
9 kind of give an overview of what those swaps would
10 entail?

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Let me get Commissioner Fernandez's
12 input at this point.

13 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Sivan,
14 were you able to have our VRA consultants review this
15 information?

16 MS. TRATT: I have not spoken to Counsel. So yeah.
17 I don't know if Mr. Becker is on currently, but I'd be
18 happy to discuss this live if possible.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: He is here.

20 MR. BECKER: We're mainly talking about the boost
21 SAA right now?

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Correct.

23 MS. TRATT: Yes.

24 MR. BECKER: Yeah. And the previous percentage was
25 what again?

1 MS. TRATT: So in the drafts, it was forty-five
2 percent. Yesterday, it was a little over 50 and I was
3 able to get it to 51.18.

4 The proposed swaps that were submitted by the
5 People's Redistricting Alliance would raise it to fifty-
6 two percent, and it would raise the SD 60 by 605 from
7 55.31 to around 56 percent.

8 MR. BECKER: All right. Yeah, I'm not going to
9 render any advice on any maps that have been submitted
10 that aren't currently under consideration by the
11 Commission.

12 But with regard to this map, obviously, you're at
13 the -- you're at the lower end of the range of deviation
14 for this. It's still within the safe harbor, but barely.
15 So that needs to be kept in mind. But the Latino CVAP is
16 significantly better and I think this likely protects
17 Latino voting rights in this area.

18 MS. TRATT: Excuse me. Just to clarify, I didn't
19 have the exact numbers in front of me. The districts, if
20 the changes were made to represent the red lines, SAA
21 would become 51.55 percent Latino CVAP and the 60 by 605
22 would be 56.64 percent.

23 MR. BECKER: So which lines are currently before the
24 Commission? Are the red lines a proposal externally or
25 are these the lines -- so these are the lines that --

1 that are -- that you constructed in response to the
2 Commission's direction, correct?

3 MS. TRATT: Yes, that is correct.

4 MR. BECKER: Okay.

5 MS. TRATT: And the red lines --

6 MR. BECKER: Those are the only --

7 MS. TRATT: -- are -- okay.

8 MR. BECKER: Yeah. Those are the only -- these are
9 the only lines and demographics that I'm commenting on
10 that I'm reviewing. And what I said previously stands.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. But we do -- we are
12 interested in looking at reviewing the suggestions that
13 have been made by local groups, yes.

14 MR. BECKER: I can give you --

15 MS. TRATT: Absolutely --

16 MR. BECKER: Yeah. If you have options that you
17 want to consider that are not at the direction of the
18 Commission yet, probably best to consider those in closed
19 session.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Then I would ask our
21 videographers to send out an invitation for closed
22 session.

23 MR. MANOFF: Done, Chair.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

25 MS. TRATT: Thank you, Kristian.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: It is 1:39. We're just coming back.
2 I'm going to -- I'm going to estimate a 2:15 return.

3 And Kristian, we will update you if there is any
4 change to that.

5 Thank you, everyone.

6 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 1:39 p.m.
7 until 2:51 p.m.)

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, everyone, for your
9 patience. We did have a closed session under the pending
10 litigation exception. We did not take any action in that
11 closed session, so we are now back into open session and
12 resuming our discussion of, first of all, the changes
13 that the Commission had made before adjourning last night
14 in Orange County, and hearing from our mappers the
15 additional exploration that was done overnight at our
16 direction.

17 So Sivan, if you can -- or Andrew, either one -- if
18 you can reorient us and anyone in the public as to where
19 we are in our discussion on this.

20 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. Let me just
21 zoom in on SAA. As I mentioned previously, the changes
22 that we explored live in removing a portion of Southern
23 Buena Park ended up being the most efficient way to stay
24 within deviation and raise the Latino CVAP above fifty-
25 one percent.

1 And as you can see, the resulting deviation is
2 negative 4.97, and the Latino CVAP is 51.18 percent.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you very much.

4 And so -- okay. No other changes were made.

5 Any comments on this?

6 Commissioner Sinay?

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Sivan.

8 We received some input saying that there might be a
9 possibility to increase the CVAP if we went into Santa
10 Ana, if we took out parts of West Santana. And I just
11 want to know if you had already explored that because I
12 definitely don't want to do anything we've explored.

13 MS. TRATT: I'm not sure what portion of Santa Ana
14 they tried removing. I did try removing various parts of
15 Santa Ana and was not able to get the Latino CVAP higher
16 than it currently is with the current configuration.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: They states West of Harbor
18 Boulevard, but I'm not sure.

19 MS. TRATT: I'm not sure where that is. I was
20 looking mostly in this area. I think I also tried
21 removing a little bit from the South as well, but again,
22 I think Buena Park was the best place.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And again, we're so close to
24 the five percent maximum deviation that we needed to be
25 as efficient as possible in this exploration. Thank you.

1 Commissioner Sadhwani?

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Thank you, Sivan, so
3 much for your work on this. I really appreciate that.
4 And I think just -- I just wanted to lift up and kind of
5 provide us that recap that you know, we were taking a
6 closer look at this yesterday and trying to improve the
7 CVAP here, as this is a VRA district.

8 I think the testimony that we had received in this
9 area did suggest the possibility of making some swaps. I
10 think it was in particular -- I think it was Artesia,
11 Cerritos -- and making some swaps between SD 60 by 605,
12 SAA, North Coast, and I just want to feel the Commission
13 out on that because we did go through a number of changes
14 yesterday, largely to solidify sort of the coastal
15 district. I think Commissioner Akutagawa had led us
16 through that.

17 So I just wanted to, you know, get a sense of the
18 room on how people would be thinking about that. You
19 know, I think we've done a good job of keeping together
20 as many points as possible. I think the testimony is
21 suggesting there might be some slight increase to the SAA
22 district if we were to move in that direction.

23 So I just wanted to kind of get a temperature check
24 of my colleagues on that.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sinay?

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think we've all said that if
2 it improves the VRA, we're open to exploring.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Toledo?

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, I'd say -- I mean, I
5 think as long as the goals are maintained, right, that
6 improves the CRA, maintains the historical districts, and
7 also the majority/minority districts. If we can do all
8 those things -- but I think that's just difficult to do
9 right now. I think we -- we're in a space now where we
10 fix one thing and then something -- and break other
11 things. And so that's where it becomes hard.

12 But if there's some -- I'm always for exploration,
13 as long we can maintain those goals, right? Thank you.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: And --

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And within a reasonable amount
16 of time.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Within a reasonable amount of time,
18 and you know, every hour that ticks by is an hour less
19 that we have to do this. I would remind colleagues that,
20 you know, there are some ancillary tasks that also have
21 to be done before maps can be submitted to the Secretary
22 of State.

23 So we can't think in terms of the 27th. We have to
24 think in terms of Monday. We have to think in terms of a
25 comprehensive review before we get there. But just want

1 everyone to keep that in mind.

2 Let me first call on Mr. Becker and then I'll get to
3 the raised hands.

4 MR. BECKER: Yeah, thanks. If I'm understanding
5 this correctly, this has potential direction to swap some
6 population between SAA and SD 60. If it's straight swap,
7 I will just say I think that's certainly available to
8 you. I don't think that raises significant VRA concerns
9 that SD 60 has some -- is at a comfortable level and
10 especially if that -- if population -- if there is a
11 lowering of LCVAP, and I'm not -- there might be other
12 swaps around there.

13 A slight lowering of LCVAP should not significantly
14 affect the ability of Latino voters to be protected under
15 the Voting Rights Act. It could boost SAA a little bit,
16 which would be positive.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Mr. Becker.

18 Commissioner Fornaciari?

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. So I just -- to dig
20 a little deeper in the trade off space, do we have an
21 idea of how much of an improvement in SAA we could expect
22 if we made these changes and how significant of
23 changes -- of mapping changes we would need to make?

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sadhwani?

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I think, you know,

1 Sivan had taken a look at the testimony that had come in
2 from the community.

3 Sivan, would you want to just walk us through what
4 the -- what would those swaps need to entail, if you can
5 recall.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: We'll need to --

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- go to break.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Go to break.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: And do this immediately after break.

11 So for our staff, we have a mandatory fifteen-minute
12 break now at 3 o'clock, and we will be back at 3:15 to
13 take this up.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, everyone.

16 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 2:59 p.m.
17 until 3:14 p.m.)

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, everyone, for your
19 patience during our break. Break is for the rest of our
20 staff, and we really appreciate them and the work they do
21 but we do recognize that they need occasional breaks.

22 So we are back in Orange County on the Senate map.
23 Commissioner Sadhwani?

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, thanks. And I agree
25 with you. Everyone needs a break every now and then.

1 I think where we left off, we were talking about
2 community testimony that we had received, possibilities
3 of making some swaps. I think my sense from having read
4 the testimony and having shared it with the line drawers
5 that we had received was that it was -- it would swap out
6 Artesia, Cerritos from SD 60 by 605 and slowly push
7 population around Orange County, allowing us to boost
8 SAA, which is also, you know -- it's at negative 4.97.
9 So I think even if we boost that deviation slightly, that
10 might be a positive thing, as well as boosting the Latino
11 CVAP in the 60 by 605.

12 But again, you know, I was hoping perhaps Sivan
13 might walk us through this. I know that she had looked
14 at that testimony and was also, you know, aware of our
15 goals as a Commission for that coastal district.

16 Sivan, would you want to kind of walk us through
17 what that might look like?

18 MS. TRATT: Yeah. So I think they would be two
19 separate swaps. The first swap would be with SAA and 60
20 by 605, and then we could go to the South part of Orange
21 County and look at moving things around between IOC, the
22 coastal district and Orange County, and the coastal
23 district in San Diego. So those would be two different
24 conversations, I think.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: But the idea would be

1 Artesia, Cerritos go into the North OC coast; is that
2 correct?

3 MS. TRATT: Yes. These come --

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay.

5 MS. TRATT: -- into the North OC coast and Brea
6 would go in, and then the line in Buena Park would also
7 shift slightly.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right. Okay. Okay. And
9 then what would happen further down? I'm just trying to
10 understand so that we can better understand the options
11 before the Commission for the (indiscernible,
12 simultaneous speech) --

13 MS. TRATT: Yeah. The other part of this swap is
14 the line in Orange will move to Glassell Street.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: All right.

16 MS. TRATT: So it'll shift this line over slightly,
17 and that'll compensate for removing the population in
18 Buena Park.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay.

20 MS. TRATT: And then the swap also involves moving
21 Costa Mesa, which had previously been in this OC coast
22 district into IOC. The Commission already gave direction
23 to make those changes. So we would just have to walk
24 this back to previous version, or add this back into the
25 district. I'm not sure how the swap would balance

1 without walking back some of the other swaps that we made
2 in this area in the South.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I see. So it would break up
4 the COI of Costa Mesa and Irving?

5 MS. TRATT: No, it would bring -- so it would bring
6 Costa Mesa in with Irvine. The whole proposed swap took
7 place before we had gotten direction to move Costa Mesa
8 in. So we will have to walk back before we did that
9 three-district swap with Costa Mesa to move Costa Mesa in
10 with Irvine and to add Dana Point and San Clemente in
11 with the coastal district.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: This sounds to me like a
13 significant --

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- investment of time.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. You're absolutely --

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: You know, before you mentioned Costa
18 Mesa, you know, I could see this happening, but once you
19 starting mentioning Costa Mesa and the possibility of
20 having to walk back so much of what we've done, I get
21 more uncomfortable with this.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Me too. I'm not sure why we
23 would have to walk that back since it's already with
24 Irvine. Anyway, yeah.

25 MS. TRATT: So yeah. Yeah. So I haven't received

1 direction from the Commission, so I haven't made any of
2 these changes myself. Looking at some of the maps
3 submitted by community members, the way that they had
4 envisioned the swap was -- or the starting place that
5 they had gone from was the map that the Commission also
6 started with yesterday.

7 Because we moved Costa Mesa in isolation and then
8 did a swap to get Dana Point and San Clemente into this
9 district, we did not involve 60 by 605. So you're
10 bringing in another factor that isn't going to balance
11 necessarily in the way that if we had started from the
12 same starting point.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right. So --

15 MS. TRATT: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So if we wanted to move in
17 this direction, again, the goal and the priority being
18 the VRA districts, and secondarily some of these COIs,
19 like the coastal COI, it would be Artesia, Cerritos into
20 North OC, some changing of SAA in Orange and Buena Park.
21 Further down, because we would move Artesia, Cerritos
22 into the North OC, something would have to come out. So
23 that could potentially be something like Laguna Niguel or
24 is that Aliso Viejo in the blue?

25 MS. TRATT: Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That could go back into
2 IEOC, I think, so that Brea up above would go with SD 60
3 by 605; is that correct? So it's --

4 MS. TRATT: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- shifting of population
6 largely around Orange County; is that correct?

7 MS. TRATT: Yeah. That's a different way that you
8 could approach it definitely. We could try that as well.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. Okay. And that
10 would improve the VRA districts and maintain a coastal
11 district though without Aliso Viejo and Laguna Niguel?
12 Presumably. I mean, we would have to play around with
13 those numbers.

14 MS. TRATT: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it.

16 MS. TRATT: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay.

18 MS. TRATT: If my mental math is working, I believe
19 that that would be correct. Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. Okay. So it's an
21 opportunity then to improve CVAP and maintain some of
22 these COIs. I think there's also an unset COI up above
23 that it put together.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Sivan, if you could move the map
25 back to North OC. Yeah. I mean, we've also been getting

1 a lot of feedback that we're already breaking up Northern
2 Orange County quite a bit, and if we shift Brea into 60
3 by 605, I think we're going farther down that route.

4 You know, if we need to for VRA purposes, then I
5 guess we need to, but you know, just want us to be aware
6 of that.

7 Commissioner Fernandez?

8 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Yes. VRA
9 is number 2 criteria, so yes, trying to boost the SAA
10 would be great.

11 Just a couple of questions. How much of an increase
12 do we expect? And then also if we could have Mr. Becker
13 weigh in on this conversation, that'd be great. Thank
14 you.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

16 Mr. Becker?

17 MR. BECKER: So I can't really comment on
18 hypothetical districts that haven't been drawn yet, but
19 in general, I think if there's a way to boost SAA's
20 Latino CVAP, given the voting rights, that
21 consideration's there, that could be a positive thing.

22 As I mentioned, I think the districts to the North
23 are likely very strong from a legal perspective. And
24 just as a reminder, and this has been said many times,
25 the VRA considerations are second criteria, the COIs

1 political boundaries, et cetera are fourth criteria.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Mr. Becker.

3 Commissioner Akutagawa and then Commissioner
4 Vazquez?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Actually, I guess my
6 question's been asked. I mean, yeah. I'm just kind of
7 curious how much we're actually going to see it. I also
8 just saw some additional COI testimony about suggesting
9 moving half of woody area in to balance out the
10 population deviations between SAA and 60 by 605.

11 But actually, I don't think that that's going to
12 really make that much of a difference. If anything, the
13 Latino CVAP will probably go down. We'll see. Because
14 yeah. I tried playing with this last night and it was
15 much more difficult to seek out than I think we might
16 realize. Thank you.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

18 Commissioner Vazquez?

19 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I'm open to exploring this.
20 I am not as concerned about the breaking up of North
21 Orange County as I am about ensuring our obligations are
22 met as strong as possible in SAA.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

24 Commissioner Fornaciari?

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I -- I don't think

1 Commissioner Fernandez's question got answered. What is
2 the expected increase?

3 MS. TRATT: Chair, I can answer that question.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Please go ahead, Sivan.

5 MS. TRATT: So again, I have not personally made
6 these swaps, but the expected increase in Latino CVAP for
7 SAA would be again -- and this is from yesterday's
8 starting point. SAA was at 50.56 percent Latino CVAP.
9 It is now currently at 51.18 percent Latino CVAP, would
10 be raised to 51.55 percent.

11 SD 60 by 605 would be expected to increase to 56.64
12 percent Latino CVAP.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Fornaciari?

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, I guess the question
15 is, is that going to make a substantive difference in the
16 ability to elect, that little bit of increase?

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Mr. Becker?

18 MR. BECKER: I don't know if that question was
19 directed to me, but I'm happy --

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: I'm directing it --

21 MR. BECKER: Yeah. Okay.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- towards you.

23 MR. BECKER: I'm happy to try to answer. Those are
24 fairly minimal in increases. I think it's really hard to
25 draw a fine line to say that those increases will have a

1 substantial impact. You know, I think -- so I think
2 there's flexibility there and that's what I want to -- I
3 want to suggest, which is it's up to you. I don't think
4 either one is going to make a significant legal
5 difference.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Mr. Becker.

7 Commissioner Vazquez?

8 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sorry, Sivan, could you
9 repeat what SD 60 would be with the anticipated changes,
10 or the discussed changes?

11 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Absolutely. It would go from
12 55.31 to 56.64 percent.

13 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Got it. And so for me, while
14 I was sort of looking at SAA, the increase in SD 60 is
15 over a percent, which to me seems, at least from a policy
16 perspective, from the Commission's perspective, seems to
17 be potentially, at least for me, a worthwhile increase.
18 A percentage plus is often what we're talking about when
19 we're talking about deviations, when we're talking about,
20 you know, improving CVAPs and other protected areas.

21 So it seems like these proposed changes would
22 actually do some not negligible benefit, in my opinion,
23 in my nonlegal opinion, to SD 60.

24 And so I'd be I favor of making those changes.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Is there any objection to

1 proceeding with this, what I'm told is a brief
2 exploration?

3 No objection.

4 Sivan, please proceed.

5 I just want to remind us all that before the end of
6 the day, we have some work to do around the Gilroy area,
7 which I'm told would be done live. We have some work to
8 be done or that we would want to consider doing around
9 San Benito, which again, would be done live. We have
10 potentially some minor adjustments in Southeast San
11 Diego.

12 We want to do the same sort of side by side, if you
13 will of Senate districts and Assembly districts just to
14 see if there are any minor modifications that we would
15 want to make, such as we found earlier today when we
16 looked at them side by side. So that needs to be done in
17 Southern California, as well.

18 That's quite a bit that we still need to do today.
19 And that's not mentioning the Board of Equalization
20 districts. Mappers informed that they will need
21 something on the order of fifteen to twenty minutes after
22 we finish the Senate districts in order to be prepared
23 for the Board of Equalization discussions.

24 So please keep all of that in mind. Please keep
25 interventions short and to the point.

1 Commissioner Sadhwani?

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I think hearing that,
3 if others are comfortable with it, I'm happy to work with
4 Sivan on this off-line if it makes sense to do so.

5 I think we've discussed what the swaps would be. It
6 sounds like there's no opposition to it. So just
7 offering that.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I am happy with that.

9 Commissioner Fernandez?

10 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And we still have not done
11 Northern yet. Thanks.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

13 Commissioner Sinay?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was just going to add on the
15 list what we had talked about Carson -- looking at
16 Carson. That was split. And I was just going to see in
17 which of the maps it was in Assembly.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

19 Commissioner Akutagawa?

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I do have a
21 question. Since Commissioner Sadhwani has raised the
22 question about this Santa Ana district, I know we have a
23 similar district in the San Fernando Valley. Do we need
24 to try to do a similar effort to raise the CVAP in that
25 area as well too? Because it's at 50.2 right now.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Mr. Becker can maybe weigh
2 in on this, but my understanding was San Fernando Valley
3 didn't meet all of three Gingles preconditions.

4 MR. BECKER: That's correct. San Fernando Valley is
5 not a VRA covered area.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Okay. So if we could
7 have Sivan work with Commissioner Sadhwani on going
8 through this exploration in Orange County, we would want
9 to make sure there's a snapshot of where we are currently
10 that we could easily revert to.

11 If you could go off, make these proposed changes,
12 come back, and show us what that would look like, then we
13 can consider that. And meanwhile, we would need, I
14 believe Tamina to work through with us any changes around
15 Gilroy and San Benita.

16 Commissioner Akutagawa?

17 MS. TRATT: Yes. Thank you, Chair. I'll take this
18 all off-line.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Commissioner Akutagawa?
20 Thank you.

21 Commissioner Sinay, anything?

22 Okay. So Jaime, hi.

23 MS. CLARK: Hello. How are you?

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Good. How are you?

25 MS. CLARK: Fine. Thank you. Are we going to

1 Gilroy now, or are we going to -- where are we going?

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Gilroy.

3 MS. CLARK: Okay. One moment, please. And Tamina
4 is right here and can do this with you. One moment.
5 I'll start sharing my screen though.

6 MS. RAMOS ALON: Good afternoon, Commissioners.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Good afternoon, Tamina.

8 MS. RAMOS ALON: Well, I'd love to walk you through
9 what we came up with for Gilroy and get your thoughts on
10 it. Gilroy is currently in the San Jose district, and it
11 was requested by the Commission that it be moved to
12 midcoast.

13 We were able to make almost a clean swap with that
14 and Arroyo Grande. So Arroyo Grande would move South
15 into SCOAST, whole.

16 And then I was able to work out with Jaime that we
17 can duplicate the line in Camarillo that we have in
18 Assembly that's relatively here. And in fact, I can turn
19 it on right here. We can duplicate this split in
20 Camarillo, and in being able to split Camarillo in this
21 way and give this section to Jaime's area, we'll be able
22 to balance.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: And can you tell us how close East
24 Ventura, San Fernando Valley would be to population
25 deviation at that point? Because I was noticing that

1 Pismo Beach is remaining behind in the midcoast?

2 MS. CLARK: I will select that -- hello.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Hi.

4 MS. CLARK: I will select that area now just so that
5 we can look at it all together as Tamina noted, adding in
6 all of Camarillo would overpopulate the East Ventura, San
7 Fernando Valley based district.

8 Hang on one second here. Let me just grab this line
9 one more time.

10 (Pause)

11 MS. CLARK: So adding in this area to the East
12 Ventura, San Fernando Valley district would make the
13 percent deviation of that district 3.89 percent.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So my question is Pismo Beach
15 looks to be 8,000 people. 8,000 people would be less
16 than one percentage point. So does it make sense to try
17 to keep Pismo Beach with its other neighboring
18 communities, bring that into East Ventura, San Fernando
19 Valley -- sorry -- into S Coast, and then move another
20 8,000 people or so from S Coast into East Ventura SFV?

21 Commissioner Fernandez?

22 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Tamina, can you
23 go back to the border at San Luis Obispo, please? And
24 zoom in.

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, absolutely. Let me just --

1 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right where Arroyo Grande is
2 and Pismo Beach.

3 Can you zoom in more, please? Okay. That would be
4 the beach. Okay.

5 Not a popular comment that I'm going to make, but my
6 preference right now would be to keep Arroyo Grande and
7 Pismo Beach in the San Luis Obispo and to not make the
8 Gilroy move. In the Assembly and the Congressional, we
9 have made the Gilroy move.

10 So I'm just trying to keep a little bit more of San
11 Luis Obispo in the upper part because those two
12 communities are also close with San Luis Obispo and some
13 of the other larger communities. Thanks.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner
15 Fernandez.

16 Commissioner Akutagawa?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I was wondering if
18 it was possible to bring them all in together.

19 I noticed also that Oceano is -- I think what I read
20 is that I think if that's the five cities that they all
21 have a really tightly coordinated work together and they
22 are split, and you know, at this point, you know, is it
23 better to bring them back in as well too if we're not
24 going to move Gilroy.

25 The other option I was thinking about is if you were

1 to -- if it was possible to move everything from Avila
2 Beach down, I -- I also noticed -- I know that this is
3 the ripple effect, but I noticed that Westlake Village is
4 split, maybe moving that down a little further so that
5 it's hole might make some of the room, since this is
6 still a fairly small community and you know, would that
7 be possible to do, too.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay. But back to
9 Commissioner Fernandez's point, Commissioner Fernandez,
10 you think that it's just best to leave this line as it
11 is?

12 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. And if possible, I
13 would bring Oceano in as well, and I think what's right
14 next to it -- Grover Beach. Yeah.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Grover Beach.

16 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Because it's like driving
17 from -- you can't tell where one ends and the other one
18 starts, other than a sign saying you're in Grover Beach.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Now, I say that as I read
20 the numbers, because Avila Beach is only 1,000 and some
21 people, we should be able to have all five of them
22 together in either district.

23 So in that case, which way do you think is best?

24 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: My preference would be to
25 keep it with the North part.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

2 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I think. Yes. I'm sorry.
3 Midcoast, yeah.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa, did
5 you have further comment on that?

6 Commissioner Sinay?

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I do agree with Commissioner
8 Fernandez and I do feel it's important to keep Gilroy
9 with Salinas Valley. And if I had to choose between one
10 or the other, I think I would have this COI of five go
11 South, even though I know that they're very close to San
12 Luis Obispo. But I would move them South and Gilroy in
13 with Salinas Valley. Gilroy would still be my priority.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thoughts from other
15 colleagues?

16 Okay. I'll let you think about that a little bit
17 more. So let's put this on the shelf for now. Let's
18 look at San Benito.

19 Are there proposed changes to San Benito?

20 Commissioner Toledo?

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I would propose adding a
22 portion of San Benito, the portion that is closest to
23 Monterey, the Northern parts. Potentially some of the
24 Monterey area right there with the Northern portion of
25 San Benito, which is the portion of the county that is

1 covered under section 2. And as much of that as possible
2 within the deviation, and of course without reducing the
3 CVAP into the North side Fresno area.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So Tamina, you're at the map
5 controls for this. Could you show us what it would look
6 like to take that Northern portion of San Benito County
7 as well as --

8 Commissioner Toledo, we're talking about Salinas
9 itself and what else in Monterey County?

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think as we can while still
11 being in the appropriate deviation and --

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- without reducing the CVAP
14 because we want the CVAP to be about where it is now, if
15 not higher.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. But can we start --

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Preferably higher.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Can we start in Salinas and move
19 South in the Salinas Valley?

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: That's fine, but I think the
21 covered entity is actually in San Benito, so --

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So first, if you could guide,
23 Tamina, for selecting the area in San Benito County.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So I think it's -- if memory
25 serves me, it's mostly in the Hollister area. So if you

1 go to the Hollister area of there and highlight that
2 Northern portion. San Benito County as a whole, I
3 believe only has 17,000 people. And then of course,
4 going West.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: San Benito County is 64,000.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Oh, okay. 64,000. So as much
7 as we can without going over deviation.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. If Hollister is
9 (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Can you show the LCVAP
11 again, please?

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. We need to see all the
13 CVAPs.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. So it --

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: We may not be able to get to
16 Monterey. So as much of the San Benito area as we can
17 get.

18 And I think Commissioner Fornaciari may have more.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fornaciari?

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Can we start over because
21 the LCVAP's already lower.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Well, I think first of all,
23 we need to get us in that portion in Monterey County
24 because we're way beyond the number of people that we can
25 move to SBFRESNO.

1 Okay. Yes. And even now, we need to be removing
2 some of San Benito County and -- okay.

3 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I know. Can we get the heat
4 map, please?

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. Tamina, could you turn the
6 heat map on, please?

7 (Pause)

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Tamina, I think we were better going
9 all the way out West, but I see that we have two small
10 portions of San Jose County that we don't need to be
11 moving.

12 Okay. The CVAP was up to 53.11 or something, I
13 think.

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: Chair, I have a question for Mr.
15 Becker.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. Commissioner Yee?

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: So I mean, this move is in order
18 to include covered populations in San Benito County. Do
19 we know exactly where they are? I mean, how does that
20 work? By county, by city, by neighborhood, by census
21 block?

22 MR. BECKER: Looking at the change box on this map
23 looks like this area, including Hollister is the primary
24 concentration of Latinos, and I'm very open to -- and I'm
25 sorry, I don't know if it's controlling the map right

1 now.

2 Jaime, is that you --

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Tamina.

4 MR. BECKER: -- or is that someone else?

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: It's Tamina.

6 MR. BECKER: Thank you, Tamina.

7 I think I'm interpreting that correctly. So I
8 think, you know, this is -- I think I'd feel comfortable
9 saying this is in the range of including Latinos who are
10 otherwise covered under the Voting Rights Act and
11 maintaining ability to elect consistent with the Voting
12 Rights Act.

13 You know, I think this exploration is constructive
14 if that helps at all because I think where this is going
15 on right now is where the covered communities live.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay. If I could, Tamina,
17 just looking at the heat map, it seems like the
18 Northeastern portion of this is probably less what we're
19 interested in and going between Hollister and -- from
20 Hollister towards Salinas was a good place to be looking.

21 Okay. So this is going well. And we're at 4.73
22 deviation in SBENFRESNO. So it looks like we've got a
23 little more room that we could move up from Hollister
24 towards Salinas, as well as that area, the Southwestern
25 portion around Hollister. I think it was -- no. We're

1 at 53.17.

2 MS. RAMOS ALON: This is at 4.94 percent.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Okay. We've boosted it
4 slightly. We've kept SBENFRESNO within acceptable
5 deviations.

6 Does anyone see any further changes they'd like to
7 explore?

8 Commissioner Akutagawa?

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Maybe just for the
10 sake of keeping it a little bit more tighter and compact,
11 and also maybe grabbing more of the concentrated
12 population in Hollister. Do you see that -- it looks
13 like a little shark fin up at the top. I don't know what
14 else to call it. Yeah. Right up there.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: And that helped as well.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And then perhaps down at
17 the bottom, it looks like -- I don't know. It looks like
18 a little pointy foot or something like that. And besides
19 that, the one next to it too. Yeah. Well, you could get
20 rid of that one too if that helps, but yeah. It just
21 looks like it's just -- yeah. Oh, that's one big census
22 block.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, we're at 53.19 now. But our
24 deviation is at the max. Okay. Okay.

25 Is this something that we would like to ask Tamina

1 to explore off-line at some point for any further
2 improvement possible, or are we happy with this?

3 Commissioner Akutagawa?

4 Commissioner Yee?

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, I would like some more
6 exploration because I mean, we're making a, you know,
7 completely uninformed cut through Hollister. I just
8 don't want to do that, you know what I mean? I
9 understand the logic of making this move, but to make
10 this a cut through Hollister that we have no idea what
11 streets or neighborhoods, or whatever we're dealing with
12 there, it's -- I don't know how to do that in the time we
13 have to work.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

15 Mr. Becker?

16 MR. BECKER: I just would suggest -- I think this is
17 worth further exploration off-line, and I think there
18 might be a way to solidify compactness if while
19 maintaining basically what's being done here because
20 there are a lot of underpopulated areas in this area that
21 can be included.

22 And so I would trust Tamina to keep working on this.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you very much.

24 Commissioner Toledo?

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I'd like to work with

1 Tamina on this and see if there's any way to create
2 something that's a little more compact and also more
3 logical, as Commissioner Yee says, in the next couple of
4 hours that we have.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So I'll work with her on it.
7 Thank you.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for volunteering,
9 Commissioner Toledo.

10 Commissioner Fernandez?

11 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I believe if we do this move,
12 then we can move Gilroy in without there being ripple
13 effects, because midcoast would be negative, and I
14 believe Gilroy's population of 60,000 would allow that.
15 It'll be close.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

17 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So I'm just saying there's
18 another win/win.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Yeah. That sounds fantastic.
20 Commissioner Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's funny you should bring up
22 Gilroy because I thought about that when we first started
23 all this and I wanted to see if I could work with
24 Commissioner Toledo on this.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, both.

2 Okay. So that means that we will have Gilroy and
3 San Benito to come back to at some point.

4 Looking at my list, I believe we finished what we
5 were -- or most of what we were planning in Orange
6 County, but we have Southeastern San Diego to look at.

7 Sivan, are you available to look at Southeast San
8 Diego with us?

9 MS. TRATT: Yeah. Absolutely, Chair. Before we go
10 to Southeast San Diego, I do have what I worked with off-
11 line, completing those changes or that exploration to
12 show everyone.

13 So would you like to start there or in San Diego?

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: If you can hold on just a moment, I
15 have a hand from Commissioner Andersen and then Ms. Mac
16 Donald had her hand up as well.

17 Commissioner Andersen?

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. I was hoping we might
19 be able to make a -- since we made the change in taking
20 all of Stanislaus and putting them in ECA, I was hoping
21 we might be able to try to do a little cleanup in COCO
22 versus whatever Alameda County is now called, which it
23 goes into status laws.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: The 80 Corridor?

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, not so much the 80

1 Corridor, but yeah. It's San Leandro. You know, that
2 whole area has been put into --

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- the North area and you
5 can't --

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: All right.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- get there without going
8 through the other one.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay.

10 Ms. Mac Donald?

11 MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you so much, Chair Kennedy.

12 We just have a question about the timing of the
13 exploration or the fine tuning that you just gave to
14 Tamina.

15 When were you anticipating getting that back,
16 please?

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Let me look at my runoff show.

18 Is it possible to have that back by 6 p.m.? It's
19 currently going on 4.

20 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah. We'll do what we can.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

22 MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

24 Okay. So Sivan?

25 MS. TRATT: Yes, thank you, Chair.

1 So just summarizing the changes that were made and
2 what the result of those changes were. We moved Cerritos
3 and Artesia into N-OC-COAST from SD 60 by 605. We also
4 moved Buena Park South of the 5 into N-OC-COAST from SAA.
5 Brea was moved in from IOC into the 60 by 605 district.

6 The resulting deviation from those changes is 0.33
7 percent, and the Latino CVAP resulting from those changes
8 is 56.57 percent.

9 Changes to SAA included, as I mentioned, removing
10 the portion of Buena Park, South of the five, also
11 includes a portion of Anaheim and Orange out to Glassell
12 Street. And the resulting deviation is negative 3.99
13 percent, and the resulting Latino CVAP is 51.56 percent.

14 Because we moved population into N-OC-COAST, the
15 final step to balance between N-OC-COAST and IOC was
16 moving in Aliso Viejo and Laguna Niguel into IOC from
17 N-OC-COAST. This still preserves the coast intact, as
18 well as raising the Latino CVAPs for both SAA and 60 by
19 605.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good. Let's go down to
21 SOC NSD and just take another look at that. I wanted to
22 make sure that we're comfortable with the swaps that were
23 made.

24 Any comments, questions on where we ended up?

25 Okay. Then I guess this -- any objection to

1 proceeding with this visualization?

2 Commissioner Sadhwani?

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Certainly no objections. I
4 just wanted to highlight, you know, Sivan's great work
5 here. You know, I think this does accomplish a lot of
6 our goals. Certainly we boosted those two VRA
7 districts. We've kept a lot of communities together.
8 Certainly, the little Saigon community is here and with
9 Huntington Beach, as I know we've received so many calls
10 about, I think we're also preserving the API
11 (indiscernible) COI and some areas. We have Costa Mesa
12 with Irvine.

13 So I think this accomplishes many goals. Of course,
14 not everyone, and not everyone will always be happy, but
15 I think this does a good job at getting as many as
16 possible. And of course, a coastal district.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner
18 Sadhwani.

19 Commissioner Akutagawa?

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Just some questions
21 just in terms of kind of the shape, but first basic
22 question. I believe Laguna Hills is split, and given the
23 moves that were just done, was there any effort to try to
24 reunite them so that they would be together and not
25 split? That would be one question.

1 Second question would be if Fullerton were to be
2 added along with Brea to the 60 by 605 district -- I
3 think that's what it's called -- it's already a big,
4 long, kind of U-shaped district, would that adversely
5 affect the Latino CVAP? And I'm asking this because then
6 just for the sake of, you know, creating a little bit
7 more compactness and also keeping some communities of
8 interest together, moving Placentia and Anaheim Hills in
9 together with Yorba Linda into the district that has
10 Chino Hills.

11 But at least Yorba Linda, Placentia, and Anaheim
12 Hills would be together, and then that would make the IOC
13 district a little bit more compact.

14 MS. TRATT: We did not explore trying to reunite
15 Laguna Hills because that was with a different district
16 that we were not involving in this population swap. If
17 you would like to give me direction, I can definitely
18 explore making those changes that you mentioned.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sivan, I think it's just a
20 question of -- well, I guess there's -- before that
21 happens, I guess I wanted to just ask, if Fullerton were
22 to be just joined together with Brea, just to make the
23 district a little bit more compact, would it adversely
24 affect the CVAP there?

25 MS. TRATT: One moment, please, and I will put up

1 the pending changes box so we can see what that will do.

2 So it looks like that would lower the Latino CVAP
3 from 56.57 to 54.46 percent in the 60 by 605 district.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. That's okay. Then
5 that's -- I just wanted to see that. So let's forget
6 about that then.

7 Just going down to Laguna Hills, just trying to keep
8 a city whole, if it's possible, it looks like IOC is over
9 deviation, and SOCNC is under deviation. So could the
10 rest of Laguna Hills be moved into the SOCNSD so that
11 Laguna Hills is at least completely whole together?

12 MS. TRATT: I think the thinking here was that it
13 was noncontiguous. So we would have to make a city split
14 in either Lake Forest or Laguna Woods to avoid splitting
15 this separate area of Laguna Hills, but I can
16 definitely --

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's contiguous. There's
18 just a small, very narrow piece of it that connects both
19 parts together.

20 MS. TRATT: One moment, please. So it looks like
21 you could make that swap, and the deviation -- or that
22 move of population, and you would not have to swap
23 anything back because both districts would remain within
24 legal deviation.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. That way then, at

1 least we keep the entire city together. And if you want
2 to just double-check to make sure, but when I looked at
3 it before, there's a very -- there is a road that
4 connects them, but if you want to just doublecheck and
5 just -- you can see that. Yeah.

6 MS. TRATT: This might be the neck of all necks, but
7 it does appear to be contiguous by, like, a single census
8 block. But --

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. That is the way the
10 city is crafted. It's interesting, but yes. It's a very
11 narrow road there, but it does connect them.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And Mr. Becker, that's fine
13 as far as respecting a criterion for element respecting
14 the city boundaries over criterion 5 compactness?

15 MR. BECKER: And just so I'm clear, we're taking
16 Laguna Hills here? Is that right?

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: We're reuniting Laguna Hills.
18 Laguna Hills has two main parts, and there's a -- there's
19 a road connection that is part of Laguna Hills running
20 between the two parts of it.

21 So we're inquiring whether reuniting the city, a
22 criterion 4 priority is sufficient to --

23 MR. BECKER: Yes. I think that's fair.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- justify this --

25 MR. BECKER: Can you zoom -- yeah. Can you zoom out

1 just a little bit, please? Yeah, I don't think this
2 raises significant concerns.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you very much.

4 MR. BECKER: You're welcome.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Any objections?

6 Okay. Let's go ahead with this, Sivan.

7 MS. TRATT: All right. That change is committed.
8 Should I move to San Diego next, Chair?

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please. We're looking at
10 Southeastern San Diego.

11 MS. TRATT: Southeastern San Diego?

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. Paradise Hills area. Sorry.

13 MS. TRATT: Oh, City of San Diego.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: San Diego City, not county.

15 MS. TRATT: Okay. Yes.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

17 MS. TRATT: Okay. Thank you for the clarification.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So we need to take a look.

19 COR-CAJON is at 4.28 percent. The idea was to look at
20 that bit above Benita that is currently in SECA, bringing
21 that in. We explored that last night and it brought us
22 over deviation in COR-CAJON. Just want to confirm that.

23 And I guess the other question is, is there a
24 possibility of shifting some population out of COR-CAJON
25 to I guess the coastal district or another adjoining

1 district so that we could make that swap.

2 And was there mention of Mira Mesa? I don't recall.

3 Commissioner Akutagawa?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, there was a request to
5 ensure that Paradise Hills and Bay Terraces would remain
6 together, and in exchange then a portion of National City
7 would go into SECA, and then additionally and separately,
8 they asked about having Mira Mesa brought in to the
9 remainder of the City of San Diego instead of being drawn
10 into the more rural East San Diego areas.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. I believe National
12 City's already in SECA.

13 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. National City has been
14 very adamant about staying whole, and they are in SECA.
15 So I would -- and this is what I was mentioning
16 yesterday. I would even say, you know, all of Southeast
17 San Diego, if we could. And so what I would say is let's
18 start first in creating more space for Southeast San
19 Diego to be in --

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: COR-CAJON?

21 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And then move as much
22 of Southeast, if not all of Southeast because there's --
23 Lincoln Park is right there as well.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So then if you pull out,
25 Sivan --

1 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So maybe we should know what
2 those two are in population.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Chair?

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, Commissioner Turner?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. So I have a
7 different set of instruction that might help with this
8 and then we can see where it shakes out.

9 But the desire, and there was a request from the hub
10 yesterday to bring in -- thank you, Commissioners and
11 Sivan, in Canto and Paradise Hills, and to the COR-CAJON.
12 But we received update that we didn't grab all of the
13 required areas.

14 So the request I'm -- the testimony that I'm looking
15 at is that we're moving part of the El Canto neighborhood
16 and skyline Paradise Hills in, and of course trying to
17 still maintain the VRA seat in SECA. So that's the goal.

18 And so from SECA, we're adding in areas East of the
19 805, North of National City from SECA, into COR-CAJON.
20 And that will unify the El Canto in. And then from SECA,
21 adding in areas of South Woodman Street, South of
22 Paradise Valley Road, North of the 54 to unify skyline
23 Paradise Hills in COR-CAJON, and move into SECA Crest and
24 Rancho San Diego for population balance, and to preserve
25 the LCVAP in SECA.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And then move into the SOCNSD
3 from COR-CAJON move Coronado, Ocean Beach, downtown areas
4 West of the 5 into SOCSD from COR-CAJON, move University
5 East of 805 North of 52 into SOCSD from COR-CAJON, move
6 Torrey Pines, Carmel Valley into SOCSD.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. This is getting a little
8 complicated. I thought all we were doing was moving Bay
9 Terraces, reuniting Bay Terraces with Paradise Hills.
10 And certainly, the -- what was it, Lincoln Park area, I
11 think we can handle those two fairly easily.

12 Sivan, if you can give us a read on what population
13 we would be bringing into COR-CAJON by bringing in Bay
14 Terraces, and that Lincoln Park area that is within the
15 City of San Diego, East of the 805.

16 MS. TRATT: Yes, Chair. One moment while I bring up
17 that population on the pending changes blocks.

18 Sorry, I have the -- okay. So that's the population
19 to the East of the 805. And then let me grab Bay
20 Terraces. So the population highlighted in red
21 represents 26,763 people. Moving these people from SECA
22 into COR-CAJON would make the deviation of COR-CAJON 6.99
23 while SECA would be under deviation at 5.27 percent.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I had hoped that we weren't
25 going to get to the -- we weren't going to exceed the

1 deviation in SECA. We didn't last night when all we were
2 looking at was Bay Terraces.

3 So I would say let's make the Bay Terraces change
4 first, and then we can spend a little bit of time
5 exploring what I had --

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: (Indiscernible, simultaneous
7 speech) --

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Pardon me?

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I said the Lincoln Park side.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Yeah. Commissioner Turner,
11 do you have --

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No, I was waiting to see how
13 it played out.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

15 Commissioner Sinay?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: If wanted, I can work on --
17 because what we're going to need to do -- let me just
18 double-check here. We're going to want to create space
19 in COR-CAJON, and then we're going to need just a little
20 bit into SECA.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. And --

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just get all the deviations.
23 And I can -- and that's easy to do. I know this
24 community really well.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Okay. Commissioner Turner?

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. And that would be fine,
2 Commissioner Sinay. Do you have the testimony from the
3 hub that we all received? Okay. That's great. Thank
4 you.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I have all the other
6 testimonies from other parts of San Diego.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much.
8 Okay. So is there objection to going ahead with this Bay
9 Terraces change?

10 MS. TRATT: So Chair, just to be clear, this would
11 push SECA beyond the legal deviation limitation. Is the
12 instruction to accept this change and then move
13 exploration off-line with Commissioner Sinay to remedy
14 that deviation?

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Could you bring the pending
16 changes --

17 MS. TRATT: Yes.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- box back, please?

19 MS. TRATT: So if this selected area of Bay Terraces
20 neighborhood was moved from SECA back into COR-CAJON, the
21 resulting deviation of COR-CAJON would be 5.36 percent.
22 I'd also just like to point out that the Latino CVAP has
23 changed from 59.55 to 60.01 percent in SECA.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Mr. Becker, we need your
25 opinion on that CVAP figure.

1 MR. BECKER: The previous figure was adequate to
2 protect Latino populations as required under the Voting
3 Rights Act. There's no need to increase it. In fact,
4 there's probably some flexibility that it could go a
5 slight bit down if it needs to. I don't see any problem
6 with it being increased though, by less than half a
7 percentage point.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So making this change would
9 be acceptable?

10 MR. BECKER: Correct.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Then without objection,
12 please go ahead and make that. SECA is still within
13 deviation and Commissioner Sinay will work with Sivan to
14 identify where to shed the slight excess population from
15 COR-CAJON.

16 Okay. That is done. We need to review just our
17 side by side review of Assembly districts and Senate
18 districts throughout Southern California.

19 Ms. Mac Donald, I don't remember whether Jaime's the
20 best person to do that or who you would like to have do
21 that.

22 MS. MAC DONALD: Hello. Thank you so much. Jaime
23 can do the overview for everything but Sivan's areas
24 because if there were some changes, then we don't have
25 those yet merged together. So if that could perhaps be

1 split, that would be great.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

3 MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

5 MS. MAC DONALD: Would you like to start with Jaime?

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, please.

7 MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Andrew?

9 MR. DRESCHLER: And Chair, thank you. And I was
10 just going to suggest we could work off-line and then
11 with those changes in San Diego County, and then when we
12 come back, we can show that. So I think that would work
13 perfectly. Thank you.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Correct. That's the intent. Thank
15 you.

16 MS. CLARK: Hello.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Hi, Jaime.

18 MS. CLARK: So just -- hi. So just starting with
19 L.A. County, these are your current iteration percentage
20 and those are the lines that are in black, and I am going
21 to add the Assembly lines in blue. Just to review what
22 would and would not be possible in terms of nesting. Is
23 that what your preference is, just kind of to do a
24 general overview of --

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

1 MS. CLARK: Okay. Sounds good.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

3 MS. CLARK: So here in the San Gabriel Valley, of
4 course nesting is not going to be possible between West
5 San Gabriel Valley and East San Gabriel Valley based
6 districts, and based on big changes that have happened
7 since the draft, also just -- yeah. Generally a
8 difficult situation to try and nest, given that these are
9 areas with VRA considerations.

10 And I know, or it looked like maybe there also were
11 changes to these districts that you did with Sivan. So I
12 actually don't have that layer, or I don't have a CDF of
13 that.

14 But to me, it looks like Artesia, Cerritos were
15 removed from SD10WE, and so -- I'm sorry -- this is --
16 you know what? When I was working with Commissioner
17 Akutagawa on an iteration, I accidentally changed the
18 label so I could do that offline shortly. So this is
19 60X605 and with Artesia and Cerritos being removed from
20 that, with the current iteration, actually, it's already
21 kind of mostly nested, although because this is also a
22 VRA area, it might not be possible to do a full nest.

23 Moving on, I'm going to turn off the layers here off
24 the current Senate layers. So the 710 to water district
25 is generally in this area. It doesn't include

1 Bellflower. And it does include Lakewood. It does also
2 include Maywood and Bell Gardens, so this area, too is
3 almost mostly nested, although in your Assembly districts
4 you do have a split in Northern Long Beach that wouldn't
5 be reflected and also a split in Carson that would not be
6 reflected -- or that are not reflected in the Senate
7 maps. And then I'm just going to turn on the districts
8 again.

9 Compared to your Assembly districts, it's kind of
10 like the South Bay plus the 105 corridor are kind of
11 almost nested. Again, there's a lot of like close but
12 not quite here. This going actually further North and
13 taking in parts of sort of the West side, but much
14 further North. So this line follows here and just kind
15 of, yeah, comes out here and takes, of course, you know,
16 Malibu, et cetera, all the way down to Palos Verdes,
17 including areas of the West Side and Hollywood. So
18 definitely not like a nest there.

19 And then looking more kind of inside city of Los
20 Angeles and Southern LA. So here, the Assembly districts
21 105 core and West of 110 and the 110 LA district, there's
22 kind of a lot of overlap between these in -- and the
23 STHLA. There's kind of a lot of overlap in these between
24 the Senate districts and the Assembly districts. Yeah.
25 So there's -- yeah. There's, like, overlap there, I

1 would say, where in your current Senate district, SPCC,
2 there's parts of 105 corridor and 110 LA and the South
3 LA, and actually because of the split in Carson, same
4 with the Long Beach based district as well.

5 Looking at your Senate district called West of 110,
6 it includes parts of the N10 Assembly District, actually
7 even a little bit of the West Side District, the and the
8 110 LA, but mostly parts of the N10 Assembly District and
9 110 LA Assembly District are included in your current
10 iteration for the West of 110 in your Senate map.

11 And looking at the SD NELA, that does include much
12 of the AD NELA, and AD Glenn North LA. You did not
13 replicate the split in Glendale in this map.
14 Additionally, included in the NELA district, for example,
15 the neighborhood council area of Greater Wilshire, which
16 is not included in the NELA -- that's now called the NELA
17 District in your Assembly map.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Jamie, could I stop you for a
19 moment?

20 MS. CLARK: Absolutely.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Akutagawa has a
22 question and then I have a question.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Actually, can you just come
24 back to me?

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I just like realized -- is
2 like, okay, I kind of got -- forgot what I was going to
3 say listening to everything.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. That's fine. Thank you.

5 Jamie, I'm looking at the -- at a square just West
6 of Pico-Union where Pico-Union and Arlington Heights come
7 together. I'm trying to figure out, you know, was there
8 a particular reason we ended up with that square, with
9 the Assembly lines on one side of it and the Senate lines
10 on the other.

11 MS. CLARK: I am going to guess that that is either
12 for -- either the Assembly or the Senate map for
13 population or maybe for STVAP (ph.) purposes. Would you
14 like me to look into making that change for Senate? So
15 that would be moving the Senate line to follow this.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. If you can look into that.

17 MS. CLARK: Sure. One second. I'll just take a
18 moment to visualize that for you.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: In the meantime, Commissioner
20 Vazquez?

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Was this and -- now I'm
22 having trouble reorienting myself to these maps, but was
23 that maybe because of a concern Commissioner Akutagawa
24 brought up about Pico-Union and the surrounding areas,
25 being districted maybe with less like communities or

1 communities that -- is this the place, Commissioner
2 Akutagawa? Do you remember?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No. Sorry. I can't
4 remember.

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Okay. Yeah. I'm not
6 remembering the particular logic for that line either,
7 then.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. I'm not concerned necessarily
9 with which way it goes. I'm just wanting to make sure we
10 understand. And, you know, I think that we'd be better
11 off if the lines were -- if the lines coincided.

12 Commissioner Akutagawa?

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think part of it was
14 maybe because of the lines for Korea Town up above and
15 maybe when we just did the Senate lines versus the
16 Assembly lines, that -- we just didn't realize that they
17 were different.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Well, I'll flag this as
19 something to be looked into. I don't know that we have
20 to resolve it immediately.

21 Commissioner Taylor?

22 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. Looking at that box, we
23 have a similar box on both sides of that district.
24 There's another line that looks like it's a block or two
25 away as well. Do we want to mesh both of those?

1 And I do remember the conversation, not verbatim,
2 that Commissioner Vazquez is referring to. I think it --
3 we were concerned again about like communities, the Skid
4 Row --

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

6 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: -- community line. Right.
7 But I can't pick it up verbatim. Thank you.

8 MS. CLARK: So making this change, which includes
9 both that sort of square West of Pico-Union and also
10 moving this line in downtown Los Angeles, both districts
11 would be within the appropriate percent deviation. The
12 Latino CVAP for SDNELA --

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

14 MS. CLARK: -- would become 49.98 percent. I did
15 see, however, without this change in downtown then the
16 CVAP stayed above fifty percent with the change, just
17 with the area West of Pico-Union.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And if the changes went the
19 other way? Do we have -- can we --

20 MS. CLARK: Well, so I can only work on one district
21 layer at a time to --

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

23 MS. CLARK: To look at the Assembly district, I
24 would need to switch maps.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I would not object to that.

1 Commissioner Vazquez?

2 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. In thinking through
3 this, especially because we're not immediately able to
4 recall conversations that we likely had and reasoning we
5 likely had to deviate from our norm, which is keeping,
6 you know, community -- following neighborhood council
7 lines, et cetera. My preference is that we would -- if
8 we're going to sort of clean up some of these lines, that
9 we would actually favor the areas where we have made a
10 deviation from the neighborhood lines because we likely
11 had either COI testimony or other considerations to make
12 that sort of deviation. That would be my recommendation.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I don't want to spend too
14 much time on this. I'm just kind of flagging these as
15 something that we might want to look into resolving. I
16 don't want to spend the time right now actually resolving
17 them, but just flagging them as things we might want to
18 resolve.

19 So Jamie, let's just note this as something to be
20 looked into. And not -- but not put you through
21 resolving it right now. And you can pull back and
22 continue the tour.

23 Commissioner Akutagawa?

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. So a couple of
25 things. One is I know that there's been some requested

1 changes about trying to bring in Maywood, which does
2 include -- and then also combining Walnut Park into the
3 110 District that, based on the community input, is
4 asking for some roundabout swaps. So before maybe we do
5 all of this other clean up, maybe we can look at it when
6 we come back to the Assembly districts to see if those
7 swaps are ones that are viable and that we want to do.

8 I also remember now why I wanted to just say
9 something now. I wanted to report back on my exploration
10 with Jamie about that West San Gabriel Valley, just so
11 that the whole Commission is also aware and then also for
12 anyone in the public who's also listening so that there's
13 awareness of what the results of that exploration is.

14 So Jamie briefly mentioned that we did do the
15 exploration of trying to bring -- I focused on the core
16 San Gabriel -- working class San Gabriel Valley cities of
17 Monterey Park, Alhambra, San Gabriel, both the East and
18 South San Gabriel, as well as Temple City, trying to
19 bring it into a district that would be somewhat like in
20 its profiles, both for the Latino and Asian communities.
21 We tried some different variations.

22 However, at the end of all of the exploration, we
23 are also talking about VRA districts, and in doing some
24 of the kind of swapping and trying to reconstruct the
25 districts. Unfortunately, we were not able to get to a

1 close enough level to the current VRA district Latino
2 CVAP levels, and given where they are right now, we felt
3 that as much as we would like to make the change, it's
4 not viable given the first or the higher criteria of VRA
5 districts over the communities of interest.

6 So I did want to just let everybody know. And, you
7 know, for all who also wrote in and advocated for this
8 change, unfortunately, the VRA criteria is a much higher
9 criteria. And so that is why I'm not, unfortunately,
10 going to be able to present anything. But I did want to
11 report out to everybody about the exploration.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for doing the exploration.
13 Thank you for explaining the exploration. It is, you
14 know, unfortunate that we are not able to make everyone
15 happy on all three levels all the time. But we do
16 appreciate the work that went into this and we hope that
17 the public will understand.

18 Commissioner Vazquez?

19 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I also just wanted to thank
20 Commissioner Akutagawa for taking on that exploration.
21 This area was also an area of importance for me. And so
22 just in the spirit of, you know, community and trying to
23 keep like communities together, I was appreciative that
24 we explored this. And, you know, it is unfortunate that
25 we weren't able to sort of meet both our VRA obligations

1 and address the community needs of the West San Gabriel
2 Valley, as expressed by most recent public comments. So
3 thanks, Commissioner Akutagawa.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.
5 Jamie, we're back to you.

6 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Now, I'll just kind of go to
7 the San Fernando Valley area. And, again, turning on the
8 Assembly districts, which are in blue. So again, in
9 Senate, this Malibu area goes kind of down the coast,
10 whereas in your Assembly districts, and this is kind of
11 just based on all of the VRA considerations, et cetera.
12 And LA County in Assembly, these areas are together, the
13 East Ventura County areas with Malibu.

14 So in which case, nesting here with this sort of
15 West San Gabriel Valley oriented Assembly district would
16 not really be possible without a big reconfiguration.
17 And similar, we -- in Senate, you got rid of, again, this
18 split in Glendale and also the split in Burbank. And
19 nesting here, I think, would be a challenge at this
20 point, given that there's just different sort of, like,
21 boundaries or cut-offs for the different levels of
22 district, for the San Fernando Valley oriented districts.

23 Zooming out, again here, West San Gabriel Valley is
24 a VRA district with Asians as the protected group. So --
25 and in our current iteration, this area is here with the

1 210. So again, not really a possible nest there, just
2 based on those VRA considerations. And zooming out,
3 the -- I'll just kind of turn off the layers for a
4 second.

5 So again, in Assembly, Santa Clarita Valley is here
6 with some of the San Fernando Valley areas. That is not
7 so in your current Senate iteration, where Santa Clarita
8 Valley is paired with Antelope Valley and much of Victor
9 Valley. Additionally, here you have a boundary -- the
10 district boundary at the Kern County-LA County border,
11 whereas with Assembly, the border goes further North to
12 contain much of this California's, like, very
13 Southeastern Kern County area, California City, Edwards
14 Air Force Base.

15 So that kind of concludes our little tour with the
16 Assembly's.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Any other questions, queries,
18 things to note from colleagues at this point? Okay.

19 Jamie, thank you for this. Are there any further
20 issues with the Senate maps in the LA area?

21 Commissioner Turner?

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I was
23 trying to see where you had mentioned earlier about
24 Carson -- or someone did about Carson being whole. And I
25 didn't know that was the Senate or where. I was trying

1 to turn around and see your -- I was trying to turn
2 around to your board. Thank you.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: So that's at the Assembly level, and
4 presumably that is something that we would take a look at
5 over the weekend.

6 Commissioner Fernandez?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So I -- so nothing's able
8 to nest? I just wanted to confirm that part of it.
9 Thank you.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

11 Okay.

12 Jamie, go ahead.

13 MS. CLARK: I'm sorry. Yeah. Just to quickly
14 respond to that, I think that in LA County as, you know,
15 it's so densely populated and there are -- you know, on
16 all levels of district, there's VRA considerations, and
17 just based on there being different very considerations
18 in Senate and Assembly, I haven't found two districts
19 that are able to nest into a Senate district.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you so much. At this
21 point, we've got seven minutes left before break.

22 Are there areas that colleagues want to go to?
23 Shall I call for another mapper?

24 Commissioner Andersen?

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I would like to try to do

1 something in the East Bay to try to fix some of that
2 also.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

4 Commissioner Fernandez?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Still have not gone to the
6 North --

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- to do any of the
9 initial.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

11 Ms. MacDonald?

12 MS. MACDONALD: Hello. We would be happy to go
13 North with you and Tamina and Kennedy are both working
14 right now offline, but they could be back after the break
15 if you perhaps would like to go to break a little
16 earlier.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: I will -- without objection, I will
20 take Ms. MacDonald's suggestion and go to break now.

21 We are back at -- hold on.

22 Andrew?

23 MR. DRESCHLER: I'm sorry. We were just working
24 with Commissioner Sinay. If we have five minutes to just
25 show the changes in San Diego, we can quickly -- Sivan

1 can --

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect.

3 MR. DRESCHLER: -- quickly --

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Perfect.

5 MR. DRESCHLER: -- show that. Okay. Great.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Let's go ahead and do that. Thank
7 you.

8 MR. DRESCHLER: Thank you.

9 MS. TRATT: Jamie, as soon as you stop sharing --
10 Oh, thank you so much. Okay. Let me just get my screen
11 up.

12 So the changes made were removing Bay Terrace
13 neighborhood and putting it back into Cor Cajon (ph.).
14 While offline with Commissioner Sinay, we also looked at
15 removing Lincoln Park. So we placed this population also
16 back with Cor Cajon to make up for that population and
17 stay within deviation. As you can see, we're just in
18 legal deviation at 4.9 percent with these changes. We
19 added in the Golden Hills neighborhood -- or Golden Hill,
20 as well as South Park and a small portion of Altadena.
21 And these were guided by Commissioner Sinay's direction
22 and her understanding of COIs in the neighborhood city of
23 San Diego.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that, Sivan.

25 Commissioner Sinay?

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. It was also guided by
2 let's keep it simple, the two districts. And so this is
3 the way we look at all the different COIs. We are -- you
4 know, certain neighborhoods, different people -- it --
5 they're diverse neighborhoods, right? And so Golden
6 Hill, South Park also overlaps with Latino, African-
7 American as well as LGBT and low-income working class
8 that want to live near the downtown.

9 So this allowed us to do everything we wanted, which
10 was make sure we kept within the deviations and make sure
11 that we kept our eyes on the Latinos CVAP and pack it.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Commissioner
13 Sinay. Thank you, Sivan, for your work on this.

14 Commissioner Akutagawa?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I was also just
16 curious because there was that other testimony about Mira
17 Mesa. Were you able to look at that?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We did, and it was just --
19 yeah. We were trying to keep everything very simple.
20 The Mira Mesa testimony was really to use Paradise Creek,
21 and what it did was it was reduce the numbers in the
22 central part of the district by a lot, because it was
23 increasing it in Carmel Valley.

24 So Mira Mesa, isn't -- the idea was it -- Mira
25 Mesa's not necessarily split. It's Carmel Valley that's

1 split right now.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. But the proposed change would
3 have --

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Would have changed the
5 deviations. We were being called in, but we were trying
6 to keep everything very, very simple,

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay.

8 MS. TRATT: Yeah. It would have pushed SOCNSD over
9 five percent, so it would have just involved in
10 additional swaps.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

12 MS. TRATT: With the --

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Go ahead, Sivan.

14 MS. TRATT: Oh, I was just going to ask if the Chair
15 would like to see Assembly lines over the current
16 district boundaries or if there were any other changes,
17 just so that I can get everything exported and merged, so
18 that we can show the most updated version?

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes. We can go ahead and take a
20 quick look at those lines side by side.

21 MS. TRATT: Okay. One moment.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Or superimposed.

23 MS. TRATT: I'm just going to turn the city colors
24 back on.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Turner?

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Commissioner Sinay, did
2 you add in other areas? Or you just moved within those?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We just moved within. We kept
4 it very simple. We made sure to take all of Southeast
5 San Diego and put it into Cor Cajon, and just kept --
6 looked where to find that. We had thought about taking
7 Crest --

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- and making the swap there,
10 but it would have kind of left Crest on its own without
11 other communities and neighborhoods. And so that's why
12 we went through -- we did Golden Hill and that area.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

14 MS. TRATT: Thank you so much for your patience. I
15 was just adding the CVAPs for the Assembly districts to
16 the labels. Is this color coming through on Zoom, or
17 should I change this to red or something that'll stand
18 out a little bit more?

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: No. I think that's fine.

20 MS. TRATT: Okay. So what you're currently seeing
21 in this teal color are the latest iterations of the
22 Assembly districts. And then, of course, in the black
23 lines are the current iterations of the Senate districts
24 that the Commission has been working on.

25 So I can just do kind of a slow pan around the

1 Southern part of the state and bring us into break,
2 unless there's a part that the Commissioners would like
3 to start with. I can start North or South.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: If you can just pan around. We are
5 up on our break time, so this doesn't need to take long.

6 (Pause)

7 MS. TRATT: And again, these lines will match in the
8 final iteration, just waiting for final Congressional.

9 (Pause)

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you very much, Sivan.

11 It is four 4:45. We have a fifteen-minute break
12 now. We will come back at 5 o'clock.

13 Looks like we will continue for a little bit longer
14 with Senate. And then once we are finished with Senate,
15 we will need to give the mappers fifteen to twenty
16 minutes to, I guess, close that file and bring up what
17 they need to bring up so that we can review the Board of
18 Equalization districts. So --

19 MS. TRATT: Chair, could I -- just so that I'm using
20 my time most efficiently, are there are other changes for
21 Senate in this region, or can I use the break to export
22 and start that merging process for the other line
23 drawers?

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: My understanding would be that we
25 are -- we have concluded our work on the Senate in your

1 area, Sivan.

2 MS. TRATT: Okay. Thank you so much for the
3 clarification. I will go ahead and get that exported.
4 Thanks.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. So we are on break until
6 5 o'clock. Thank you.

7 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:46 p.m.
8 until 5:00 p.m.)

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, everyone, for your
10 patience. Welcome back to today's meeting of the
11 California Citizens Redistricting Commission. We are in
12 a -- on the course to complete our work on our Senate
13 districts today and hopefully get to our Board of
14 Equalization districts.

15 So I wanted to, at this point, shift our attention
16 to the Northern part of the state and ask Kennedy to
17 review for us where we stand with Senate districts in the
18 Northern part of the state.

19 MS. WILSON: Okay. Very well, Chair. So I'll start
20 at the very tip top. We have Siskiyou, Modoc, Shasta,
21 Lassen, Tehama, Butte, Plumas, Sierra Nevada, parts of
22 Placer, Colusa, and Glenn, all within one Senate district
23 in the North. And then continuing to move South, we
24 have, and I'm going to zoom in so we can see the cities
25 within Placer and Sacramento County. And Placer ED,

1 which no longer has ED in it. We have the cities of
2 Auburn -- actually, the city of Auburn was split, and
3 then we have New Castle, Penryn, Granite Bay, Roseville,
4 Rocklin, Lincoln, and Sheridan with some of the cities
5 down in Sacramento, such as Elverta, Antelope, Arden-
6 Arcade, and Carmichael are together. Rancho Cordova,
7 Gold River, Fair Oaks, to Folsom, Rancho Murieta, down to
8 the Sacramento border. We have Galt, Herald, and Clay.

9 And then moving into Sacramento -- the city of
10 Sacramento, we have Rio Linda out to North Highlands and
11 McClellan Park, and then we have the entire city of
12 Sacramento whole, including Elk Grove and Vineyard, La
13 Riviera as well, Rosemont, Mather, Parkway, Lemon Hill,
14 Fruitridge Pocket, all the downtown, everything within
15 Sacramento is together.

16 And then continuing to move into San Joaquin County.
17 We do have reaching into Alameda County, Dublin,
18 Livermore, Pleasanton, Sunol, with the entire San Joaquin
19 County kept whole. And then continuing to move down,
20 right above the VRA consideration district, we have
21 Stanislaus with Delhi, Livingston, Snelling, and Merced
22 County out with Mariposa, Amador, Madera, Mono, Inyo,
23 Alpine, up to El Dorado, and Placer, and South Lake
24 Tahoe, and North Lake Tahoe, all of Tahoe kept together.
25 And that is an overview of the North, Senate North.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much.

2 Commissioner Fernandez?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry. I went to the
4 bathroom. So did you do Norco also and NORTHCOAST,
5 Kennedy or no?

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: NORCA was done. NORCOAST or --

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- yeah, NCOAST is Terminous area.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: -- but Norco would give --

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

12 MS. WILSON: But I can read it.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, that's okay. I'm good.
14 I know what I want to look at, so thank you so much,
15 Kennedy.

16 Can you zoom in right between ECA, Placer County,
17 and Nevada? What I would like to do is, I'd like to
18 combine Truckee with Tahoe. But I also want to see how
19 much is left in Placer County that could potentially make
20 that whole as well. And each -- oh, wait a minute. ECA
21 is 2.17. Oh, we changed it. Okay.

22 I think the only option at this point would be to
23 bring Truckee in, so at least it is combined in the same
24 district with Lake Tahoe. Because that is --

25 MS. WILSON: And I will select --

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Truckee is 16,000. Thank
2 you. Kingvale and Truckee would -- yeah. Thank you.
3 Chair, if that's okay?

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Sinay, could you look
5 up and see if Nevada County has completed its
6 redistricting, and if there is a Board of Supervisors
7 boundary that we might look at as far as the Eastern part
8 of the county? Thank you.

9 So we've got Truckee and the -- in the pending
10 changes box.

11 Commissioner Toledo?

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: My comments are for a
13 different portion of the map, so I'll wait.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you. We'll wait on
15 that to see if there is a Board of Supervisors district
16 boundary that we might, look at.

17 MS. WILSON: So taking in Kingvale to Truckee would
18 put NORCA at negative 5.5 percent flat. And would ECA at
19 4.47 percent?

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Can we get the pending
21 changes data box and bigger type face, please?

22 MS. WILSON: You most definitely can get that.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

24 MS. WILSON: So let me put up. There we go.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Oh, at 5 percent even.

1 Okay. Got it.

2 Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Chair, what is it -- oh, you're
4 looking to see how far South -- I mean, how far East to
5 move that boundary?

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: How far -- yeah. If there is -- I
7 mean, if the supervisorial district goes much farther
8 West, then there's no need for us to try to respect it.
9 I was just --

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. It goes -- it looks
11 like. It's kind of -- it doesn't have a road or any -- I
12 don't know if it's the 174 and the 20, but it goes past
13 the heel and kind of down to the foot.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Okay. Then that's not really
15 a relevant consideration.

16 Commissioner Fernandez, did you have more?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think that's good for
18 now. I may have some more, but -- oh --

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Should we --

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, yes. Yes. Yeah. Go
21 ahead.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Sorry.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I should have something
24 later.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Should we try to bring that -- the

1 Northwestern line in a bit so that we are under the
2 deviation? Did that change the population? That didn't
3 change the population. Okay. Okay. Yeah. Let's
4 explore eliminating some North of Truckee. This is
5 stubborn.

6 Okay. So we can clean up some of those -- yeah. so
7 while Kennedy is doing this, I just want to ask, is there
8 any objection to bringing Truckee into ECA with Lake
9 Tahoe? I'm not seeing any objection. Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I have one more thing. Do
11 you mind?

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Good. Go ahead.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I -- there's been mixed
14 testimony in terms of Del Norte wanting to be with the
15 counties inland, and in all of the other maps we've left
16 Del Norte with the coastal. And I would recommend moving
17 Del Norte into Norco. And right now, Norco is at a
18 negative and it could easily bring that in. And Del
19 Norte is only 25,000. That's my second recommendation.
20 Thank you, Chair.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner
22 Fernandez and Commissioner Sinay has endorsed that
23 change. Is there any objection to that change?

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I have to say it's --

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Pardon me?

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think the -- there's Native
2 American communities up there. And so I'd like to take a
3 look at that area a little bit more --

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- before we make that change.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner
7 Toledo.

8 Commissioner Andersen?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. And I would like to
10 see that area up there, because I was trying to compare.
11 The ratio looks different than what I thought it would
12 look so --

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I see.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- I'd like to see a
15 comparison.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Kennedy, you can go ahead and
17 proceed with this change. Thank you.

18 MS. WILSON: I got it down to a negative 4.98.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Great. Thank you. And then can we
20 go to Del Norte County?

21 Commissioner Yee?

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Chair, just before we leave
23 Truckee --

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- did you want to look -- are

1 there communities of -- you know, how you were talking
2 about the sphere of influence in big cities --

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- and rural areas? Do we need
5 to think about that here?

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: At this moment, no. This may be
7 something that we clean up over the weekend, but thank
8 you for raising that.

9 Commissioner Yee?

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: So we did hear mixed testimony
11 about Del Norte, some feeling like it was a better match
12 for income levels and such with counties to the East. On
13 the other hand, Yurok Tribe, in particular, their tribal
14 lands, the largest tribal reservation in California and
15 the only one on its own ancestral lands, does go from
16 down to Humboldt. So that was one reason we never did
17 that.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

19 Okay. So here we are. Oops, we lost the map.

20 Leave it be.

21 MS. WILSON: I am back. Sorry for that technical
22 issues. We are back and ready to go.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. So we're discussing whether
24 or not in the Senate map to shift Del Norte East. It is
25 in the coastal district at both the Assembly level and

1 Congressional level.

2 So Commissioner Toledo?

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So I think if we look at the
4 terrain level. So let's go deep and let's look at the
5 terrain, because the terrain here is really important.
6 And if we look at the roads, if you can look, there is no
7 road connecting the Del Norte to the Siskiyou area.
8 There -- the only way that you can go into Siskiyou is
9 through going up to the Oregon border, then around.

10 And then when you think about the industry -- I'm in
11 health care, obviously, and when you think about the
12 health care systems, the health care systems, the largest
13 primary care health system is based out of Humboldt and
14 it's Open Door Health Centers based out of -- that
15 operates the Del Norte community health clinics. The
16 tribal lands are as the Yurok Tribe. And I am not
17 pronouncing it correct, but it goes from Del Norte all
18 the way to Humboldt. The transportation, right, it's up
19 and down. It's not really sideways. In terms of income
20 level, there -- I can see an argument for income. But if
21 we look at this holistically and the terrain just
22 doesn't -- I mean, it would be more about keeping peoples
23 up -- I mean, I just -- from a transportation, from a --
24 even from a philosophical standpoint, in terms of we
25 created a coastal district taking a piece of the coast

1 out does kind of seem a little bit odd to me. So
2 that's -- those are some of the arguments against it.
3 And I would have to have a really strong argument to
4 support moving Del Norte out of the coastal region.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.
6 Commissioner Fernandez?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here's my argument. We've
8 had many communities of interest that have said they
9 prefer to be with those communities or those counties to
10 the East, no commonality at all with Marin, which is
11 where this is going to. They would probably prefer to go
12 up to Oregon and around versus going all the way down to
13 Marin. And what we base the information on is our
14 communities of interest. And yes, the train information
15 is very important. So I'm trying to honor communities of
16 interest, because in the other two, we've left them in
17 the coastal. So I'm just trying to give it to them one
18 time. Thanks.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
20 Commissioner Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I was going to say, you
22 need a strong argument, the community itself has asked
23 for it. And, you know, living on -- in a border area and
24 the foreign country border area. You use it as -- you --
25 people live, going back and forth as we shared before in

1 Modoc. We had talked to a woman who they did all their
2 shopping and everything in Oregon.

3 It's -- I think the best argument is just that they
4 have asked for it. And the second one is that it is part
5 of the same forest and we've heard that over and over
6 again, and we haven't looked at it that way.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.
8 Commissioner Andersen?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. I hear
10 that, but on the other portion over here it was the
11 forest. Crescent City is a major fishing area and the
12 fishing industry, we had a bit of a break --

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Andersen, I'm sorry to
14 interrupt.

15

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: We're having real problems with your
18 audio.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Can you hear me now?

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: No, it's distorted.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Static.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Do you have headphones plugged in or
23 anything?

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No. No, I do not.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Kristian, are you able to --

1 MR. MANOFF: You may want to log out and reboot.
2 The machine might be overheating.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Sorry about that.

4 Commissioner Yee?

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I should add that having
6 said what I said about the Yurok. The Karuk, you know,
7 on the other hand, go from Siskiyou to Del Norte, and
8 there has been some testimony about their presence there
9 in Western Siskiyou and interest in the Klamath River,
10 which does flow from Siskiyou through del Norte. So
11 that's a plus in that direction.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

13 Commissioner Turner?

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I wanted to
15 ask Commissioner Toledo if you would restate again -- you
16 said you're in health care and health care in this area,
17 I imagine. Can you just say some more about what you
18 were sharing?

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Well, just in terms of where
20 people get their health care. Because, I mean, certainly
21 there's low-income populations throughout this area and
22 throughout the North coast. And so we have the Sutter
23 Hospital, which, of course, has affiliates in the --
24 going up and down and oftentimes sending to Sutter
25 affiliates in either Santa Rosa, when there's trauma.

1 There's also specialty care that's available in the
2 Arcadia-Eureka area through that system.

3 But then there's Open Doors Health Centers, based
4 out of -- which operates the Del Norte Community Health
5 Center, which provides care to many people in the Del
6 Norte area, based out of Humboldt. And so that's one.
7 Certainly, one connection, but it's the transportation
8 system, the economic system, the environmental issues,
9 and the coastal.

10 I mean, it seems like the community of interest is
11 really connected there. And the feedback that we got --
12 the public input testimony. We got a lot of public input
13 that also supported going up and down. So it wasn't --
14 certainly, we got -- and I did see the public input from
15 supervisors and other community members supporting Del
16 Norte going Eastward, and I certainly understand that as
17 well, especially from a political standpoint.

18 But I try to stay out of the political and think
19 more of the economic, the transportation, the housing,
20 the environmental issues, the issues that the communities
21 stated -- and then if we put on the reservation for
22 the -- I believe it's in this area, the tribal map. The
23 tribe goes from Klamath down all the way to Humboldt, so
24 we'd be splitting a tribe, which we -- I mean, I guess
25 it's more important on the federal level, but even on the

1 state level, it's important. And we try not to split
2 communities of interest where possible.

3 So if we need to do it for population. If we need
4 to do it for community of interest or for -- I mean,
5 certainly it wouldn't be VRA. I don't think it's for
6 deviation population, but if it's for a reason that it is
7 above this, then certainly, I'd consider.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.
10 Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

11 Commissioner Akutagawa?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I was -- I've been
13 trying to just quickly go through the COI testimony again
14 for Del Norte. I think we've heard different testimonies
15 about staying coastal, and then others saying that they
16 want to go, you know, from East to West -- or West to
17 East in this case. I guess, you know, I definitely hear
18 what Commissioner Toledo is saying. I'm reading some of
19 the earlier testimonies.

20 I will also just remind everybody what struck me
21 when we first started the early COI testimonies, hearing
22 from individuals from this region talking about the
23 Emerald Triangle and the -- you know, the kind of the
24 weed area. I thought that that -- I will admit that that
25 was kind of that was kind of interesting. I didn't know

1 anything about that, in terms of their industry. I also
2 read things about forests.

3 The last thing I want to just say is, I think, as
4 maybe as we all go through the COI testimony again about
5 this area, we should know who is giving the testimony.
6 Are these people from the actual county or is it someone
7 from outside? Because I feel like there's certainly lots
8 of people who are willing to tell other people in other
9 areas who they should be with. But I think we should
10 also look at that, the people who are living there, what
11 do they want? Thank you.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
13 Commissioner Fernandez?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you. Thank
15 you, Commissioner Akutagawa. That's exactly what I was
16 going to say. There was quite a bit of testimony, but it
17 was coming from Marin. And they -- and I don't know if
18 part of the fear is they didn't want to cross the bridge.
19 So they were saying, keep us coast and go all the way
20 North. A compromise could be to -- I don't want to split
21 Humboldt, but you could also split Humboldt up to the
22 tribal lands. I don't know what that population is, but
23 it's something that can be done.

24 I just -- again, I'm basing it on the communities of
25 interest. And I've driven all the way up to Crescent

1 City. So I know how remote it is. And the reason I was
2 up there, is there's a prison up there and many of the
3 employees actually live in Oregon. They just cross --
4 it's that close to Oregon. So that's just my comments.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
6 Commissioner Andersen?

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Hopefully you can hear me
8 now?

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Much better.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great. The fishing
11 industry -- you know, Crescent City is a large harbor,
12 and they need to be with the coast. And I don't -- you
13 know, I was hoping to hear from the fishing industry. I
14 haven't heard much at all. But I assume, you know, they
15 don't really pay much attention to any of this kind of
16 thing. But that is a major reason.

17 I don't know what percentage of their industry
18 involves fishing versus logging. But, you know, that's
19 one reason why I really hope we keep it on the coast. So
20 that's another reason why I'd still like to keep on the
21 coast.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
23 Commissioner Vazquez?

24 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I'm currently split as to
25 where I think Del Norte should go, either East or South.

1 I will just say, like, I hear Commissioner Toledo, what
2 you're saying about sort of trying to separate the
3 political from some of the more socioeconomic interests
4 at play. And I just, for me personally, that doesn't
5 always work because what I feel like what our charge is,
6 is explicitly political.

7 We're talking about where community power is going
8 to lie in terms of elections. And so that doesn't mean
9 that partisan or sort of individuals with a specific
10 political agenda should unduly influence our decisions.
11 But I did just want to sort of, at least for myself, make
12 it clear to the rest of the Commission and the public
13 that I do think broad political power considerations are
14 sort of inherent to the work that we're doing. And that
15 is something -- that is a lens I'm bringing to the
16 decisions around not just this area, but others.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.

18 Commissioner Taylor?

19 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you. We continually get
20 lessons in this process. It's not over yet. I agree,
21 Commissioner Akutagawa, we have to be mindful of the
22 quality of the information that we get, something we
23 learned throughout the process.

24 I, myself, am learning to be mindful of the COI
25 testimony over my own thoughts. Put what is being told

1 to me ahead. And with that also, I'm also seeing much to
2 the leading of Commissioner Kennedy, that I am connecting
3 the dots to the neighbor across the street, as opposed to
4 the extremes of a district. Is the Del Norte closer to
5 Orick as opposed to Del Norte closer to Marin?

6 So those are some of the considerations. I'm trying
7 to figure it out along with you guys. Thank you.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.

9 My own sense, and I've, you know, certainly been
10 open to listening to, you know, all of the arguments on
11 this since the very beginning. I've tried to keep an
12 open mind on the public input. I do recall hearing from
13 people from Crescent City, from Smith River. It's not
14 all people from Marin. And, you know, to me, I've always
15 said throughout this process that respecting the wishes
16 of native populations is a high priority for me. I also,
17 you know, hear and certainly respect what Commissioner
18 Toledo is saying as far as health care delivery,
19 transportation and so forth.

20 So, I mean, at this point, my -- I'm leaning towards
21 leaving things as they are. I think if we were looking
22 at needing population in NORCA, I would probably be more
23 favorable to shifting Trinity. I think earlier today we
24 actually had Trinity in NORCA. I'd be probably more
25 amenable to moving Trinity back into NORCA.

1 I don't know a whole lot about Trinity County, but
2 certainly listening to public input, you know, I know
3 it's just kind of difficult to go in any direction from
4 large portions of Trinity County. And, you know, if
5 we're looking at the distance from Del Norte to the
6 bottom of the district, you know, I think as one of our
7 colleagues said, I also have to look at the distance from
8 Del Norte to the opposite corner of NORCA and look at the
9 differences.

10 And that brings me back to what Commissioner
11 Andersen was saying about the fishing industry. And so
12 you know, at this point, I'm leaning towards leaving Del
13 Norte as it is. Thank you.

14 And Commissioner Turner?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I'm also reading
16 the COIs. I came across a good number of them that
17 actually explain -- that speak about the tribes and what
18 have you and the -- and what I wish. And I know we
19 talked about as an upgrade, that we will have comments to
20 know if they meant for which district, what are we
21 talking about, which map type.

22 But this one, Chair, says that one of the -- they
23 were making reference to our discussions. One of the --
24 and this is from earlier, not a brand new submission.
25 One of the Commissioners just said before public comment

1 that we -- when we move to the North, they wanted to
2 revisit the idea of splitting the Siskiyou County to keep
3 the tribal lands together. They print in all caps. The
4 tribes are whole now. Splitting Siskiyou County at I-5
5 will cut the Shasta tribe in two. The Karuk Tribe is
6 whole now because -- we undid this -- because the
7 Northwest corner of Humboldt County has been added to the
8 district with Siskiyou County. If what the Commissioner
9 meant was a desire to keep Klamath River tribes together,
10 this can be done by removing the Del Norte and Humboldt
11 Counties from the coastal district and including them in
12 a district that reaches to the East. The Klamath River
13 begins in Modoc County.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for that, Commissioner
15 Turner.

16 Commissioner Akutagawa?

17 Commissioner Andersen?

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I would really rather
19 not see Trinity removed. Actually, it's the little --
20 it's -- the Klamath River actually begins in Lake Modoc,
21 which is up in Oregon somewhere. It's not actually over
22 in Modoc County. I think that was a -- it's -- that was
23 a printed from like a mistake in an article, and it
24 actually goes up there to Klamath Falls. It actually
25 goes in that area and then comes down South. And it does

1 run, I believe, through parts of Trinity, and then
2 Humboldt and Del Norte. And I'd like to keep all that
3 together, which is watersheds from -- I know there are
4 other watersheds as well, from Trinity into Humboldt.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner
6 Andersen.

7 Commissioner Sinay?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you to everybody who's
9 watching us out there. Sometimes -- yeah. We always get
10 reminded by your quick responses to our conversations
11 that we are in a fishbowl. We have received a couple of
12 quick comments already. And one saying, please keep us
13 on the coast. When I travel to visit my family, I go
14 down the coast. And another one saying, please
15 reconsider keeping Del Norte, Humboldt, and Trinity
16 counties in the coastal zone. Keep in mind these
17 communities of interest. Keeping these counties in the
18 coastal zone and keeping Yurok and Karuk Tribes together.
19 So both of them are saying keeping them in the coastal.

20 So in keeping them -- so we are getting real-time
21 input. And I just wanted to acknowledge them, because I
22 know that the far North have said we hadn't looked at
23 this area at all and that we haven't listened to them.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.
25 Commissioner Akutagawa?

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. I'm -- as I keep
2 reading through some of the COI testimony, I do want to
3 just point out some other interesting comments. One
4 speaks about the Redwood Curtain and specifically Del
5 Norte, Humboldt and Trinity, I believe it was. But
6 another one -- others talk about different areas. I
7 think in terms of the transportation, the US-101 and
8 specifically Last Chance Grade was noted for Del Norte
9 County and about the hopes to have, you know, the roads
10 fixed there.

11 Another mention that the jobs center around either
12 government or tourism in the area. There's a number of
13 mentions about rivers, oceans, redwoods. Someone
14 mentioned creatures. Also, environmental and
15 conservation has come up a lot, along with fishing and
16 forest.

17 And then the one that I'm currently on right now
18 does speak to some very perceived differences by this
19 person. This person is in Trinity County, but speaks to
20 a very rural nature where their focus is more on, I
21 guess, connection to the land because they're more rural.
22 They're also concerned about their watersheds. They kind
23 of like the mountains versus the Central Valley debate.
24 They feel like other areas take. They're the ones that
25 produce or are the sources of water. But natural

1 resources is a big thing that seems to be there, which
2 they see is different from -- as one person -- as this
3 person wrote, they do not want to be districted with
4 counties to the East. They feel their landscape is
5 disconnected, but also their economics as well, too. And
6 culturally, they feel that they are different from those
7 to the East as well, too. So I'll just keep reading
8 through and see what other things come up.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
10 Commissioner Fernandez?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And I am very
12 grateful for people that are able to watch and able to
13 provide feedback. Many are not. And I mean, it's
14 something we're going to move forward with and that's
15 fine. But I also don't want us to forget all of the
16 other input that we started receiving back in March,
17 April, May, June. So I tried, but it is what it is. At
18 the end of the day, it's still a fair map. Thanks.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
20 Commissioner Toledo?

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I think for me, it's
22 more about when I look at the communities of interest,
23 it's really -- the community of interest that we've
24 received, it's less about Marin. And I don't think --
25 it's not about Marin. It's about Del Norte and Humboldt.

1 So -- and potentially Trinity, Del Norte, Humboldt,
2 Trinity. But most of the testimony that I've seen has --
3 have been those communities want to be kept together.

4 So even some of these regions actually said we don't
5 want to be with Sonoma and Marin, but it's really about
6 keeping these communities whole. So I mean, I would -- I
7 mean, I wouldn't be as opposed if we wanted to shift all
8 three to the Eastern portion. But if we want to just
9 shift Del Norte, I don't think that's -- we'd be breaking
10 up that COI and that community that wished to be kept
11 together. And I think that would be an architectural
12 change, which I would much rather keep it as is. Thank
13 you. Given our -- how we said we wanted to build a
14 coastal district. Thank you.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.
16 Commissioner Turner?

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Just one more, Chair, if you
18 will, because I think it provides a different lens from
19 the area. This particular one says -- speaks about
20 Siskiyou and the coast not being different. They
21 actually said someone said it was and they say that's a
22 lie. But they say they're super alike in everything
23 except for how they vote, and I'm going to skip some of
24 that. But it says down here, it says also talking about
25 the forest, this is what I want to get to. The forests

1 are different. That's just wrong. Siskiyou's Cal Forest
2 Industry is one of the largest single employers in the
3 county. It moved from Siskiyou to Humboldt and it still
4 supplies most of the reforesting seedlings to the coastal
5 redwoods. Similarly, the Sierra Pacific Industry,
6 largest lumber forestry company in the North, it's based
7 in Shasta now, but started in Humboldt. Heck, talking
8 about the owner, et cetera. I don't know what the
9 commenter was trying to say, but Shasta, Siskiyou, and
10 the coastal counties are much more similar than Sutter
11 and Yolo and the Central Valley. So that's all.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
13 Commissioner Yee?

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I'm wondering about
15 Trinity, and I'm wondering if Commissioner Andersen could
16 tell us -- give more reasons for why she's committed to
17 keeping it on the coast. And as I recall, the limited
18 testimony that we received was ambivalent about coast
19 versus inland. It was certainly improve the deviation
20 for NORCA if we could move it.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Andersen?

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Commissioner Toledo
23 actually sort of said a lot -- most of the -- there's a
24 lot of testimony at the original -- originally Humboldt,
25 Trinity, Del Norte, so we want to stay together. But it

1 is the Klamath River that there's -- there is a little
2 portion of Trinity. Yes, they are sort of flatter and
3 they want to go down to Highway 5 and with Shasta. And
4 at one point we even kind of talked -- which we split
5 Trinity County, because the -- and that's sort of that
6 East -- there's an Eastern portion.

7 But if you look at the Klamath River and this is a
8 tribal thing, actually, there are some tribal interests
9 in the Bay Area here who have been fighting to take
10 rivers, take dams down along the Klamath River for quite
11 some time. Some of that's happened and it runs through
12 Trinity and then through Humboldt and Del Norte. So it's
13 sort of a tribal thing.

14 The other reason that, in terms of, if we just take
15 all three of those move them East, you know, the --
16 what's it? The Emerald Triangle, that's Humboldt,
17 Mendocino, parts of Trinity. So they -- that whole and
18 it's a huge business. It's a huge business being taxed.
19 It's going to make our state a lot of money. And that's
20 in those three counties.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
22 Commissioner Taylor?

23 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. Thank you, Chair. I
24 am -- based on COI testimony and in agreement with
25 Commissioner Toledo, I am -- I would be in support of the

1 Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity type of move. Thank you.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.

3 I looked at the population. So Del Norte, Humboldt
4 and Trinity would be about 175,000 people, most of that
5 in Humboldt County. That's quite a significant shift and
6 as was said earlier, would involve architectural changes,
7 which, you know, had we been at this point several weeks
8 ago, I think we would be willing to explore that. But at
9 this point in time, I don't see that that is the best way
10 forward.

11 Any further discussion on this?

12 My -- thank you.

13 Commissioner Fernandez?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I'm trying to
15 decide if I if I would be in support of that, I would.
16 And I think my frustration is because we left the North
17 to the end, we're not willing to do anything. So that's
18 very frustrating to me, because I've been respectful of
19 all of the other areas and open to venturing. And I know
20 that we're late but -- or behind, but just because we're
21 behind doesn't mean that we shouldn't potentially look at
22 a iteration.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Akutagawa?

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I -- as I continue
25 to read this, I mean, I see the mention of Del Norte

1 Mendocino, Humboldt, and Trinity, it depends on who's
2 talking, whether they're from Trinity or Del Norte, but I
3 would support an exploration that would look at, is it
4 possible to look at some of these other moves that I
5 think Commissioner Fernandez is advocating for?

6 Because there is mixed testimony. And as we've
7 talked about, you know, mixed testimony in other areas,
8 we've done some of the exploration. We're talking about
9 also big areas. So it's not like the kind of complicated
10 ripple effects that we would see in Southern California.

11 So if this is what we need to do to ensure that
12 we're building the fairest maps for the people of
13 California in this region, then I think we do owe it to
14 them to take a little bit more time to just, you know, do
15 this exploration. Maybe come back tomorrow morning or
16 something like that with the results, and then we can
17 make a more informed decision. Because I think there is
18 different testimonies.

19 And it -- as we've learned, I think everything is
20 always seen through the eyes of the person who's giving
21 you the testimony. And sometimes it could be very, very
22 different. So I guess, that would be my recommendation.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
24 Commissioner Turner?

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Not doing it because

1 we ran out of time is one thing. Not doing it because we
2 don't believe it's the right thing to do is something
3 different. And it felt to me like we were split. So
4 Chair, if we could get a sense, we should -- I would
5 support trying to make it happen, if indeed, that is what
6 we want to do.

7 And I don't just want to say we're not doing it
8 because we ran out of time. It seems like we are split
9 based on the COI testimony that's split. So I wanted to
10 just lift that so that we can make a decision based on
11 the desire of the Commission.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you for that.

13 Commissioner Andersen.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I completely respect
15 Commissioner Turner, what she said on that, because I
16 believe that's kind of why -- that we aren't doing it,
17 not for time. But on the aspect of time, I do appreciate
18 what Commissioner Fernandez said. And, yes, I am
19 sensitive to that.

20 But again, it's 5:30, 5:45 on a Friday afternoon,
21 and we'd like to vote on Monday. I'm very concerned
22 about the public not seeing the changes. And if we -- in
23 terms of areas that need work because it's been
24 completely reworked, I would really like to spend a
25 little bit of time on the East Bay.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
2 Commissioner Fernandez?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I wasn't saying I was
4 supporting looking at an iteration. What I was saying,
5 it's my frustration that because we left this to the end,
6 we don't have any choices. I -- if we're not going to
7 move Del Norte in, I would leave it the way it is. So I
8 didn't want you to think I was leaning towards it. I was
9 just stating my frustration of we're going to get five
10 minutes for North.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. And I understand the
12 frustration, but Commissioner Sinay has been frustrated
13 in the past as well about San Diego and the far South not
14 getting attention.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: But we still -- even when
16 we got there, we still did iterations in Southern
17 California.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: You know, if the Commission wishes
19 to go on this exploration, I'm willing to go on the
20 exploration. But we have to understand the implications
21 of that for the rest of our schedule. It could mean that
22 instead of having maps approved on Monday, they're
23 approved on Tuesday. But, you know, I'm willing to
24 entertain that that discussion.

25 Commissioner Sadhwani?

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Thank you, Chair, for
2 that. And timeline issues aside, I just wanted to weigh
3 in. I mean, I think going back and reviewing a lot of
4 the testimony we've received, I mean, I'm still in
5 support of keeping these counties together in a coastal
6 district.

7 And I think there's a lot of testimony from the
8 Karuk and Yurok tribes. And I may be saying those wrong,
9 and I apologize in advance. You know, as Commissioner
10 Toledo and others have laid out, a lot of economic and
11 transportation issues, so I would be in support of just
12 of keeping this where it is. Thank you.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.
14 Commissioner Taylor?

15 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. I've said each time,
16 I'm -- I have to be consistent. I would be in favor of a
17 targeted exploration. Thank you.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Akutagawa.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I would be, too.
20 Building upon what Commissioner Turner said, I think we
21 would do a disservice to the people in the Northern part
22 of the Californias -- of California. And I think we will
23 still have time to do at least a visualization. I think
24 if it means that we delay to Tuesday, you know, we built
25 in that time for the just in case.

1 And I would not want to do this disservice. And so
2 I think -- I would be in wholehearted support of at least
3 doing the exploration so that at least we all know. And
4 I would -- yeah. I would definitely be in support.
5 Thank you.

6 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Any objection to exploring
7 this? And let's also be clear what it is we're
8 exploring. At this point, we're exploring the
9 possibility of shifting Humboldt, Trinity, and Del Norte
10 from a coastal district to a North state district.

11 Commissioner Andersen?

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: The amount of COI
13 testimony -- the greatest amount of COI testimony from
14 this area, excluding Marin has been Mendocino and
15 Humboldt. And this would split Mendocino and Humboldt.

16 So I do not like this idea. We can explore it.
17 It's going to be large -- a lot of architectural changes.
18 But I'd really like to see Mendocino and Humboldt on the
19 coast, not inland.

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

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I am not in support of
23 this. I was making a different point. So just to be on
24 record. Thanks.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

1 Commissioner Toledo.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I just want to keep what we
3 have at this point. Thank you.

4 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

5 My sense of the of the will of the Commission is
6 that, in general, we believe that it is best to leave the
7 Senate district as it is for a variety of reasons. We
8 have said that we are willing to undertake an
9 exploration, but it would involve significant
10 architectural changes.

11 We do have the flexibility in the schedule. But in
12 the end, it seems that the determination that the best
13 end result is to leave us where we are, would indicate
14 that we are best our best path forward is to leave things
15 as they are.

16 Commissioner Akutagawa, Commissioner Taylor, I
17 believe your hands are just still up.

18 Okay. Thank you.

19 Commissioner Fernandez, are there other areas in the
20 North that you had wanted to take a look at?

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I believe that was it.
22 Just one last time, Kennedy, right? Kennedy is with us.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Can you just go into the
25 Yolo, Solano? Yeah. I think I was okay with all of

1 that. I don't remember receiving any testimony that
2 would be opposite. Yep. I'm good. Thank you.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

4 Kennedy, if you would, just walk us one more time
5 around your entire region, and then we will ask Tamina to
6 start at the Northern state line and take us all the way
7 down her region.

8 MS. WILSON: Okay. So let's do a quick -- well, if
9 we're going to start with her at the North, let's start
10 at the bottom of my district. We have our two VRA
11 consideration districts taking in parts of Bakersfield,
12 parts of Shafter, Kern County North -- the Western part
13 of Kern County North, into parts of Tulare, Porterville,
14 parts of Visalia, all of Kings County, Kingsburg in
15 Fresno County, moving up to the San Benito-Fresno
16 district, which is no longer Benito at all. It's Fresno,
17 Merced, and parts of Madera. We have Fresno-Kern, which
18 has -- there was the remainder of the Northern parts of
19 Fresno and Clovis going down with the rest of Kern
20 County.

21 Then we have our ESA, which is Mono, Inyo, Alpine,
22 keeping Lake Tahoe together. We did bring in Kingvale
23 and Truckee to be down in there, Amador to Madera
24 together, Stanislaus whole in this county, and parts of
25 Merced that were not in the VRA district, and South SSAC-

1 STANIS, we have no more of South SSAC at all. Just
2 STANIS. It does not represent this at all. It's all of
3 San Joaquin and parts of Alameda County out to Sunol, up
4 to Dublin.

5 Then moving North into Sacramento, we have Oak
6 Grove, Vineyard, Florin, the City of Sacramento all
7 together, as well as McClellan Park, and Rio Linda, North
8 Highlands. And then on the -- and Sacramento is kind of
9 split in an East-West version. And so on the East side,
10 we have the Southern part of Sacramento County, Golt to
11 Clay, up to Folsom, out to Antelope, up into Placer
12 County, Rocklin, Roseville, together, and Newcastle.

13 And then we have the rest of -- well -- so then we
14 have the Auburn area up to Alta going North into the
15 North district where we just were looking at, which does
16 have Nevada and Sierra together. There's Plumas, Butte,
17 Sutter -- Butte, Sutter. Oh my goodness.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sutter.

19 MS. WILSON: Sutter, Uber (sic) -- I cannot talk.
20 Oh my gosh.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yuba.

22 MS. WILSON: I just give up. Sorry, Yuba. Colusa,
23 Glenn, Tehama, Lassen, Modoc, Siskiyou, and Shasta, all
24 together. And that's all.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you so much,

1 Kennedy.

2 Is Tamina available?

3 MS. WILSON: Tamina is available, and I can go over
4 North Coast also, since it's right there. We have Del
5 Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, Mendocino Lake, most of Sonoma
6 together. Of course, we -- you took out the Rohnert
7 Park. And then you also have parts of Marin as well.
8 And Tamina can take over the rest, but that's North
9 coast.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you so much, Kennedy.

11 Commissioner Yee?

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: With Kennedy still in place, can
13 we go back to Sacramento?

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Sorry.

15 MS. WILSON: Yes. Oh, sorry.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well done.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Well, I just wanted to ask
18 Commissioner Fernandez or anyone else knows this area
19 well, to comment on Mather, which in our late night extra
20 credit work, we ended up separating from Cordova, but
21 wondering if that should go North instead?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I think either way is fine.
23 Mather is actually connected both sides, and it's nice
24 that the communities aren't split. So I -- if you try to
25 connect it with Rancho -- actually, I'm not sure what

1 that would -- well, you're -- Sacramento's already low.
2 So you'd probably have to bring in Arden-Arcade. You'd
3 have to split out Mather and bring in Arden-Arcade, I'm
4 thinking, which is a possibility, actually.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: We tried it. It's still barely.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And Rosemont. If you
7 brought in Rosemont as well. And then brought in Arden-
8 Arcade to the Sacramento side. Does that make sense,
9 Kennedy?

10 MS. WILSON: I'm sorry. I did lose you there.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: That's okay. Commissioner
12 Yee was asking about Mather, and I was thinking a
13 different swap could potentially be taking Mather and
14 Rosemont and moving that to the Placer. And then
15 moving -- offsetting -- bringing Arden-Arcade into
16 Sacramento. I'm not sure -- unfortunately, I don't know
17 what the numbers are. So what I do like about this is
18 this is the only time I believe that Sacramento City is
19 actually in one district.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Mather is less than 5,000
21 people. But if it's less than 5,000 people, it seems to
22 me, can we try and see if it really is going to push the
23 under population above five percent?

24 MR. WILSON: It will not.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: I think we tried it last night

1 and it was just below five. So you could just do that.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

3 MS. WILSON: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Akutagawa?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Before you make that
7 change, I also want to just lift up that there is a
8 Syrian Afghan refugee COI between Arden-Arcade and
9 Carmichael. So if we move Arden-Arcade out, then that
10 COI will be split. So I mean, it sounds like from what
11 you've said, Commission Fernandez, it could go either way
12 in terms of Mather. So just wanted to lift that part up,
13 in terms of the --

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Right.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And there's --

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: But we don't need to make any
17 further changes. The Mather shift is possible without
18 going over deviation in Sacramento. So we don't need to
19 make any further changes.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I was just going to respond
21 to the -- there's actually quite a bit of testimony of
22 Carmichael and Arden-Arcade wanting to be split. They
23 don't see each other as a -- right, except for the one
24 COI. And if you do look in there, it's -- it actually --
25 it just causes me to chuckle because to drop off my son,

1 I had to go through both neighborhoods and they seem to
2 be fine.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
4 Commissioner Yee, were you finished?

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm in line for when we get to
6 the East state.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Same area?

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.
10 Commissioner Turner?

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Commissioner Fernandez,
12 this move splits Rosemont and Mather, and I thought they
13 were -- had commonality as well. Are you -- do you see
14 that?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I believe it was more of
16 Rosemont with the Oak Park section. I can look really
17 quick, though.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. This could also be one of
19 those switches that's made over the weekend since it
20 doesn't involve any other changes.

21 Thank you for that, Commissioner Fernandez and
22 Commissioner Turner.

23 Commissioner Andersen?

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It's moving -- it's
25 Commissioner Yee -- the East Bay, not this.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Okay. Thank you.

2 Commissioner Fernandez, can we move -- okay. Thank
3 you.

4 Then I guess, Kennedy, thank you. And we would need
5 Tamina. Okay.

6 So Tamina, just talk us through the East Bay area,
7 and then we will have Commissioner Yee and others chime
8 in.

9 MS. RAMOS ALON: Certainly, Chair. So we have the
10 NAPABYRON District, which I believe was already
11 discussed, but has a little of the East Bay, so we'll put
12 that in there as well. So just the East Bay sections
13 that are in NAPABYRON, are the Eastern -- East Contra
14 Costa cities of Bethel Island, Oakley, Knightsen,
15 Brentwood, Byron, and Discovery Bay to complete the --
16 this delta COI.

17 We have SD80COR, which takes Crockett -- sorry,
18 right before Crockett, so Rodeo, down the 80 Corridor
19 through West Contra Costa into Alameda County, keeping
20 Oakland whole and stopping right before San Leandro. We
21 have Cocoa, which has San Leandro, and the Eden
22 unincorporated areas, comes up into Contra Costa, has the
23 680 Corridor up to the 4, including La Marinda and the 4
24 over to Antioch.

25 We have SSAC-STANIS, which you may have gone over

1 already, but the Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton COI with
2 Sunol, to Mountain House and Tracy. We have Eden Tech,
3 which has Hayward, Union City, Newark, Fremont, all
4 intact, along with Milpitas, the Northern area and
5 various areas of San Jose, Santa Clara, and Sunnyvale.

6 And stretching the definition of East Bay, we have
7 the San Jose District, which has the balance of San Jose
8 with Gilroy, San Martin, and Morgan Hill, and Lexington
9 Hills.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: And then peninsula?

11 MS. RAMOS ALON: Going into peninsula, we have San
12 Francisco. The district keeps San Francisco whole with
13 Daly City, Colma, and two neighborhoods' COIs of South
14 San Francisco.

15 Peninsula takes the balance of San Mateo County
16 going down the 101 Corridor and down the coast. It also
17 includes areas of Santa Clara County from Palo Alto and
18 Stanford down to Cupertino and Saratoga. Also including
19 Campbell, Los Gatos, and Monte Sereno.

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you. Thank you,
21 Tamina.

22 Commissioner Yee?

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Thank you, Chair. And I
24 believe we were still going to move Gilroy, correct, from
25 this morning's discussion? So that's a pending change.

1 But yeah -- but this morning when we were here, so I
2 think I mentioned the three things that we didn't get to
3 in our late night extra credit session. One was
4 basically Tri-City -- Tri-Valley area, doing something on
5 San Leandro and then overall improving the SSAC-STANIS
6 architecture and what's included.

7 So I believe, Commissioner Fornaciari had talked us
8 through an idea, and I had requested that we try working
9 through that idea this morning, but we didn't get to it.
10 So I'm hoping we could do that now? And if Commission
11 Fornaciari is willing and available, whether we could
12 that now?

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fornaciari?

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. So -- and Tamina,
15 please feel free to tell me if I'm going off the rails
16 here. So just roughly, the idea is to keep the Tri-
17 Valley together. I was thinking with the deviations were
18 a little bit different in the East, but maybe we'd try to
19 bring Danville and San Ramon down. I don't -- just in
20 my -- thinking of that, I don't think that would work, so
21 you know, if we think about moving Pleasanton, Livermore
22 and Dublin up, it's about 240,000 people. So in order to
23 make that work, we could move the Bethel Island, Oakley,
24 Knightsen, Discovery Bay into SSAC-STANIS, but we'd
25 probably also have to move Antioch into SSAC-STANIS.

1 That move would also overpopulate -- probably
2 overpopulate Cocoa. So I would guess and I'm just
3 guessing that that would -- and under populate NAPABYRON.
4 So I'm just guessing that we would need to move, like
5 Martinez to Pittsburgh up to NAPABYRON to balance that.
6 And then that -- Cocoa is probably still a little bit
7 over, I would guess. And then we could move much of San
8 Leandro into the SD80 Corridor.

9 But if there's not -- you know, if there's not
10 support for those steps -- I mean, that's kind of
11 roughly, I think. Does that sound about right, Tamina?
12 I've lost you there. Does that sound like it would
13 balance out there about-ish?

14 MS. RAMOS ALON: Almost. In putting the San Leandro
15 and that area into SD80 Corridor, what are you taking
16 out?

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, I think -- I mean,
18 we're putting 250,000 people in to Cocoa. And then we're
19 taking about 250,000 people out, right? But I mean, I
20 think we can still move some of San Leandro and make that
21 work. Make that balance.

22 MS. RAMOS ALON: Right. And you wanted to move --
23 but you wanted to move that part into SD80COR, right?

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah.

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: So what are you taking out of

1 SD80COR?

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Nothing. They're
3 negative. Yeah. They're negative. not all of San
4 Leandro, just some of it.

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Is that not going to add
7 up?

8 MS. RAMOS ALON: Happy to try.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: No. But I don't want to
10 down this road. I mean, I think Commissioner Andersen
11 had some ideas, too, but I wouldn't go down this road if
12 there's no support for moving for moving Martinez to
13 Pittsburgh into NAPABYRON and/or moving, you know, the
14 Delta Contra Costa cities into Antioch into SSAC-STANIS.

15 So if we don't have that support, you know, we can
16 still do the San Leandro thing either way. But if we
17 don't have that support, then I don't see it, unless you
18 see a different way to do this.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.
20 Commissioner Andersen?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. We did mess with San
22 Leandro into this area, again, trying to keep the Western
23 Contra Costa school system all together. The only ones
24 you could kind of pull out of there, is Rodeo would have
25 no population, so it's kind of insignificant.

1 And I believe Commissioner Yee might know about
2 this. I think we might be able to put the portion of San
3 Leandro that's North of Davis in and still keep it okay.
4 It's not that much. What I was thinking -- I didn't
5 think anyone would have the stomach for any of that, and
6 I didn't think the numbers would work.

7 I was thinking actually of trying to if we just
8 moves just so we can see all of Eden Tech, as well,
9 please. My idea was to -- since, and now it's called San
10 Jose, Gilroy comes out. So I was hoping to gather as
11 much as -- of the portion of San Jose that is an Eden
12 Tech to balance the San Jose around, you know, still like
13 that 4.5 or something like that. Which would allow a
14 little bit more room in the Eden Tech, and taking that
15 portion of San Leandro into the 80 Corridor enough to
16 make that to, you know, balance.

17 The idea is, I'm taking -- and then the space that's
18 in Eden Tech, grab from the portion that used to be in
19 Eden Tech, which is San Leandro and the whole
20 unincorporated area that got put into Cocoa. Take the
21 portion of that back that we can, which would allow more
22 room into Cocoa and notice Cocoa is also unbalanced. I
23 know Dublin will at least fit. I don't know if parts of
24 Pleasanton or Livermore would fit. That was going to be
25 my idea. Without going SSAC-STANIS -- without going

1 Cocoa over or SSAC-STANIS under. That was just my --

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- simple, in that little
4 area, idea.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Right. Thank you. Thank
6 you for that, Commissioner Andersen.

7 Let's hear from a couple other colleagues first, and
8 then we'll ask Tamina some questions about Commissioner
9 Andersen's concept.

10 Commissioner Toledo?

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. I mean, the
12 portion of this district that I'm having the most
13 difficulty with is San Leandro, San Lorenzo and Castro
14 Valley, which are very different than the San Ramon,
15 Danville areas. And but, you know, I'm also looking at
16 the areas around it.

17 And it would -- the rotations to get there would be
18 difficult because of the amount of population there. If
19 there was a way to do it without having to impact the
20 Northern portions of the Cocoa area, then I'd be open to
21 some exploration. But, you know, keeping the Tri-Valley
22 area whole and making this other change seems like it
23 would be difficult to do. Thank you.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

25 Commissioner Turner?

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I have very little
2 energy around making this swap and this change. But I
3 raised my hand to talk about Gilroy and the move
4 supportive of Gilroy. But to me, it seems like if we're
5 going to move Gilroy, we should be moving to get it some
6 kind of way connected with Watsonville and those other
7 areas, as opposed to San Jose.

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
9 Commissioner Fornaciari?

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I guess, from my
11 perspective, if we're not going to put the Tri-Valley
12 together, then I would honor the county line. I wouldn't
13 try to move Dublin. I'd just leave -- I'd leave Cocoa
14 and SSAC-STANIS the way they are, and then work on San
15 Leandro. I don't think it -- I don't think moving Dublin
16 to Cocoa puts the Tri-Valley in any better state than
17 if -- than the split that it has now.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.
19 Commissioner -- I'm sorry.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And with regard to
21 Gilroy --

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I can see both sides of
24 that question. If we left it in Santa Clara County, it'd
25 be the first time it's in in Santa Clara County, I think,

1 in all our maps. If we moved it, it would be with
2 Watsonville, Salinas and Hollister.

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Hollister.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: And so there's definitely
5 a community of interest there. So I mean, I can go
6 either way.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.
8 Commissioner Andersen?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I would like to do --
10 I respect what Commissioner Fornaciari said, and without
11 a great deal of work, I don't see how we can probably get
12 all of Tri-Valley together. But I was hoping a little
13 bit. But I agree with, you know, if he doesn't want to
14 do that, I still, however, would like to put at least
15 Davis North because that helps access to the Oakland
16 Airport in San Leandro.

17 And I would like to, you know, if at all possible,
18 move parts of the Eden -- I don't know if Eden, but you
19 know, the Cherry Hill, Ashland, that area with Hayward.
20 They would like to do that, I mean, go back into Eden
21 Tech as much as possible. I also like I also like the
22 Gilroy, Hollister, Watsonville connection.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

24 Yeah. I mean, I'm looking at the numbers, it seems
25 that we could get maybe two-thirds of San Leandro back

1 into SD80 Corridor. So I'm certainly happy to move in
2 that direction.

3 Commissioner Toledo?

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I'm also -- back to the
5 San Leandro, Castro Valley. If we can honor the Alameda
6 County line, I think that would be ideal. I just
7 don't -- I'm not sure if the population is too great to
8 rotate. Thank you.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. I mean, San Leandro is 91,000
10 people. I don't know what -- off the top of my head what
11 Castro Valley is, but it, you know, and San Lorenzo,
12 Fairview, we're looking at quite a bit of population
13 there, I think.

14 Commissioner Yee?

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. Castro Valley is about
16 60,000, so -- but yeah. I'm supportive of Commissioner
17 Andersen's idea of moving Gilroy South, adjusting the
18 line in San Jose. Maybe bringing Castro Valley and the
19 rest of Eden down Eden Tech. And then sending as much of
20 San Leandro into SD80 Corridor again.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

22 So the first step in this would be to move Gilroy,
23 as I understand it. But we were exploring that earlier,
24 so where do we stand on shifting Gilroy South?

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: We have an iteration for

1 you with that.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: We have a couple of
4 iterations.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Then let's -- we've got about
6 twenty minutes. Let's see the iterations for moving
7 Gilroy South

8 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. So our first iteration for
9 moving Gilroy South actually redraws the Mid Coast
10 District to take in part of -- it looks very similar to
11 what we did in Congress. So Gilroy comes South along
12 with the rest of San Benito and Monterey, and then comes
13 North to take in the Alum Rock neighborhoods and Latino
14 areas of San Jose.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: So maybe I should introduce some of
16 these so we have a couple of iterations, and one of these
17 is very -- we're just kind of exploring and kind of
18 thinking like just big picture. And then and some of
19 these are more conservative, and we'll get to the
20 conservative ones next. But this was just thinking, what
21 if the maps look closer to our Congressional and -- but
22 then we had other iterations as well, so don't worry. We
23 just wanted to show you what we were -- what we worked
24 through.

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. So the second is -- oh, that

1 just, sorry this one does not address Gilroy. The second
2 iteration is merely taking Gilroy itself, and I'm going
3 to put on the pending changes, so you can see what
4 happens when we move Gilroy into Mid Coast.

5 (Pause)

6 MS. RAMOS ALON: So Gilroy into Mid Coast was the
7 second option that we looked at, in taking into Gilroy
8 and then cutting at the top here of Santa Cruz County.
9 We don't actually have a snapshot for that, but that's
10 what we -- it's really only because this is only a 60,000
11 population change, we'd only need about 15,000 people to
12 move. And I believe that's the end of our Gilroy
13 iterations.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think with this one we would
15 keep San Benito within the Mid Coast District, so San
16 Benito would not be connected. And then we did have one
17 where San Benito is -- where Hollister is carved out as
18 well.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Any thoughts on those iterations
20 from the Commission?

21 Commissioner Andersen?

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: We did look at this, and the
23 issue was how -- what do we take out of Mid Coast if we
24 put 60,000 in, and that's what we ran into trouble with
25 this, because we couldn't work out something at the

1 Southern end. So I'm sort of wondering, did we work that
2 out?

3 CHAIR KENNEDY: Tamina?

4 MS. RAMOS ALON: We took it out -- so we took out
5 part of the top of Santa Cruz and just did the swamp in
6 between San Jose and Mid Coast.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So can we see that?

8 MS. RAMOS ALON: I don't actually have an iteration
9 for that, but I can select some cities.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. We can do that live.

11 MS. RAMOS ALON: That number 2 is like the
12 Congressional one.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Commissioner Fornaciari?

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, if we're going to
15 look at moving some of Hollister into the Senate
16 district, then do we have to take Santa Cruz apart? And
17 I mean -- so I guess at this point, we've carved up Santa
18 Cruz pretty viciously in all of our other maps and I
19 mean, I don't -- I said I was on the fence for moving
20 Gilroy, but if we have to carve up Santa Cruz again to
21 move Gilroy, I would just assume leave Gilroy in its own
22 county.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.
24 Commissioner Toledo?

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So we have -- we did go

1 through and you can see in this iteration and selected as
2 much as we could from -- as much as we could while
3 keeping the deviation and maintaining our CVAP in our VRA
4 district. I cut into Hollister. And then -- and with
5 that, we were able to take in Gilroy. So that is a
6 possibility.

7 What we didn't like about it is that we couldn't
8 bring in all of Hollister. So that was -- and we tried.
9 We tried to bring in all of Hollister, there's just too
10 much population. And I mean, we tried to find -- and
11 both Tamina and Kennedy were helping us try to identify
12 places where we could, on the edges, you know, shave off
13 some population and then bring in more of Hollister. And
14 we just weren't able to. I mean, they've done such an
15 amazing job of just trying to get every single -- get the
16 VRA district to be as optimal as possible.

17 So our choices are we dip into San Benito, we get
18 some of -- or most of Hollister, but not all of it. That
19 would allow us to bring down Gilroy. But we would leave
20 out a portion of Hollister and Hollister is where the
21 majority of those San Benito population lives. So
22 that's, I think, some of the challenges that we're --
23 that's complicating all of this.

24 Certainly, we can do that. And it would protect
25 some more people, get them into the VRA district

1 protected groups and allow us to go into Gilroy. And
2 that may be a possibility. We just wanted to bring to
3 the group what we were able to achieve within about an
4 hour's worth of time, and we did explore many options.

5 So that is a possibility, bringing in some of San
6 Benito and if we zoom out, you can see what the district
7 looks like. So it's Merced, the Fresno area, and a
8 little piece of San Benito in the corner, which I don't
9 know what I feel about -- how I feel about taking so much
10 of San Benito -- so much of the San Benito population out
11 of the County of San Benito and Monterey County.

12 So that's -- yeah. That's why we started looking at
13 a more extreme option, which would be to create something
14 more like what we have in the Congress, but that also
15 would be very challenging and would require some
16 architectural changes, Tamina has presented earlier.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

18 And I have to say that, you know, looking at this
19 and considering it more carefully, you know, I was one of
20 the ones who was wholeheartedly in favor of finding a way
21 to get Gilroy into Mid Coast. But to me, it seems to
22 lose a lot if we're then going to turn around and get rid
23 of Hollister. Because I thought part of what I would
24 like to try to do was unite Gilroy, Hollister, and
25 Watsonville and we end up not being able to do that if

1 we're then taking most of Hollister away.

2 So other colleagues' thoughts on any of the
3 iterations that have been presented?

4 Commissioner Andersen?

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I'm with Commissioner
6 Fornaciari. This is -- you know, the idea was the
7 Gilroy, Hollister, you know, Watsonville and --

8 CHAIR KENNEDY: Salinas.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, Salinas. Yeah.
10 This -- so this this doesn't work for me to leave Gilroy.

11 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Thank you, Commissioner
12 Andersen.

13 Commissioner Turner?

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. The exact same way
15 Commissioner Kennedy, I wanted Hollister with Gilroy.

16 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Thank you, Commissioner
17 Turner.

18 Commissioner Sadhwani?

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Could we just --
20 Tamina, could we see the other option one more time?

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: And so this includes all of
22 Monterey.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: So this includes all of Monterey,
24 all of San Benito, and dips into Gilroy, San Martin, and
25 then into the Alum Rock neighborhood of San Jose. This

1 connects the working class neighborhoods or district
2 areas in this in this area, both agricultural and some of
3 the processing workers as well as others.

4 You know, so we were just looking at potentially,
5 could we architect this close -- could we create an
6 architecture that's closer to our Congressional map? Not
7 quite, because, of course, we wanted to keep all of San
8 Benito and Monterey. This could potentially allow us to
9 do more in the East Bay.

10 So if we moved over and we did this for population
11 purposes, potentially it may not. It may not. And I
12 might be thinking of the rotations differently. But
13 potentially, if we draw down population down, could it
14 potentially help us in the -- up North?

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Because when I was
16 going back and just looking at some of my notes, what I
17 had seen is that Gilroy, San Martin, and Morgan Hill had
18 a community of interest testimony linking them together.

19 Certainly, we've heard a lot from the folks in the
20 Salinas Valley and the agricultural workers and essential
21 workers, so you know, I could certainly see the value in,
22 you know, bringing together these communities of interest
23 in this way. Thank you.

24 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

25 Commissioner Andersen?

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: The one thing I want to
2 bring out in this area, I see what Commissioner Sadhwani
3 is saying and that looks great, until you realize that
4 all of -- the bulk of Santa Cruz is now with San Jose.
5 And Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Benito are the three
6 counties that have essentially so many different trade
7 arrangements, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.

8 And so that -- you know, I do see there's still
9 there is still -- there is a little bit of space -- grab
10 a little bit more of San Jose and put it in this area,
11 which might help the East Bay. But, you know, I think --
12 I just want to make sure that everyone sees that's the
13 big change in this.

14 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

15 Commissioner YEE: I see some of the pluses here,
16 but, you know, in the Congressional district, we reached
17 up to San Jose for VRA reconsiderations. And this
18 district would not have the same considerations. So it'd
19 be hard for me to get behind it, even though it does do
20 some nice things as well.

21 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

22 Commissioner Toledo?

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. And we didn't get -- we
24 started this and we ran out of time, so we were just
25 starting with the Congressional architecture. I

1 personally because we don't have VRA considerations.
2 I -- and I did -- and I do hear Commissioner Andersen,
3 and I agree the connection here is really Santa Cruz,
4 Monterey, San Benito.

5 But we started with this architecture and we
6 actually wanted -- the plan was to go down to Morgan
7 Hill, San Martin, Gilroy, just to limit it to that and
8 then go into Santa Cruz. But we didn't know how much
9 we'd be able to do it. And to create more of a Santa
10 Cruz, Monterey, San Benito district that brought in
11 population and potentially could help us up North, but
12 also kept San Benito in a district that -- and Monterey
13 in a district that is more coastal and central coast.
14 Thank you.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

16 Yeah. I have to say that when I was first looking
17 at this and focusing on different parts of it, I almost
18 got very enthusiastic about it until Commissioner
19 Andersen pointed out the issue with Santa Cruz. And that
20 did kind of kill it for me.

21 So yeah, I think, you know, there was some really
22 good work done here. I think, you know, it certainly has
23 merit as far as a way for further exploration. I would
24 have to consult with the mappers and with the incoming
25 chair to see if there's stomach for that sort of

1 exploration.

2 Commissioner Fernandez?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: How did you know I've been
4 having stomach issues? Ever since about a month ago?

5 Let us see. This is this is iteration two. Yeah,
6 the first one I did not really care for. This one I kind
7 of don't care for either. I kind of prefer what our
8 drafts looked like -- or with having the Santa Cruz, San
9 Benito, and Monterey. Thanks.

10 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.

11 Commissioner Toledo?

12 And we've got about three minutes before break.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think, I just left my hand
14 up. Sorry.

15 CHAIR KENNEDY: Oh, okay. Thank you.

16 Any further discussion of this? I mean, we've made
17 some valiant efforts. I certainly appreciate the
18 mappers' willingness to work on this. I think, you know,
19 we had some really good ideas. But in the bigger
20 picture, we just weren't able to carry them all the way
21 through to where we needed to get to in order to
22 implement them.

23 I don't know if other Commissioners have further
24 thoughts, but, again, certainly want to thank the mappers
25 for going with us on these multiple journeys.

1 MS. RAMOS ALON: Always a pleasure, Chair.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Tamina.

3 Okay. Commissioner Andersen?

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I appreciate that,
5 and I'm so sorry that we didn't come up with something on
6 that. Are we going to venture further into the idea, you
7 know, we can't -- it doesn't have the 60,000, but it
8 might be able to do something with San Leandro in that
9 area or are we going to -- I don't know if that would
10 move it until tomorrow, I guess. So I -- that's my
11 question.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. I mean, you know, you had a
13 very specific suggestion of where to move the line to.
14 And we do have two minutes to go. So if Tamina, you want
15 to move the line to that point that Commissioner Andersen
16 had indicated, let's go for it.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And Tamina, I think that --
18 does that possibly match up? We did certainly try that
19 one time before. I don't know if we did it in Assembly
20 or something or other. But it's -- it would be take it
21 down to Davis, which is essentially the 112, see that up
22 there? Right.

23 And once you hit Washington when it borders San
24 Leandro, I would go up to that. And Commissioner Yee
25 sort of walked through this before, and so I don't know

1 if you want to --

2 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sure. Let me try that. Hold on a
3 second.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

6 And meanwhile, we'll hear from Commissioner Yee.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. That was an idea when we
8 needed just a little bit of San Leandro for one of the
9 iterations. But if we're going to do this, I think I
10 would try to move as much of San Leandro as possible, if
11 we can get a majority of it into SD80. I think that
12 would be preferable.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. I think from the population
14 numbers, we'd be able to take about two thirds of it, so
15 60,000 of the 91. So to me now, let's see if we can pull
16 together, approximately, 60,000.

17 MS. MAC DONALD: (Audio interference)

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Ms. Mac Donald.

19 MS. MAC DONALD: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to
20 alert you to the fact that San Leandro is whole right
21 now, and this move is going to split it. Thank you.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: We -- yes. We're -- we're very much
23 and painfully aware of that.

24 Okay. Tamina, can we leave you to work on this. We
25 need to take a fifteen-minute break. When we come back,

1 it is time for public comment. We will take about five
2 minutes to finish this up and then turn to public
3 comment.

4 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, Chair.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Tamina.

6 So Katy, could you go ahead and read the
7 instructions?

8 And Kristian, we are on break now until 6:45.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

10 In order to maximize transparency and public
11 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
12 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the
13 telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is
14 877-853-5247. When prompted to enter the meeting ID
15 number provided on the livestream feed, it is 85932989398
16 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant
17 ID, simply press the pound key.

18 Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a
19 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press
20 star nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
21 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message
22 that says the host would like you to talk and to press
23 star six to speak. If you would like to give your name,
24 please state and spell it for the record. You are not
25 required to provide your name to give public comment.

1 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
2 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
3 call.

4 And once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
5 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn
6 down the livestream volume. And we will be back at 6:45.

7 MR. MANOFF: Thank you, everyone. We are on break
8 until 6:45.

9 We also would like to welcome those who have called
10 in to give public input. If you can hear the sound of
11 my --

12 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 6:32 p.m.
13 until 6:44 p.m.)

14 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

15 If you could please enable video there, Chair.

16 Stand by to go live. You are live.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, everyone for your
18 patience during our fifteen-minute break. We are back
19 with you. We are about to begin public comment. We just
20 wanted to take a moment and get a report back from our
21 mapper, Tamina, as to the results of the mapping in
22 accordance with our instructions, moving approximately
23 60,000 people from -- in San Leandro from the COCO
24 district into the 80 corridor district.

25 So Tamina, could you let us know how that came out?

1 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, Chair. I actually was working
2 on the middle of a second iteration here. I just ran out
3 of time, but. So this would be one iteration, would be
4 to come up. You can see we don't really get two thirds.
5 It's a little bit more than -- a little bit more like
6 half. But we are at 3-6-9 right here, so probably could
7 be taking a little bit more to get us to the two thirds
8 mark, into this area or into the South -- Southeast
9 corner over here. So that is one option.

10 And then a second option would be -- I'll turn on
11 that layer again, so we can see where we are. This was
12 beginning with Commissioner Andersen's instructions and
13 taking that area back. And so we are now at -- what
14 screen are we on here. So we are coming down Marine
15 (sic) and then coming down Merced, to Wicks, and then
16 over across the canal.

17 CHAIR KENNEDY: But in this one, we have left COCO
18 underpopulated?

19 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, and this one -- this is
20 getting as much of San Leandro as possible into SD80CORR,
21 so this would make COCO underpopulated.

22 CHAIR KENNEDY: Whereas, the -- the other one did
23 not bring as much population into 80 corridor and left
24 COCO within permissible deviations, if I recall
25 correctly?

1 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, Chair.

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you. Did you have anything
3 else to share with us?

4 MS. RAMOS ALON: Not this time, Chair.

5 CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you, Tamina.
6 Commissioner Andersen?

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I was just going to say the
8 same thing that you just mentioned, Chair. Unless
9 there's some other portion of SSACSTANIS (sic) that we
10 can add, we have to stop before COCO goes neg -- goes
11 below negative point -- negative five percent.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Thank you very much,
13 Commissioner Andersen.

14 Commissioner Turner?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I didn't see the full map. I
16 was just hoping -- that was I was going to ask. Is there
17 something we can add into COCO, not from SSACTANIS, but
18 from some other area that we wanted to make whole? Did
19 we have something left out that -- a wish list?

20 CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, this -- this would be where we
21 would be able to come South of the -- yeah, South of the
22 Alameda County line in the Tri-Valley. But I'm not clear
23 how much we would be able to do there. Did you have a
24 further question, Commissioner Turner?

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: It went the wrong way. No.

1 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

2 Commissioner Fornaciari?

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I was just going to say
4 that some of the Contra Costa County in NAPABYRON,
5 they're in the East Contra Costa County. So there could
6 be an opportunity to bring some of those cities back into
7 Contra Costa County to bring that deviation to NAPABYRON
8 is -- is almost at five.

9 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. I don't -- I really don't
10 want to eat into the public comment time. But that does
11 sound like a potential exploration that would be useful.

12 Commissioner Yee.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I'm sorry. If others have
14 an appetite for continuing this, that's great. But I
15 have to say, it's not growing on me. Actually, it's
16 splitting San Leandro (indiscernible) is actually looking
17 worse, so.

18 CHAIR KENNEDY: Could you repeat that, Commissioner
19 Yee; I didn't hear it.

20 Commissioner Yee, could you repeat, please?

21 Okay. Then Commissioner Fernandez.

22 VICE CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No. I was just going to say
23 that I believe Commissioner Yee said that splitting San
24 Leandro, he wasn't -- he wasn't in favor of that,
25 correct?

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's right. I'm sorry. I had
2 to switch computers. Yeah, I'm saying this is not
3 growing on me. I think splitting San Leandro thusly is
4 actually just going to make things worse. So I would
5 probably revert. But if others have an appetite for
6 other explorations, that's fine, too.

7 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you.

8 Commissioner Andersen?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I just want to check Mr.
10 Yee. How about Davis or does -- do you want San Leandro
11 whole, or can we at least put Davis in? The reason is,
12 you know, I know that helps with the airport.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: I think I would have to check
14 some COI testimony to actually back that up. I mean, I
15 understand the idea. You know, I certainly have been in
16 that area a lot. But I would need to hear from San
17 Leandro that they -- that that interests them.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. I -- I thought that
19 that was that particular COI. So yes, if you would check
20 on that. You know, I'm -- I'm just trying to make, you
21 know, things better in that area, so. But I'll go with
22 your COI information.

23 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'll double-check.

25 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, both. Thank you for

1 checking on that, Commissioner Yee. We'll look forward
2 to hearing back later.

3 With that, we will abandon those changes in San
4 Leandro, and we will go to public comment.

5 So Katy, would you please read the instructions
6 again and get us started with public comment.

7 In accordance with the policy that was approved
8 yesterday, we will be taking a maximum of three hours of
9 public comment. The lines will not close until the end
10 of that three hours. Breaks do not count in the
11 calculation of the three hours.

12 If we do get to the end of our callers before the
13 end of the maximum three-hour public comment period, I
14 will invite public comment. I will ask Katy to read the
15 instructions again. We will take any additional callers
16 that come in, as we did last night. But once those
17 callers are heard, we will close the public comment
18 period. So thank you, all. Looking forward to public
19 comment.

20 Katy.

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

22 The Commission will now be taking public comment by
23 phone. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247. Enter
24 the meeting ID number, 85932989398, for this meeting.
25 Once you have dialed in, please press star nine to enter

1 the comment queue.

2 The full comment instructions were read previously
3 and are provided in full on the livestream landing page.
4 And one more time, for those that have not done so
5 already, please press star nine to raise your hand
6 indicating you wish to give comment.

7 Our public comment period is one minute and thirty
8 seconds. Please -- we will be giving a verbal warning at
9 thirty seconds and fifteen seconds remaining.

10 I will be identifying you by the last four digits of
11 your telephone number. Please be alert for when it is
12 your turn to speak. And let's get started.

13 Right now, we have caller 0983. And up next after
14 that will be caller 2714.

15 Caller 0983, please follow the prompts. The floor
16 is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioner. While I
18 want to thank Commissioners Andersen, Kennedy, and
19 Sadhwani for hearing us, I also want to express my deep
20 appreciation to you three for acknowledgement for having
21 Little Saigon back. I watched the meeting last night,
22 and it was really upsetting to me. That's why,
23 regardless what we have sent for a month, Commissioner
24 Akutagawa is still trying to put area that we are asking
25 not to put into the refuse here, our place.

1 You have done it for the Senator and Congressional
2 district, including Huntington Beach with Little Saigon.
3 We know you can do it for the Assembly as well give us
4 population limit just on up North Garfield Street, stop
5 at Seapoint Street in Huntington Beach to Little Saigon.
6 You can do this to remove center and East --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- of Garden Grove. This
9 could give enough population to add North Huntington
10 Beach to Gothard Street. Please, please, help us,
11 Commission, to give Little Saigon Congress members,
12 Senator and Assembly members to fight for our families
13 and our chydren -- children for the next ten years.
14 Thank you and have a good night, Commissioner.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 And right now, we have caller 2714. And up next
17 after that will be caller 2931.

18 Caller 2714, please follow the prompts. The floor
19 is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, do you hear me?

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you.

23 Hello, Commissioner. I just want to thank you,
24 Commissioner Kennedy and Andersen for wanting to revisit
25 the Little Saigon map. Thank you for listening to us and

1 for standing by our side. The current map is perfect,
2 please don't make any change. We appreciate the
3 Commission for allow us to have a voice for the Senate
4 district.

5 The Assembly district, GGW, is not complete for our
6 Little Saigon community of interest, please do. We are
7 asking the Commission to at least make some change to the
8 Assembly district GGW map. Leave all of the North
9 Garfield stop at Seapoint Street in Huntington Beach.
10 You can remove it up that road in Stanton because we have
11 nothing in common with these two cities. They belong to
12 Latino community of interest.

13 It would not be fair for them not to take part of
14 their community to our Little Saigon community. And it
15 will not be fair for us as well. Again, thank you
16 Commissioner --

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Kennedy and Andersen for
19 hearing us and make sure Little Saigon has a true
20 representation for Assembly in the next decade.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now, we have caller 2931. And up next
23 after that, have caller 3530.

24 Caller 2931, please follow the prompts. The floor
25 is yours.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, can you hear me?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

3 CALLER 2931: Hello Commissioners. Commissioner
4 Kennedy, thank you for listening to us and suggestion to
5 remove East Garden Grove last night. We are grateful to
6 have you on this Commission.

7 Commissioner Akutagawa, you want to push Santa Ana
8 to Little Saigon yesterday. Why? For a month, we have
9 been since sending thousand of emails and COIs and
10 hundreds of calls waiting for hours to speak to let the
11 Commissioner know that the island (sic) part Huntington
12 Beach belong to Little Saigon, not one (indiscernible) up
13 in Santa Ana. So instead of hearing our request, you're
14 having completely ignore us and have not give us any
15 reason why our requests are unreasonable. The only
16 reason we can think of is you would rather listen to the
17 one percent who called in last night, one person to a
18 hundred of us. Commission -- Commissioner Kennedy and
19 Andersen, yes, we have -- we have heard you're willing to
20 help us. You have heard -- you help -- help us. Please
21 help us by adding on the North Garfield Street stop,
22 Seapoint Street --

23 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- to the Huntington Beach
25 because there are areas where Vietnamese-American living

1 and where our school district cross over with Westminster
2 and Fountain Valley. Keep our family and children --

3 MR. MANOFF: Ten.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- together. Don't separate
5 them. Commissioner, Little Saigon needs your help.
6 Please help us, hear us, and make sure Little Saigon have
7 a true presentation in the State Assembly. Put --

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 And right now, we have caller 3530. And up next
10 after that is caller is 4201.

11 Caller 3530, please follow the prompts.

12 And one more time, caller -- oh, there you are. The
13 floor is yours.

14 Caller 3530, if you'll please double-check your
15 phone, make sure you are not on muted. You are
16 unmuted --

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I hope --

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- in the hearing.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I hope I can -- I hope you --
20 can you hear me now? Commissioners --

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- first I want to thank you
23 for your hard work. And I'm calling tonight because I
24 hope that you've abandoned the ill-advised plan to carve
25 up Hollister and put it in Merced County. That's

1 really -- for a small county like San Benito, we only
2 have -- there's only 64,000 of us. And if you -- and
3 most of the population is -- is actually in Hollister.
4 If you take the majority of population out of Hollister,
5 you've left us, really, with not much left in terms of
6 population. Hollister is not just our county seat; it's
7 also our economic seat. It's also the -- our social and
8 cultural center. San Benito County, you're right in --
9 in your deliberations in making Gilroy, Hollister, and
10 Watsonville together. They should be included with
11 Salinas and Salinas Valley. It's really important that
12 you keep us together with Latino and farm worker
13 community in Salinas and Salinas Valley.

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Once again, thank you for
16 your hard work. And thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 And right now we have caller 4201. And up next
19 after that is caller 6880.

20 Caller 4201, please follow the prompts.

21 And one more time, caller with the last four digits
22 4201, please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
23 star six.

24 I do apologize, caller 4201. You appear to have
25 some type of connectivity issue at the moment. I do have

1 you down for a retry. I will come back around.

2 Right now, we have caller 6880. And up next after
3 that will be caller 8224.

4 Caller 6880, please follow the prompts. The floor
5 is yours.

6 MS. COHEN: Hello, Commissioner. My name is Jean
7 Cohen, J-E-A-N C-O-H-E-N. And I'm the executive officer
8 of the South Bay Labor Council. I want to thank you for
9 the time you've spend carefully considering the impact
10 that redistricting has on our region. As someone who was
11 born and raised in San Jose, I can tell you that our city
12 and our region has grown for the better. We are not a
13 monolithic city, and I believe the C2 (phonetic) included
14 as part of the December 11th versions of the
15 Congressional maps barely reflected that by acknowledging
16 the significant Asian-Pacific Islander and Latino
17 communities here.

18 And I want to be clear. It's fine for the City of
19 San Jose to be included in multiple seats if it helps you
20 comply with the Voting Rights Act. What is not okay is
21 for Mayor Sam Liccardo to try to draw himself a seat for
22 Congress. This is out of his own self-interest and his
23 concern that San Jose is going to be overshadowed by one
24 of the smaller cities in his district is nonsense. San
25 Jose is the big city in this region. And it will be

1 taken care of --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MS. COHEN: -- similar to San Diego, which is
4 currently split into four house districts but still
5 managed to have three of those represented by a San Diego
6 city resident.

7 San Jose is going to be fine without the Sam
8 Liccardo gerrymandering. It's totally unfair for him to
9 use his local office as a shield against the state law --

10 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

11 MS. COHEN: -- prohibiting candidates for office to
12 be taken into consideration of your work. The version
13 you have adopted yesterday was a seat drawn to benefit
14 Sam Liccardo at the urging of Sam Liccardo. Please --

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 And right now, we have caller 8224. And up next
17 after that is caller 9517.

18 Caller 8224, please follow the prompts. The floor
19 is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I'm calling regarding
21 the Little Saigon in Orange County. I have been calling
22 every day on behalf of my community because I can speak a
23 little English. There are thousands of Vietnamese-
24 American who pay a lot of attention to this district and
25 unable to call in because they cannot speak English. All

1 we are asking now is to have a true representation in the
2 Assembly district, GGW. You have Senate and
3 Congressional district right from day one.

4 We have been making public demands, sending email
5 and calling in to make sure you add all the North
6 Garfield stop, by Seapoint Street in Huntington Beach.
7 Remove East Garden Grove and Stanton. We did everything
8 we could to help so you can hear us. It's not hard to
9 put the inland part of Huntington Beach with Little
10 Saigon. Huntington Beach is current with Little Saigon
11 in all seats. And we are asking it to continue this way.
12 I just want to thank you, Commissioners Sadhwani,
13 Andersen, and Kennedy --

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- for hearing us. Have a
16 great holiday and thank you for listening before the
17 (indiscernible). Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now, we have caller 9517. And up next
20 after that is caller 0240.

21 Caller 9517, please follow the prompts. The floor
22 is yours.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, good evening,
24 Commissioner. When you look at the Assembly map
25 tomorrow, please add Huntington Beach to the Assembly GGW

1 map. All we are asking if we cannot have the whole
2 Huntington Beach, we just ask all of the North of
3 Garfield. You can use Garfield Street in Huntington
4 Beach at the dividing line. Little Saigon doesn't belong
5 with Stanton or East Garden Grove. Please take Stanton
6 and East Garden Grove out of our area.

7 Commissioner Kennedy, Andersen, and Sadhwani, thank
8 you for hearing us and we are proud for -- to have you
9 both on the Commissioner (sic). Thank you very much and
10 goodnight.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 And right now, we have caller 0240. And up next
13 after that will be caller 9277.

14 Caller 0240, please follow the prompts. The floor
15 is yours.

16 MR. MUNSON: Thank you very much. This is John
17 Munson from Nature for All. And we're asking you to
18 maintain the integrity of CD 210 and create a more
19 logical Northern boundary for CDC 05 just North of West
20 and -- West Fork and the East Fork. We really appreciate
21 what you've done for all of the districts involving the
22 Angeles National Forest. But you took our suggestion of
23 an addition above Azusa and is now morphed from our
24 original modest suggestion all the way to two thirds of
25 the way toward the Northern national forest boundary and

1 almost to Angeles Crest Highway, dividing the CD 210 in
2 half.

3 It makes sense to go back to what we last proposed,
4 which was extending the boundary North to the major
5 recreation area, North of East Fork and West Fork along
6 the San Gabriel River. The only facility North of this
7 area is higher altitude developed campground which has
8 very different problems and very different setting from
9 East Fork and West Fork --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 MR. MUNSON: -- (indiscernible). And so we just ask
12 you to take back the very last adjustment you made and
13 reduce it back to East Fork and West Fork which means
14 that the 210 -- CD 210 will --

15 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

16 MR. MUNSON: -- not be -- look like it's divided in
17 half. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now, we have caller 922 -- 9277. And up
20 next after will be caller 8640.

21 Caller 9277, please follow the prompts. The floor
22 is yours.

23 DR. BERGMAN: Good evening, Commissioner. I'm Dr.
24 Sheila Bergman, the executive director of UCR ART, which
25 is the California Museum of Photography and Culver Center

1 of the Arts located Downtown Riverside. I'm writing to
2 urge you to adjust the State Assembly district boundaries
3 that encompass the University California, Riverside,
4 located at 900 University Avenue, Riverside. In the
5 current SWRIV map, iteration dated 12/08/2021, UCR as a
6 community of interest is split from the Greater Riverside
7 area.

8 Tomorrow when you review the Assembly district maps,
9 I encourage you to consider maps submitted by campus
10 architect Jacqueline Norman, under comment 40611, as a
11 part of the official record that includes Shapefiles and
12 maps for your reference.

13 The City of Riverside and UCR actively partner on
14 various initiatives, including a significant arch
15 innovation and economic development corridor, UCR in
16 downtown Riverside and Americourse University East side,
17 collaborative, to name a few.

18 Students living off campus typically live in the
19 City of Riverside throughout the University Avenue
20 corridor, and they also work and do research there. I
21 can't imagine bifurcating the main campus from its other
22 centers, business, clinics, where students and faculty
23 conduct critical work.

24 I appreciate the Commissioners' attention to this
25 request. Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
2 right now, we have caller 8640, and up next after that
3 will be caller 5944.

4 Caller 8640, please follow the prompts.

5 And one more time, caller with the last four digits
6 8640, please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
7 star six. The floor is yours.

8 MS. REIMANN: Hello?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, hello.

10 MS. REIMANN: Yes, hello. Thank you, Commissioners.
11 My name is Linda Reimann. And it's spelled L-I-N-D-A,
12 R-E-I-M-A-N-N. I'm assistant deal at the School of
13 Medicine at the University of California, Riverside, and
14 live in the downtown Riverside area.

15 I also urge you to adjust the State Assembly
16 district boundaries that encompass the university because
17 in the current Southwest Riverside map iteration dated
18 December 8th, UCR is split from the greater Riverside
19 area.

20 There are three reasons I ask you to consider. The
21 inland Southern California region has a historic and dire
22 shortage of physicians. The UCR School of Medicine was
23 created to help remedy this shortage in direct response
24 to community need. Gaining the long-term support and
25 sustainability for the school has been a heavy lift, and

1 it has only been through the partnership and alignment
2 between the city and state that the school is now
3 supported and will be able to sustain and grow,
4 continuing to benefit residents throughout the region.

5 In addition, UCR Health, the School of Medicine, and
6 the City of Riverside partner on many initiatives. An
7 example is a clinic for the unhoused --

8 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

9 MS. REIMANN: -- (indiscernible, simultaneous
10 speech) in place that will open in the spring in downtown
11 Riverside. Again, this was only made possible through
12 strong alignment.

13 When you review the Assembly district maps, I
14 encourage you to consider those maps submitted by our
15 campus architect, Jacqueline --

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And right now, caller 5944, and up next after that
18 is caller 7068.

19 Caller 5944, please follow the prompts. The floor
20 is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commission. As
22 some of you may know, former Obama Attorney General Eric
23 Holder has devoted his post Justice Department career to
24 ensuring voting rights and fighting laws and
25 redistricting efforts aimed at disenfranchising minority

1 voters. Tonight, he called some of your work absurd and
2 unnecessary, and called into question whether the
3 California Commission would be a model for the country
4 going forward.

5 One of the more absurd and unnecessary districts
6 that this Commission has produced is the FRESNO-KERN
7 Congressional District, that connects Fresno and
8 Bakersfield. Forty percent of this district are minority
9 communities who can no longer meaningfully participate in
10 federal elections for the next ten years. This district
11 extends more than 200 miles across desert, mountains,
12 foothills, and valley, while splitting six cities in the
13 central valley. It's basically just leftovers from two
14 neighboring VRA districts.

15 Bakersfield and Fresno make up more than 900,000
16 people, yet the largest impact community in this district
17 is Clovis, at about 100,000 people, which is 200 miles
18 from the Eastern border, and the second largest is
19 Lemoore at 26,000 people. You have robbed those
20 voters --

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- any chance at fair
23 representation for the next ten years. This Commission
24 has not given anywhere near the amount of consideration
25 to the hundreds of COI testimony from Fresno, Clovis, and

1 Bakersfield, as it has from other parts of the State.

2 It is frustrating to see Commissioners use
3 individual and more recently COIs to confirm their biases
4 and avoid exploring sensible, architectural changes.
5 Stop ignoring the FRESNO-KERN District, and fix it before
6 your deadline. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 And right now we have caller 7068, and up next after
9 that is Caller 9238.

10 Caller 7068, please follow the prompts. The floor
11 is yours.

12 MS. NGUYEN: Hi, can you hear me?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

14 MS. NGUYEN: Hi, my name is Young Nguyen (ph.) I am
15 calling to ask that the Commission and ask Commission
16 Kennedy's proposal for a small split in Huntington Beach.
17 I understand why the Commission is hesitant to split
18 Huntington Beach and in a perfect world, it would not be
19 split. But if we wanted to maximize Vietnamese voting
20 powers, your proposed split would actually do exactly
21 that. Thank you for spending time on this, and I hope
22 you can finalize this change. Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 And right now, we have Caller 9238, and up next
25 after that is Caller 3640.



1 Caller 9238, please follow the prompts. The floor
2 is yours.

3 MR. DUGGER: Feels like I'm playing bingo here.
4 Hello, everybody. I am Thomas Dugger, T-H-O-M-A-S,
5 D-U-G-G-E-R, with the Science to Policy student group at
6 UC Riverside, asking you once again, like my UCR
7 colleagues, to group UCR and the City of Riverside in the
8 same district. Specifically, it's putting UCR, located
9 at 900 University Avenue, Riverside, California, 92521,
10 and the surrounding area in about a mile radius, in
11 Assembly district 58-JRC, instead of where the December
12 8th map had it, which was in Assembly district 63-SWRIV.

13 Universities are a core part of their surrounding
14 communities. Most of the people living on campus and
15 nearby are UCR graduates and undergraduate students. We
16 are more of a COI, as you all call it, with the City of
17 Riverside, than the communities in the Southwest, and
18 should be represented accordingly. We spend more
19 recreational time in downtown Riverside and participate
20 in more events with that city community than we do in the
21 areas to the Southwest --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MR. DUGGER: -- in District 63. Fortunately, UCR's
24 proposed revisions have been submitted by campus
25 architect, Jacqueline Norman under comment 40611 as part

1 of the official record, and includes Shapefiles and maps
2 for your reference. So I encourage you all --

3 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

4 MR. DUGGER: -- to take a look at that and the
5 changes that UCR has suggested, and I thank you all very
6 much for listening, and the work you've put in for
7 redrawing the districts.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 And right now we have Caller 3640, and up next after
10 that will be Caller 3480.

11 Caller 3640, please follow the prompts.

12 And one more time, caller with the last four digits
13 3640, please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
14 star six. I do apologize. Oh, there you are. The floor
15 is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, Commissioners.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 3640, if you could
18 please get a little closer to your microphone. Or double
19 check and make sure -- hello?

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

21 MR. MANOFF: Caller 3640, we are having trouble
22 hearing you; can you please get closer to your
23 microphone?

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, can you hear me?

25 MR. MANOFF: That's much better, thank you. Go

1 ahead, your time starts now.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Good evening,
3 Commissioners. I'd like to talk about iteration STCD-2,
4 3, and 4 of KINGTULAKERN Congressional visualization.

5 As a resident of Kings County, I don't appreciate
6 our cities being split into two Congressional districts.
7 Maps that connect random areas from all over around the
8 central valley are not honoring the community. By
9 splitting Kings County, you're only ensuring that our
10 communities of interest will be overshadowed by these
11 bigger cities such as Fresno and Bakersfield. All VRA
12 districts should be treated equally. We deserve to have
13 the adequate resources and representation as residents of
14 the central valley. Please keep Kings County whole.
15 Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
17 right now, we will have Caller 3480, and up next after
18 that is Caller 3726.

19 Caller 3480, please follow the prompts. The floor
20 is yours.

21 MR. LEE: Hello, can you hear me all right?

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

23 MR. LEE: Hi, my name is Richard Lee (ph.). You
24 know, when you revisit the Congressional maps tomorrow
25 morning, I hope the Commissioner -- I hope that

1 Commissioner Kennedy's Huntington Beach plan can be
2 considered immediately before you move on to more
3 complicated areas.

4 I think it's the perfect adjustment to finally
5 finalize the Orange County area, and I know it won't make
6 everybody happy, but it is a fair offer, and I speak on,
7 you know, behalf of my family as well, and you know,
8 after all the testimony that you guys have been hearing,
9 I know it's hard to balance, but I really do appreciate
10 all of you guys doing hard work and you know, staying at
11 these late nights and having these talks.

12 So yeah, just again, I think you guys should be
13 considering -- and I hope that Commissioner Kennedy's
14 Huntington Beach plans can be considered before you move
15 on to anything else. Thank you guys very much. Have a
16 good night.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 And right now, we have Caller 3726, and up next
19 after that is Caller 9685.

20 Caller 3726, please follow the prompts. The floor
21 is yours.

22 MR. NGUYEN: Hi, my name is Daniel Nguyen from
23 Orange County. So I just want to say that there are many
24 organized groups participating in the redistricting
25 process, but like the Vietnamese community is the one

1 grouping that's missed for having a lot of callers.

2 I would say that we have the opportunity to call in
3 and doing -- and keep doing this to make sure our
4 community is protected, just like more -- for more
5 organizations. We are so close to getting our full
6 community in one Congressional district, and the proposal
7 to split Huntington Beach is a compromise that
8 accomplishes that.

9 Please actually enact a compromise. Thank you so
10 much.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 And right now, I have Caller 9685, and up next after
13 that will be Caller 9370.

14 Caller 9685, please follow the prompts. The floor
15 is yours.

16 MR. DE LA RIVA: Good evening. My name is Eddie De
17 La Riva, council member from the City of Maywood, calling
18 regarding AD-54 NELA.

19 Thank you, Commissioner, for your hard work. I
20 support your current map, but I do believe Maywood and
21 Bell Gardens should not be connected to Korea Town in
22 Northeast Los Angeles. Maywood should be connected to
23 communities West of the 710 freeway. Bell Gardens should
24 be connected to communities East of the 710 freeway.
25 Downtown LA should stay together.

1 Maywood is a Southeast community, as well as part of
2 the I-710 corridor, and part of the gateway cod (ph.),
3 which is why I believe that Maywood should stay in AV
4 Gateway. I implore the Commission to adjust the map in
5 AV Gateway to include Maywood. Please keep us with
6 similar communities of interest in Southeast Los Angeles.
7 Drawing us into NELA will place us at a big disadvantage
8 by placing us with large City of LA communities, where
9 our voice will be diminished, and not to mention, it will
10 disenfranchise our voters.

11 We should not be a throw in to make the numbers make
12 sense for ADNELA. Do not sacrifice Maywood for the
13 benefit of the Northeast. Maywood belongs in AV Gateway.
14 Please, I encourage --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 MR. DE LA RIVA: -- I implore you guys (audio
17 interference). Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now we have Caller 9370, and up next after
20 that will be Caller 5038.

21 Caller 9370, please follow the prompts. The floor
22 is yours.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, hello.

25 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hello. My name is



1 Josue. First, I would like to thank you guys for the
2 work you've done. We support the Franklin High School
3 map. I ask that you guys please keep Eagle Rock and
4 Mount Washington in our district. We share the
5 boundaries for local community schools. Our local
6 businesses thrive together through the Eagle Rock Chamber
7 of Commerce. Our roads, trails, and parks, railroads,
8 and the roads are part of what makes our community whole,
9 and what brings us together.

10 Once again, please keep our Northeast Los Angeles
11 communities together. Thank you.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 And right now, we have Caller 5038, and up next
14 after that is Caller 6579.

15 Caller 5038, please follow the prompts. The floor
16 is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
18 I'm glad to see you all changed the Santa Clarita Valley
19 Senate map, but I'm wondering why you all haven't moved
20 Sylmar to the Eastern San Fernando Valley, despite you
21 all agreeing you would. And it's crystal clear that the
22 Latino community of the Eastern San Fernando Valley wants
23 Sylmar to be a part of it for the Congressional District.

24 And I urge you all to move the Santa Clarita
25 Congressional District East into the Angeles National

1 Forest and San Gabriel Mountains. This change is crucial
2 for the Latino community, and for us in Santa Clarita,
3 since our rural area is hit very disproportionately by
4 huge, disruptive wildfires. So this new Congressional
5 map helps address the wildfire risk management that we so
6 desperately need.

7 Now, for State Assembly, please keep the San
8 Fernando Valley separate and whole, just like others have
9 asked. In fact, you also listened to the Latino
10 community there, and create two supermajority Latino
11 Assembly districts. There's absolutely no reason as to
12 why you can't do that.

13 For the SCV Assembly District, Commissioners, please
14 bring back Acton and Agua Dulce into the Santa Clarita
15 Valley; they are literally part of our community in every
16 single way, so they can't be split off. And in fact, I
17 urge you all to please move the Assembly district into
18 the Northwest, part of LA County, like Frazier Park, and
19 add unincorporated cities, like Quartz Hill and Eastern
20 Lancaster, can make up for the population difference.

21 This solves everyone's issues about the Los Angeles
22 area Commissioners, and ensures that not only our
23 communities of interest have the representation we
24 deserve, but that you are listening to us and acting
25 on --

1 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- these changes so we can be
3 well off for the next decade.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 And right now, we have Caller 6579, and up next
6 after that is Caller 9852.

7 Caller 6579, please follow the prompts.

8 And one more time, caller with the last four
9 digits -- there you are. The floor is yours.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, can you hear me?

11 Hello?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Yes, hello.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you hear me?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, can you hear me?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, hello.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. The
20 Eastern San Fernando Valley still does not have Sylmar in
21 it. As you know, all haven't move it from Santa Clarita
22 (indiscernible), move Sylmar as soon as possible to the
23 Eastern San Fernando Valley for the Congressional maps
24 and then create two supermajority Latino VRA Assembly
25 districts in the San Fernando Valley, as many others have

1 requested.

2 Now, so that Santa Clarita is represented fairly,
3 please move the Congressional map Eastward into the
4 Angeles National Forest, past the 14 freeway, as a lot of
5 us go there for recreation and it will help our next
6 representative push for wildfire prevention
7 legislations --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- since we are affected by
10 this constantly.

11 Lastly, please keep Acton, Agua Dulce, with Santa
12 Clarita Valley, and move the Assembly map Northwards to
13 Frazier Park and add part of Lancaster so that it mirrors
14 the new Senate map.

15 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The San Fernando Valley and
17 Santa Clarita Valley should not be together in any map,
18 as other callers have mentioned.

19 So please add on these requests, Commissioners.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 And right now, we have Caller 9852, and then up next
22 after that will be Caller 1535.

23 Caller 9852, please follow the prompts. The floor
24 is yours.

25 MS. DAVILA: Hi, there. My name is Laurel Davila,

1 L-A-U-R-E-L D-A-V-I-L-A. And I have lived and worked in
2 Irvine for over twenty-seven years.

3 Irvine is the fastest growing city in California.
4 We have over 300,000 residents. And our city is very
5 cohesive. We have the same school district, and just one
6 police force. So a number of corporations, particularly
7 in the technology and semiconductor sectors, have their
8 national or international headquarters in Irvine. It's
9 home to several higher education institutions:
10 University of California, UCI, Concordia University,
11 Irvine Valley College, Orange County Center of the
12 University of Southern California, and campuses of
13 California State University, Fullerton, University of La
14 Verne, and Pepperdine University.

15 Irvine residents share common --

16 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

17 MS. DAVILA: -- concerns. All our traffic issues
18 are closely connected. Irvine does not have common
19 interests with Fullerton or Yorba Linda. It's important
20 not to splinter our --

21 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

22 MS. DAVILA: -- Irvine geographic area. Irvine
23 should not be split up into two different Senate
24 districts. This would fracture our Senate representation
25 and dilute our voices.

1 Also, Irvine should be --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 And right now, we have Caller 1535, and up next
4 after that is Caller 1041.

5 Caller 1535, please follow the prompts.

6 And one more time, Caller 15 -- oh, there you are.

7 The floor is yours.

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

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

10 MR. MALDONADO: Commissioners, this is Tony

11 Maldonado from Santa Clarita again.

12 You know what? I don't get it. For three days
13 we've been asking you to fix the serious mistake on Santa
14 Clarita's Congressional Senate maps. When Commissioner
15 Kennedy pushed the Northern boundary of CDFSSS (sic), CD
16 GLEN2BA and CD210, all the way through the Angeles
17 National Forest to the 14 freeway in Santa Clarita and to
18 the Southern Antelope Valley, and still nothing.

19 This is a major wildfire area, and you have given
20 jurisdiction to sections of our side of the Angeles
21 National Forest to these other areas. That's four
22 Congressmen and three Senators, when you include our
23 home. So when another large wildfire breaks out, and it
24 shall, we'll be watching our homes burn as the Keystone
25 Cops will be fighting over jurisdiction.

1 They need to fix this quickly, so please instruct
2 her to do so. Then, why is Sylmar still attached to the
3 Congressional -- our Congressional maps, when the
4 Commissioners agreed to move it to the San Fernando
5 Valley East? Where's the new iteration? And our
6 Assembly maps --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 MR. MALDONADO: -- still has us with the San
9 Fernando Valley rather than the Antelope Valley and
10 Northwest LA County, like our Congressional Senate and
11 BLE maps.

12 Look, I know you're short on time, but let's get
13 this right. Kristin, Katy, and all the interpreters,
14 thanks for the great job. Commissioners, keep at it, but
15 let's just get this right. Everyone, have a good night.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And right now, we have Caller 1041, and up next
18 after that we have Caller 4273.

19 Caller 1041, please follow the prompts.

20 And one more time, Caller 1040 -- 1041, please
21 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

22 I do apologize, Caller 1041, you appear to have some
23 type of connectivity issue at the moment. I do have you
24 down for a retry, and I will come back around.

25 Right now we have Caller 4273, and up next after

1 that is Caller 9819.

2 Caller 4273, please follow the prompts. The floor
3 is yours.

4 MR. PARISH: Hello, Commissioners. My name is
5 Brandon Parish, and I'm a lifelong resident of Sacramento
6 County, and I wanted to leave a few comments about
7 redistricting of our county.

8 On the Assembly map, I would like to ask for
9 Carmichael to be kept in one Assembly district; it's
10 vital for my community not to be split. Additionally, I
11 think it's important that the City of Sacramento get its
12 own Congressional district.

13 Recently we received shocking news that the power
14 substation caught fire in Sacramento, plunging downtown
15 into darkness, and that's because the infrastructure
16 had -- was six years overdue being fixed. Sacramento is
17 also one of the highest flood risk cities in the nation,
18 along with New Orleans, and I think we know what happened
19 to that city, unfortunately.

20 It is vital that we get federal funding for
21 infrastructure for Sacramento County, and it's important
22 that the integrity of Sacramento remains whole.
23 Splitting North Sacramento so neighborhoods like North
24 Sac, Del Paso Heights, and Natomas, out of the City of
25 Sacramento, is incredibly harmful to the city and will

1 ultimately reduce representation --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MR. PARISH: -- and will reduce the ability of
4 Sacramento to get critical funding. I ask you to please
5 keep the city whole. It's easy to rearrange the North
6 Sac and the Sacramento districts so you can keep
7 Sacramento whole, without substantially messing up other
8 parts of the map. Please keep --

9 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

10 MR. PARISH: -- Sacramento whole. Thank you for
11 your time and I hope that these comments can make a
12 difference. Have a great night.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now, we have Caller 9819, and up next after that is
15 Caller 7051.

16 Caller 9819, please follow the prompts. The floor
17 is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
19 I'd like to ask that you remove Upland and Rancho
20 Cucamonga from the LA County Senate District we are
21 currently in, and group us with San Bernardino District
22 where we live. We do not share the values or interest of
23 those in the foothill communities of Los Angeles County
24 or LA County community. We find ourselves best
25 represented and grouped with San Bernardino County

1 residents because that is where we live. Thank you very
2 much.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 And right now we have Caller 7051, and up next after
5 that is Caller 0805.

6 Caller 7051, please follow the prompts. The floor
7 is yours.

8 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Hi, thank you so much for your
9 service, Commissioners. I really appreciate all the work
10 you have done so far.

11 My name is Jessica Rodriguez, and I'm calling from
12 North Hollywood to support VICA proposed Map A. VICA Map
13 A keeps Glendale and Burbank unified in the Eastern San
14 Fernando Valley with Santa Clarita. These are similarly
15 sized communities that are all independently incorporated
16 and work together on brush fire prevention.

17 The map also keeps communities along the Mulholland
18 Drive unified in a single Assembly district. Map A is
19 the only acceptable map submitted by VICA. The other
20 maps break down too many communities of interest to be
21 considered.

22 Please support VICA's proposed Map A; do not support
23 Map B or C. Thank you so much for your time.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 And right now we have Caller 0805, and up next after

1 that is Caller 7175.

2 Caller 0805, please follow the prompts. The floor
3 is yours.

4 MS. HERNANDEZ: Can you hear me?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

6 MS. HERNANDEZ: Oh, thank you. Thank you so much,
7 Commissioners, for your service. You guys are in the
8 home stretch.

9 My name is Cristina Hernandez, born and raised in
10 Van Nuys. I am calling tonight to support the San
11 Fernando Valley firefighters Assembly map. The proposed
12 firefighter Assembly map plan is the one I support
13 because it unifies the working class communities and the
14 similar economic corridors of the East valley, where I
15 live. But it also manages to respect the Burbank/LA city
16 limit. It also keeps the communities of the Verdugo
17 Foothills and the rim of the valley trail with Santa
18 Clarita.

19 Therefore, unifying communities most directly
20 supports impacted by the brush fires in the region.
21 We've heard a lot tonight about brush fires directly
22 impacting this area, which we know is a huge issue.

23 And also finally, and really most critically to me
24 and my family --

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

1 MS. HERNANDEZ: -- this map creates a Latino
2 majority district and a strong Latino influenced
3 district, while unifying the fast growing Filipino
4 population in my area of the --

5 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

6 MS. HERNANDEZ: -- valley. I really want you to
7 take this into account. Thank you very much. Have a
8 good night.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 And right now, we have Caller 7175, and up next
11 after that will be Caller 8689.

12 Caller 7175, please follow the prompts. The floor
13 is yours.

14 MR. PAYNE: Thank you, good evening, Commissioners.
15 This is Jeremy Payne on behalf of Equality California. I
16 would like to call in to say thank you for keeping much
17 of our LGBTQ+ community together in your Senate mapping
18 this week; we greatly appreciate your careful attention.

19 As you move back to the Assembly, I want to bring
20 attention back to the San Fernando Valley. I understand
21 there are many competing interests in the area that make
22 it difficult to balance competing interests while also
23 empowering the many diverse COIs in the San Fernando
24 Valley, including our LGBTQ+ community of interest in
25 Valley Village, Valley Glen, North Hollywood, and Toluca

1 Lake.

2 To help with your efforts for equitable and fair
3 redistricting, I would like to express our support of the
4 San Fernando Valley map submitted by the Los Angeles
5 County Firefighters on December 13th, which keeps our San
6 Fernando Valley LGBTQ+ community united. It allows
7 communities impacted by fires to be unified and empowered
8 to address fire risk concerns in their neighborhood, and
9 it also allows the Commission to draw a second Latino VRA
10 seat that was lost in previous drafts.

11 This mapping of the San Fernando Valley may not be
12 perfect, but it is --

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 MR. PAYNE: -- one of the stronger considerations we
15 have seen so far for the LGBTQ+ community in the San
16 Fernando Valley.

17 We hope the Commission will consider that and move
18 forward with this recommendation to help empower our
19 LGBTQ+ community in the San Fernando Valley, and the
20 diverse communities which we belong.

21 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

22 MR. PAYNE: Thank you so much and have a great
23 evening.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
25 right now, we have Caller 8689, and up next after that is

1 Caller 7840.

2 Caller 8689, please follow the prompts. The floor
3 is yours.

4 MR. WHEELER: Hi, Commissioners. My name is Tom
5 Wheeler, and I'm a resident of Humboldt County and the
6 executive director of EPIC, an environmental advocacy
7 group based out of Arcadia, California.

8 I'm here to speak with for the North coast, which is
9 drawn together by our coastline, our shared economies in
10 Weed, Wood, and Wine, and Highway 101.

11 While I'm glad that the Commission appears to have
12 moved on from the idea of splitting off Del Norte,
13 Humboldt, and Trinity Counties from the rest of the North
14 coast, I do want to highlight that the Karuk tribe has
15 advocated for their tribe's ancestral territory to be
16 drawn to the maximum extent possible towards the coast,
17 away from inland districts.

18 Currently, Karuk tribal members are split between
19 legislative districts. While I'm not advocating for a
20 large reopening of line drawing for the North coast, I am
21 advocating for a minor adjustment to draw parts of
22 Western Siskiyou County towards the coast.

23 As Western Siskiyou County is lightly populated, I
24 expect that the necessary balancing is not going to be
25 very significant, and will likely be an easy fix that

1 disrupts no major VRA concerns.

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MR. WHEELER: Thank you so much.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 All right. Now, we have Caller 7840, and up next
6 after that will be Caller 6625.

7 Caller 7840, please follow the prompts. The floor
8 is yours.

9 MR. GUTIERREZ: Hello, good evening, Commissioners.
10 Thank you so much for the painstaking work you're doing
11 for all of us.

12 My name is Eduardo Gutierrez, and I'm a lifelong
13 resident of Valley Village in the San Fernando Valley of
14 Los Angeles. So I'm calling in tonight because I want to
15 tell you that I support VICA's proposed Map A for the San
16 Fernando Valley, and I wanted to let you know why you
17 should, too.

18 VICA's Map A, it'll do three things. First, Map A
19 will ensure that the communities along Mulholland Drive
20 remain unified and united in one single Assembly
21 district.

22 Second, it guarantees that North Hollywood and
23 Toluca Lake stay together, along with the working class
24 communities of the central San Fernando Valley. Finally,
25 Map A would keep Glendale and Burbank unified in the East

1 San Fernando Valley, along with Santa Clarita. These
2 communities are similarly sized, and they are
3 independently incorporated. They all together work
4 together on brush fire --

5 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

6 MR. GUTIERREZ: -- prevention, which is a huge
7 concern in this area. In short, Map A is the only
8 acceptable VICA map submitted by VICA. The other VICA
9 maps break down too many communities of interest to be
10 considered. I urge you all to support Map A; do not
11 support B or C. Thank you very much.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 And right now, we have Caller 7175, and up next
14 after that is Caller 9048.

15 Caller 7175, please follow the prompts. The floor
16 is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, can everyone hear me?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hey there, Commissioners.

20 I'd like to share my strong opposition to iteration STCV
21 2, 3, and 4 of Kings, Tulare, and Kern Congressional
22 visualization. As a Latino, we have communities of
23 interest outside of other Latinos and I live and work in
24 Hanford, and I don't appreciate that the city's being
25 split into two Congressional districts. Our community is

1 not based upon the color of my skin, but rather, the
2 resources and representation we deserve as residents of
3 Hanford and for the Central Valley.

4 Our community is made up of farmers, business
5 owners, and hardworking individuals that hold the same
6 values towards water rights and preservation of our
7 farming communities, so please keep Kings County whole
8 and focus on the values of our community and not the
9 color of our skin. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 And right now, we have Caller 9048. And up next
12 after that will be Caller 3083.

13 Caller 9048, please follow the prompts. The floor
14 is yours.

15 MR. FERGUSON: Thank you very much, Commissioners.
16 My name is Steve Ferguson, and I live and serve as a
17 member of the Board of Education of the Burbank Unified
18 School District in Burbank, California. Really just
19 calling today to support the San Fernando Valley
20 Firefighters' Assembly Map, as it serves my community
21 well. I will say we are a smaller suburban school
22 district, and so drawing us in with other smaller
23 suburban school districts allow us to advocate for
24 funding priorities that are aligned with our needs, and
25 not those of big districts, which again, have big needs

1 like Los Angeles.

2 So please, again, adopt the San Fernando Valley
3 Fires -- Assembly map and it also creates a Latino
4 majority district, a strong Latino influenced district,
5 while also unifying a very fast growing Filipino
6 population throughout the valley.

7 So again, urging you and hoping you will hear the
8 voices of our local leaders in Burbank, and support the
9 San Fernando Valley Firefighters' Assembly Map. Thank
10 you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 And right now, we have Caller 3083, and up next
13 after that is Caller 6758.

14 Caller 3083, please follow the prompts.

15 And one more time, caller with the last four digits
16 3083, please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
17 star six.

18 I do apologize, Caller 3083. You appear to have
19 some type of connectivity issue at the moment. I do have
20 you down for a retry and I will come back around.

21 Right now, we have Caller 6758, and up next after
22 that is Caller 9954.

23 Caller 6758, please follow the prompts. The floor
24 is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Good evening. I'm

1 Jackie, and I'm a resident of Westminster. The
2 Vietnamese community has fully engaged in this
3 redistricting progress -- process, and we are asking for
4 one final swap in the Congressional districts when you
5 revisit the maps later in the week. Please make the
6 Huntington Beach swap for Los Alamitos and Rossmoor that
7 you proposed. It's contained, simple, and a compromise a
8 community can live with. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 And right now, we have Caller 9954, and up next
11 after that, will be Caller 3995.

12 Caller 9954, please follow the prompts. The floor
13 is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, thank you. I'm calling
15 from Rancho Cucamonga, and would like to ask that you
16 keep Rancho Cucamonga and Upland in the San Bernardino
17 County based district. We are currently kept whole and
18 together with other San Bernardino County cities in our
19 Assembly, State Senate, and Congressional Districts. We
20 feel represented.

21 Your new maps split and tear our two communities to
22 pieces, fully undermining the voice of our residents.
23 Please reverse this decision and group Rancho Cucamonga
24 and Upland with San Bernardino County, not Los Angeles
25 County. Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And right now, we have Caller 3995, and up next
3 after that is Caller 4967.

4 Caller 3995, please follow the prompts. The floor
5 is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
7 I just want to say that I hope you all end up grouping
8 all of the high desert together. It's important to
9 uphold the value of community. Please try to get
10 Adelanto, Apple Valley, Hesperia, and Victorville back to
11 where they belong, with the high desert.

12 There's no doubt in my mind that you all can do
13 this; let's get it done. Thanks again, and hope you all
14 have a great evening.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 And right now, we have Caller 4967, and up next
17 after that is Caller 4458.

18 Caller 4967, please follow the prompts. The floor
19 is yours.

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

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now, we have Caller 4458, and up next
23 after that is Caller 4328.

24 Caller 4458, please follow the prompts.

25 And one more time, caller with the last four digits

1 4458, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by
2 pressing star six.

3 I do apologize, Caller 4458. I do have you down for
4 a retry. There appears to be some type of connectivity
5 issue for the moment, but I will come back around.

6 Right now we have Caller 4328, and up next after
7 that is Caller 7832.

8 Caller 4328, please follow the prompts.

9 And one more time, caller with the last four digits
10 4328, please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
11 star six.

12 I do apologize, Caller 4328. There appears to be
13 some type of connectivity issue for you at the moment; I
14 will come back around.

15 Caller 7832 will be right now, and up next after
16 that will be Caller 7517.

17 Caller 7832, please follow the prompts to unmute.

18 Caller with the last four digits 7832, please follow
19 the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

20 Caller 7832, I will come back around for a retry.

21 I'd like to remind all those in the queue, I know
22 some of that may be frustrating with the star six and
23 connectivity issues. And I'd also like to remind all of
24 those to please be near their phones as well.

25 Right now, we have Caller 7517, and up next after

1 that is Caller 3783.

2 Caller 7517, please follow the prompts. The floor
3 is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
5 I wanted to first thank you for your time and hard work
6 on this Commission. I'm in Huntington Beach, and I
7 wanted to say that adding Huntington Beach in with Little
8 Saigon for the Congressional and Senate district was the
9 right thing to do, so please keep these maps and don't
10 make any changes; you got it right, so thank you.

11 However, I question why you didn't do that for the
12 Assembly district. I know that the population
13 constraints are there, but you could simply adjust by
14 removing Stanton and East Garden Grove to add portions of
15 Huntington Beach.

16 I know -- excuse me. It is known that Stanton, East
17 Garden Grove, Anaheim, and Santa Ana are very similar and
18 have a large Latino population, while Huntington Beach is
19 known to be part of greater Little Saigon. If you simply
20 add all of either North of Garfield Street or Ellis
21 Street in Huntington Beach, you'll give Little Saigon the
22 true representation the Assembly and also the Latino
23 communities, as well, in the other Assembly districts.

24 These are just minor changes to the Assembly and it
25 will give Little Saigon the representation --

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- the representation
3 they deserve. So I please hope that you consider these
4 changes before you finalize the maps. Thank you for all
5 that you do, and have a great night.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 All right, now we have Caller 3783, and up next
8 after that will be Caller 8802.

9 Caller 3783, please follow the prompts. The floor
10 is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, can you hear me?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Lily, and I'm
14 calling regarding Commissioner Kennedy's proposal
15 regarding the Vietnamese community in Huntington Beach
16 and Little Saigon.

17 Tomorrow, when the Commissioner visits the
18 Congressional maps, I would like to request that you all
19 consider this proposal. I know you won't be making
20 substantial changes to the OC map, but this idea seems to
21 be reasonable, fair, and something the Commission can do
22 without blowing up all of its hard work to this point.
23 Thank you for all your hard work this evening.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 All right, now we have Caller 8802, and up next

1 after that will be Caller 9835.

2 Caller 8802, please follow the prompts. The floor
3 is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, my name is Alan
5 (ph.). And I want to call in and thank Commissioner
6 Kennedy for working on a proposal that better represents
7 the Vietnamese community and Little Saigon.

8 I think the proposal was dismissed a bit too
9 quickly, and there's one final easy change we could make
10 to the Orange County map before we finalize.

11 Thanks for always hearing our community and letting
12 us engage in this process.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 And right now, we have Caller 9835, and up next
15 after that is Caller 0566.

16 Caller 9835, please follow the prompts. The floor
17 is yours.

18 Caller 9835, will you please double check your
19 phone, make sure you are not on mute. You are unmuted.
20 Oh, there you are. The phone is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, sorry about that.
22 Wanted to thank you for taking my call. Thanks to the
23 firefighters for recognizing that we have redistricting
24 at the last minute.

25 Unfortunately, any San Fernando Valley maps that do

1 not include two majority Latino districts is not
2 recognizing the will of Los Angeles North County voters.
3 You guys recognize, the Commissioners, that it's so
4 important that you drew a Senate seat, the CVAP -- Latino
5 CVAP, above fifty percent. You've also shown that you
6 can do two Assembly seats doing the same thing.

7 This is a community that needs representation and I
8 implore you to redraw your maps to make sure in the
9 Assembly you have two majority Latino CVAP districts to
10 make sure that these voices are heard. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 All right, now we have Caller 0566, and up next
13 after that will be Caller 6586.

14 Caller 0566, please follow the prompts. The floor
15 is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, I am -- I'm calling in
17 support of the November 10th map that keeps the mountain
18 cities together and not combine them with the big cities.
19 There's nothing in common with big cities and the
20 mountains, Coarsegold, Oakhurst, areas. Don't make those
21 small mountain communities the ugly stepsister of these
22 big cities; they will have no representation. Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 And right now we have Caller 6586, and up next after
25 that is Caller 8951.

1 Caller 6586, please follow the prompts. The floor
2 is yours.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi there, Commissioners. I'm
4 a resident of Orange County, and I'm just calling about
5 the line that you guys ended up putting up on December
6 8th. They were able to keep North Orange County
7 together, so the cities like Yorba Linda, Placentia,
8 Cities of Brea and Fullerton, those were all able to be
9 united, and in one piece, and that is a cohesive
10 community with definitely a lot of communities of
11 interest. And it was good lines that were -- I feel like
12 were able to be pretty balanced with its neighbors as
13 well, and so I'm just asking the Commission to reconsider
14 those lines from December 8th that kept North Orange
15 County whole.

16 Having gone and broken up everything again has, I
17 feel like caused a lot of problems, so revisiting those
18 lines, I feel like will be very beneficial. Thank you
19 very much for your time and hope you have a good evening.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
21 right now, we have Caller 8951, and up next after that is
22 Caller 6059.

23 Caller 8951, please follow the prompts. The floor
24 is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.

1 My name is Anna, and I'm here to discuss about the
2 Commission's position to divide the Vietnamese community
3 in Orange County.

4 I think the Commission has prioritized the voting
5 power of nearly every other major community of interest.
6 While I appreciate the hard decisions this group has to
7 make, I think that we must restore the voting power of
8 Asian-Americans and Vietnamese people in Orange County.

9 Please keep Huntington Beach residents together,
10 along with the strong Vietnamese communities of Little
11 Saigon, Westminster, Garden Grove, and Stanton valley.
12 Without combining these communities, the Asian-Americans
13 in Orange County will never be able to have the power to
14 elect representatives they feel are best for them.

15 Thank you for all of your hard work, and I hope you
16 will consider making these changes.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 And right now, we have Caller 6059, and up next
19 after that is Caller 2648.

20 Caller 6059, please follow the prompts.

21 And one more time, caller with the last four digits
22 6059, please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
23 star six.

24 Caller 6059, I do have you down for a retry. I'll
25 come back around after the break.

1 Right now, we have Caller 2648, and up next after
2 that is Caller 1564.

3 Caller 2648, please follow the prompts.

4 Caller with the last four digits 2648, please follow
5 the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

6 And as I said before, I will come back around after
7 the break for these retries.

8 Caller 1564, and up next after that will be Caller
9 9045.

10 Caller 1564, please follow the prompts to unmute by
11 pressing star six. The floor is yours.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
13 First of all, I want to thank you for your time and
14 effort in getting these districts correct.

15 I just -- I'm a resident of Rancho Cucamonga and
16 would like to ask that you keep Rancho Cucamonga and San
17 Bernardino County as a base district. We are currently
18 split and grouped with Los Angeles County, who we share
19 nothing in common with.

20 Our concerns are best addressed when we are kept
21 with the representative from the Inland Empire. At the
22 moment, we are kept whole, and our elected officials from
23 San Bernardino County represent us. Please keep Rancho
24 Cucamonga with San Bernardino County and do not group us
25 with Los Angeles County. Thank you for your time.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And right now, we have Caller 9045, and up next
3 after that will be Caller 3675.

4 Caller 9045, please follow the prompts to unmute.
5 The floor is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, good evening, everyone.
7 I'm calling from the Coachella Valley. So the Coachella
8 Valley should always be kept together, whether it's new
9 districts or as it is. Not only is there an exceptional
10 strong community of Spanish-speaking Latinos, communities
11 in the Eastern Coachella Valley face a lack of investment
12 in the areas of housing and infrastructure, from roads to
13 sidewalks, to street linings to community parks.

14 Similar to other rural pockets in the Inland Empire,
15 the sense of community here is incredibly strong and the
16 activism and community organizing in the region is a
17 testament to that.

18 From housing to education to environmental justice,
19 that Coachella Valley must be kept whole, not split into
20 two different districts, so that the residents can
21 properly advocate for their needs and property -- and
22 priority as a community. Folks from East Coachella
23 Valley travel to the Western section of the Coachella
24 Valley for work purposes. The I-10 and Highway 111 are
25 the main roads that connect these cities, and people use

1 to travel to get to their workplace.

2 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We also get farm workers that
4 live in the West part of the Coachella Valley and need to
5 travel to the East Coachella Valley for work purposes.

6 MR. MANOFF: Ten.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All in all, the Coachella
8 Valley should be kept together and not try to split it
9 apart. Thank you. Have a good night.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 And right now, we have Caller 3675 and up next after
12 that is Caller 7750.

13 Caller 3675, please follow the prompts to unmute.
14 The floor is yours.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
16 Many people have previously called asking for Sylmar to
17 be removed from the Santa Clarita Valley map and be
18 reconnected with the Eastern San Fernando Valley. We're
19 still waiting for you all to make that change for both
20 communities. And I ask that you please push the Santa
21 Clarita Valley Congressional map East into the Angeles
22 National Forest since we all share the same wildfire
23 prevention concerns. That way, the Santa Clarita Valley
24 and Antelope Valley communities, along with the Angeles
25 National Forest, all have a representative that can fight

1 to stop wildfires.

2 Additionally, the Assembly map merges the Santa
3 Clarita Valley with the San Fernando Valley and you all
4 need to keep these valleys separate Commissioners.

5 Please add Acton and Agua Dulce --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- into the Santa Clarita
8 Valley and not the Antelope Valley. Then push it
9 Northwest into the rest of LA County so that it looks
10 like the Senate and Congressional maps.

11 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Please do this now,
13 Commissioners. We have been waiting too long. Thank you
14 very much for your time.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 And right now we have Caller 7750, and up next after
17 that is Caller 6056.

18 Caller 7750, please follow the prompts. The floor
19 is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, everyone. It's Julie
21 again, from the Central Valley.

22 So I was talking to my neighbors, and you know, we
23 all work in different industries, have families, you
24 know, all that. It's a good group of good people with
25 different perspectives.

1 In looking at the maps, I think iteration STCV-2
2 from December 15th works the best for all of us here. It
3 keeps the communities of interest together and overall
4 seems like it would be a good fit for the area for the
5 years to come.

6 So please use iteration STCV-2 from Wednesday, when
7 you finalize maps in this region. Thank you. I'm
8 calling from the Central Valley. Thanks.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 And right now, we have Caller 6056, and up next
11 after that is Caller 6692.

12 Caller 6056, please follow the prompts to unmute.
13 The floor is yours.

14 And one more time, caller with the last four digits
15 6056, please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
16 star six. The floor is yours.

17 DR. WEISSBERG: Thank you. My name is Dr. Emily
18 Weissberg; I'm a member of the Burbank Unified School
19 District School Board. I'm calling to speak in regards
20 to the San Fernando Valley/Santa Clarita Valley.

21 I want to respectfully urge the Commissioners to
22 amend the map, focus on San Fernando Valley Assembly
23 districts, and please adopt the map proposed by the LA
24 County Firefighters, which connects Glendale, Burbank,
25 Sunland-Tujunga, and Santa Clarita, uniting communities of

1 interest and addressing problems with recent iterations.

2 Among the many concerns I have about the state
3 Assembly maps is that it places Burbank in a district
4 which is completely surrounded by LAUSD communities.
5 Burbank and LAUSD are not funded in the same way, under
6 the local control funding formula. Leaving Burbank and
7 LAUSD with super different needs from the state budget.
8 It's much more equitable to tie Burbank with Glendale and
9 other suburban school districts to share funding
10 priorities. As a school board member for Burbank
11 Unified, I am deeply concerned about the implications for
12 our public schools --

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- if the map is not amended.
15 Our struggle for funding will only be made worse if we
16 shift into an Assembly district where we'll be forced to
17 compete with LAUSD. Burbank Unified has struggled so
18 much. To have these maps create a situation where our
19 small, but important, district is overshadowed rather
20 than supported, would irreparably damage our ability to
21 meet the needs of our students --

22 MR. MANOFF: Ten.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- staff, and families. I
24 urge you to adopt the map submitted by the California
25 Professional Firefighters. Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And right now, we have caller 6692, and up next
3 after that will be caller 2992. Caller 6692, please
4 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioners, I'd like to
6 discuss Iterations STCV 2, 3 and 4, KINGS-TULARE-KERN
7 Congressional Visualizations. I'm concerned about all
8 these iterations. All these visualizations dramatically
9 change the way in which our community and overall region
10 are represented at the federal level. The Commission is
11 not supposed to be looking at politicized maps, yet
12 they're looking at using MALDEF maps. Even their
13 activists are calling it MALDEF maps only proves the
14 point that these maps are politicized.

15 Don't take the words from these activists reading
16 from a script. Take the words from someone like me who
17 lives in the community. Even former attorney general for
18 President Obama, Eric Holder, said this Commission is
19 failing to draw the lines that respect communities, and
20 I'd have to agree. Please keep this -- please keep Kings
21 County whole. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 And right now, we have caller 2992, and up next
24 after that will be caller 0526. Caller 2992, please
25 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

1 MS. CHICOURRAT: Good afternoon. Thank you for --
2 Commissioners, for all your hard work, or I should say
3 good evening. I'm calling on behalf of Monterey County
4 Hospitality Association. My name's Janine Chicourrat,
5 and I'm chair. And I'm calling regarding the
6 Congressional District of Monterey County and Santa Cruz
7 County, and San Benito County. You know, I listened to
8 your testimony earlier about the Senate and talking about
9 the importance of keeping Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San
10 Benito together. And I firmly believe, on the
11 Congressional side, you need to do that as well. You
12 need to, if at all possible, you can revisit the
13 Congressional map, going West towards the East, and
14 keeping those three counties together. That really is in
15 all of our best interests.

16 We have -- agriculture is our number one industry,
17 hospitality is our number two industry, and we all work
18 together and have for many years. By splitting it up the
19 way that you have it, going and taking the Salinas Valley
20 and tie them into Silicon Valley, where they have no
21 common interests, really doesn't make sense for our
22 community. And when you look at the way our community
23 has worked together, by dividing it up the way you
24 currently have it laid out, you are splitting up our
25 hospitals --

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MS. CHICOURRAT: -- school districts, and so much
3 more. So I urge you to revisit the Congressional map,
4 and really take a hard look at going from East to West
5 and keeping Santa Cruz, Monterey County, and San Benito
6 County together. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 And right now, we have caller 0526. Please follow
9 the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is
10 yours.

11 MR. SCHULTZ: Thank you very much. Good evening,
12 Commissioners and staff. My name is Nick Schultz, and
13 I'm calling tonight from Burbank, California, where I
14 serve as a city council member. In reviewing the
15 proposed San Fernando Valley Assembly districts, I would
16 urge the Commission to adopt the map submitted by the Los
17 Angeles County Firefighters as part of public comment
18 number 38778. The map would include a proposed Assembly
19 district identified as AD45-South SF, which would connect
20 Glendale, Burbank, Sunland-Tujunga, and Santa Clarita.

21 These communities share common interests, including
22 the recognition of the growing risk of wildfire,
23 increasing ties to the entertainment industry, unique
24 equestrian neighborhoods and infrastructure, and a common
25 struggle to ensure that the needs of our medium-sized,

1 independent cities are not lost under the shadow of the
2 City of Los Angeles.

3 Last, but certainly not least, Southern California
4 is home to the largest Armenian community outside of
5 Armenia. However, Glendale is split in half under the
6 current map proposals, and Little Armenia is in an
7 entirely different district. I understand that it may --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 MR. SCHULTZ: -- not be possible to keep the
10 Armenian community united as part of the same district,
11 but I would strongly encourage the Commission to keep
12 North Glendale paired with Burbank and Sunland-Tujunga at
13 a minimum. In conclusion, I urge the Commission to
14 support the Los Angeles County Firefighters map.

15 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

16 MR. SCHULTZ: You can read my entire comment letter
17 by referring to Public Comment number 41937. Thank you
18 for your time, consideration, and your service.

19 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, everyone, for your input
20 so far. We are at 8:15. It is time for a 15-minute
21 break for our staff and for the Commissioners. So those
22 of you who are in the queue, please hold on, we will be
23 getting to your calls after 8:30. Thank you so much,
24 everyone. We're on break until 8:30.

25 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 8:15 p.m.

1 until 8:28 p.m.)

2 CHAIR KENNEDY: Welcome back to today's meeting of
3 the California Citizens Redistricting Commission. We are
4 in the midst of taking public comment. And so, I will
5 turn it back over to our comment moderator, Katy, who
6 will lead us through the next public comment blog. Take
7 it away, Katy. Thank you.

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

9 All right. Right now, we have caller 3527, and
10 caller 9898 will be after that, as mentioned earlier.
11 And then after that, I will be heading down to these
12 retries. Go ahead and give people a second opportunity,
13 because we had quite a collection earlier. So after
14 that, we'll be coming to caller 4201 is a retry, and I'll
15 go down the line after that. But right now we have
16 caller 3527, and up next after that will be caller 9898.

17 Caller 3527, please follow the prompts to unmute by
18 pressing star six. The floor is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (In Spanish, not
20 transcribed).

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now, we have caller 9898, and then up next
23 after that will be caller 4201. Caller 9898, please
24 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

25 MR. WORSKILL: Thank you so very much. And I just

1 want to appreciate our Commissioners and also you, Katy,
2 for the -- lasting as long as you have.

3 My name is Grant Worskill (phonetic). I'm a Del
4 Norte County resident, and I want to be speaking to the
5 matter of keeping our North Coast communities part of the
6 North Coast. And that would be Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino,
7 Humboldt, and Del Norte. And in my case, I have been an
8 active chamber member for about twenty years, both as a
9 business member and as a nonprofit manager. So I'm just
10 going to speak to kind of the business side of things
11 first.

12 First, timber is a very important part of our
13 economy. Our largest private timber company, Green
14 Diamond, that would be 90,000 plus acres just in Del
15 Norte County, and all of their land is thirty miles
16 within the coast. So it's very coastal. It makes sense.
17 Our forests are the same in these coastal counties.

18 Secondly, travel and tourism. Chamber is really big
19 on that. They do so much. And a couple of things that
20 resonate -- will resonate for you -- is where the
21 Redwoods meet the sea. And that is so thematic and so
22 important. Travel and tourism, about the single largest
23 part of our economy --

24 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

25 MR. WORSKILL: -- and also America's Wild Rivers

1 Coast. That really says it. So thank you so much for
2 keeping Del Norte and Humboldt part of our coastal
3 communities. And thank you, again, for your work. Good
4 night.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And right now, I'll be going down to caller 4201 as
7 a retry, and then after that, I will be retrying caller
8 1041.

9 Caller 4201, please follow the prompts to unmute.
10 The floor is yours.

11 MR. WALDMAN: Good evening, Commissioners. Stuart
12 Waldman from VICA calling about the Senate maps. And
13 first thing, appreciate the efforts that you made on the
14 maps trying to get Glendale and Burbank back together. I
15 tried it myself. Could not come up with the solution
16 while keeping Latino CVAP seat. So we appreciate the
17 efforts on that as well. So maps are fine right now.
18 Let's not change. Let's not make any drastic changes.

19 And then we did submit three Assembly maps; maps A,
20 B, and C. You've heard callers say Map B is bad. I'd
21 say my favorite map would be Map A. I think if you look
22 at the two districts that -- in the middle of my Map A,
23 they're very similar to the Senate seat that you just
24 draw -- drew. So it was a 57 percent Hispanic CVAP seat
25 and a 40.7 percent Hispanic CVAP seat.

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MR. WALDMAN: We work to keep most neighborhood
3 councils whole. We kept Burbank whole. We put Burbank
4 and Glendale in the same district. We united working
5 class communities. We put NoHo, Van Nuys, and Valley
6 Village in one district, North Hollywood with Toluca Lake
7 in one district, as well as the Hispanic CVAP seat --

8 MR. MANOFF: Ten.

9 MR. WALDMAN: -- majority seat and the Hispanic
10 Opportunity seat. So thank you. I hope you take a look
11 at them.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 And right now, we will be retrying caller 1041, and
14 up next after that will be the retry of caller 2648.
15 Caller 1041, please follow the prompts to unmute.

16 Caller 1041, if you'll please follow the prompts to
17 unmute by pressing star six. Caller 1041, you did have
18 your hand up earlier, and I am giving the second retry.
19 There appears to still be some type of connectivity issue
20 for you. I would suggest hanging up and calling back.
21 Thank you so much.

22 And right now, we will go back down here and retry
23 caller 2648, and up next after that we will retry caller
24 4328. Caller 2648, please follow the prompts to unmute
25 by pressing star six. The floor is yours.



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm calling regarding
2 the State Assembly 110A Draft -- Draft Map. I'm here to
3 ask for your help with a minor cleanup modification. We
4 ask for you to also place our next door neighbors from
5 unincorporated Walnut Park into the same 110 LA map as
6 us, and make the one -- the 10 Freeway the Northern
7 border of the map. It is imperative to have Warner Park
8 and Florence-Graham together in the same map, as
9 splitting this unincorporated island will only diminish
10 our voices and efforts that we have fought so hard
11 together for over thirty years.

12 We have a united community between Walnut Park,
13 Huntington Park, and Florence-Graham, as we would like to
14 keep it as such, in order to continue our advocacy and
15 priorities for our community, as we have the same
16 political and social challenges. I understand that
17 Huntington Park cannot be in the same map, due to --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- population; however, with a
20 minor change of moving Walnut Park into the 110 LA map,
21 it would help our unincorporated communities of Walnut
22 Park and of Florence-Graham to have a fighting chance in
23 having a voice in Sacramento.

24 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And right now, I'll go down -- right down my list
3 here. And we'll retry caller 4328, and then up next
4 after that, we will retry caller 6059. Caller 4328,
5 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

6 MR. ICHINOSE: Good evening, Commissioners. My name
7 is Dan Ichinose. I'm research director at the Orange
8 County Civic Engagement Table. I also work to support
9 the People's Redistricting Alliance, as you know, a
10 multiracial coalition of sixteen community-based
11 organizations working to center low-income communities of
12 color and working families in redistricting processes in
13 Orange County.

14 As always, we appreciate all of the hard work,
15 recognizing the diverse interest, the Commission and line
16 drawers are working to balance. It's been a long
17 journey, and it certainly hasn't been easy, but we
18 believe you've drawn the best possible maps of Orange
19 County. So thank you for listening to us.

20 Our sixteen community-based organizations and their
21 Orange County constituencies would like to express their
22 support for the current versions of the State Assembly,
23 State Senate, and Congressional map. In addition to
24 drawing effective Federal Voting Rights Act compliance --
25 compliant districts around Santa Ana, all three maps

1 respect numerous committees of interest, including
2 Korean-American communities in North Buena Park and
3 Northwest Fullerton, low-income immigrant communities in
4 South Fullerton and West Anaheim, Little Arabia in West
5 Anaheim --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 MR. ICHINOSE: -- (indiscernible) communities in
8 South Buena Park, La Palma, and Cypress in Orange County
9 and (indiscernible) in Los Angeles County, LatinX
10 communities Santa Ana, Vietnamese-American communities in
11 Garden Grove, Westminster, and Fountain Valley, Pacific
12 Islander Community Garden Grove, immigrant communities --

13 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

14 MR. ICHINOSE: -- in Irvine and Costa Mesa, and
15 finally, coastal communities from Seal Beach to Laguna
16 Beach in the Assembly map, and even in the Senate map, a
17 fully coastal district. So achieving these -- this
18 delicate balance between numerous communities of interest
19 is no small --

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 And right now, we will retry caller 6059. And then
22 up next after that will be our last retry for right now
23 will be caller 7832. Caller 6059 will be right now, and
24 up next after that will be caller 7832. Caller 6059,
25 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

1 The floor is yours.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I'm calling regarding
3 the State Assembly 110 LA Draft Map. I'm here to ask for
4 your help with a minor cleanup, modification. We ask for
5 you to also place our next door neighbor -- neighbors
6 from unincorporated Warner Park into the same 110 LA map
7 as us, and also make the 10 freeway the Northern border
8 of the map. It is imperative to have Warner Park and
9 Florence-Graham together in the same map, as splitting
10 this unincorporated island will only diminish our voices
11 and efforts that we have fought so hard together for over
12 thirty years.

13 We have a united community between Warner Park,
14 Huntington Park, and Florence-Graham, as we would like to
15 keep it as such in order to continue our advocacy and
16 priorities for our communities, as we have the same
17 political and the social challenges. I understand that
18 Huntington Park cannot be in the same map due to
19 population. However, with the minor change of moving
20 Warner Park into the 110 LA map, it would help our
21 unincorporated communities of Warner Park and Florence-
22 Graham to have a fighting chance in having a voice in
23 Sacramento. Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 And we have one more retry down here. Caller 7832,

1 if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
2 star six. And one more time, caller 7832, if you please
3 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.

4 Caller 7832, I did have you down as a retry. You did
5 have your hand up. You do not now. And if you're still
6 having some type of connectivity issue, I do suggest
7 hanging up and calling back. Thank you so much.

8 Right now, we have caller 5253, and up next after
9 that will be caller 8544. Caller 5253, please follow the
10 prompts to unmute. And one more time, caller 5253,
11 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.
12 The floor is yours.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. Thank
14 you very much for your service. We can all see what a
15 tough job this is. My name is Sandra. I'm from Del
16 Norte County. Can you not hear me?

17 MR. MANOFF: We can hear you. Go ahead.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 5253, if you'll
19 please, press star six again. We did hear you just fine.
20 There you are.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I'm back.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Thank you. So my
24 name is Sandra. I've lived in Del Norte County for
25 decades. I thank you for deciding again earlier today to

1 keep all the North Coast counties together. We like the
2 last maps that you did from keeping Del Norte County down
3 to Marin County together. Our community of interest is
4 unified by Highway 101. That is our lifeline that runs
5 through all of our counties; and as an earlier speaker
6 said, it keeps our commerce and our tourism flowing. We
7 don't have as much in common, if much at all, with the
8 inland counties, the counties to the East.

9 Please don't split off any of these coastal counties
10 to be with the counties to the East. In fact, there are
11 no roads directly connecting our counties to the
12 counties -- excuse me -- directly connecting --

13 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- my county with the
15 counties to the East. The counties to the East are
16 united by Highway 5, but 101 --

17 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- along the coast is our
19 lifeline. Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 I'd like to remind all those in the queue to please
22 remain alert. I apologize for the wait, but we are
23 coming around to all of you.

24 Right now, we have caller 8544, and up next after
25 that is caller 9352. Caller 8544, please follow the



1 prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is
2 yours.

3 MS. TATTERFIELD: Hello, Commissioners. My name is
4 Catherine Tatterfield (phonetic). I have been
5 participating in this process for a while. I appreciate
6 all the work that you guys have put into it, but I'm
7 really surprised at what I am hearing tonight. I am
8 hearing a lot of advocacy for a fire map and a VICA map
9 submitted for California State Assembly, and this is just
10 coming out of nowhere. You guys have been listening to
11 public comments for weeks, even months, and none of it
12 reflected what these people are saying.

13 I think you should consider the source of these
14 comments, you know, and see it as the astroturfing that
15 it is. It just purely benefits incumbents and special
16 interests. It's political opportunism, and that is not
17 what this Commission is about. It's about representing
18 the people. And the people of San Fernando Valley prefer
19 the San Fernando Valley Assembly Community maps. They're
20 a reasonable alternative to get us closer to the original
21 draft maps where we had consensus.

22 There was consensus before. This eleventh hour push
23 to suddenly separate Santa Clarita and Stevenson Ranch in
24 the fire map. Come on. Who -- who thinks that's a good
25 idea? No one. Nobody, okay. So let's get back to where

1 we were, where the people agreed --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MS. SATTERFIELD: -- and it did not reflect a bunch
4 of incumbents. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And right now, we have caller 9352, and up next
7 after that will be caller 7618. Caller 9352, please
8 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

9 MS. MCLEARY: Good evening, Commissioners, and Katy.
10 Hello from Del Norte County. My name is Patty McLeary.
11 And yes, that's where I live, Del Norte County. Please
12 keep North Coast counties together. Your redistricting
13 draft number 1 map is great, and no changes are needed.

14 Just to recap for you, the community of interest key
15 elements from Marin to Del Norte include salmon,
16 redwoods, coastal policies, coastal agriculture, Highway
17 101, harbor issues, dredging, and then there's the
18 Dungeness crab, issues relating to the Pacific Ocean and
19 sea level rise. These issues are common from the Golden
20 Gate Bridge to the Oregon border.

21 Finally, state and federal agencies service areas
22 are organized to serve the North Coast as a unit, and
23 some of the examples are the Department of Fish and
24 Wildlife, NOAA, State Water Board, Coastal Commission.

25 So thank you, again, for your time. Thanks for

1 supporting democracy, and I really appreciate your work,
2 and keep the North Coast writ large from Marin County to
3 Del Norte together. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 And right now we have caller 7618, and up next after
6 that will be caller 6659. Caller 7618, please follow the
7 prompts. The floor is yours.

8 MS. NGUYEN: Hi. My name is Jessica Nguyen, and I'm
9 calling in support of now splitting Huntington Beach. At
10 first, I did not want it split, but this late in the
11 process, it seems that this is the only way to get the
12 Vietnamese population full together in the Santa Ana
13 District. Please make this split you proposed to truly
14 creating an Asian influenced district in Orange County.
15 Thank you so much for your time. Have a great weekend.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And right now we have caller 6659, and up next after
18 that will be caller 6329. Caller 6659, please follow the
19 prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

20 MR. TRAN: Hi. Can you guys hear me?

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

22 MR. TRAN: Hi. Good evening. My name is Kevin
23 Tran, and please approve Commissioner Kennedy's idea to
24 include part of Huntington Beach in with Little Saigon.
25 It might seem small, but it is a line that better

1 reflects our growing community and would increase the
2 Asian population in this Congressional District. I know
3 why you don't want to add all of Huntington Beach, and
4 that it fine at this point, but an even swap seems easily
5 done. Thank you, and have a good night.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 And right now we have caller 6329, and up next after
8 that is caller 8366. Caller 6329, please follow the
9 prompts. The floor is yours.

10 MR. CHIN: Dear Commissioners. My name is Chris
11 Chin, and I'm calling in as the Voting Rights Community
12 Advocate at the Asian Law Caucus, as well as a
13 representative of the API and a member of State
14 Redistricting Collaborative. Thank you for considering
15 our collaborative suggestions and for continuing to
16 refine the maps to keep our communities whole. As we
17 enter into the final days of the line drawing process, I
18 wanted to uplift some priority areas identified by our
19 collaborative.

20 First, for the Assembly map in Los Angeles, we urge
21 the Commission to keep the City of Carson whole. We're
22 encouraged that many Commissioners have mentioned the
23 need to unify Carson at the Assembly level. Carson is
24 home to the largest concentration of Filipino-Americans
25 in the U.S. We understand that the Commission has

1 expressed interest in keeping the two ports in the region
2 in separate districts. I would like to remind the
3 Commission that our collaborative proposed a map that
4 keeps these ports in separate districts, while also
5 keeping Carson whole. We hope you find our proposed fix
6 useful.

7 Second, for the Congressional map in the Bay Area,
8 we would like to urge the Commission to move the
9 Vietnamese business district, Little Saigon, with a
10 greater Vietnamese residential community.

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 MR. CHIN: We appreciate the Commission's plan, YA-
13 San Jose Iterations 1 and 3, for keeping most of the
14 Vietnamese community whole across the East San Jose and
15 Evergreen neighborhoods. We ask to please keep the
16 Little Saigon area, which is a prominent commercial
17 corridor for these Vietnamese businesses.

18 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

19 MR. CHIN: While we understand this business
20 district is currently a VRA -- VARC, we believe moving
21 the small commercial area will have little impact on the
22 Latino CVAP percentage. It's important that Little
23 Saigon is connected to the residential Vietnamese
24 community in East San Jose. Thank you so much for
25 listen --

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And right now, we have caller 8366, and up next
3 after that will be caller 1595. Caller 8366, please
4 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

5 MR. BAUMAN: My name is Cole Bauman. I'm calling
6 from the Tolowah Dee-Ni' Nation Office of the Tribal
7 Attorney. The Tolowah Dee-Ni' Nation is a federally-
8 recognized sovereign Indian nation with its government
9 headquarters located within Del Norte County;
10 specifically, Smith River. Nation supports the
11 Congressional Districts map Iteration 12-15-21, as it
12 pertains to Del Norte County. The map iteration,
13 inappropriately keeps Del Norte County and by extension,
14 the Nation, within the same district as its coastal
15 neighbors. Del Norte County is a coastal community, and
16 its interests most often align with the interests of its
17 neighboring coastal communities. Economic activity in
18 the area follows the North to the South path, not East to
19 West as the coastal range mountains separate coastal
20 communities of Del Norte county from commerce to the
21 East, and the U.S. 101 connects Del Norte County to its
22 coastal communities to the South.

23 Nation maintains the Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery in
24 Smith River. The Nation's concern with the health of the
25 North California rivers is shared by other residents of

1 Del Norte County, as well as the residents of Humboldt
2 County, where the Eagle River and Mad River Fish
3 hatcheries are operated.

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MR. BAUMAN: In sharp contrast to this, are the
6 priorities of farm-based communities in Northeastern
7 California who utilize the same rivers for irrigation.
8 This is just one example, and I know I'm short on time.
9 The great majority of public comments originating in --

10 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

11 MR. BAUMAN: -- these communities have confirmed the
12 same distinct differences between these coastal and
13 noncoastal communities. Any proposal to redistrict Del
14 Norte County to a Congressional District shared with the
15 Northeastern California communities should be rejected.
16 Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 And right now, we have caller 1595, and up next
19 after that will be caller 8987. Caller 1595, please
20 follow the prompts to unmute. Hold on one moment.
21 Caller 1595? And no, you did not hang up. Did you mean
22 to lower your hand? Caller 1595, please, press star
23 nine, or did you intentionally lower your hand? I highly
24 doubt it. Caller 1595, please follow the prompts to
25 unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: All right. Thank you.
2 Apologies. Thank you for this opportunity to speak. My
3 name is Ramsey. I'm one of the community leaders for the
4 Florence Firestone District. I'm calling in regarding
5 Assembly 110 LA Draft. I am here to ask for a minor
6 change. We are asking for a one-on-one swap. Move the
7 small community of Walnut Park area into the 110 LA map,
8 then give the small parts of downtown L.A. that have
9 absolutely nothing in common fiscally or economically in
10 common with us that you currently have in the L.A. 110
11 map, and move the small downtown area to the AD54
12 Northeast L.A. Map.

13 And lastly, you can move the small city of Maywood
14 from AD54 in the L.A. to the Gateway map. This is a
15 close and even swap that will put these small community
16 areas in with similar communities, which is crucial as
17 far as voting and resources are concerned --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- areas in common.
20 Commissioners, we are asking for the small clean up to
21 ultimately have Walnut Park in the same 110 LA map as the
22 Florence-Graham community, in order to truly have a
23 representation of what the community is.

24 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And right now we have caller 8987, and up next after
3 that will be caller 7374. Caller 8987, please follow the
4 prompts. The floor is yours.

5 MS. GAIDO: Good evening. I'm Mary Ann Gaido, a
6 City of Irvine Planning Commissioner and a former Irvine
7 City councilwoman, and I'm calling regarding the proposed
8 split Senate district for our city. I'm convinced that
9 the City of Irvine is really a community of interest.
10 After all, it is a Master Plan city, which just
11 celebrated fifty years since incorporation. And my
12 concern is that this Senate district will be detrimental
13 to our city and its cohesiveness.

14 The city is really proud of its school district, of
15 its city council, of its Irvine Ranch Water District, and
16 all of the public safety programs we have in -- with our
17 urban police. I'm really concerned that the Commission's
18 Draft Plan calls for splitting Irvine into two separate
19 Senate districts. And yes, we've depended on the close
20 relationship --

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 MS. GAIDO: -- with our state legislators and have
23 historically worked on local issues together, such as
24 transportation, housing, public safety and open space.
25 So keep Irvine whole. I really encourage you to consider

1 redistricting --

2 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

3 MS. GAIDO: -- the Senate district in this area.

4 Thank you very much.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And right now we have caller 7374, and up next after
7 that will be caller 7064. Right now we have caller 7374.
8 Please follow the prompts.

9 MR. PACK: Good evening, Commissioner. Can you hear
10 me?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

12 MR. PACK: Okay. Very good. Good evening. My name
13 is G.W. Devon Pack. I am on the Planning Commission for
14 the San Benito County. However, I'm speaking as a
15 private citizen this evening, and my views do not
16 necessarily reflect that of the county government. That
17 being said, I'm also a historian. I am seeking to urge
18 the Redistricting Commission to go with the plan that
19 keeps Benito County in a district with Monterey County.
20 We have historically had deep ties with Monterey County
21 and with Santa Clara County. We do not have any
22 comparable ties with Fresno County.

23 The majority of the community of Hollister is
24 Latino; 67 percent Latino. And our traditional ties have
25 been with farmers and agricultural interests in the

1 Salinas Valley. Seventy percent of our employed citizens
2 in our county --

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 MR. PACK: -- work either in Santa Clara County or
5 in Monterey County. And so once again, I strongly urge
6 the Commission to keep San Benito with its cultural and
7 minority, and economic and --

8 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

9 MR. PACK: -- geographic ties, which are with
10 Monterey County and with Santa Clara County. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 And right now, we have 7064, and up next after that
13 will be caller 6051. Caller 7064, please follow the
14 prompts. The floor is yours.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. I'm calling in from --
16 tonight from Brea. It's a twelve square mile city, and I
17 want to ask the Commission to place North Orange County
18 and Brea back together. There was a compromise on
19 December 8th that kept the community together. And
20 again, Brea, Yorba Linda, Placentia, we are a community.
21 We have many things in common, and that will still
22 accommodate a number of the testimony from other parts of
23 your county.

24 Based on your population deviations right now, these
25 maps can all happen within the three Non-Voting Rights

1 Act Orange County districts. And it would be very
2 important for the city of Brea and for myself to be part
3 of Placentia and Yorba Linda. So I'd ask that you would
4 put it back together, that you would shift the map
5 counterclockwise.

6 In 2008, the freeway fire demonstrated the critical
7 need for mutual aid in which it did Fullerton and Brea
8 and Placentia. And I mean, we depend on each other for
9 both fire and police safety. And for you to split Brea
10 like you're doing --

11 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- I mean it would,
13 basically, make me an orphan, because this part of Brea
14 would have nothing in common with Rossmoor and the
15 other --

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And right now we have caller 6051, and up next after
18 that will be caller 7251. Right now will be caller 6051.
19 Please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

20 MS. GILBERT: Hi. Thank you. My name is Janet
21 Gilbert. I live in Del Norte County, and I'm calling to
22 thank you that Del Norte County is in the North Coast
23 district of Humboldt, Mendocino, Sonoma and Marin
24 Counties. The North Coast shares a coastal climate,
25 seafood industries, and goals of achieving sustainable

1 forests and timber production. We even share a
2 subduction zone fault off the coast with a significant
3 risk of an earthquake impacting the entire Northern
4 California coastline.

5 The reason I say that is that we have similar
6 concerns, similar economies and needs, and grouping us
7 together is a more efficient and results in more -- a
8 more expedient solutions to our problems. I ask that you
9 continue to keep Del Norte County in the North Coast with
10 Humboldt, Mendocino, Sonoma, and Marin Counties. I thank
11 you so much for that, and I hope that that turns out for
12 us all. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 And right now we have caller 7251, and up next after
15 that is caller 2009. Right now, we have caller 7251.
16 Please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 7251, if
17 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
18 star six. Caller 7251, you appear to have some type of
19 connectivity issue at the moment. I will come back
20 around.

21 Caller 2009 would be right now, and up next after
22 that will be caller 0347. Caller 2009, if you'll please
23 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

24 MR. ALDINGER: Hi. This is Rick Aldinger. I'm the
25 chair of the Monterey County Hospitality Association

1 Government Affairs Committee. I'm calling regarding the
2 Midcoast and Cupertino Drafts in relation to the Central
3 Coast Fixed Map of Midcoast, as it pertains to the
4 Congressional Districts. In Monterey County, agriculture
5 is our number one industry with hospitality number two.
6 There's a large overlap in our workforces with individual
7 communities and even families who have members working
8 for both industries.

9 Our industries have worked together for years on
10 common goals for the health, safety and well-being of our
11 workers. As an example, during the pandemic, our
12 industries came together to help those most vulnerable.
13 While the AG industry remained open, hospitality was shut
14 down due to the high COVID-19 positivity rate, mostly
15 located in the Salinas Valley. When the vaccine first
16 became available, we lobbied our local --

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 MR. ALDINGER: -- elected officials to prioritize
19 our farm workers and the communities with the highest
20 infection rates to give them the vaccines first. We knew
21 that the health of our community depended upon taking
22 care of those who were being impacted the hardest by the
23 pandemic --

24 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

25 MR. ALDINGER: -- even when our employees were out

1 of work, and many of our businesses were forced to close.
2 While the new political boundaries may be well
3 intentioned, the ramifications are far greater. The new
4 boundaries would move this entire Salinas Valley and tie
5 it into Silicon Valley. Our Congressional District --

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 And right now, will be caller 0347, and up next
8 after that will be caller 6907. Caller 0347, please
9 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

10 MS. GONZALEZ: Hello. My name is Edith Gonzalez.
11 Thank you for allowing me to speak today. I support
12 South Los Angeles staying together as a whole, as well as
13 keeping the current map with Boyle Heights and East Los
14 Angeles into two separate districts. Koreatown, on the
15 other hand, should not be connected to Maywood and Bell
16 Gardens. And I appreciate everybody's time and support
17 on all these matters. And thank you for your time. Have
18 a good evening.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

20 And right now, we have caller 6907, and up next
21 after that will be caller 8136. Caller 6907, please
22 follow the prompts to unmute.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Thank you, Commission,

1 for the incredible work. I am fully supporting the map
2 that has the neighborhoods of Boyle Heights and East Los
3 Angeles split into different districts. I believe
4 Maywood should be connected to communities on the West of
5 the 710 Freeway, and Bell Gardens should be connected to
6 communities on the East of the 710 Freeway. Bell Gardens
7 and Maywood should not be connected to Koreatown. Thank
8 you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 And right now, we have caller 8136, and up next
11 after that would be caller 4863. Caller 8136, please
12 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

13 MS. HERRON: Good evening, Commissioners. My name
14 is Kaya Herron, Deputy Director of Fresno Metro Black
15 Chamber of Commerce and a resident of the City of Fresno.
16 Please stop splitting Black COIs in Fresno. On the
17 Congressional level, the visualizations 2 and 3 are
18 absolutely abysmal for our communities across the Valley,
19 and they split every COI we have listed. Iteration 4
20 puts most of our COIs in the CORE Fresno District except
21 for the State Garden, which has one of the highest
22 concentrations of Black residents in the City of Fresno
23 due to historical context, including racial housing
24 covenants that have prevented Black folks from moving to
25 specific parts of the city and different counties.

1 The COIs that are being kept together in
2 visualization 4, are the COIs West of 99, West Park and
3 areas around CSC-FRESNO. As they're currently paired,
4 the Fig Garden Loop is with Clovis, and that is not what
5 we'd like. However, we recognize that it would be
6 favorable for us to stay in that district instead of
7 being in ECA district.

8 Additionally, most of the people in these districts
9 are Black residents that migrated in the '70s or '80s.
10 And that was one of the benefits extension to the
11 physical boundary that prevented Black people from moving
12 past the Van Nuys extension.

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty Seconds.

14 MS. HERRON: We are united by shared priorities of
15 affordable housing, clean water and air and access to
16 homeownership, quality jobs and education. The Central
17 Valley is one of the last affordable places in the state
18 and increasingly being priced out in --

19 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

20 MS. HERRON: -- terms of opportunity. I appreciate
21 your clear concern and efforts to maintain a VRA seat,
22 but please do not do this at the expense of Black
23 communities. In closing, please keep Black COIs in
24 Fresno whole --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

1 And right now we have caller 4862, and up next after
2 that will be caller 4286. Caller 4862, please follow the
3 prompts. The floor is yours. Caller 4862, if you'll
4 please double-check your phone, make sure you are not on
5 mute. You are unmuted in the meeting.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. My name is Kris
7 (phonetic). I thank you, Commission, for your time and
8 dedication. I am here today asking for Maywood and Bell
9 Gardens to not be connected to Koreatown. We need to
10 keep these communities separated by the 710 Freeway. I
11 also want to show my support to keep the current map that
12 has East LA and Boyle Heights separated into two separate
13 districts. Downtown Los Angeles should also need to stay
14 together. So thank you very much for your time.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 And right now, we have caller 4286, and up next
17 after that is caller 7312. Caller 4286, please follow
18 the prompts.

19 MS. GARCIA: Hello?

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Hello. The floor
21 is yours.

22 MS. GARCIA: Hi. Hello. My name's Jacqueline
23 Garcia. I would like to show my support for the current
24 map that keeps East LA and Boyle Heights two separate
25 districts. I also think Bell Gardens should be connected

1 to communities on the West of the 710 Freeway, while
2 Maywood should be connected to the Eastside communities.
3 They should not connect to Koreatown. As well as that, I
4 will join over 350 city leaders and residents that signed
5 the letter posted in Public Comment 41011 to keep Maywood
6 and Southeast communities. Thank you so much.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 And right now, we have caller 7312, and up next
9 after that will be caller 8797. Caller 7312, please
10 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

11 MS. SALINAS: Good evening. My name is Elia,
12 E-L-I-I-A, Salinas, S-A-L-I-N-A-S. I'm a resident of San
13 Benito County. I'm calling in support -- that actually
14 is not in support. I misspoke there. I believe that
15 your map people need to, and it was quoted -- it was
16 stated earlier, that they need to do some hard work, and
17 it's true. They need to go back, and they need to redo a
18 lot of these district maps that I've been listening to
19 here. Let me remind you of both hacking and cracking,
20 and that's what I've been hearing.

21 Hollister. City of Hollister does not belong in
22 Merced and Fresno. We have nothing in common other than
23 a mountain range between us. It's twenty miles to get
24 through the mountain range. We belong with Monterey
25 County. We have a history with Monterey County, and

1 that's where we need to stay. Moving us to -- with
2 Gilroy, San Martin and Alum Rock, as one of the
3 Commissioners --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MS. SALINAS: -- stated earlier, is that basically
6 that we have the same basic economic interests, the
7 social economics. It's not true. We are not -- we are
8 not part of Silicon Valley. We do business in Santa
9 Clara County --

10 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

11 MS. SALINAS: -- and which would be in Gilroy, the
12 closest to us, but we are more in common -- we are an
13 agricultural community and we have more -- we are
14 associated more with the Salinas Valley farmers and
15 agricultural industry --

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And right now, we have caller 8797, and up next
18 after that will be caller 7644. Caller 8797, please
19 follow the prompts. Caller with the last four digits,
20 8797, please follow the prompts to unmute by -- there you
21 are. The floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Dear Commissioner, please
23 look at Little Saigon in San Benito District again. You
24 are very close to completing the map of our community.
25 So please don't split us. Please make the change before

1 it's too late. The community will have to suffer for the
2 changes with Huntington Beach or the Santa Ana district,
3 and we thank you for that. We asking the Commission to
4 put the Inland Park community which is our part up to
5 Garfield and down up at Beach Boulevard. I live in
6 Huntington Beach, and want to be represented by the
7 family member in Little Saigon, and we'll get lost if we
8 ignore, if we split apart in Little Saigon. Thank you,
9 Commissioner, and have a pleasant day. Good night.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 And right now, we have caller 7644, and up next
12 after that will be caller 3636. Caller 7644, please
13 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

14 MR. PAYNE: Good evening, Commissioners. Eric Payne
15 with the Central Valley Urban Institute. We represent
16 low-income families from across the region. We like
17 Iteration 4 that you created for the Central Valley
18 Congressional Districts, because it captures most Black
19 Fresno COIs in the CORE Fresno district. And we would
20 like to see something similar on the Senate and Assembly,
21 because they're breaking up communities.

22 Specifically because Bullard High School is in
23 Fresno Unified School District, they have the largest
24 population of African-American students that feed into
25 the school from this neighborhood. That puts most of our

1 COIs in the core Fresno district except for Old Fig. But
2 on all other levels, we still have splits West of 99,
3 West Park, the college COI by Fresno State, and Old Fig
4 Garden, and these other areas that we have lifted up
5 around the Fig Garden Loop.

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 MR. PAYNE: Again, I'd like to thank the
8 Commissioners for taking the time to take a deep look at
9 this and take corrective fixes, because this is something
10 that we've lifted up over the last year and a half.

11 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

12 MR. PAYNE: Again, thank you for your time.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 And right now, we have caller 3636, and up next
15 after that will be caller 8987.

16 Caller 3636, please follow the prompts. The floor
17 is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello? Can you hear me?

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. My name is Saul, and I
21 want to say that I appreciate the work you guys have done
22 with the Franklin High School map and support it, but I
23 ask you to please keep Eagle Rock whole and North
24 Washington in our district. We share the boundaries with
25 local community schools, and local businesses thrive

1 together through the Eagle Rock Chamber of Commerce. Our
2 roads, trails and parks, rivers and our (indiscernible)
3 are part of what makes our community whole. So I please
4 ask for you guys to keep our Northeast Los Angeles
5 community together. Thank you so much for your time.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 And right now, we have caller 8987, and up next
8 after that is caller 2223. Caller 8987, please follow
9 the prompts.

10 MR. ENGLAND: All right.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

12 MR. ENGLAND: All right. All right. Thank you for
13 the time, Commissioners. I'm Bruce England in Mountain
14 View. That's England, like the country. I manage the
15 community group, Mountain View Coalition for Sustainable
16 Planning, and I serve as the interim team leader for the
17 Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition Mountainview team.
18 However, I'm speaking for myself this evening. I know
19 you're thinking about how clusters of cities work best
20 together. I understand this, and I'm concerned that
21 Mountain View would be separated from Sunnyvale and
22 Cupertino per current plans.

23 For transportation, land use, and other purposes,
24 there's a tremendous amount of synergy across these
25 cities that would be lost or compromised. From a larger

1 perspective, Mountain View collaborates regularly with
2 these cities, along with Palo Alto and Los Altos.
3 Multiple examples of this exist as active transportation
4 and transit options are considered or developed across
5 our region and how jobs and housing development are best
6 coordinated. Accordingly, having single points of
7 representation for us is the ideal.

8 And then lastly, I'll just say that districting in
9 the interest of wildlife protection does make sense to
10 me. I heard --

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 MR. ENGLAND: -- those comments today. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 And right now we have caller 2223, and up next after
15 that is caller 7842. Caller 2223, please follow the
16 prompts. The floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I am a resident of Brea,
18 and I want to thank the Commission for your hard work.
19 I'm calling in regarding the Congressional lines around
20 Orange County. And I appreciated the maps you created on
21 December 8th for the Congressional Districts that kept
22 North Orange County cities, like North Fullerton, Brea,
23 Yorba Linda, Placentia, and Anaheim Hills together.
24 North Orange County is an important community of interest
25 that shares the same issues and concerns. And in the

1 drafts of these maps, you're not only able to put North
2 Orange County together in one strong district, but
3 created a VRA district and the Savannah Ana District that
4 elevated the voices of the Asian-American community.

5 But -- however, the current iteration of the Orange
6 County Congressional lines split up North Orange County,
7 and my City of Brea is currently split, which is a
8 disservice to such a small city like ours. And Yorba
9 Linda and Placentia, two cities that even share a school
10 district also --

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- placed in a Congressional
13 districts. So the maps that you had on December 8th were
14 fair for Orange County communities, and there -- I feel
15 like there are changes that can be made with little
16 ripples and without affecting surrounding areas. So --

17 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- I hope you'll consider
19 reinstating that map. Thank you so much for your time.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 And right now, we have caller 7842, and up next
22 after that is caller 8338. Caller 7842, please follow
23 the prompts. The floor is yours.

24 MR. LE: Hello there. Hi. Oh, hi. Okay. So my
25 name is Anthony Le. I'm a resident Mountain View,

1 California, and I'm also calling as a representative for
2 the Vietnamese-American Roundtable, which is a 501(c)(3)
3 org that promotes and advocates for Vietnamese interests.
4 I just want to say thank you to the Commissioners for the
5 great work we've been doing. I also want to encourage
6 and hope the Commission will make one more change to the
7 map that you're working on, and that's to include Little
8 Saigon into the District Santa Clara, compared to where
9 it's right now. It's in District Cupertino.

10 This split will actually connect -- disconnect the
11 Vietnamese community from the business side with the
12 residential side. The Little Saigon area is actually a
13 business district, and it would not affect too much of
14 the population density. Also, it's the largest
15 concentration of Vietnamese population outside of
16 Vietnam, and many residents in Evergreen and East San
17 Jose conduct business in Little Saigon. So keeping it
18 together will continue to push and uplift the Vietnamese
19 community and continue to bring a better community
20 building from there. Thank you so much.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now, we have caller 8338, and up next
23 after that will be caller 9951. Caller 8338, please
24 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

25 MR. MA: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is

1 Kevin Ma. I'm from Mountain View, California and the
2 South Bay, and I'm calling to speak against the Midcoast
3 Congressional Map. Inherently, Palo Alto and Mountain
4 View are very different compared to the rest of the
5 district. They're one of the highest real estate prices.
6 They're, you know, part of Silicon Valley, whereas the --
7 most of the rest of the district is agricultural or rural
8 land, which would -- basically, given the economic
9 constraints of canvassing and campaigning for the
10 district, basically means that Palo and Mountain View
11 would represent the entire district for years on end,
12 given the amount of money you need to do for this.
13 As such, I recommend that the district change to remove
14 those districts out of -- inherently Mountain View does
15 have a growing Asian population, which I believe would
16 make sense for the grid that you didn't see that
17 district, the VRA districts are as well as -- perhaps
18 shifting the MIDCOAST District to go further East of the
19 San Mateo County. 280 is not exactly the most rural --
20 is not the rural boundary. It's more like
21 (indiscernible) --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- so inherently, I do want
24 to make sure that we don't cause any economic damage
25 against the rest of the district. Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And right now we'll go to caller 9951. And up next
3 after that we be caller 1701. Caller 9951, please follow
4 the prompts. The floor is yours.

5 MR. TAGOBIAN: Good evening, Commissioners, my name
6 is Lacete Tagobian (ph.) and I'm speaking on behalf of
7 the Santa Clarita City Council. The City of Santa
8 Clarita is the third largest city in Los Angeles County
9 and is uniquely located in the North County, essentially
10 surrounded on all sides by unincorporated communities,
11 including Castaic, Stevenson Ranch, Acton and Agua Dulce.

12 The city and a few mentioned adjacent communities
13 make up the Santa Clarita Valley, sharing unifying
14 conditions and commonalities, including transportation,
15 planning, public safety, emergency preparedness, water
16 quality and supply and homelessness services. The city
17 and adjacent unincorporated communities collaborate
18 regularly on regional issues and share many public
19 services, including public safety services, through the
20 Santa Clarita sheriff's station and water services
21 through the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency.

22 For these reasons, and reasons expressed in previous
23 correspondence, originally dating back to July of this
24 year, we urge the Commission to keep the City of Santa
25 Clarita and unincorporated communities of Castaic,

1 Stevenson Ranch, Acton, and Agua Dulce in one Assembly --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MR. TAGOBIAN: -- one Senate, and one Congressional
4 district.

5 Thank you for your service and diligent work this
6 year. I hope you guys are finally seeing the light at
7 the end of the tunnel, and that you all have a great
8 holiday. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 And right now we have caller 1701. And up next
11 after that will be caller 2252. Caller 1701, please,
12 follow the prompts. And one more time caller with the
13 last four digits 1701, please follow the prompts to
14 unmute. The floor is yours.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. You can hear me,
16 right?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Hello, Commissioners.
19 Thank you for all the hard work you guys done. And I
20 understand that you will revisit the Senate and the
21 Assembly map tomorrow and make some change. The Senate
22 district is done correctly for the Little Saigon. And we
23 want to thank the Commission for considering our
24 commands. Please do make minor changes to the Assembly
25 GGW map. This district is very important for our

1 community.

2 From my personal experience during the pandemic, I
3 lost my job and I didn't know what to do. I was able to
4 contact my Assembly member who can speak Vietnamese and
5 have staff who can speak Vietnamese to help me. This why
6 is very important for the Vietnamese community to have a
7 true representative who understand --

8 MR. MANOFF: thirty seconds.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- our needs, our culture,
10 and our history. (Indiscernible) in Huntington Beach,
11 stop our Seapoint Street is the right move to make sure
12 Little Saigon has a true representation. Remove --

13 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Stanton and Garden Grove
15 because we don't have anything in common with them. We
16 need to remember who can help our community, especially
17 our youth culture. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now we have caller 2252. And up next
20 after that will be caller 1610. Caller 2252, please
21 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (In Spanish, not
23 transcribed).

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (In Spanish, not

1 transcribed).

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 And right now we have caller 1610. And up next
4 after that is caller 9858. Caller 1610, please follow
5 the prompts. The floor is yours.

6 MS. FRIEDBERG: Hello. My name is Natalie Friedberg
7 (ph.). I'm a resident of the community of Eagle Rock and
8 the City of Los Angeles. Good evening, Commissioners and
9 staff. Thank you so much for the opportunity to speak.
10 And thank you so much for your service. I was recently
11 one of the Los Angeles city redistricting Commissioners.
12 I'm well aware of your efforts.

13 I'm calling in tonight to share that at one point,
14 the Commission I served on also looked at the options of
15 splitting Eagle Rock up, which is what this map is
16 suggesting. There was so much concerted pushback from
17 individual Eagle Rock residents, from the Eagle Rock
18 Association, and from the Neighborhood Council, that we
19 clearly understood this to be a community of interest and
20 made sure that it was kept whole.

21 I'm speaking for myself as a thirty-year resident of
22 Eagle Rock. But I wanted to remind you that many in my
23 community spoke in a very compelling way about the desire
24 and the need to stay together, to stay unified in one
25 district. I urge you to please reconsider splitting us

1 up and to please keep us together with the rest of
2 Northeast Los Angeles, as we have been for nearly a
3 hundred years.

4 We are a part of Northeast Los Angeles. We even
5 have an Eagle Rock-based nonprofit named
6 (indiscernible) --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 MS. FRIEDBERG: -- Eagle Rock, Highland Park and
9 other neighboring communities. Please use existing
10 municipal boundaries or as a less preferable alternative
11 use the 134 and 6 Freeways, not Colorado Boulevard as a
12 split.

13 Again, thank you so much for your many hours of
14 service. You are greatly appreciated. And have a
15 wonderful holiday.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And right now we have caller 9858. And up next
18 after that and we be caller 8058. Caller 9858, please
19 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Thank you for having
21 us tonight. This is Malcolm (ph.) from San Diego,
22 California. This has been a frustrating process because
23 we've seen many situations of the Black community
24 basically being on the chopping block. We did a lot of
25 organizing and a lot of hard work to move our people in,

1 only to see -- only to see our community being fractured
2 and split again.

3 The latest -- latest move with Encanto has been
4 split up and separated from Skyline and Paradise Hills,
5 which is something we advocated a lot for. We're looking
6 for to -- to correct the issue. We're asking that the
7 area East of the 805 North, National City, would be
8 joined into -- into the Cojon area to unify -- excuse me,
9 sorry about that. We want -- we want to ask the area
10 South of Woodman Street and South of Paradise Valley
11 Road, and North of the 54, we want to add that --

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and unify
14 (indiscernible) Hills. So we want to see Crest and
15 Rancho San Diego -- population balance, Latino CVAP
16 (indiscernible) -- Ocean Beach and downtown area --

17 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- West of the 5 be moved
19 into move into the (indiscernible). Especially, just
20 want to see Encanto --

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now we have caller 8058. And up next
23 after that is caller 1430. Caller 8058, please follow
24 the prompts. The floor is yours.

25 MR. ALEXANDER: Thank you. Hello, Commissioners.

1 My name is Paul Alexander (ph.) and I'm a big fan of Bell
2 Hooks, but today I'm only representing myself as a
3 resident of Southeast San Diego. I recently learned that
4 this historically Black community may unintentionally be
5 split. I'm calling today to ask you to please make
6 Southeast San Diego whole by including Encanto, Skyline,
7 and Paradise Hills together in the COR-CAJON Senate
8 district. And please follow -- continue to follow the
9 Black hub's most recent proposed fixes. Thank you very
10 much.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 And right now we have caller 1430. And up next
13 after that will be caller 4607. Caller 1430, please
14 follow the prompts. And one more time caller with the
15 last four digits 1430, please follow the prompts to
16 unmute by pressing star six. I do apologize, Caller
17 1430, for the -- you appear to have type of connectivity
18 issue at the moment.

19 Right now, we have caller 4607. And up next after
20 that will be caller 4125. Caller 4607, please follow the
21 prompts. The floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. I was
23 waiting on the call yesterday to try and make public
24 comments and I was able to hear bits of the comments made
25 when you were discussing the Little Saigon area. I am

1 confused when one of the Commissioners wanted to add a
2 portion of Santa Ana in with Little Saigon district,
3 while we have been asking to make sure the Latino
4 community and Little Saigon community both deserve to
5 have our own representation.

6 The same reasons why we've been asking you to relook
7 at the GGW map for the Assembly. And this map, Benson
8 and East of Garden Grove have a majority Latino
9 community. They belong with Santa Ana and Anaheim, while
10 all of North of Garfield Street in Huntington Beach,
11 where Vietnamese American belongs with Little Saigon.

12 Thank you for putting all of Huntington Beach with
13 Little Saigon for the Senate and Congressional District.
14 Don't change these two maps. Now, please help us finish
15 the Assembly district and North of Garfield Street into
16 Little Saigon Assembly district --

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and remove Stanton and
19 East of Garden Grove. This will make the GGW map exactly
20 what is best for our greater Little Saigon, like the
21 Congress and Senate districts.

22 If the goal is to keep Little Saigon together and
23 allow areas that have seen a --

24 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- significant growth of

1 Vietnamese American in the last five years, then this is
2 the right thing to do. Don't keep trying to add areas
3 supposedly to Saigon to a lose our Assembly member.
4 Commissioner Andersen and Kennedy, Little Saigon is
5 rooting and grateful that you are on the Commission.
6 Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 And right now we have a caller 4125. And up next
9 after that will be caller 3889. Caller 4125, please
10 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners and
12 staff. Thank you for your continued hard work throughout
13 this process, particularly Katy, the stenographer, and
14 ASL interpreters who are all doing a great job. Several
15 days ago, you put Sylmar with the San Fernando Valley
16 Congressional district and this was the right move.
17 Unfortunately, at the same time, you cut Porter Ranch and
18 Granada Hills out of the Valley, which doesn't make much
19 sense.

20 VICA has submitted a revised map that keeps North
21 Hollywood and Toluca Lake together and put Sunland-
22 Tujunga in the Santa Clarita Antelope Valley District.
23 Sunland Tujunga is a better fit for the ABSCV (ph.)
24 District.

25 As I've said before, it is crucial that the areas

1 affected by the Porter Ranch gas leak, the biggest
2 methane leak in history, are represented by a member of
3 Congress who will bring in the EPA. I'm asking that you
4 make it a priority to keep Porter Ranch together with
5 Chatsworth and West Hills. Thanks again. Have a great
6 rest of your night.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 And right now we have caller 3889. And up next
9 after that will be caller 7575. Caller 3889, please
10 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commission. I'm
12 calling because I believe that Burbank and Glendale
13 should be kept whole. I don't see that they have
14 anything in common with Santa Clarita. Santa Clarita
15 Valley, Burbank, and Glendale district would not really
16 be contiguous, wouldn't be compact. And honestly, it
17 would break up the Santa Clarita Valley, which, as many
18 of you know, is home to 300,000 people. And it's the
19 third largest city in Los Angeles County.

20 We have seen maps trying to connect Santa Clarita to
21 the West San Fernando Valley. We've also seen maps to
22 try and connect it to the central San Fernando Valley,
23 and also the Northeast San Fernando Valley. And now the
24 East San Fernando Valley. It seems to me that the Santa
25 Clarita, the San Fernando Valley, it's just too much.

1 And Santa Clarita Valley should not be an afterthought.

2 We should instead be listening to what Santa Clarita --

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- belongs to and what they
5 want. And what they want is to be an Assembly district
6 that is in Acton, Agua Dulce, or Simi Valley. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 And right now we have caller 7575. And up next
9 after that will be caller 0133. Caller 7575, please
10 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Thank you. My name is
12 Michelle (ph.). I'm calling from Northridge, and I'm
13 really concerned and kind of weirded out by the L.A. fire
14 union and VICA, like, presenting maps. It seems to me
15 that it's political opportunism. I don't know if you
16 guys know what's going on with the L.A. Fire Department
17 as a whole, but they've made national news for their
18 extremely toxic, racist, sexist culture. So to me,
19 weird. And it's, like, it's the last minute, so I don't
20 really understand that, you know. And it's a push, in my
21 view, anyway, for the San Fernando Valley Assembly
22 community.

23 I don't know, it's just -- it seems weird, like, I'm
24 very specific. It seems like it favors the incumbent or
25 something. I -- I don't like it.

1 I strongly oppose the 12-8 San Fernando Valley map
2 for 80, 40, 43, 45, and 46. And I'm really asking you
3 to --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- please adopt the -- okay,
6 the SFV Assembly commuUNITY (ph.) -- all caps -- unity
7 is all caps -- now, to keep our diverse communities
8 together. For the maps --

9 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- that you do for the San
11 Fernando Valley, don't make any sense. I could talk
12 about -- okay -- don't make any sense for the region. So
13 we would like to stay together. Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

15 And right now we have caller 0133. And up next
16 after that is caller 4585. Caller 0133, please follow
17 the prompts. The floor is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, my name is Sarah (ph.).
19 I'm calling from the Santa Clarita Valley. And I wanted
20 to thank all the Commissioners for their hard work. I
21 can't imagine how tired you all are because I am so
22 tired. But I wanted to call in and say that I oppose the
23 firefighters map and the VICA map A that connects Santa
24 Clarita with Glendale. They don't have any natural
25 connection and they shouldn't be in a district together.

1 The -- those two maps are clearly drawn for political
2 reasons and they carve out the districts for current
3 incumbents. And that's not your job. Your job is to
4 listen to the communities.

5 So the San Fernando Valley Assembly community map is
6 the only one that gets the closest to the draft maps that
7 were widely agreed upon back in November. About all --
8 and those are widely agreed upon by the communities of
9 interest that connect Jewish, Armenian, Latino and like
10 communities throughout the Fernando Valley.

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you again for all your
13 work. And I'm calling in favor of the SFV Assembly
14 community map. Thanks so much.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 And right now we have caller 4585. And up next
17 after that will be caller 6483. Caller 4585, please
18 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

19 MS. MCLEAN: Hello.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, hello.

21 MS. MCLEAN: Yes, hi. This is Councilwoman Marsha
22 McLean (ph.) for the City of Santa Clarita. And I have
23 to tell you, I cannot believe some of the stuff I'm
24 hearing here. It makes absolutely no sense to follow the
25 L.A. counter -- County firefighters. We cherish our

1 firefighters, but what they're proposing makes absolutely
2 no sense.

3 We have a very diverse ethnically and economically
4 community of interest right now. And to take us out --
5 or take Castaic, Stevenson Ranch and Acton and Agua Dulce
6 out of the Assembly district makes absolutely no sense.
7 It would be absolutely detrimental to the -- to what
8 we've been able to achieve with our diversity. And I
9 hope that you will look at what they're proposing for
10 what it is and keep Santa Carita --

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 MS. MCLEAN: -- with Castaic, Stevenson Ranch, Acton
13 and Agua Dulce. We share a water district. We share our
14 school districts and law enforcement. Thank you so much.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 And right now we have caller 6483. And up next
17 after that is caller 1986. Caller 6483, please follow
18 the prompts. The floor is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
20 I'm calling about the new ECA district. And I wanted to
21 request that you keep the mountain regions together
22 because putting us with any big cities like Modesto or
23 Stockton or Fresno would just disenfranchise all of the
24 people up here in the Sierra Nevada's.

25 And you have already created three maps that

1 accomplish this. You did a map on November 10th. You
2 did a map on December 15th. And even your new Iteration
3 number 2, Tahoe, would accomplish this and keep all of
4 these mountain communities with similar interests
5 together.

6 And so I'm just encouraging you to please keep the
7 communities that have similar interests together and not
8 combine them with large communities, large cities that
9 would completely disenfranchise all of the communities in
10 the mountain regions. Thank you so much and have a good
11 evening.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 And right now we have caller 1986. And up next
14 after that will be caller 5462. Caller 1986, please
15 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. I'd
17 like to comment on Iterations STCV (ph.) 2, 3 and 4 of
18 the Kings, Tulare, Kern Congressional visualizations.
19 I'm concerned about these iterations. They're not in the
20 best interest for our communities. It's important that
21 the Commission takes our testimonies into consideration.
22 We are asking for our communities to be together, not
23 split up.

24 The Commission shouldn't allow one organization to
25 dictate the entire Central Valley. We are the Central

1 Valley. We are hardworking individuals. We care deeply
2 about our communities of interest. As a Latina and
3 resident of Kings County, we should be taken seriously
4 because we know what's best for our community. Please
5 keep Kings County whole. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 And right now we have caller 5462. And up next
8 after that will be caller 8170. Caller 5462, please
9 follow the prompts. And one more time. Caller with the
10 last four digits 5462, please follow the prompts to
11 unmute by pressing star six. I do apologize, caller
12 5462, you appear to have some type of connectivity issue
13 at the moment.

14 Right now we have caller 8170. And up next after
15 that will be caller 6043. Caller 8170, please follow the
16 prompts. The floor is yours.

17 MR. ROCHA: Hello. My name's Anthony Rocha (ph.).
18 Can you hear me?

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

20 MR. ROCHA: Thank you. My name is Anthony Rocha, I
21 am a member of the Salina City Council, a former member
22 of the Salina city's Unified School District School
23 Board. I am here talking in my capacity as an individual
24 and not as a representative of either capacity.

25 I really want to advocate to the Commission to keep

1 the Salinas Valley whole. One map in particular is a
2 concern to me is the Senate map. I want to be very clear
3 in saying that lumping the Salinas Valley with the
4 Monterey Peninsula or with the Silicon Valley has serious
5 detrimental impacts. And that doesn't only apply to the
6 Senate map, but any map, for that matter.

7 The Salinas Valley challenges are very unique to our
8 area, but also are many of them shared at the Central
9 Valley. And so while some may comment that the Monterey
10 County should be as a whole, I would also just submit
11 that to the -- the peninsula -- Monterey Peninsula
12 incomes tend to be a lot higher than Salinas Valley
13 incomes, and the challenges facing residents in Carmel
14 are significantly different --

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 MR. ROCHA: -- than those of the residents Salinas
17 or Gonzalez or Greenfield. So it's really important for
18 our Latino community that the Salinas Valley be kept
19 whole and that we be with agricultural communities.
20 Thank you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now we have caller 6043. And up next
23 after that will be caller 6982. Caller 6043, please
24 follow the prompts. Please press --

25 AUTOMATED VOICE SYSTEM: You are unmuted for --

1 MS. RAMOS: Hello. Oh, hi. Hi, my name is Emily
2 Ramos (ph.). I'm with the city -- well, I'm not with the
3 city, but I live in the city of Mountain View. And I'm
4 calling about the -- that -- that long red coastal
5 district that Mountain View has found itself a part of.
6 Ideally, I would like to not have a district where it
7 would take four hours to travel to another one, like,
8 without traffic. Like, I mean, we probably have, like, a
9 four-hour drive with traffic with some of the traffic in
10 Silicon Valley, but we are much more urban district than
11 some of the other coastal cities.

12 So if -- if you could either change us back to not
13 having us in the same district as places like Paso
14 Robles, that feels really far and really different.
15 You -- that -- that's one way you could fix that. Or you
16 could just carve out Mountain View and Palo Alto and --
17 and get us back with the rest of the Santa Clara County.
18 Or -- or even -- you could even, like, go to, like,
19 the -- that -- that more urban part of San Mateo County
20 if we fit somewhere there.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now we have caller 6982. And up next
23 after that will be caller 3678. Caller 6982, please
24 follow the prompts. And one more time, caller with the
25 last four digits 6982, please follow the prompts to

1 unmute by pressing star six. I do apologize, caller
2 6982, you have some type of connectivity issue at the
3 moment.

4 Right now we have caller 3678. And up next after
5 that will be caller 9999. Caller 3678, please follow the
6 prompts. The floor is yours.

7 MS. CARLTON: Good evening, members of the
8 redistricting Commission. Thank you so much for staying
9 up late on a Friday night to listen to the public. My
10 name is Jennifer Carlton (ph.). I'm the director of
11 Humboldt Baykeeper, an environmental advocacy group
12 located in Humboldt County. I'm calling to thank you for
13 maintaining our coastal communities and a coastal -- I
14 mean in a cohesive district from Marin to Del Norte
15 Counties. But I strongly support the Karuk and Yurok
16 Tribes' request that they made back in November to keep
17 their ancestral territories within the same district with
18 the coast as much as possible. Currently, the -- the
19 draft maps divide these two tribes' ancestral territories
20 and dilute their interests of their members.

21 I'm asking you to please listen and respect the
22 sovereign nations of the Karuk and Yurok Tribes, which
23 are California's largest indigenous tribes. And the
24 Commission should honor their request to stay with the
25 North coast, keep their members --

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MS. CARLTON: -- in a single district. And
3 specifically, I'm asking that Western Siskiyou County and
4 the Orleans area of Humboldt County, which are currently
5 in the Northeastern California districts, be united with
6 the North coast districts.

7 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

8 MS. CARLTON: Thank you very much.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 And right now we have caller 9999. And then up next
11 after that will be caller 5462. Caller 9999, please
12 follow the prompts. Caller with the last four 9999,
13 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.
14 The floor is yours.

15 MR. JOHNSON: Hello, Commissioners. And I want to
16 thank the Commissioners and the interpreters and all who
17 have stayed on the line this long. This is Hans Johnson.
18 I'm president of the East Area Progressive Democrats, the
19 largest Democratic club in Los Angeles County and in the
20 State of California. And I'm calling in on behalf of our
21 more than 1,000 members to urge the Commission to respect
22 the voices from Eagle Rock and the surrounding
23 communities to keep our neighborhood intact and not to
24 crack it into two Congressional districts.

25 The Congressional boundaries in the latest December

1 15th revision need to be changed to make our cohesive
2 community of interests into one community. It currently
3 is intact in the Congressional district, and its
4 municipal boundaries on the East needs to be matched by
5 respect for the municipal boundary with Glendale on the
6 West. This is the only way to keep our Northeast Los
7 Angeles communities --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 MR. JOHNSON: -- together and to maintain cohesion
10 in this thriving community of diversity and more than
11 36,000 residents. On behalf of the EAPD and a wave of
12 community supporters, including our supervisor, Hilda
13 Solis (ph.) --

14 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

15 MR. JOHNSON: -- professors from Occidental College,
16 I urge you to keep us intact.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 And Right now, we will have caller 5462. And then
19 up next after that will be caller 0542. Caller 56 -- I'm
20 sorry, 5462, please follow the prompts to unmute.

21 MS. TETTER: Hi.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

23 MS. TETTER: Hello. My name is Pauline Tetter
24 (ph.). I'm a native of San Leandro in the Bay Area with
25 about 90,000 residents. And I just have to say, you give

1 listening to public comments a new meaning for me. I'm
2 really inspired.

3 I want to thank you for your work today. And -- but
4 I would like to urge you to redraw the map to keep San
5 Leandro whole. Especially looking to our coastal area,
6 the frontage area. We've got many projects that are
7 coming up, including housing, and the library, and also
8 keeping our wetlands together and doing some new nature
9 based solutions for the community. And to keep it whole
10 would be in our favor and also help us with grants and so
11 forth.

12 I know that it's -- you have to make some
13 adjustments somewhere. The problem with the way you have
14 it drawn is you're taking a lower income area of San
15 Leandro and putting it with more of lower income in the
16 unincorporated areas.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 MS. TETTER: And I'm just afraid they're not going
19 to have a voice speaking for them and -- which is very
20 important to me.

21 So I'm hoping that you'll be able to keep us whole
22 by running East to West down Grand Avenue or following
23 the creek, if not, maybe --

24 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

25 MS. TETTER: -- taking the top part of San Leandro

1 around 580 off, would get you the same numbers. But I
2 really appreciate the work you're doing. Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 And right now we have caller 0542. And up next
5 after that is caller 6242. Caller 0542, please follow
6 the prompts. The floor is yours.

7 MS. GUARDADO: Hello, my name is Monica Guardado
8 (ph.), and I'm a community leader in the City of Maywood.
9 And I'm calling to request the Commission to please keep
10 the City of Maywood in the AD GATEWAY (ph.) district.
11 Combining our city with cities in L.A. does not make any
12 sense. Downtown L.A. should stay together. We should
13 keep Maywood connected with the communities on the West
14 of 710. And we should keep our Bell Garden connected
15 with the communities East of the 710.

16 I appreciate all the hard work you're doing. I know
17 this is a difficult task, but please listen to the
18 community members, the representatives of the cities that
19 are calling because we know our areas. We work with our
20 communities. We know what works for us. And so far,
21 everything has been great in the City of Maywood. Things
22 have been improving and we would love to stay with AD
23 GATEWAY. Thank you very much.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 And right now, we have caller 6242. And up next

1 after that is caller 1675. Caller 6242, please follow
2 the prompts. The floor is yours.

3 MR. AUSTIN: Good evening, Commissioners. Thank
4 you. My name is Leslie Austin. That's L-E-S-L-I-E
5 A-U-S-T-I-N. I've been an active resident of San
6 Bernardino County for 35 years. While the Commission may
7 have moved off the idea of splitting up San Bernardino
8 County in the Senate map, I'm calling to urge you to move
9 off the idea and keep the county whole. But please do
10 not carve out Hollister. Given our shared and social
11 economic interests, I support continued alignment of San
12 Bernardino County with our traditional communities of
13 interests. Specifically the Latino and community --
14 farmworker communities of Salinas in the Salinas Valley.

15 I think it helps to consider that San Bernardino
16 County is 64,000 people. Simply to understand the scale,
17 the entire county is half the size of the city of
18 Salinas. We are much too small to be separated from our
19 county seat, the City of Hollister, and much too small to
20 be separated from our existing district communities and
21 communities of interest.

22 This is also true, I think, of the Congressional
23 district. I urge you to revisit the Congressional map
24 and keep our communities of interest in Monterey, Santa
25 Cruz and San Mateo counties together.

1 As you've heard from other --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MS. AUSTIN: -- small rural communities this
4 evening, the only chance we have at having a political
5 voice, frankly, is by sticking together. I want to thank
6 you all for reconsidering the lines. And I -- I hope you
7 know that your efforts --

8 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

9 MS. AUSTIN: -- are truly appreciated. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 And right now, we have caller 1675. And up next
12 after that will be caller 7215. Caller 1675, please
13 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

14 MR. KELLY: Thank you, everyone, for giving up your
15 evenings and being away from your loved ones to hear our
16 public comments. My name is Dan Kelly (ph.). I am the
17 president of the Board of trustees at College of the
18 Redwoods. I'm an executive director of a physician
19 group. I'm a father of four. Today, I'll be speaking to
20 you as a citizen. And I wanted to talk to you about the
21 importance of keeping down the work with the coastal
22 communities. Thank you for doing that.

23 I want to speak in the context of the community of
24 interest of College of the Redwoods and the students.
25 Our college covers about one 10,000 square miles. We're

1 one of the largest districts in the state. We service
2 approximately 6,000 students currently across three
3 different campuses, of which Del Norte is one. And Del
4 Norte in particular serves two very important programs
5 that we are committing to financially and with -- with
6 great effort. And any changes to the district boundaries
7 here would hinder that.

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 MR. KELLY: One is our (audio interference) program,
10 our LV to RN program, and the other is our Pelican Bay
11 Prison Scholarship Program. So thank you for keeping Del
12 Norte in the coastal district and we would encourage you
13 to not --

14 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

15 MR. KELLY: -- make any changes there. Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And right now, we have caller 7215. And up next
18 after that will be caller 0304. Caller 7215, please
19 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, my name is Samantha
21 (ph.), and I am calling in to express my support for the
22 MALDEF redistricting plan map. MALDEF plan was drawn
23 with input from community leaders and organizers from
24 across the state through workshops and talking to --
25 taking care to retain historic Black districts in Los

1 Angeles and API district and COI across the state. The
2 MALDEF plan also draws more Latinos, CVAP majority
3 districts than Commission benchmark plan. And then the
4 Commissioners can also make history by empowering the
5 Latino voters, which have been driven -- the -- with --
6 which have driven the growth in California for the last
7 decade.

8 So with the MALDEF plan drawing stronger districts
9 at all levels, that would empower historically
10 underserved communities to have the opportunity to
11 elect --

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- a candidate of their
14 choice. I really am expressing my support for the MALDEF
15 plan and making sure that our communities are being taken
16 into account since this will be for the next ten years.
17 Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now we have caller 0304. And up next
20 after that will be caller 2625. Caller 0304, please
21 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Commissioners, for
23 your work and for these many long hours and days and
24 nights. I'm a Santa Clarita resident and I know you're
25 receiving overwhelming public comment this week opposing

1 your 12/8 maps. A number of community members
2 representing organizations around the Valley in Santa
3 Clarita have come together to ask that you adopt the San
4 Fernando Valley Assembly community map. The community
5 map is the only map being proposed that reunites the
6 Jewish Southwest Valley community, maintains seventy
7 percent Latino CVAP seats, unite those impacted by that
8 Aliso Canyon disaster, and unites the Armenian community
9 in the Southwest -- Southeast valley.

10 The Firefighter and VICA maps are clearly drawn for
11 political reasons, only to carve out districts where
12 current incumbents live. You can check your Twitter to
13 see the maps of their homes. This is not your job.
14 There is a very strong connection in the North San
15 Fernando Valley in Santa Clarita because of school, work,
16 and housing established for decades.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: To separate Santa Clarita,
19 North San Fernando Valley would be disastrous. There is
20 no connection between Santa Clarita and Glendale, and our
21 communities should not be connected. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 And right now we have caller 2625. And up next
24 after that will be caller 3910. Caller 2625, please
25 follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

1 MR. ADEBARI: Yes. Can you hear me?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

3 MR. ADEBARI: Thank you, Commissioners, for all your
4 hard work and time. This is Buster Adebari (ph.). I am
5 the Karuk Chairman speaking on behalf of the Karuk Tribal
6 Council. We need to keep the North coast together
7 because we're one community of interest. As the
8 overwhelming bulk of public comment has provided, we have
9 similar interests in the economies that bind us together.
10 We are distinct and separate from the rest of the inland
11 Northern California. The Karuk Tribe has requested that
12 you keep together its ancestral territory with the coast
13 to the maximum extent possible. Currently draft maps
14 divide the tribe into (audio interference) interest.
15 Please listen and respect the sovereign government of the
16 Karuk Tribe.

17 Also dividing the North coast also splits The Yurok
18 Tribe, the large --

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 MR. ADEBARI: -- the California's (audio
21 interference) government. The Commission should honor
22 the wishes of the Yurok Tribe as they have -- as they
23 have expressed. They would like to stay together with
24 the North coast and would like to keep their enrolled
25 tribal members together. Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And right now we will have caller 3910. Please
3 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. The
4 floor is yours.

5 MR. CETINA: Good evening. Can you hear me?

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

7 MR. CETINA: Thank you. Well, good evening. My
8 name is Luis Cetina (ph.), I am vice president of the
9 board of the Cucamonga Valley Water District and chair of
10 the Chino Basin Water Bank Joint Depository -- we're
11 trying to realize here in Western San Bernardino County.
12 I am calling you today and asking you to revisit your
13 maps to ensure that the communities of Upland and San
14 Bernardino are represented by San Bernardino
15 Congressional, State Senate, and Assembly members. If
16 you were to look at the current maps, it looks like tic-
17 tac-toe in terms of our representation on all three
18 fronts.

19 Why is this critically important? We are making
20 efforts to create a groundwater basin bank so that we can
21 alleviate any demands on the delta, which is a benefit to
22 Northern Californians and all Californians. We need to
23 have sound representation from San Bernardino County.

24 For many years we have been represented --
25 representatives in Los Angeles County. And it looks as

1 if we're being used as an add-on --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MR. CETINA: -- to ensure that we meet population
4 requirements for L.A. County. The maps are being created
5 to benefit Los Angeles County and not necessarily San
6 Bernardino. I urge you to revisit your maps and ensure
7 that the communities of Upland and Rancho Cucamonga --

8 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

9 MR. CETINA: -- are represented within San
10 Bernardino County, Inland Empire. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, at this time, we
12 are at three hours.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Katy. As I believe we've
14 explained and have posted on our website, the new public
15 comment policy that was -- that replaced the previous
16 policy yesterday establishes a three-hour limit for
17 public comment. We have reached the end of those three
18 hours. I realize we started a few minutes late after
19 6:45, but we have compensated for that late start. So
20 unfortunately, the public comment period for today is
21 closed.

22 We encourage everyone to join us at 9:30 tomorrow
23 morning when we will continue our work. And there will,
24 of course, be opportunity for public comment at the end
25 of the day tomorrow.

1 So thank you, everyone, for calling in. We
2 apologize to those we were not able to hear tonight, but
3 we do look forward to hearing from you at some point over
4 the weekend. And we also encourage you to use our online
5 channels to communicate with the Commission. So thank
6 you, everyone. And we now have -- we will now have a
7 brief recap and preview before we close for the evening.

8 Oh, okay. So we had hoped to knock out the last of
9 the remaining Congressional iterations. I believe we
10 came close, but I'm -- I'm still thinking we have perhaps
11 a little bit of outstanding work on the Congressional
12 districts. We had hoped to finish off all of the
13 iterations on the Senate districts. Unfortunately, we
14 did not achieve that. And we were to get to the Board of
15 Equalization today, but unfortunately, we did not manage
16 to do that either.

17 I -- you know, I have tried to move things along as
18 quickly as possible, but I don't want to be brutal in
19 cutting Commissioners off. I, you know, hope that we can
20 all recognize the importance of timeliness in our
21 efforts. I know that we all feel very passionately about
22 this process. I think we have been -- really been a
23 model of working well together. And we know -- we --
24 we've known for months that, you know, on some issues we
25 really want and need to talk it out among ourselves, to

1 feel comfortable with where we are.

2 So I do hope that we are in fact comfortable with
3 where we are. Let's keep our noses to the grindstone to
4 finish what we need to finish over the next few days.

5 And with that, let me turn it over to Alicia, our
6 incoming chair, for a preview of tomorrow.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. And
8 thank you for all your work this week to get us this far.

9 I guess I'm going to be the one that's going to cut
10 everybody off. Oh yes, definitely cut us off because we
11 are behind and we do need to get our maps approved.
12 That's our main goal, our main mission.

13 So tomorrow we start bright and early at 9:30.
14 Expect to stay late again. So excited to be spending all
15 day with you again tomorrow. Sunday and Monday, we have
16 start times of 11:00 and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday is
17 10 o'clock.

18 So those -- the agenda should be posted on our
19 website for everyone that's out there. So tomorrow our
20 goal is to finish the Congressional. Finish the Senate
21 before we have lunch. And also finish Board of
22 Equalization.

23 After lunch, we will briefly go back to the
24 Assembly. And when I say briefly, no more iterations,
25 minor revisions, minor refinements. Unfortunately,

1 there's no time to look at any huge iterations and to
2 work with our mappers. When we -- I believe it was
3 Commissioner Toledo, he led us through the Assembly. And
4 at that point we all agreed -- general consensus, we were
5 fine.

6 So right now, looking at minor refinements that we
7 can do in five minutes, hopefully, each one. So when you
8 come tomorrow, please be prepared to -- we'll put
9 together a list of what those refinements may be. We
10 will prioritize them. But I also urge you to ensure that
11 whatever refinements or iterate -- or reworks you want,
12 you've already worked it out and you know it's going to
13 work.

14 Other than that, thank you all. I know we're going
15 to get there, but we're just going to have to really
16 stick to it tomorrow and on Sunday. And I think that is
17 it. I will hand it back to Chair -- I'm sorry,
18 Commissioner Turner.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Real quick.
20 Before you're official chair and start to crack that
21 book, because that's exactly what we need to have happen.

22 I just wanted to say, Chair, you did an outstanding
23 job and you listed off a lot of things that we did not
24 get to do. But what we did get to do is to hear a whole
25 lot of public comment that we still valued and we still

1 researched or made fine tuning adjustments at the last
2 minute. And so I'm really glad for that. We know that
3 that was an option of either not hearing anyone else and
4 moving or being able to do what we can do, and we chose
5 California comment over just a tight, rigid schedule. So
6 thank you for allowing that. And all of us should feel
7 good about that. And yes, we're going to now have to go
8 home and do some real serious work to come and get our
9 changes within under five minutes because we got the
10 right one that's going to drive us at this point. Thank
11 you.

12 CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah, and I'll, I guess, reiterate
13 what Commissioner Fernandez is saying. We are looking
14 for refinements. Changes are bigger than refinements.
15 So we need we need refinements. Things that are small in
16 scope, easy to implement.

17 I anticipate that we will have a number of these to
18 go through, as Commissioner Fernandez has indicated. I
19 think our first step in the morning is, in fact, going to
20 be listing those off so that we can first prioritize
21 them, get the greatest good for the greatest number,
22 before we move into the work so that once we do move into
23 the work, we are moving as effectively and efficiently as
24 possible.

25 So unless there are other comments, I will adjourn

1 the meeting at 10:16 -- sorry, Commissioner Andersen.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry, just a quick -- so
3 the things we need to do in the morning are Congressional
4 and Senate, correct? Anything like that. And then our
5 lists are for, you know, any minor refinements,
6 Assembly, blah, blah?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Congressional, Senate and
8 Board of Equalization. We haven't touched Board of
9 Equalization. Obviously, we can't get there until we
10 refine the Senate.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right, yes.

13 CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. And with that 10:17 p.m., we
14 are adjourned.

15 (Whereupon, the State of California, Citizens
16 Redistricting Commissions Public Meeting
17 adjourned at 10:17 p.m.)

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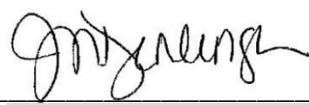
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 30th day of December, 2021.



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