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11:01 a.m.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Good morning, everyone, and welcome to our full continuing live drawing business meeting. Today's Sunday, December 19th. And before we get started, is Ravi going to take roll today or is it Alvaro?

MR. HERNANDEZ: I'll be taking roll, Chair.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Alvaro.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commission Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor? Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Presente.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez?



1 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee?

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here somewhere.

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Ahmad?

5 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Fernandez?

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Presente.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: We have a forum --

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Although I have to admit that
14 Commissioner Toledo said it with much more force and
15 vigor. I'm a little jealous right now but that's okay.

16 So welcome back. We are continuing on our journey.
17 We had a super Saturday yesterday. I have to think of
18 something for Sunday. I haven't thought that far ahead
19 yet. So I just want to give you a little road map of
20 where -- what order we're going to go in today. We do
21 have the (indiscernible) posted, and I believe we do not
22 have anything for -- on the business side of it, so we'll
23 be able to go straight into the line drawing.

24 And although, the (indiscernible) notes that we will
25 be going to Assembly, I am actually -- we're actually

1 going to change that and go straight to Board of
2 Equalization. We do have some iterations that have been
3 posted. So we'll do that first. Then, we will continue
4 on with the Assembly. And we will go through the list
5 that we put together yesterday in terms of priorities,
6 and we hope to be done by -- before our lunch break -- or
7 our meal break. And then, after our meal, we'll come
8 back and we will start. We will create a priority list
9 for Congressional, and we will finish Congressional
10 tonight.

11 So with that, although it notes that we will start
12 public comment at 6:30, it all depends on when we get
13 done with Congressional. We will get done with
14 Congressional today. We'll get done with Board of
15 Equalization, Assembly, and Congressional.

16 Are there any announcements by the fellow
17 commissioners or staff at this point?

18 Okay, doesn't look like it. So we will go straight
19 into Board of Equalization --

20 Oh, Commissioner Andersen.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. I did
22 have one item that I really did want to go back to on the
23 Senate, and I know that's not but I would like to address
24 that. That San Leandro/Ashland group. Also, putting
25 Gilroy back into MIDCOAST.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: On the Senate, that has been
2 finalized. That requires a whole day of deferrals and
3 numbering and everything else that is needed.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I know this was an item that
5 was -- could not be addressed given the time frame, and
6 then there were hard -- I could not come up with an
7 option that would really work. I did. And it would put
8 130 people at the -- in franchise who have not been. It
9 would additionally give us Gilroy into our MIDCOAST
10 district, which is something we were trying to do.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Again, we're -- we finalized our
12 Senate maps already. Unless there's other commissioners
13 that -- I'd have -- at this point we cannot go back.

14 Commissioner Ahmad.

15 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I just
16 wanted to ask Commissioner Andersen what that change was,
17 because I thought we did try to explore Gilroy back into
18 MIDCOAST and we weren't able to get the population
19 deviations in the acceptable range.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It would entail putting that
21 into the MIDCOAST, taking parts of the Rio Grande, about
22 30,000 people -- 20- to 30,000 people from MIDCOAST into
23 the Santa Barbara one. Taking about that same number of
24 Camarillo. It would split Camarillo, put that into the
25 LA one. That would still keep them all within five

1 percent. The one in the Ventura/Santa Barbara area
2 wouldn't change much. MIDCOAST would be just below five
3 percent. It would entail -- and then Gilroy would fit.

4 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I thought --

5 Commissioner Yee, please remind me, but I thought in
6 our extra credit portion of our project we did try that
7 and we ran --

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I thought that was in the
9 Senate -- in the Congressional, not the Senate.

10 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Oh, sorry. Sorry. Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Turner?

13 And again, there was general consensus yesterday,
14 and you know, at this point we can keep looking, and
15 there's going to be pieces that we might -- I think it's
16 like whenever I would write a report. I would turn it
17 in, and then after I see it, oh, I could have done that
18 or that, but at the end of the day, there's general
19 consensus and we agreed to close it out.

20 Commissioner Turner?

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. Just a
22 quick question in regards to that. With what's being
23 proposed, does it require a change of numbering again, or
24 is it just moving population within numbered districts?

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I'm not sure what the change would

1 require, but I do know that in terms on the back end of
2 this, this is going to take a whole day to put together
3 all of the files and everything that's needed in order to
4 bring this forward for tomorrow. I could ask Karin but I
5 do know we -- it's a day.

6 Commissioner Vazquez?

7 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I was just going to
8 explain -- I can't explain the concept of deferral very
9 well, but there are sort of really important sort of
10 workings with numbering that come into play. And so in
11 addition with the files piece, yes. If we elect to
12 incorporate this change, I do think we risk not meeting
13 our deadline tomorrow.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It would look -- would
15 require looking at the shift in population, these -- the
16 population that does get shifted, to make sure where they
17 voted last.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's --

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And I understand --

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN -- as to the referral --

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- that, and I understand that,
23 again, we'll -- there was general consensus. And at this
24 point --

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It was rushed consensus.

1 And if you want to do that, Chair, that's fine.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. We're going to move
3 forward, thank you.

4 Okay. Any other questions before we -- okay. Let's
5 move on to Board of Equalization. I'm not sure who our
6 line drawer is. Is it Jaime, is it Tamina, is it
7 Kennedy, is it Sivan? I'm just -- I just like to name
8 them all.

9 MS. WILSON: Yes. Hi. Hi, Chair. It is Kennedy,
10 and I will be here with you today looking at Board of
11 Equalization and the iteration that Commissioner Vazquez
12 and Commissioner Fornaciari worked with me on last night.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So great. We're excited to see
14 what they came up with. Thank you.

15 Are you going to lead us through that, Kennedy?

16 MS. WILSON: I can, or the commissioners can.
17 Whatever they feel. Whatever they want, I will follow.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioners Vazquez and
19 Fornaciari.

20 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Maybe, Kennedy, if you could
21 do the tour, and then I can provide sort of like a high-
22 level description of sort of how we approached getting
23 here.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great.

25 MS. WILSON: Okay. That sounds great.

1 So we are going to start -- well, A is down in San
2 Diego Counties, Orange County, Riverside. So let's start
3 here. We -- and I can put on what the draft was before
4 that. So in our A area, it was following, you know, ten
5 Senate districts in this area, and it went here. And so
6 we went -- they went and made Riverside County whole.
7 However, when doing that, the deviation was still far too
8 under. So we moved in Ontario, Chino, Chino Hills, and
9 Montclair into this Riverside, Orange, San Diego and
10 Imperial County Board of Equalization District.

11 Then, they went and made Los Angeles County whole.
12 And so I can, again, remind you of what it looked like in
13 the draft. So there were parts of Ventura County in
14 here, some of LA county going north, and some parts of
15 Riverside -- or San Bernardino County coming into here as
16 well.

17 And so now moving on to C, you have the coast. You
18 have the whole -- the entirety of Ventura County, Santa
19 Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, San Benito, Santa
20 Clara, Santa Cruz, Santa Mateo, going north up to Del
21 Norte.

22 And previously in the draft of yesterday, following
23 the districts Yolo and Solano were in this C region but
24 they were moved into D on the more eastern side to
25 balance population, because when we took out parts of

1 Ventura County -- put back in parts of Ventura County to
2 LA and make those changes, this was a bit underpopulated.
3 Our D was underpopulated when we took stuff from there.
4 And so we moved those in.

5 And then we have D. Siskiyou, Modoc, going down.
6 And we went and made Stanislaus and Alameda.
7 Previously -- oh, this line doesn't reflect that -- but
8 previously, we had parts of Alameda going in the eastern
9 side. So now of Alameda's on the C side of this.

10 And then, moving down, we have San Bernardino,
11 which, again, parts of San Bernardino before were -- and
12 Riverside were together, but making that county line
13 whole, San Bernardino is now going north, and we just
14 took those cities that I mentioned before.

15 So that is a grand tour and I will pass it over to
16 you, Commissioner Vazquez.

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Thank, Kennedy.

18 So we thought that Commissioner Andersen made great
19 points sort of about the necessity of keeping counties
20 whole, to the extent possible, in relation to Board of
21 Equalization. So we sort of -- as I was saying yesterday
22 when we took this on, I think Commissioner Toledo started
23 off with a great foundation in terms of an overall
24 foundational architecture for this Board of Equalization
25 map. And so we, then, just went -- we started in the

1 south and went north to try to make counties whole to the
2 extent possible. We weren't able to do that. So the
3 only county split is in that area that Kennedy showed in
4 San Bernardino County. So a portion of -- so San
5 Bernardino County is currently split across two Board of
6 Equalization districts.

7 I imagine it was getting a little late. There may
8 be a complicated way to shift population south, but
9 because, again, this district is bordered to the south by
10 Mexico and to the east by Nevada, it -- yeah, it's going
11 to take a bit of shifting, because you need to pull
12 population from the north, and if we're still trying to
13 keep other counties whole.

14 So I have no pride of authorship in this. If folks
15 have a better strategy to tackle, more than willing to
16 hear what that is. Thank you.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great, thank you.

18 Thank you, Commissioners Fornaciari and Vazquez, and
19 also Kennedy, for bringing this forward.

20 Commissioner Turner.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Bravo, I think it
22 accomplished what we wanted it to, and so I just want to
23 say I appreciate the effort. I appreciate the outcome,
24 and I'm satisfied with it. Thank you.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

1 Commissioner Toledo.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, thank you. I also
3 appreciate the hard work on this. And I'm supportive of
4 it. Yeah, I think -- it would have been nice to put all
5 of the counties in each district, unfortunately, it
6 doesn't seem like it's possible, given the population and
7 deviation requirements. But thank you. Appreciate it.
8 I think this is great work.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

10 Commissioner Sadhwani.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Agreed with everything
12 that's been said. I think this is looking awesome. And
13 I'll just --I just wanted a lift. Earlier on in this
14 process we had heard, actually, from Chino and Chino
15 Hills about wanting to be kept together. And I don't
16 think we've done that in any of our other maps. So I
17 think we did it here, and I think that this looks like a
18 really great solution. Thank you.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

20 Commissioner Fornaciari?

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I just want to make
22 sure that Commissioner Vazquez gets credit for
23 identifying the Sacramento County tail was split off, and
24 ensuring that Sacramento County was kept whole.

25 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: That one was for you, Chair.



1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I would have never heard the end
2 of that tail. Thank you for catching that.

3 Commissioner Kennedy.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Yes, in
5 general, I like this architecture much, much better. I
6 think this is something that I could certainly support.

7 I do have one small suggestion as far as San
8 Bernardino County. And that would be to move Upland and
9 Rancho Cucamonga into A. They are bordering Ontario, and
10 it would better balance the population. I think, you
11 know, that also corresponds to some of the splits that
12 we've seen at other levels, is having them with Ontario
13 rather than Fontana, so.

14 You know, if I had my wish, you know, we could go
15 all the way to San Bernardino and Redlands and cut it off
16 at the bottom of the hill, but population won't allow for
17 that. But I think moving Upland and Rancho Cucamonga
18 into A could make sense. Thank you.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And that was to
20 balance the districts?

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Moving Upland and Rancho
22 Cucamonga, that would be about 250,000, 260,000 people.
23 So D would be a little bit under, but A would be closer
24 to zero.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Ahmad?

1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I am in
2 support of this map visualization, generally speaking.
3 Thanks.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.
5 Commissioner Andersen.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Could we
7 go up and see through the -- I guess, the -- C, and
8 particularly the -- around the Bay area there. Just kind
9 of how -- it was the old -- the big U. So could we have
10 a look kind of at the areas of what was in C? right.
11 Great. And can you go up to the top, then, as well,
12 please. Wonderful. Thank you.

13 Yes, I like the map. Good job.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great, thank you.

15 Commissioner Vazquez.

16 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I support Commissioner
17 Kennedy's suggestion to put in Upland and Rancho into A.
18 I think -- especially since we have to make a county
19 split. I think better balancing the populations between
20 A and D feels more toward the goal of equity between the
21 two districts and regions. So yeah, I support that
22 change.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: What about -- is that San Antonio
24 Heights? I can't see what that is right next to it.
25 Right next --

1 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes, that is San Antonio
2 Heights.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Should that go as well? Yes? I
4 mean, it's -- you kind of leave it hanging.

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I'm a little -- I
6 think it's fine. It looks like there's just a sliver
7 left -- that would be left in LA County, so San Antonio
8 Heights would be split as a city. I'm okay. It's
9 probably more associated, I would say, with San
10 Bernardino and the Inland Empire, so I'm comfortable.
11 But maybe if Commissioner Kennedy has a though.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Kennedy.

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: It -- okay. So that part up
14 at the top is actually Clairemont. That's -- so San
15 Antonio Heights is fully -- if San Antonio Heights is
16 fully in San Bernardino County, then I would say -- I
17 would go ahead with it. Thank you.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It appears to be. And that
19 would --

20 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That would almost put them even.
22 Do we have -- oh Commissioner Vazquez?

23 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Oh, no, I was -- I was ready
24 to say lock it in.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm glad someone else is

1 going to say it today.

2 Are there any concerns with this move? Okay.

3 Commissioner Vazquez, you can say it.

4 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Lock it in. Let's lock it
5 in.

6 MS. WILSON: Locking it in.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So we've got the tour of
8 California with the Board of Equalization. I just want
9 to kind of go back. So for those of us that may not have
10 been here yesterday, we initially started with our draft
11 of Board of Equalization by nesting ten of our Senate
12 districts into each district. And of course our Senate
13 districts are populated with all of our communities of
14 interest and some Voting Rights Act. Okay.

15 And then, from there, Commissioner Vaz -- we had a
16 great conversation regarding the Board of Equalization
17 maps that we had. And from there, Commissioners Vazquez
18 and Fornaciari went and worked with Kennedy on this
19 iteration. Again, trying to keep communities of interest
20 together, which is a higher criteria than nesting.

21 So thank you all for your efforts and your extra
22 time in this iteration and for the conversation today.
23 And since I don't see any other hands, we are locking
24 this in. So -- as Commissioner Vazquez said.

25 So Karin, can you please number it and please ensure

1 that it's posted onto our website. Thank you.

2 Thank you, everyone. So now we're moving back to
3 finalizing the Assembly maps. And we started yesterday.
4 We actually made pretty good progress but we actually
5 have a quite bit left to do. And I'm just going to do a
6 quick little run of what we have. We've got Carson we're
7 going to look at. We're going to look at Maywood. We're
8 going to look at Pinon Hills, Century City -- let's
9 see -- Florence-Graham and West Park. We're going to
10 look at UC Riverside, Kensington, I believe, Highlands,
11 and Cupertino -- oh Cupertino, and -- oh, actually, if we
12 can -- if we can first go to San Francisco to the
13 Chinatown. We had started this conversation yesterday.
14 It had to do with Chinatown.

15 Oh I'm sorry, Karin, was there --

16 MS. MACDONALD: Yes.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- a different you want to go in?

18 MS. MACDONALD: No, no, that's fine. I -- we just
19 need a minute to just switch computers around. So just
20 one second --

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh that's fine.

22 MS. MACDONALD: -- please.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's fine.

24 MS. MACDONALD: Thank you.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Um-hum. Commissioner Sadhwani?

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, Chair. Is it possible
2 that we could also go back and take one final look at San
3 Fernando Valley?

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, let me -- hold on, let me --
5 San Fernando Valley. I think it's on -- okay. Yes, of
6 course we can. We're going to be in that area.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Great. Thank you very much.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So we're going to go.

9 So Commissioner Akutagawa, we're going to go back to
10 San Francisco because we did get some information from
11 the LGBTQ community for the Chinatown. I believe they
12 provided us additional information. So we -- I am
13 stalling right now because we need some time for the
14 computer to be up, which is okay. So with that, I'm
15 hoping that commissioners will be ready to discuss
16 Congressional this afternoon. So I'm just making sure
17 we've got our lists, and we'll check it twice, and we'll
18 see how it goes.

19 Let's -- oh we've got some hands. Commissioner
20 Andersen.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. I do have some
22 information on the -- that area of west of Twin Peaks for
23 San Francisco. But one other item for the Assembly list
24 is Alpine County, please.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Let's try not to add too

1 much to the list.

2 Commissioner Toledo.

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I think we mentioned this
4 before, and I think it's on the list, but I just wanted
5 to make sure. Central Coast, just the San Benito area,
6 we have minor refinements. Just minor, tiny in the
7 Assembly.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: San Ben -- you said San Benito?

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, the San Benito/Monterey
10 area.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And did we still have the Bell
12 Canyon -- sorry, I just saw that -- Bell Canyon? That
13 was -- I can't remember what that was. Did we do that
14 one already?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That was the San Susana
16 (indiscernible), but then we got testimony last night, a
17 caller said we went the wrong way.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So we're done with that one.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: We might be able to look
20 it --

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- San Fernando Valley.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh true. Remind me.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. I already got Commissioner

1 Toledo. It's done. There we go.

2 Commissioner Akutagawa.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I just wanted to ask -- I
4 think you might have it on your list still, and it was
5 about -- do you have Pinon -- okay. Pinon Hills is still
6 on there. It was about the business district in San Jose
7 Calle Willow in Assembly District ALUMROCK. There was
8 some testimony that said the business district -- a
9 Latino business district was split, and so it seems like
10 a small -- I guess maybe we could look at it and see. It
11 would probably --

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We'll be in the area.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: How's that?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Also, just to note,
16 there were -- I don't know how you all feel about it.
17 There was just some testimony about Redlands and
18 Highlands and being split three times. And those may be
19 things that we can't do much about, but I thought I'd
20 just lift that part up.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for lifting that up.

24 We're going to go to -- Tamina's going to share her
25 map. Because, Tamina, we don't want them to laugh at you

1 again for not sharing your map with you. Not cool. Not
2 cool at all.

3 Okay. So Tamina, I believe you hopefully took a
4 snapshot of what we were working on yesterday, and I
5 believe we might have received additional information on
6 the boundaries.

7 Am I correct, Commissioner Akutagawa? Or is it the
8 same boundaries that we had?

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: For San Francisco?

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: We -- we got -- for the
12 Chinatown boundaries are the same, but for the swap,
13 there was some new areas that were suggested in lieu of
14 the original request. So that was what we'll be looking
15 at, I think.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. So that's your
17 recommendation is we're going to look at the new
18 boundaries?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. So here we go. She's
23 going to catch up with us in a second.

24 Commissioner Kennedy.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Just reminder that when we're

1 looking at Maywood and that area, we wanted to look at
2 Walnut Park as well.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's all part of the same
4 swap.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah, thanks.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. The space I gave
7 myself on this paper was not enough, so thank you for
8 that reminder.

9 Yes, it was on the board, thank you.

10 Commissioner Andersen.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Now, this was as
12 of -- you know, I didn't go in and look at all --
13 everything that's on the input this morning, but I do
14 have that area that -- the Chinatown area, we agreed
15 with, it was what had been asked for at the other side,
16 and it was my understanding at the last, is that please,
17 add the area west of Twin Peaks to AD-17. And I do have
18 that area. But there was also -- I believe it was remove
19 Outer Mission. And I'm -- I was still --

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari, did you
21 have a comment as well?

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I was just wondering if we
23 were going to move that little piece of Alameda into
24 Alameda.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Per Commissioner Yee, it's been

1 moved. Is it on the map? He's saying no. We will look.
2 He did just get in from the train, so there might be a
3 gap right there, just saying.

4 Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa, did you also --
5 so both Commissioner Andersen and Akutagawa, I think
6 you both were working on this, but Commissioner
7 Akutagawa.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, actually, I was just
9 going to mention I forgot one more thing. I notice that
10 there was a comment --

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Did you see my look, like --

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: You know, I did, I did, but
13 I have -- I feel like I have to, since we talked so much
14 about it, but Oak Park in Sacramento seems to be split.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And I'm trying to think. I
16 believe it's -- we're at, like, 4.9 per -- deviation
17 right now, so.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Okay, thank you.

20 Okay.

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: So Chair, this is where we left off
22 if we were going to balance. Would you like me to accept
23 this change so we can work on the other side?

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So this was the correct
25 boundary for Chinatown, correct?

1 Yes. Okay. So yes. Thank you, Tamina.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It's actually North Beach
3 with Chinatown.

4 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yeah, those were the boundaries
5 that were given to us. That --

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That --

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: -- that right triangle, I think, is
8 the proper term for the triangle.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And I believe Commissioner Taylor
10 said it was an acute triangle. Yeah.

11 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. And then, to repopulate West
12 SF, I'm sorry, where -- which neighborhoods were looking
13 at?

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And just hold on. Commissioner
15 Kennedy?

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Just -- are we going to do a
17 swap out of East SF now? Okay. Because I saw the
18 deviation was --

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- under five percent and I
21 was, like --

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. That's --

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- we can't leave --

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. That was in --

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- the information --

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- that we got on --

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sorry.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- received on the boundaries.

6 That's okay.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: The portion --

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Do you want to provide direction?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, the portion coming
10 out, I know on this side, did not look up as closely. It
11 said the rest of Outer Mission. So I'm assuming that if
12 we do that area to the south, is that -- Commissioner
13 Yee's there -- but let's see what Commissioner Yee has to
14 say about this one.

15 Was that what your understanding is too? That
16 that --

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, Commissioner Andersen.
18 The input that we got was to move the Outer Mission
19 because it has a smaller LGBTQ community, and they also
20 did make a request to try to move Twin Peaks into East
21 San Francisco, but I don't know if that's --

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No, no, it was -- that was
23 the part they said, no, leave that, but add west of Twin
24 Peaks in. And my -- I'm not sure. I think that area
25 that's -- looking there west of Twin Peaks might be

1 larger than it is. So let me check, please.

2 MS. AKUTAGAWA: Let's just start with Outer Mission
3 because I think that was the swap.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And remember --

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- we --

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: We're taking it out.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Hold on. I don't believe --

9 Commissioner Yee?

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: That was the change proposed by
11 those proposing this change, but I believe that Outer
12 Mission was included specifically in the regional split
13 of San Francisco because of Latino populations on the
14 east side, you know, to include the traditional Mission
15 and now the Outer Mission.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Sinay?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just to -- we had looked at
18 this in several different ways and got it wrong several
19 different times, and the COI -- the COI testimony we got
20 was that Mission, Excelsior, Visitacion Valley, Bayview
21 all wanted to stay together, and that does include the
22 Outer Mission. And so I would not support this change.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So right now we are slightly off
24 balance by 5.03 percent. In terms of -- do we have any
25 recommendations in terms of where we could get that?

1 Commissioner Andersen? And with the recommendation.

2 Thank you

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I -- in terms of our
4 looking at this -- could we possibly see all the
5 different heat maps because they were talking about
6 communities of interest that were culturally based but
7 they weren't talking about, you know, the -- I think in
8 looking at the different heat maps might help us in this
9 area in terms of identifying where those areas are,
10 because there's a lot of mixed diversity all throughout
11 San Francisco.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I think the what's critical
14 here is to hear the COI testimony and what the -- what
15 individuals are asking for. I -- if we need to -- we
16 need to take from the right and go to -- well, can we not
17 split Russian Hill? Is that an opportunity as well, or
18 is that the line you guys just made? We just made,
19 sorry. I'm just -- yeah, that's the one -- I'm just
20 trying to think of another area. The south part of San
21 Francisco, southeast part of San Francisco, has always
22 been kind of the more working class, the more -- the
23 community that doesn't always get as much attention. And
24 so that's why they are -- have really specifically asked
25 to be kept together. And so I would probably look more

1 towards the north.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And again, a reminder, we
3 are -- I was hoping this would be a quick move. Is there
4 a different area -- again, there's a -- we have to get a
5 .05 percent population, and if not, we will revert to our
6 current map.

7 Commissioner Toledo?

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I was just going to suggest
9 perhaps Tamina or Commissioner Yee might have
10 suggestions, given that they've been working so closely
11 with this in this area. Or Commissioner Akutagawa, of
12 course.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Chair, could we zoom in a
14 little bit closer so we might be able to see it a bit
15 better?

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was just going to suggest
18 that perhaps while -- maybe one solution is not to take
19 the entire triangle. There was a certain section where
20 they said that there was a particular concentration. I
21 do also want to just say that the Chinatown community in
22 San Francisco is very, very low income and very, very
23 working class too. So --

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- you know, we're not

1 trying to, you know, pit one working class community or
2 one seemingly affluent community against a working class
3 community. So I do want to just say that too.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you for that. And
5 you're absolutely right.

6 Commissioner Yee?

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, I was just noticing the
8 Crocker-Amazon neighborhood at the very bottom of San
9 Francisco. Conceivably that could go to San Mateo. I
10 was just checking the COI testimony. I didn't see
11 anything in particular from that neighborhood, but I
12 mean, the westside also has, you know -- comes over into
13 San Mateo. So that would be another piece that could go
14 down perhaps.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Do we have any testimony on that
16 part? You said you didn't -- Commissioner Yee, you said
17 there wasn't any?

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: I didn't see any just looking
19 just now.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Did you say Crocker-Amazon,
22 is that the name of it? It's hard to see on the map.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Can you zoom in just a
24 little bit, Tamina, please. Thank you so much. That's
25 great.

1 And that would bring us in -- within our deviations.

2 Is there anyone that --

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could we see --

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- is not --

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- please see the heat

6 maps --

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- supportive of this --

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- on that first before we

9 say yes or no? Thank you.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Again, this is not a VRA district.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It's just -- it's culturally

12 based. It's -- there are different groups who have --

13 they shop together.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: You know, they're -- that's

16 what --

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I think that's entirely San

18 Francisco.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, well their --

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21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's why I love it -- I love the

22 city.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: The freeways go through

24 here, so that's why --

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee --

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- I'm asking.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

3 Commissioner Yee, did you have another?

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, just looking at the street
5 map itself, I mean, the streets in Crocker-Amazon flow
6 right into -- right over the city border there. So I
7 think that's --

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So it appears to be a good --

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: A good fit, yeah.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Are there any concerns with
11 making this change? Okay, let's lock it in. Thank you.

12 Okay. And we are moving to -- are we moving to
13 Alameda, is that where we're moving to? And Alameda,
14 that was -- was that Commissioner Fornaciari?

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, just that little tip
16 thing. We were going to put that -- can we -- oh it is
17 over on that side of it. Okay. Sorry, my mistake.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I believe that's what Commissioner
19 Yee said. Just -- you know. The next --

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: It was pink, it threw me
21 off.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo, should we go
23 to Cupertino -- no, should we do Alum Rock first or
24 Cupertino?

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Whichever you want. Both are

1 work. Your choice, Chair.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Tamina, which one's easier for you
3 to go to?

4 Oh wait, Commissioner Andersen?

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Just on that -- that
6 Alameda, did we do, please, do that same thing in all of
7 the maps? I believe that was asked for, and I'd like --
8 I'm hearing a nod -- I'm seeing a nod --

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: -- from Tamina. Thank you
11 very much.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Yes. Thank you. And thank
13 you for that reminder, Commissioner Andersen.

14 Okay. And Tamina, where are we moving to?

15 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm happy to go Alum Rock. I also
16 would --

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

18 MS. RAMOS ALON: like to add Santa Rosa if that is
19 not already on your list. Wanted to just clean up a
20 block.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Thank you for
22 that reminder.

23 Was this yours, Commissioner Toledo? Alum Rock?

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, it was --

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- a couple of us. And I
2 believe it's just cleaning up, as Tamina said, a block.

3 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm sorry, what was the direction
4 for this one?

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Oh for Alum Rock, I don't have
6 anything for Alum Rock. Mine was in Cupertino -- or
7 rather in the San Benito area. It's the --

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- the --

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I had the business district --

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I believe the --

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Was that Commissioner Akutagawa?

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: That was Commissioner
14 Akutagawa --

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Sorry. I forgot --

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- in this area.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- to put those initials.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I just noted that --

19 And Tamina, I'm not -- I mean, the -- the testimony
20 didn't speak to a specific street. They just mentioned
21 an area called Calle Willow, C-A-L-L-E Willow. And they
22 mentioned that it's a Latino business district. That if
23 possible, it's being split, and if it's possible. But I
24 don't know the area well enough to say where exactly that
25 is located.

1 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm sorry, I'm not familiar with
2 the area of Calle Willow.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Why don't -- Commissioner
4 Akutagawa, could you look it up while we go to Santa
5 Rosa?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I will Google it.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.
8 Can we go to Santa Rosa, Tamina? Is that -- that's what
9 you said, we had a one block cleanup, right? Okay.
10 Thank you. And Santa Rosa, was that Commissioner Toledo?
11 Or was this something that you found, Tamina?

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So we've been getting some
13 requests from the community to shift a neighborhood.
14 Or -- yes, a neighborhood. And this was with regards to
15 Santa Rosa Memorial. The input has come through Voters
16 FIRST, and I believe Tamina has made the change --

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- and we reviewed it, I
19 believe, yesterday, but we just need to approve it.

20 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes. So this was a change that was
21 approved, and there was just an area that was left out.
22 So you are currently looking at what it should be. I'm
23 just asking for Commission approval so we can move on
24 with it.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Do we have any concerns?

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: There's a little tiny corner
2 in the side.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Looks good. Lock it in.
4 Thank you. Thank you for bringing that back. And so now
5 we are moving to Cupertino to allow extra time for
6 Commissioner Akutagawa.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And those changes in the San
8 Benito-Salinas area that we're looking at, potentially
9 making -- and Tamina has been -- we've received community
10 input as well to try to incorporate a little bit more of
11 the Salinas Valley. It's a pretty rural area -- not a
12 lot of people, and you can see the highlighted area here.
13 So bringing down slightly the -- this is a VRA district
14 in the Assembly. So bringing a little bit -- capturing a
15 little bit more of the Salinas Valley, Monterey area.
16 And this is coming from the Salinas area, Monterey County
17 advocates that are coming -- that have written to us. It
18 makes sense to me to incorporate this area since it's not
19 highly populated, has large numbers of agricultural
20 sectors. And really, the comment is that we didn't
21 capture all of the little farming communities on the west
22 side of the divide. So not a lot of population, not an
23 impact to the CVAP. It brings in a little bit more of
24 Monterey, and we've actually -- it aligns better with our
25 Congressional map as well. So it flows pretty well.

1 Tamina, I don't know if you have any other things to say,
2 because the comments were -- so that's the area.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And you mentioned that it does not
4 lower the CVAP?

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Tamina, can you speak to that?

6 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sure. So the CVAP currently -- the
7 Latino CVAP is 55.32 percent. And this actually -- the
8 change actually brings it up to 55.34 percent. So we are
9 bringing it up by 0.02 percent. This does result in a
10 slight underpopulation of MONTCOA which I -- which we
11 looked at, and would suggest remedying by -- moving south
12 over here.

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Tiny change, too.

14 MS. RAMOS ALON: By this tiny change of reuniting
15 Oceano with its five-city COI.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And that is a COI that was
17 requested, so I wanted to reunite that as well. So it
18 accomplishes two goals: bringing more of Monterey,
19 uniting this COI, and increasing the CVAP, although very
20 slightly, but it doesn't lower it. The goal was not to
21 lower.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. That is always the goal.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And I tried to keep it to five
24 minutes, Chair.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Ahmad?

3 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. My question was
4 actually answered regarding the CVAP, given this is a VRA
5 area, but I am in support of these changes. Thanks.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: All right. Thank you.

7 Commissioner Turner?

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Definitely in support of the
9 area. Question for you before we lose Tamina as well.
10 Chair was on your list -- did anyone bring up Edentech
11 that kept coming up last night?

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Edentech?

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No. No, that's not on our list.
14 We have an extensive list right now.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: We received a lot of public
16 comment about Edentech last night in just in
17 unincorporated areas. So if we can add that to the list
18 to quickly take a look at to be responsive to. It sounds
19 to me like something unintentional, so I just want to
20 check on it.

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. And I think that's
22 in the Congressional, so we should definitely add it to
23 the Congressional list for the --

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. Congressional?

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- San Jose area. Yeah.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Turner, can
2 you remind me for Congressional to put it on there?

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh, yes.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Andersen
5 and Yee.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: The Edentech is the Senate,
7 which I brought up earlier. We have received a lot of
8 testimony about that. It was sixty yesterday. I don't
9 know how many more it is today. We heard about it last
10 night.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Can we lock this in, Chair?

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, yes. Do we have any concerns
14 with this? Okay. Let's lock it in. Thank you so much.
15 Commissioner Akutagawa, are you ready for us?

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I found it.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. We're going back.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And --

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Good timing, good timing.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: The official name is called
21 Willow Street, but the Latino business district calls it
22 calle, as in street, and Willow. So it is -- Tamina, it
23 is near the corner of where the 280 and the 87 meet, and
24 what they're requesting to have happen is the -- I guess
25 the border between AD_ALUMROC and ADGATOS or GATOSCR or

1 something like that is the dividing line. But it cuts
2 basically that Latino business district down. They're
3 asking to be put into the ALUMROC District. So what it
4 looks like is if we just move it down one block, down to,
5 it looks like, Keyes Street, that border, then that will
6 encompass the entirety of that Latino business district
7 in the ALUMROC District. But I don't know what the
8 impacts will be, so.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Let's take a quick look.
10 And then also, at some point if we could add the CVAP
11 numbers to our district names just so that we know if we
12 are getting into a VRA district. Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Right there.
14 Perfect. And on the map viewer it looks like Keyes
15 Street cuts across just right below Willow, and it looks
16 like if you move that line down then that -- not the
17 entire line, just where the border line is. Yeah. From
18 that point, if you just move that one line just down to
19 Keyes it would then encompass the area that they're
20 requesting.

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: Okay. Let me give it a try. Does
22 this encompass the whole area you were talking about, or
23 do you want me to go further south?

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No. Just up to the
25 freeway. It looks like, according to Google maps.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And that was the section?

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And we're still within
4 deviations. Commissioner Kennedy.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Just
6 wondering if at this point, once we make this move,
7 there's actually a reason for that protrusion. Or should
8 we just get rid of the entire protrusion? Thank you.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I believe we have that. Because
10 then we would be -- our deviations would probably go over
11 negative 5. Right, Tamina? If you highlight that whole
12 area.

13 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes, Chair. The deviation would go
14 over negative.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. So we will leave it for now.
16 Actually, we'll leave it. Okay. Any concerns with this?
17 Commissioner Akutagawa? Okay. Let's lock it in. I
18 believe that's all we have for the north coast and Santa
19 Cruz. We have something in Santa Cruz. All right. Let
20 me look. Oh, yes. We have something in Santa Cruz.
21 Commissioner Sinay.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted to bring it up.
23 I don't have a suggestion. We kind of -- Santa Cruz has
24 been split multiple times in this map, and it is a small
25 county. I've looked at it, and it's difficult because

1 there's two districts that are in negative, and then we
2 also have a VRA district. So it's very difficult to kind
3 of come up with any solutions for the three -- for the
4 three splits just because of where it's located. But I
5 wanted to put it out there to see -- I know others of us
6 have thought about it, and if anyone had come up with
7 something, I just didn't want to lose the opportunity
8 to -- if we had a solution for the three-county split, or
9 three-split.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa. You did
11 it, Taylor. Yeah. That's okay. I think we did it on
12 purpose so we can keep bringing his name up. He likes
13 his name being announced, so that's okay. And like you
14 mentioned, the districts are in negative -- actually high
15 negative, so if you take from one, the other one's going
16 to be out of compliance and then it will have a bigger
17 ripple effect. So yes. Thank you for bringing --

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And then we have the VRA
19 district, so.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Exactly, so -- unless --

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I didn't want them not to know
22 that we have looked at this a couple of times and we
23 just, unfortunately, couldn't make it work.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Unless our miracle worker,
25 Tamina, can think of something quickly, I think we are

1 going to have to keep moving. Oh, she's saying, no.
2 It's a negative. Okay. That's okay. All right. So I
3 believe that's it for northern coast in the Bay Area and
4 Contra Costa; right?

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Chair?

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, I'm sorry. Commissioner
7 Kennedy.

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. Did we go back
9 and look at the west of Twin Peaks, or did we simply
10 finish balancing Chinatown and move on?

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We balanced Chinatown and moved
12 on. What was with the west of Twin Peaks?

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: We were looking at shifting
14 west of Twin Peaks from WESTSF to EASTSF. That was
15 brought up earlier.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, right. Because of the
17 mission. That's right. We didn't do it. Because the
18 mission was there; right? Oh, can you please go on mic,
19 please?

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: My understanding and
21 recollection is that there was a Commissioner who opposed
22 the swap with the outer mission, because I think it would
23 require a swap. But if there was a potential other swap
24 opposed that might be something that can be considered.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani and, I

1 think, Commissioner Toledo, you're done? And Andersen.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I have no suggestions
3 on how to move -- how to move San Francisco. I know
4 we've thought about it so much and been working through
5 it, and so I defer to my colleagues.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Sadhwani?

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Same for me. I would love
8 to be able to bring in west of Twin Peaks, but I don't
9 know where we would swap from. When the map was further
10 down, I was actually just going to ask if Tamina could go
11 back and just take a look at San Jose really quickly.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Since we're in San
13 Francisco, can I --

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I -- oh, my -- sorry --

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, oh, wait. It might be
17 related. Hold on.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No, no, no. My San Jose
19 thing was -- I just wanted to take a closer look because
20 it looks like the City of San Jose is cut four times in
21 the Assembly, and I just wanted to note that. Is that
22 correct?

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And our Assembly districts are
24 smaller.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It's split five times?

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: One, two, three, four, five. You
2 got a little piece over there. And --

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: But that wasn't concerning
4 to the City of San Jose? Oh, okay.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: If we're not on the Assembly --

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- there was no concern,
8 apparently.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. Noted. Thank you.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And we do have
11 negatives there, so thank you so much for that. Let's go
12 back to San Francisco really quick, because we got a lot
13 of things on the list, people. Okay. Commissioner
14 Andersen, and then Commissioner Akutagawa.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: We were talking about this
16 area, and we could now -- looking at the numbers that
17 are -- these are current, I'm assuming. We could take
18 portions west of Twin Peaks to balance it. We have a
19 positive 2 and a positive 4.5. We could add parts of
20 west of Twin Peaks into AD17 from AD19. If anyone is
21 interested in doing that. It was trying -- it was trying
22 to reunite the LGBTQ community.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm going to defer to those
25 who know the city a little bit better. I know that

1 Commissioner Sinay did talk about some of the working-
2 class communities down at that, like, the outer mission,
3 in that area. I'm wondering, since Daly City does share
4 a similar profile where it is more of a working-class
5 community -- I know that we talked about this when we
6 first started crafting the Assembly maps -- I'm wondering
7 if that might be a revisit that we could look at to try
8 to then bring in the west of Twin Peaks section so that
9 the LGBTQ COI would be reunited, or united in one
10 grouping. And also then having similar communities also
11 grouped with Daly City as well, too, and south San
12 Francisco. But, those who know the city better, as well
13 as also -- I know we've gotten lots of COI testimony.
14 I'll defer to them. But just an idea. Thank you.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. And I believe,
16 Commissioner Sinay, there was an issue with that -- a
17 concern with that? And again, we've spent half-an-hour
18 on this, and we've got so many other areas to go to.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So the thinking is to move Daly
20 City to the east? Or I guess --

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Daly City is already in the
22 EASTS -- I'm sorry -- the WESTSF. I was just thinking
23 some of those other areas that are in EASTSF, we've
24 already moved --

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- Crocker, Amazon. Would
2 it make sense --

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That's how we had --

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- to move some of --

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- it set up originally, and
6 that's when we received a lot of COI testimony asking us
7 not to split up Bayview, Mision, Excelsior, Visitacion
8 Valley, Outer Mission. So yeah, that's the only
9 reason -- I remember it all because that was my initial
10 instinct was to move it kind of that way. And we had
11 been -- we received a lot of pushback on that.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Andersen and
13 Akutagawa, we have anything else? You've got your hands
14 up.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I guess I would just say
16 that I would support, perhaps, maybe -- I don't know if
17 moving even a portion of it is better than none of it.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. That was my question
19 exactly. I might ask if another Commissioner has a
20 really good idea on this -- I could make a pretty good
21 guess, I believe, at what portion to possibly add, but I
22 would really like other confirmation. You want to
23 come -- I don't know if there's anyone listening and
24 wants to give us a suggestion for about --

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So we will continue to move on.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- 15,000 people.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: If we have time, we'll come back.
3 And if anyone has updated information. So with that, we
4 are moving -- I think we're moving south now? Right?
5 Lots of things in south. And I don't know the order of
6 this, so I'm going to rely on Jaime to guide me. Oh,
7 Commissioner Andersen.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry. There's one still in
9 the north. It's actually Kennedy. It's Alpine. It's a
10 very small change. It is an Assembly district.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And this is based on COI
13 testimony from Alpine itself. Alpine has -- in the
14 winter, it has only a few ways in and out, and you
15 have -- they are into El Dorado with Tahoe where Murphy
16 Village, which is not a village -- there's no
17 incorporated areas in Alpine, but they go there through
18 89. And then through Amador, 88 into Kirkwood. That
19 whole area. They have all been moved into NORCA. So
20 they will abandon the couple hundred people who can only
21 get in and out through Calaveras on Highway 4 into that
22 little Bear Valley area -- really pretty area by the way,
23 it's big pines --

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So what's your
25 recommendation?

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: The recommendation is
2 please, add Alpine to NORCA. It's a thousand people, so
3 it will not affect the deviations either way.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. I thought the community of
5 interest was always to keep Inyo, Mono and Alpine
6 together.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Alpine would like to have
8 Inyo, Mono, Alpine -- as I've been saying all along --
9 with Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado -- the group. But in
10 this case, they've been cut off from the only way that
11 they can really get in and out of the county in the
12 winter. So they'd like to be, in this case, added to
13 NORCA. With Amador. Amador went up, so that's why they
14 wanted to do this.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I'm
17 wondering, will this impact the Board of Equalization?

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I could not hear you. You were
19 cutting out, Commissioner Turner. Commissioner Turner?

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Will this move impact the
21 Board of Equalization and starting to change some of
22 that -- just wondering about that?

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No. That's a separate map.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I know it's a separate map,
25 but if we move Alpine -- it's just 1000 people, with the

1 deviations and what-have-you -- I'm asking if it will
2 have any impact?

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, no, because that whole
4 section -- the whole Sierra is in the same Board of
5 Equalization District.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Do we have any
8 concerns moving -- I mean, my concern was that all along
9 we kept saying, Mono, Inyo, and Alpine, but if they're
10 asking to --

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Again, this was the entire
12 testimony was the whole group. It wasn't just the three
13 up. It was with Calaveras, but in this case, they are
14 now -- it's okay if you cut them off from one, but you
15 can't cut them off from both. This time, you're cutting
16 them off from both. So they're requesting
17 specifically --

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- in the Assembly, to be
20 please be added to NORCA.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Yee.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. Thank you, Commissioner
23 Andersen. So appreciate your detailed knowledge of the
24 area. So you're saying that there's actual COI testimony
25 from Alpine to be moved; is that correct?

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, there is. And I was
2 trying to get the number of it, but most of Alpine -- I
3 was trying to quickly look it up again -- most of
4 Alpine's are connected to San Diego County, although they
5 say Alpine. Because there's a City of Alpine in San
6 Diego, and I was trying frantically to get that number
7 this morning, and I couldn't find it this morning.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I will get that up and give
10 it to everybody.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad?

12 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. Based off of
13 my review of the COI testimony, regarding this change, I
14 don't think I would support this change. I think from
15 what I've seen, Alpine should remain where it currently
16 is. Thank you.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner
18 Andersen, if you find that, can you bring it back to us?
19 The communities of interest?

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes, I will.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And can I please ask, why on
23 that one?

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Based on the communities of
25 interest information that we have, it appears that

1 Alpine --

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It says --

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- is where it wants to be.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It says, it does not want to
5 be in the Assembly, does not want to be with NORCA.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No. It's saying who it wants to
7 be with. The communities of interest information. That
8 is the -- well, that's what I've heard all along, but
9 then, also Commissioner Ahmad -- based on the information
10 that she has reviewed. But you're saying that you've
11 seen different testimony, so if you can find that, that
12 would be great. And so we'll move on, and of course, we
13 can come back. Let me circle that one. And we are going
14 to south. Okay. Jaime, are you here? Oh, Commissioner
15 Kennedy.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I'm supportive of the change.
17 Thank you.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Jaime, are you there? Or who's --
19 oh, I see you.

20 MS. CLARK: I am here. Yeah. We just weren't sure
21 if you were ready to move on yet or not. So --

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I have a huge list. So why don't
23 you tell me which order, because you would know how to
24 navigate better than I would. We have Carson that we
25 want to discuss, Maywood, Pinon Hills, Century City,

1 Florence-Graham -- UC Riverside's probably later --
2 Victor Valley, Kensington, and Highlands. I hope I
3 captured -- I believe that's everything. So what's
4 your -- how should we run this tour?

5 MS. CLARK: Sure. Yeah. Thank you so much for that
6 list. I think some of that is in Sivan's area, and happy
7 to work through all of that together. And I would
8 suggest maybe starting with Carson and then working north
9 from there. So it would be Carson, then -- unless I'm
10 forgetting already -- but Carson, and then the Maywood
11 one, and then Century City, and then up through Victor
12 Valley. I might be --

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, and San Fernando Valley, too.
14 Did I say San Fernando Valley?

15 MS. CLARK: I don't know --

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

17 MS. CLARK: -- but we could go there also.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Great. So
19 let's start with Carson. Right? Or go with Carson?
20 Okay. And the testimony that I remember it wanted to be
21 intact and with west Carson, but then there was other
22 testimony that it wanted to be with San Pedro.

23 MS. CLARK: So Carson --

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay had this one as
25 well.

1 MS. CLARK: So Carson right now -- so Carson is
2 split, and moving it -- making it whole would make all of
3 Carson both with San Pedro and with west Carson. And
4 additionally, Long Beach is split, and that would be an
5 equal population trade; if you remember, we had flipped
6 an iteration that was that with each whole, and then
7 ended up making this split. So we know in advance that
8 it works in terms of population to make them whole.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And can you do me a huge
10 favor and put the CVAP number so that --

11 MS. CLARK: One moment, please.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- we have that. For all of the
13 districts, not just -- yeah. Commissioners Akutagawa and
14 Sinay?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, I was just trying to
16 ask before we moved away from northern California, there
17 still seems to be a couple on the Sacramento list, so
18 that's why --

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. They're added late, so
20 we're going south, and then we're going to go back north.
21 Okay? Thank you. Okay, Commissioner Sinay.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, I think Jaime answered the
23 question. You had asked me if they were together or
24 not -- they're both split, but yeah, Jaime answered it.
25 Sorry, I'm slow today.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Can we see what that
2 would -- could you highlight that and we can see what
3 that would look like, please, Jaime?

4 MS. CLARK: So of course, we would also be making a
5 different population swap in the Long Beach-based
6 District, but just with this swap -- yeah. So I guess
7 maybe we would need to do both and then be able to
8 assess --

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

10 MS. CLARK: -- how it impacts. So should I make
11 this change? And we can always revert back if --

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Yes.

13 MS. CLARK: -- needed? Thank you. One moment.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

15 MS. CLARK: Okay. I'm just going to make the change
16 and then we can all see what it looks like. And we can
17 always revert if the Commission wishes. So with this
18 change, the ADSTHLA, the percent deviation would be 0.63
19 percent. Latino CVAP would be 27.96 percent. Black CVAP
20 27.11 percent. Asian CVAP 12.03 percent. And White CVAP
21 10.62 percent. For the Long Beach-based District the
22 percent deviation would be negative 1.6 percent. Latino
23 CVAP 31.65 percent. Black CVAP 14.69 percent. Asian
24 CVAP 14.29 percent. And White CVAP 36.85 percent. And
25 just looking at these numbers, I'm actually not sure that

1 this is the exact iteration that we had previously. But
2 that's what it would be keeping Carson and Long Beach
3 whole.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Oh, do we have any
5 concerns making -- or anyone have any comments?
6 Commissioner Sinay.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just confirming that neither of
8 those two districts are VRA districts; correct?

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

10 MS. CLARK: Right. Yes.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Neither one is.

12 MR. LARSON: This is Dale Larson. That's correct
13 for the Assembly maps here.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Dale. Commissioner
15 Akutagawa.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just a quick question.
17 Jaime, does the -- I know I've asked this before, but
18 does the Asian numbers also include Pacific Islanders, or
19 are they included under the indigenous numbers?

20 MS. CLARK: I believe that based on the DOJ tab --
21 the Department of Justice guidance for tabulation, that
22 Pacific Islanders are under indigenous.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I support the change.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Any other comments regarding the
2 change? Commissioner Vazquez.

3 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Jaime, can you put back the
4 change -- the tracker box? Yeah. Thank you.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Any follow-up, Commissioner
6 Vazquez?

7 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Well, I think we changed --
8 we also changed AD65; correct? So that's -- I was --

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: -- looking for how AD65
11 changed.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right now it would show what it
13 changed to. Can we get the --

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Oh, I see.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Can we get the information of what
16 it was before, please, Jaime? And then Commissioner
17 Akutagawa.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was just going to add my
19 support for this change.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

21 MS. CLARK: So this -- it was 1.89 percent.
22 Deviation 49.31 percent Latino CVAP. 29.23 percent Black
23 CVAP. 8.49 percent Asian CVAP. And 10.91 percent White
24 CVAP. And it changed -- well, and then it changes with
25 15-percent deviation. So we can't show both at once.

1 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I see. Sorry, folks. It
2 feels like we should've, like -- we should've (audio
3 interference) change, and I'm just (audio interference)
4 make sure that there's not, like, a thing we're missing
5 for why we wouldn't have (audio interference) time
6 around. But I'm generally supportive. I just don't want
7 to realize later why we had it like this. Okay. Thank
8 you.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. And again,
10 these are not VRA districts. Do we have any concerns?
11 Commissioner Sinay, your hand's still up. Okay. So with
12 that, let's lock that in. Thank you.

13 MS. CLARK: If I may, I believe that actually
14 previously -- I'm trying to recall exactly what the
15 previous iteration was. I don't recall if it was keeping
16 Long Beach whole, but I do recall that this wasn't the
17 exact version that we had before -- yeah, just in this
18 area in terms of the iteration. So just a note that this
19 isn't precisely what we had before, but similar.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Okay, Jaime, if
21 you can please lock it in. Thank you.

22 MS. CLARK: Okay. Thank you. And if you wish, I
23 can try and look up exactly what it was before during the
24 break.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

1 MS. CLARK: Just in case.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And then --

3 MS. CLARK: So one moment while I'm --

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

5 MS. CLARK: -- making this change.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We already did. Yeah. Thank you.
7 We already made the swap. Okay. We've got about -- are
8 you ready, Jaime? We've got about fifteen minutes to
9 break, so I think -- is the next one -- excuse me, next
10 one Maywood? Is that what you suggested. Or wait, San
11 Pedro -- hold on. Wait. Go back down. No, we did --
12 didn't we do that?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Is San Pedro -- San Pedro is
14 still split on this one; right?

15 MS. CLARK: Yes. The neighborhood council boundary
16 of Central San Pedro is split and then --

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

18 MS. CLARK: -- but just all of the neighborhood
19 councils are not together.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: The issue with that would be if we
21 try to make them whole, then the one next door to it
22 would be too much under deviation. So we're going to
23 keep moving. We're going to go to Maywood.

24 MS. CLARK: Okay. What would you like to explore
25 with Maywood?

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So on this one we have
2 Commissioner -- so Maywood -- wait, let me see where
3 Maywood is. Maywood wants to be moved in the Gateway;
4 right?

5 MS. CLARK: Yes.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I believe that's --

7 MS. CLARK: Yes.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Can you see what that population
9 is, Jaime, please? Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. So Maywood wants to
11 be in Gateway. Walnut Park wants to be with Florence-
12 Graham. And the suggestion was to move Walnut Park into
13 the 110 District with Florence-Graham. Move a portion of
14 downtown L.A. that I believe is in there, to NELA, and
15 then move Maywood out of NELA into the ADGATEWAY.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So do we know that this will work
17 before we go through all of this?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think that is the Jaime
19 question.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, Jaime, do we think this will
21 work before we go -- and then we also have Commissioners
22 Sinay, Toledo, and Vazquez.

23 MS. CLARK: So it's moving Maywood into ADGATEWAY.
24 And then Huntington Park into 110LA. And then what was
25 the final move, please?

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. So move Maywood
3 into -- I mean, it depends on which order you want to go
4 in --Maywood into ADGATEWAY -- or GATE, I guess it's
5 showing up there -- ADGATE or GATEWAY. And then Walnut
6 Park, which is right next to Florence-Graham -- they
7 would like that to go into AD 110LA. And then there's a
8 section of downtown L.A., perhaps enough to offset both
9 the move of Walnut Park and Maywood into the NELA
10 District. And then that way it would enable Maywood to
11 leave NELA, which they've been very vocal about not
12 belonging to.

13 MS. CLARK: Thank you. Let's give it a try. I do
14 not think that this move would negatively impact or bring
15 ADGATEWAY, which is a VRA district, to below 50 percent.
16 So I can just give it a try. So one moment, please. So
17 I will just zoom out to show the impact. Everything is
18 balanced. Maywood is with the GATEWAY. Walnut Park is
19 with 110LA, and then I made the split in downtown Los
20 Angeles at 6th Street.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. I was just noting down the
22 different CVAP numbers. And if my calculations are
23 correct for the ADGATE, it went from 68.18 to 68.53. In
24 AD110, it went from 56.94 to 59.53. And then in NELA, it
25 went down from 55.46 to 52.34. I will want our VRA

1 Counsel to please weigh in on this. And then we've got
2 Commissioner Vazquez and Kennedy.

3 MR. LARSON: Thank you, Chair. So the only one of
4 these districts that we've identified as having a strict
5 VRA obligation would be the GATEWAY one and it got plenty
6 of wiggle room there. I wouldn't want it -- you don't
7 want it to go too high, either. And this is pretty much
8 the upper limit you would want to go here. You don't
9 have any -- I would not make -- I would not prevent this
10 on a legal basis. This becomes more of a policy in
11 communities of interest decision on your part.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And GATEWAY did just
13 go up slightly. Okay. Thank you. Commissioners
14 Vazquez, Kennedy, and Akutagawa.

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I'm not opposed to
16 this change overall. That being said, I'm wondering
17 instead of moving the downtown L.A. line to 6th Street,
18 if we could actually bring in more of Lincoln Heights
19 into NELA. Again, thinking about historically immigrant
20 communities, especially in -- this is now called NELA,
21 but it's really, like, downtown plus some of south --
22 southeast L.A. -- so yeah, I'm wondering --

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I think you cut out. Did you cut
24 out? Yeah. Okay. Okay. It sounds reasonable. Can we
25 venture that? Commissioner Kennedy.

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I was
2 wondering if Jaime could just show us along that line
3 there -- the downtown line -- what our lines are in
4 Senate and Congress. Because it seems like we have some
5 lines in very close proximity, and if we're able to
6 adjust them all to the -- I believe there's a line going
7 through there in Congressional, if we could just make
8 them all congruent, that would be helpful. Thank you.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner
10 Toledo.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I'm just waiting to see
12 what the change that Commissioner Vazquez is proposing
13 was.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Jaime, did we do that?

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Chair?

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, Commissioner Vazquez?

19 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Sorry about that. I'm
20 assuming you all can hear me now. In zooming out, I
21 actually think this is okay, and I'm okay with the
22 change.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

24 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: And I do agree with --
25 sorry -- I do agree with Commissioner Kennedy that if we

1 could --

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

3 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: -- sort of align the lines in
4 downtown, that'd be great.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, is that the line --

6 MS. CLARK: About here --

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- Jaime?

8 MS. CLARK: Yes. In Congress. This is at 7th
9 Street. And I will select that area so that you can
10 see -- oops -- so that you can see the changes, so just
11 one moment please.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: But that takes us out of -- yeah,
13 it'll take us out of the deviation, I believe.
14 Commissioner Turner?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I'm not
16 supportive of this change. It's appearing that it's
17 breaking up some other COIs to get this done. I know
18 that we had public comment suggesting various ways of
19 shifting this. And so again, wondering about what are we
20 accomplishing? I mean, I know we want to bring Maywood
21 in, but in the manner and how we're bringing it in --

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I believe it wasn't just related
23 to Maywood. Was this also the Walnut Park and Florence-
24 Graham? Right. So it was actually a few of the
25 communities of interest information that we've received.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, and so I --

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So it wasn't just one piece of it.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Right. And so I guess I was
4 supportive of trying to bring Maywood in, but to me it
5 appears to be splitting through some of the other COIs of
6 like communities that need to be supported.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And which communities were
8 those?

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: It's going through some of the
10 historical Black districts that basically have worked
11 together to build -- they're disenfranchised on a few
12 fronts, but from a building standpoint, infrastructure,
13 and what-have-you. And so we had that COI testimony for
14 a while, and I think this is separating those
15 communities.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I do want to say
18 that my understanding of that particular COI testimony
19 was specific to the Skid Row area of downtown L.A. which
20 that highlighted area covers. But my also understanding
21 of the historical Black communities is actually further
22 south. And that I believe that this change is, I think,
23 one that is a -- I'd say it would be an appropriate
24 tradeoff to ensure that communities who have asked to be
25 put together, especially Maywood is more of a Gateway

1 city. I mean, I think I'd welcome further community
2 input if we need to, but my understanding is that at
3 least at 6th Street, going further north, it is a Skid
4 Row community, and it is also very diverse as well, too.
5 Although it has been one that does include the Black
6 community, but the historical Black community is more in
7 the center of that district, is my understanding. But if
8 anybody else wants to comment and has a different
9 opinion, then I'm open to that, too. I'm not
10 necessarily -- has to be this way. Thank you.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. We're about one minute from
12 break, so we'll go -- Commissioner Vazquez?

13 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I'm just trying to
14 recall sort of why we had -- I believe there was, like,
15 an intentional choice to split Carson where it was, and
16 now I am also trying to find that community testimony.
17 Because I think, by default, we were trying to keep Long
18 Beach together and so the fact that it's not, feels like
19 we made a conscious decision to draw these lines where
20 they were. So I'm trying to find that community
21 testimony.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. We'll go quickly to
23 Commissioners Toledo and Sadhwani and then we have to go
24 to break.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. Thank you. And I was

1 okay with the draft of the maps as we had them. I'm okay
2 with further exploration in this area. Perhaps to try
3 to -- I'm just going to throw this out there -- to even
4 out the deviations between the GATEWAYS District and the
5 NELA, perhaps moving Bell up into the NELA area. I know
6 that there's COI testimony. And there's COI testimony
7 either going both ways, but just throwing that out there.
8 I'm also fine with the maps as they are. Thank you.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for that. Commissioner
10 Sadhwani.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I agree. I think
12 we've actually spent quite a lot of time in L.A. when we
13 were going through the Assembly that first week of
14 December. And my sense was the map didn't make everybody
15 happy but was doing its best to keep as many communities
16 of interest together as possible. I'm happy to explore,
17 but I was in support of the original maps.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you. We will be
19 going to break. When we come back -- so please, leave
20 the map up. That way we can kind of look at it and let
21 it soak in. So we'll go on break, and we'll come back at
22 12:46.

23 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Kristian. And welcome
25 back. We were at the end of our conversation

1 regarding -- let's see, was it Carson? No. Maywood.
2 Oh, my goodness. It was a lot of swaps that we did. So
3 do we have any new information? Or anything that we want
4 to share? The last position was, I believe, most were
5 okay with it. Commissioner Turner was not supportive.
6 And we have -- Commissioner Toledo.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm on the fence on this. I
8 mean, I like the maps as they are. I can see us moving
9 in this direction, but I'm on the fence. Thank you.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Any other discussion?
11 Commissioner Turner.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. I
13 just wanted to say that we certainly are wanting to be
14 responsive to testimony that we're getting, but I think
15 because we're pressed for time, we're making some quick
16 changes and we are impacting COIs negatively. And we're
17 not taking the time to see what the impacts are. And of
18 course, yes, I just want to name that I'm trying my --
19 I'm really trying to fully embrace all of it, understand
20 all of it, take in the testimony, probably a little bit
21 more slower than others -- but the testimony coming in
22 and trying to see the maps, retain what was there.
23 You're moving at a pace that is dictated by the fact that
24 we didn't move quicker earlier. So I get why you're
25 pushing it. And so I don't have any issues with that,

1 but I just want to name that I'm really concerned that
2 we're making quick judgment moves and adjustments now
3 that I think is going to cost us. And so I don't even
4 know how to tell you or what to suggest. We do have to
5 keep moving. But yeah, I just want to name that we've
6 got to be really clear and ensure that we are not
7 negatively impacting communities in some of these changes
8 that we're making now.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Toledo,
10 did you have something else? And then Commissioner
11 Akutagawa.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I mean, just hearing
13 that from Commissioner Turner, we worked so hard on these
14 communities of interest, and we've done our best to try
15 to keep communities of interest together. I'm also
16 leaning to just keep what we have. Thank you.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa, and then
18 Commissioner Taylor.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I guess I'm a little bit on
20 the other side. I think we did make changes according to
21 some COI testimony, and of course, once we make changes,
22 then we start to get other COI testimony because we
23 hadn't changed other things and people hadn't thought to
24 write in or give input on the changes that we made. But
25 as the process went along I think we started hearing

1 directly from community members in the affected
2 communities itself and have asked for changes. I think
3 the Maywood change -- it is a southeast L.A. community,
4 and I think -- I very much understand and support that
5 distinction. And I would say that it's not unlike some
6 of the earlier conversations that we had about NELA as
7 well, too, or the northeast L.A. communities, and how
8 they identify themselves as part of the northeast L.A.
9 community. And I think -- that's why, I mean, for me I
10 would just say I think I would be very much in support of
11 moving Maywood in with the other southeast L.A.
12 communities. These are very much Gateway cities. Walnut
13 Park we've also heard -- I know that they wanted
14 Huntington Park, and I know that everybody's not going to
15 get everything of what they need. But I think in this
16 particular case it is about balancing the different COIs.
17 And in this particular case it's also about which COI are
18 we going to try to ensure stays together over another?
19 And I guess, to me, I think the southeast L.A. COI of
20 including Maywood in with the other communities of Bell,
21 Bell Gardens, South Gate and Huntington Park, is an
22 important one, given the communities that are there. So
23 thank you.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Taylor,
25 and then Vazquez, and then Turner.

1 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah, real quick. And I know
2 we have so much conflicting COI testimony that conflicts
3 with one another -- it was a different map, but we just
4 had the rationale that supported having Maywood with
5 Commerce, and we went through the struggles with that,
6 so. I like to try veins of consistency, so. There's a
7 lot of COI testimony that conflicts and it's hard to
8 wager that in the final minutes. Thank you.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So you would not be in support of
10 the changes? Is that --

11 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes, correct.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner
13 Vazquez.

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I think Commissioner Turner
15 was in front of me.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Yes. And I'm not
18 so much as against trying to find a way to get Maywood in
19 with the Gateway cities, it's just that when they start
20 splitting the other COIs. So that's, I think, what
21 the -- as long it's not conflicting with those COIs. And
22 we've also received testimony and COIs about the
23 different ways of doing it. I think the way we were
24 moving the maps there started breaking up COIs. That's
25 all. So it's not Maywood.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Vazquez.

2 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. Exactly that. So I
3 would be supportive of a very minimal change of putting
4 Maywood in with the southeast cities, but not attempting
5 to keep Carson whole in the process. And therefore then,
6 not the whole big rotation. So if there's a way we can
7 get Maywood easily in with the southeast cities -- that's
8 the change I'm in favor of.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And Carson was not involved
10 in this rotation.

11 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Oh, sorry.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That was the prior one. That's
13 okay. They're all meshing to me, as well.

14 MS. CLARK: May I just make this --

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, yes. Go ahead.

16 MS. CLARK: -- quick note? Just a note about this
17 whole area is that there -- as you all are very aware,
18 maybe more than anyone else, that there's so many
19 considerations in this area. In, like -- and just kind
20 of looking at all of these districts, and keeping all of
21 the COIs intact the Commission worked really hard to keep
22 intact during our round of line drawing and getting that
23 for Assembly and getting them to this point, was very
24 rigorous round of line drawing. And I think the types of
25 tradeoffs that you're talking about and just keeping all

1 of the COIs together that you have previously identified
2 as keeping together, is not necessarily something that
3 can quickly be done, especially not in live line drawing.
4 So just a note about that. That's all I wanted to add.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. That's what I figured. I
6 figured it wouldn't -- if we're going to try to find an
7 alternative, it would not be a quick -- something we
8 could do live. Okay. So we do not have general
9 consensus for this, so we will be moving on and not make
10 the changes unless there's something else that comes up.
11 But we have -- Commissioner Sadhwani?

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So could we just walk
13 through where are we right now? It looks like we do have
14 Maywood in there with --

15 MS. CLARK: We have --

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Well, we do, because we just made
17 the changes.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, okay. So we adopted
19 that.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So we adopted the changes, but now
21 we have to reverse them, because there was not general
22 consensus to move forward.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: If we're just -- but I think
24 that's -- Maywood in -- is that correct?

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Maywood is in right now.

1 MS. CLARK: So just really, really quick? I can
2 just explain where we're at. So Maywood is in with the
3 GATEWAY cities district. Walnut Park got moved in with
4 110LA. We did not make the change in downtown Los
5 Angeles. As such, the 110LA District is overpopulated
6 5.76 percent deviation.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. I see the
8 dilemma now.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. There is a dilemma. So --

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- we'd have to find a different
12 way. Commissioner Akutagawa?

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm just wondering if
14 there's a way to balance out maybe the 110LA and perhaps
15 slightly moving up that southern boundary just to at
16 least get up to the 5-percent deviation. It's about 0.76
17 percent. It looks like -- and I'm just mentioning that
18 because it does look like there's already a split, and I
19 don't know if it makes -- if it would be better to just
20 try to bring it up to, looks like the border of that
21 neighborhood council. Would that give us enough
22 population to get us to a 5-percent deviation so that we
23 can still maintain the various COIs and also honor the
24 community request that Florence-Graham and Walnut Park
25 residents made, as well as the Maywood residents have

1 made as well, too?

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So that was right at the
3 southern border; correct?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. It looks like --

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Do you see that
7 southern line down there?

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Right above the AD65? Yeah,
9 right there. Um-hum. Do we have the -- I'll call it the
10 statistics box? Thank you. And is that -- those lines
11 that are there -- is that a neighborhood council boundary
12 line?

13 MS. CLARK: Yes. Those are the neighborhood council
14 boundary lines.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So yeah, maybe if we can just
16 mimic them?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. And Jaime, I mean,
18 perhaps to minimize the change, I mean, just take just
19 enough population to get to just under 5 percent, or at 5
20 percent.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And just so I'm not confused, in
22 terms of this neighborhood boundary -- is the
23 neighborhood to the north or to the south of those lines?

24 MS. CLARK: There is one neighborhood to the north
25 and one neighborhood to the south. So in the north it's

1 Empowerment Congress Southeast --

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: But the part that you have
3 highlighted, what is that associated with? Or is just a
4 different neighborhood?

5 MS. CLARK: I think the neighborhood boundary
6 lines -- some of them have -- I will check right now.
7 One second.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

9 MS. CLARK: That one is not -- that area is not
10 assigned to any neighborhood.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

12 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I think I am comfortable with
13 this change. My concern would just be that perhaps it
14 seems like maybe the split in Harbor Gateway that is in
15 the current iteration was maybe done for population
16 purposes. So I'm okay with sort of moving it for the
17 same reasons, but I'm hoping that we're not breaking up a
18 COI, especially in Empowerment Congress to do it. For
19 like in this area.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. I lost my
21 numbers. Okay. It looks like they are balanced now;
22 correct? Okay.

23 MS. CLARK: They are.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So with this move, we were able to
25 move Maywood; correct, Jaime? And --

1 MS. CLARK: That is correct.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And was it just Maywood? Or was
3 it -- I think I'm a step behind you.

4 MS. CLARK: Maywood is in the GATEWAY District.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

6 MS. CLARK: Walnut Park --

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Walnut Park --

8 MS. CLARK: -- is in 110LA --

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- is with Florence-Graham. Uh-
10 huh. So we --

11 MS. CLARK: We did not --

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- got those two --

13 MS. CLARK: We did not change the boundary in
14 downtown L.A. --

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

16 MS. CLARK: -- and we are balancing this
17 overpopulated 110LA by moving the border of the STHLA
18 north.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And on the -- hold on. I'm sorry;
20 I'm catching up to you right now. The ADGATE is 68 --
21 okay. So that's all right. I was just confirming. Are
22 there any concerns with this move? I've got
23 Commissioners Akutagawa, Vazquez, and Turner.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Jaime, could share that
25 statistics box again with the various deviations and

1 CVAPs? I just want -- I'm trying to understand -- what
2 is the deviation, and can you take a little less? I know
3 that it looks like there's a neighborhood council line in
4 there. Are we at the neighborhood council line? I just
5 want to make sure that -- we've already split them. I
6 just want to make sure we're not splitting them further
7 if it's unnecessary.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. It looks like that balances
9 it as well? Yes. Okay. So that's a smaller move.
10 Okay. Commissioner Vazquez?

11 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yep. That was going to be my
12 suggestion. Thank you.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Commissioner Turner.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Reading statistics, Chair.
15 And so --

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And again, this is not -- these
17 are not the VRA --

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Right. They're --

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- districts; right? It's just
20 the Gate --

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: They're not VRA, but unless
22 we're going to put up the COIs for all of them, they're
23 an indicator for who's in the area and COI testimony that
24 we've received. That's all. But thank you. I think
25 we're fine.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So you're okay with this,
2 Commissioner Turner? Commissioner Sadhwani?

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Can we just take a minute
4 before we accept these changes? Can we span out? I'm
5 just trying to really think about the full impact that
6 this is having, because there are so many COIs in this
7 area. I don't want to make any changes too rapidly.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Let's zoom out. And so
9 once again, we took Maywood -- we moved it from the NELA
10 District into the GATE District. And then we moved
11 Walnut Park into the 110LA. And now that is with
12 Florence-Graham, which was another communities of
13 interest we've been hearing. And then adjusted the
14 boundaries slightly in the 110LA on the south side. The
15 southern boundary. Commissioner Akutagawa.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. And I just want to
17 note that it does reunite or make whole a neighborhood
18 council. Because that little strip there was broken in
19 half, so it does just bring the entirety of the
20 neighborhood council back into one district.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Any concerns?

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Is it possible to get the
23 stats from what it was before? Does anyone have that
24 handy?

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Jaime, do you have the statistics

1 from what it looked like prior to the moves? Oh, there
2 we go. Can you put it in a different color so we know?
3 So the orange would be what it currently is, Jaime? And
4 then the ones in the darker boxes would be the proposed?
5 No?

6 MS. CLARK: Opposite of that --

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Or is opposite? Dang. Okay. So
8 the orange is what's -- Jaime, you say it.

9 MS. CLARK: The orange is what we started with
10 today.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Um-hum.

12 MS. CLARK: And what's in black is what it currently
13 is with these updated changes. And what's in the
14 statistics box is what this change between STHLA and
15 110LA would make the numbers in the black boxes become.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think I prefer our
17 original draft. Orange was what we had in our draft
18 coming in to today.

19 MS. CLARK: Orange is what we had coming in to
20 today; yes.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And the gray would be --

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- the move.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Got it. Got it. Thank you.

25 Commissioner Le Mons.

1 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I prefer the orange what we
2 had when we came in today.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. And I believe
4 Commissioner Sadhwani said the same thing, so I'm just
5 writing it down. Commissioner Turner.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yep. I prefer what we had
7 coming in. Thank you.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Toledo.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I prefer what we had before the
10 changes. Thank you.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. So we will
12 stick with what we have. Thank you.

13 MS. CLARK: So I will reverse --

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Can you reverse -- yes. thank
15 you. And let me look at my list again. And so Jaime,
16 let's see -- we still have Century City, Pinon Hills, San
17 Fernando Valley, Victor Valley, Hesperia, Kensington,
18 Highlands, and UC Riverside, so --

19 MS. CLARK: I didn't -- pardon me, Chair.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes?

21 MS. CLARK: Would you also like to revert the Carson
22 and Long Beach change, or leave that --

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No. That one we locked in. Thank
24 you. Where we put Carson with -- yes, yes, made it
25 whole. Thank you. Okay. Let's see, Commissioner

1 Akutagawa, Vazquez, and Le Mons.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I think I'm just
3 trying to understand with a small change it wasn't really
4 taking away a lot. I think I'm just trying to understand
5 why the preference for the original when it does keep
6 communities that did want to be together? And it was
7 also bringing a neighborhood council back in. And it's
8 not a VRA district.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner
10 Vazquez?

11 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: For me -- and I didn't say
12 this, but I do think I ultimately prefer what we had
13 before. I think we just spent so much time in this area
14 in particular trying to keep Black communities of
15 interest together, given just the historical
16 disinvestments all across south Los Angeles, and just how
17 historically marginalized these communities have been.
18 And we got a lot of input in our first sort of round of
19 comment as we were creating the draft maps. And I'm also
20 now, again -- because I'm, like, I still wasn't
21 particularly sold that we made the right decision to make
22 changes with Carson and Long Beach. But I also would
23 like to say that I prefer our drafts in Carson and Long
24 Beach as well, because I think I'm now reading community
25 of interest testimony that talks about communities of

1 interest -- in particular north Long Beach, being
2 associated with the communities of south L.A. and not the
3 rest of Long Beach. So I would like to revert the
4 changes that we made in Carson as well.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I support Commissioner
7 Vazquez's position. I was going to say the same thing.
8 And I also just wanted to say that I think for future
9 ones -- I wanted to lift up Commissioner Vazquez's
10 question earlier, is what was the thought process before?
11 And I think that's really important because there was so
12 much time spent, and a lot of thought went in. And to
13 Commissioner Turner's point, I think subsequent to that,
14 that these may seem small, but they're happening quickly.
15 And when that's being held against all of the real
16 intentional effort and thought that went into it
17 previously, that makes me a little nervous. Thank you,
18 Chair.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Turner.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, Chair. I raised my hand
21 again. When you said about locking it, I thought we were
22 reversing all of it. So I'm just in support of Vazquez
23 and Le Mons in reversing Compton. Thank you. Carson.
24 Thank you.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani?

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I would support
2 reverting or keeping -- I mean, reverting I think seems
3 reasonable to me. I had actually worked on that area
4 with Jaime when we were in the Assembly maps, so I'm
5 happy to share some of that background if we need that
6 refresher. We had had a very long and lengthy debate
7 about the various COIs in this area and region, also
8 spanning across multiple maps. Right? So one piece has
9 been the Long Beach piece of keeping Long Beach as whole
10 as possible. We had also had testimony that the northern
11 part of Long Beach north of Del Amo Boulevard does have a
12 lot of affinity with some of the other communities in
13 south L.A., and they wanted to also be kept together.
14 Similarly, there was COI testimony about the two
15 different ports and wanting to keep those separate. In
16 addition, COI testimony from San Pedro all the way up
17 through the Gateway cities about keeping them together.
18 So there was also, of course -- and I don't want to
19 overlook the fact that there is a -- I believe it's a
20 Tongan Community of Pacific Islanders in Carson and west
21 Carson. In the iteration that we had coming into today,
22 that community was not kept together. That had been one
23 of the tradeoffs of all of the things. Long Beach also
24 was not kept together. So it was -- we arrived at our
25 original map through trying to respect as many

1 communities of interest as possible while recognizing
2 that we didn't meet them all. So I would be happy to
3 revert back as well. Thank you.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So revert all the way back --
5 Carson going back. Correct?

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm okay with that.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I wouldn't be opposed.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Sinay.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm not opposed to either. I
11 mean, I'm good with what we have right now, as well as
12 reverting back. Of the list that was given, this new
13 iteration keeps the ports apart, brings the Tongan
14 community together, keeps Carson whole, keeps Long Beach
15 whole. The piece that's missing is the north Long Beach
16 with the south L.A., but we've also heard mixed
17 testimonies on that. We've heard mixed testimonies. I
18 mean, a lot of people in north Long Beach also submitted,
19 saying, keep us whole, but if you have to, it's okay to
20 cut us. So they did rather be whole, but if they
21 couldn't they agreed that they were the best place to
22 cut. So I just want to see the totality of it and all
23 the different communities. I mean, I understand. The
24 first one -- to me that was hard, because it is the
25 individuals who are living there who are calling, saying,

1 please put us back together. And it wasn't just the
2 mayors or whatnot.

3 And the same has happened in Carson and Long Beach.
4 And yes, this is later, but all testimony is equal from
5 way back when to now. And so I don't want us -- I just
6 want us to be careful on how we're weighing people.
7 Where we're getting the information, because everybody
8 has the best -- well, okay, not everybody has the best
9 intentions when they're giving us information. But I
10 just wanted to make sure that we heard your list that you
11 gave and how much was accomplished from that list with
12 this change today.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. So with that,
14 we're going to -- because there is not consensus, we're
15 going to reverse the Carson. Jaime? Thank you. Okay.
16 All right, Jaime. So do you remember the list I gave
17 you?

18 MS. CLARK: I think Century City was next?

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. And that was Commissioner
20 Turner.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Thank you. So with
22 this particular -- what we're attempting to do is a two-
23 district refinement in Los Angeles. And I'll count on
24 all of you to help me with watching COIs and what-have-
25 you. The goal is to bring communities in the Century

1 City area into the Crenshaw south area. So similar to
2 the work that was done on the Congressional map. The ask
3 is is that we're bringing in AD -- yep, those areas right
4 there. They're wanting to bring Century City into --
5 bring in Century City, Cheviot Hills, and Rancho Park
6 areas. So for Century City it's the area east of Beverly
7 Glen, south of Santa Monica and west of -- can't read my
8 writing. It's that area. And then Cheviot Hills and
9 Rancho Park, areas north of Palms, east of 405 south of
10 Pico Boulevard. And we would be swapping it or moving
11 for ADWEST. Bringing in more of the mid-Century area.
12 And it's the area north of Olympic Boulevard, west of
13 Fairfax and areas that's east of Beverly Hills.

14 MS. CLARK: So the highlighted area is Century City.
15 And then the Chevio or Cheviot Hills area -- I believe
16 this is generally the area you are speaking on. This is
17 Pico and Overland. And then up here is the Fox Studios
18 and Century City. So I believe this is what you were
19 describing.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'm checking to see --

21 MS. CLARK: And --

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

23 MS. CLARK: And making this change is within the
24 percent deviations. And here is the statistics
25 associated with that change.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Are we breaking up that
2 neighborhood council? If you zoomed out it looked like
3 there was a neighborhood council, or --

4 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So Century City is in the
5 Westside Neighborhood Council area, as is the Cheviot
6 Hills area. And additionally, my understanding, which --
7 Commissioner Turner, thank you for that description, and
8 I might need a reminder when we get to it -- but I think
9 that then -- because Mid-City is also a neighborhood
10 council area -- it's currently split and my understanding
11 is that it would be bringing in these areas and then
12 reuniting Mid-City more in the west side.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: It does reunite them, yes.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So we're breaking one up and
15 reuniting another one. I just want to -- on a higher
16 level. Okay. Commissioner Toledo?

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. Can we zoom out a
18 little bit just so that we can see the areas around here
19 a little bit more on our screen?

20 MS. CLARK: So what's currently in the N10 District
21 is south Robertson, Palms, Mar Vista, Del Rey, Culver
22 City, Ladera Heights, View Park, some of the Empowerment
23 Congress West Neighborhood Councils. I think this is
24 Vermont. I can scoot in, though, to check. And then
25 this is Jefferson Park, West Adams, Mid-City, Pico

1 neighborhoods.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. And Chair, the Westside
3 Neighborhood Council is huge, the parts that we've
4 highlighted are the ones that's historically been a part
5 of the South LA district.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So --

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Turner --
8 Toledo?

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Quick question on this. So
10 the -- I understand the first part of the rotation, which
11 is the unification of these areas highlighted. And then
12 the next part of the rotation would impact which
13 districts? That's the piece that I'm not understanding
14 at this point.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So the other piece would impact
16 the AD51-WEST. So we're going to -- right, Jaime? Go
17 ahead, Jaime.

18 MS. CLARK: Yep. It would be moving -- it sounds
19 like it would be moving these areas in southern Mid-City
20 into the Westside-based districts. So then the Mid-City
21 area would not be included with N10. The swath is --

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So -- yeah, it would take all of
23 Mid-City and move it into the AD51-ADWEST.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Appreciate the clarification.
25 Thank you.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, Commissioner Turner?

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: No, I didn't have anything to
3 add, that is how it is.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any comments, concerns
5 regarding this swap? Commissioner Akutagawa?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Can we just see the more up
7 close of that district there or that Mid-City
8 Neighborhood Council? And I guess the same question -- I
9 guess the same question that's been asked before. What
10 COIs -- other COIs would be broken up as a result of
11 this?

12 MS. CLARK: So this area in Mid-City was just
13 included for population. The area currently in N10
14 that's in -- that's in Mid-City included in N10 is like
15 Cedar Sinai. This -- the line that I'm highlighting here
16 with the mouse is Wilshire, so it's areas north of
17 Wilshire. It does not include The Grove, for example,
18 that's in the Westside, but the Westside district. But
19 this is Beverly, Fairfax, 6th Street and La Brea. So the
20 areas south and west of those streets are what's
21 currently included in the N10. And again, that includes,
22 for example, Cedar Sinai, San Vicente runs through it, et
23 cetera.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And then on the other
25 side, did you have any information on that, Jaime, of

1 what we were moving in?

2 MS. CLARK: Yep. So that includes Century City,
3 where the hand -- or the mouse is running now is Avenue
4 of the Stars. Right here is the Fox Studios. This makes
5 the Country Club whole. And then this is Pico and
6 Overland.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And as far as we know --
8 well, I'm just wondering if we're breaking up other
9 communities of interest. Commissioner Sanai and then
10 Vazquez.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The community of interest that
12 we're breaking up is the north -- the Westside
13 Neighborhood Council, which in the summer they were very,
14 very active in telling us they wanted to be kept
15 together. The -- you know, and at every iteration, a lot
16 of it is, you know, the same form -- kind of a form
17 email-type thing in our database. But I did want to
18 bring up that we did receive input over the summer that
19 the council wanted to stay together.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you for that.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I'm not opposed. I'm just
22 answering that question.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. And that was my concern is
24 normally if you have a neighborhood council, there's a
25 purpose for it. They draw their boundaries and they want

1 to stay together. So that that was my big concern.

2 Commissioner Vazquez?

3 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I'm not wholly opposed to
4 this change. However, I do know -- again, because you'll
5 remember from the last conversation, I was really
6 protective of Palms. We weren't able to keep Palms
7 completely together, although we were able to keep more
8 of Palms in this district. The district to the north,
9 the Westside Neighborhood Council is very much
10 multimillion-dollar homes and a fairly wealthy district.
11 You'll note that there is a country club right there in
12 the middle of the portion that we're talking about.

13 That being said, it is a historic Jewish community
14 in this area, Beverlywood, the Museum of Tolerance. I
15 don't know actually where the line is. It may be
16 separating the Museum of Tolerance from the surrounding
17 Jewish neighborhood. So there's that consideration.

18 My proposal to Commissioner Turner would be this.
19 This maybe looks like an easier get to get Century City
20 into AD-55 without having to take the whole neighborhood
21 south of it. So we may be able to make an even smaller
22 change to get Century City. We might have to cut a
23 sliver into the Westside Neighborhood Council, but that
24 would be my proposal. And then we'd only have to shift
25 the Mid-City line a little bit to balance out for

1 population.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Please direct it. Thank you.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

4 MS. CLARK: Just so we could visualize that
5 together. I remove the neighborhood -- the neighborhoods
6 in Westside. So this just includes Century City. Again,
7 this is the Fox Studios. And then where the hand is
8 going now is Avenue of the Stars. And the percent
9 deviations would be within five percent deviation.
10 The -- and it looks like the CVAPs are not significantly
11 impacted by this. They're all within their same
12 percentage point across the board.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It just seems like an odd split to
14 me in terms of what that district's going to look like.
15 Again, we're -- we are trading one communities of
16 interest for another. Commissioner Vazquez?

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I'm okay with this change,
18 knowing that this was mostly my running route, knowing
19 the geography of where this is, I don't see a huge
20 concern. The residential portions are mostly south of
21 Pico. And then as you go north of Pico, you get into
22 more businesses, industrial, et cetera, and some
23 apartments.

24 So I don't think -- I think you're keeping the
25 nature of the Westside Neighborhood Council very much

1 intact even if you remove Century City. Century City is
2 like a -- also a pretty well-defined portion of this
3 neighborhood council.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Vazquez, just for
5 my own knowledge and education, when you say Century
6 City, is that the -- are you referring?

7 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sorry.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. That's the historic --
10 I believe that's the historic portion that this community
11 is asking for, is Century City. It's not actually a
12 city, but it's a hood and it's mostly businesses.
13 It's very, very much businesses.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And that's the highlighted portion
15 right there, correct?

16 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. I just wanted to confirm
18 for everyone. Commissioner Akutagawa?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm just trying to look
20 through all of the COI testimony that we've received on
21 specifically the Westside Neighborhood Council. There
22 are requests to keep it in its entirety, although there
23 are specific also notes about the boundaries of it. I do
24 also want to note that we're breaking up Jewish
25 communities as well in other parts of the city.

1 So I just want to be cautious about that. We've
2 already done it with Congress. I don't know if we should
3 try to keep them more whole, you know, at least in one of
4 the district maps. So I'll continue to look through.
5 But there's mention about some specific boundaries that
6 they -- I guess people who are writing in about this
7 neighborhood council are saying that they want to make
8 sure that they stay within two. So perhaps like some of
9 the other maps that we've done, if maybe we should just
10 leave this the same. I think that would be my preference
11 at this point.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you. Commissioner
13 Turner and Vazquez.

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I'm wondering, Jaime,
15 are there any Jewish COIs that's conflicting with these
16 particular streets that that we've requested?

17 MS. CLARK: The COI -- so today I'm working off
18 Kennedy's computer, so we don't have all of the LA COIs
19 on this map right now. And the COIs that I had loaded
20 up, I think that there was definitely notes about south
21 Robertson in that.

22 And then also the one that we saw when we were
23 talking about this very topic for Congress. Kind of
24 noted like Palms, Culver City, Del Rey, kind of these
25 areas. And again, I don't have every single piece of COI

1 testimony loaded up and immediately accessible to be able
2 to highlight on the map. But that is -- that is what I
3 recalled when we looked at this during this conversation
4 for Congress.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Um-hum. Yeah. Okay. Thank you.
6 Commissioner Vazquez?

7 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, just wanted to
8 reemphasize, like I said, I ran all of these -- all of
9 those streets in the West Neighborhood Council --
10 Westside Neighborhood Council. The Jewish community is
11 very much in the residential portions. I would, if we're
12 looking for community of interest testimony, I would
13 look -- I really would look specifically for where folks
14 feel Century City should be. Because like I said, it
15 is -- it's a very distinct -- you can literally cross the
16 street and the whole nature of the neighborhood council
17 changes. It's very much businesses and apartments. It's
18 not sort of the residential, very quiet neighborhood
19 streets of Westside Neighborhood Council. Which is, like
20 I said, the residential portions are south of Pico, right
21 around the country club.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. But what we also don't
23 know is maybe some of those business communities are also
24 tied with the Jewish committee -- community. So,
25 Commissioner Akutagawa. Are you -- no more comments?

1 Turner -- Commissioners Turner and Vazquez still have
2 hands up.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I put mine back up
4 again. I was just saying before the -- I do see this as
5 a little bit different in a small portion in that area.
6 And I think to reunify these historical COIs that's been
7 in the south. I think that the southern part of Los
8 Angeles, I'm hopeful that we'll be able to support the
9 changes that they're requesting.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Vazquez and then
11 Commissioner Le Mons.

12 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes, and to your point,
13 absolutely, I was the one who brought up the Jewish
14 community aspect of this. And the Jewish businesses are
15 much more as you head toward West LA. Again, the Museum
16 of Tolerance is over on the west side of this district.
17 Lots of Jewish businesses, synagogues, et cetera are more
18 sort of on the west -- western side.

19 Like I said, Century City is very, very well
20 defined. And in my mind, I think it very much makes
21 sense to unify historical communities that have been
22 associated together politically. And I don't think this
23 breaking up this neighborhood council will -- I don't
24 think removing Century City will be a huge detriment to
25 the Westside Neighborhood Council's residents. The

1 majority of whom will continue to be together.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you. Commissioner Le
3 Mons.

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes, I wanted to weigh in on
5 that as well. I agree with Commissioner Vazquez and her
6 characterization of what Century City is versus where the
7 bulk of the Jewish community is from a residential as
8 well as business perspective. It is run along Pico,
9 Robertson -- well, further east than Robertson, but
10 that's usually the corridor east to west. And then
11 Century City is its own little thing. But most
12 importantly, I want to support keeping the historical
13 relationship that's existed there whole.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And then Commissioner
15 Sinay. Oh, and Commissioner Sadhwani.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think -- I think what
17 everybody has said is actually supported by the COI
18 testimonies in that we have received from the LA Jewish
19 community. Most of it -- most of their testimony is just
20 giving broader, like, this city, this area, whatnot. I
21 do -- I think that this, you know, this piece -- what the
22 proposed change makes sense. And maybe we can see if
23 there's consensus or not.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani, did you
25 have anything else? Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa. And

1 we do -- we do need to move on. It's -- yeah, we need to
2 settle on this. Thank you. And so at this point and
3 I'll go to Commissioner Akutagawa. If there's general
4 consensus, we'll accept it. If not, then we will move
5 on. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I -- I'm -- no, I
7 just wanted to read something that I found in terms of
8 this area. In terms of the Jewish community, they also
9 speak about Orthodox Jews being the second largest -- Los
10 Angeles being home to the second largest Orthodox Jewish
11 community in North America. They tend to live within
12 walking distance of Orthodox synagogues.

13 They specifically name communities of Pico,
14 Robertson, Beverly Fairfax, Hancock Park, Beverly Hills,
15 Beverlywood, and West LA neighborhoods. And they also
16 note that in all the current maps, the members of this
17 community of interest are divided.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. So it sounds like from
19 what you read, if I got it correctly, it corresponded
20 somewhat to Commissioners Vazquez' testimony.

21 Commissioner --

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I think if we limit
23 it just to that distinct Century City location it is.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: There are condos there,

1 like, very high rise condos. But a lot of businesses,
2 big hotels, big shopping areas. Santa Monica Boulevard
3 is also a main thoroughfare for different Jewish
4 organizations.

5 But I think the area that if it's limited to that,
6 then I think we can minimize any impacts to, in this
7 case, a historical Jewish COI as well too that live in
8 that area. And I think, again, it goes back to -- I'm
9 not saying I'm kind of neutral on this, but --

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- I think it's just which
12 way --

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- do we want to.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right, exactly. And Commissioner
16 Toledo, this will be it. And then we'll decide.

17 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I just wanted to -- I
18 can go either way. So I would support this if we can if
19 there's consensus. Thank you.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. We will go with this. I
21 just want to remind everyone that where -- we really need
22 to be intentional in what we're doing as we move forward,
23 we are behind. Of course, we don't want to rush too
24 much, but also just expecting everyone to have done some
25 homework before coming here today. Thank you. Jaime,

1 can you make that move? Thanks.

2 MS. CLARK: Yep, that is implemented and ready to go
3 wherever is next on your list.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We've got Pinon Hills, San
5 Fernando Valley, Victor Valley, this area, Kensington,
6 Riverside, Highlands. So which one are we going to now?

7 Yes, lunch will be at 2:15. And I was really hoping
8 we could be a lot closer than we are right now.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: San Fernando might take a
10 little --

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- a little bit longer. I
13 don't know if we want to try and get into that before
14 lunch. No? Maybe?

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I'm just wondering if we --

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Be done before --

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- oh, wait, where did you --
18 yeah, I know. So we're going to Pinon Hills?

19 MS. CLARK: We can go anywhere you'd like. I zoomed
20 to Pinon Hills because that's what you named first.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

22 MS. CLARK: But I can --

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, that's fine.

24 MS. CLARK: -- go to anywhere.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And that was Commissioner

1 Akutagawa.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It was just one of the COI
3 testimonies that we got asking not to be included in the
4 210 district and wanting to be in a San Bernardino
5 district. Thank you. Commissioner --

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Can you see what the -- can
7 what is the population of Pinon Hills?

8 MS. CLARK: One moment, please.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I like the little tilde Pinon.
10 Sorry.

11 MS. CLARK: And just a -- just a clarification.
12 Commissioner Akutagawa, did you have a suggestion of
13 where it would go?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think I just wanted to
15 lift it up. It does look like -- I mean, looks --

16 MS. CLARK: I -- I --

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- like the only option would be
18 to go to --

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: To Antelope?

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- to Antelope.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: But I don't know what -- what's
25 the population of Pinon, please?

1 MS. CLARK: Yep. I will pull that up --

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

3 MS. CLARK: -- right now and just a reminder, that
4 Antelope is one of your VRA districts.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It is. You're absolutely right.
6 And thank you for reminding us on that. So it looks like
7 it's about 7,200. I have a sense that it's not going to
8 work, I think it's going to throw off the VRA -- I mean,
9 not the VRA, the LCVAP, if it's a VRA district. But we
10 won't know unless we try. So here we go.

11 MS. CLARK: Yep. So this would fit in the total
12 deviation or the percent deviation of each district, and
13 it would make the Latino CVAP in that AD39-Antelope, the
14 Antelope Valley, Victor Valley District, 49.91 percent.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, no, we will not be doing this.
16 So we will move on. That was a nice quick one. Thank
17 you. Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa. And we will
18 move on. Let's see. What else did I say?

19 San Fernando Valley, Riverside, Victor Valley,
20 Kensington, and Highlands. Okay, San Fernando Valley, it
21 is. So with this one, I will pass it on to Commissioner
22 Sadhwani.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: All right, thank you. So
24 here we are again. Definitely hearing a lot from
25 communities last night. And in all fairness, for the

1 last several weeks. Right? So I did want to bring us
2 back. You know, we looked yesterday at the Agua Dulce,
3 Acton. I think we've settled that that's going to stay
4 put.

5 Communities were asking in the calls last night
6 about bringing in West Hills into the central district
7 and removing portions of Northridge and North Hills to
8 put that with Santa Clarita. I believe a portion --
9 from what I could gather from the testimony, a portion of
10 this has to do with Cal State Northridge being in that
11 area.

12 Certainly, we've taken a look at those kinds of
13 considerations in the past. So I think it seems like a
14 reasonable swap and certainly would unify communities
15 that are near each other and share similar profiles. So
16 I'd like to start there with West Hills moving into --
17 and it looks like that might require Bell Canyon moving
18 it into --

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah, you'd have to take Bell
20 Canyon.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- yes, into Central and --

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And don't forget about
23 Santa Susana.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Well, I don't think it's the
25 City of Santa Susana, is it? It's the lab, right?

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's the lab.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Is that in that city -- or I
3 thought it was, like, out in the mountains?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's up to the north of
5 there. That's the area that we had moved.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, let's start -- let's
7 just start with --

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- build in Bell Canyon
10 first, and then we can see where, from a population
11 standpoint, Santa Susana can come back into one of these
12 districts. So this is going to central.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo, did you have
14 a question?

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, I'm just trying to
16 understand the rotation that we're trying to do. So here
17 we have Bell Canyon. We have the other area that's
18 highlighted. Where -- what -- how are we rotating the
19 population given that the deviations are so -- I mean,
20 we're out of the deviation.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: They are tight.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: They're very, very, very
24 tight. So I'm just trying to understand the ripples
25 that'll happen and how we plan to rotate the population

1 through so that we have a holistic picture of what we're
2 planning.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yep. I haven't worked this
4 out in advance so I'll forewarn you that. But the
5 testimony that we received last night was making some
6 swaps at least to have communities that are near each
7 other kind of stay together. Right?

8 So on the one side, you have more West Valley
9 communities, whereas Northridge and North Hills,
10 according to the testimony, were more North Valley-ish.
11 So it would be swapping in West Hills, Bell Canyon into
12 the Central District and Northridge, North Hills, going
13 north to 8040. We have numbers.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We have numbers.

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Maybe we can get Jaime to just
16 help us think through some of the rotation. What are the
17 options that might --

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- that we might have given
20 that we are still thinking through this.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And given that Jaime has worked
22 through this many, many times. Lots of knowledge. Thank
23 you, Jaime.

24 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So I think that this kind of swap
25 could work, you know, and if not this exact swap of

1 adding Northridge into North Hills. You know, certainly
2 there is opportunity for both of these as they are
3 currently within the five percent -- plus or minus five
4 percent deviation. They could remain that way. Whether
5 or not that's, you know, exactly Northridge and North
6 Hills. I can't say off top of my head, but we can
7 certainly try it.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Do you think -- oh, so you
9 actually think that we can isolate this change to these
10 two districts?

11 MS. CLARK: My understanding was that that was the
12 proposal.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Oh was that -- okay, sorry.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Just between two districts.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay, so let's try it.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, he got excited about this.
18 Let's go. Commissioner Andersen, you have a question,
19 comment?

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I do. Just and
21 it's -- this is not the area I know, but we were just
22 talking about the Jewish communities. And they have
23 submitted several requests in this area, the communities
24 of interest. And it's -- I should to add, Woodland Hills
25 into this from the central into the south San

1 Francisco -- oh, it's not San Francisco -- in here, it's
2 San Fernando Valley. And its Verrazzano and Encinitas.
3 And I don't know the area. So I would really like other
4 commissioners to comment on that. But I did want to
5 highlight that in terms of, you know, is that much too
6 big. They were saying that to go with other committees
7 of interests or what areas need to be included for the
8 Jewish community.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Sadhwani.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So I wanted to -- my hope is
11 to start with this one. And then if there's appetite
12 from the Commission, you know, the Glendale to Tarzana
13 always felt a little off to me. So that was where I
14 thought we could explore how much of Tarzana and possibly
15 Encino could also be rotated in.

16 That's where -- if we wanted to go in this direction
17 to -- yes, Commissioner Anderson, to keep more of the
18 Jewish community together from the testimony that we've
19 received. My sense is Tarzana, Encino coming into the
20 central. Sunland-Tujunga going with Glendale, Burbank.
21 And then there would need to be some balancing on the
22 center part.

23 But that's where it's going to start getting a
24 little bit more messy, which is why I wanted to just
25 start with this first one --

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Let's see --

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- which is what the
3 community was asking for last night.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: All right. Perfect. Let's do
5 this first one, please, Jaime. Thank you.

6 MS. CLARK: All right. So I added West Hills and
7 Bell Canyon into the central San Fernando Valley
8 District. And I will start making that population trade
9 right now. One moment, please.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It -- the south, yeah, so
11 where we're cutting that neighborhood council, it would
12 be bringing all of that back into the SCV. And then
13 probably the North Hills west.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And then -- there you go.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Let's see how we do on
16 population. I apologize, I didn't work on the -- I know.
17 Well, I went back and reviewed everything and reviewed
18 all of them.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: How about North Hills East?

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, we could do North
21 Hills east, yeah.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I think so.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Perhaps there's in North
24 Hills east, there's --

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- I can't see the name of
2 that road, but maybe going north south there. All the
3 way down or we could go that way, too. Yeah, no that's
4 fine.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I was thinking of the -- if the --
6 oh, wait. I can't see the -- my stats. Oops, you went a
7 little bit too much. Maybe to the freeway?

8 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So because these districts were
9 4.4 percent deviation and 4.9 percent deviation, this is
10 going to just take me a second. So I will get those both
11 within percent deviation. And then let the commission
12 know when it's ready. So just one second. Okay.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Maybe one more block up, because
14 it looks like the street right above, it looks like more
15 of a major street. Oh, we are balanced, okay.

16 MS. CLARK: Yeah, so --

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, never mind. Okay. I should
18 just let --- you know, you're the one that knows the
19 numbers. Okay.

20 MS. CLARK: So I'm just going to zoom out. And show
21 the total impact here. AD40 would include Northridge
22 south, north hills west, and then just on the other side
23 of 405, a little bit of North Hills east. And then the
24 central would include Bell Canyon, West Hills, Woodland
25 Hills, Canoga Park, Winnetka, Reseda, Lake Balboa, Van

1 Nuys, north of Oxnard, Panorama City, and much of North
2 Hills East.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Do we have any
4 concerns making this change? Okay. Let's lock it in.
5 Thank you.

6 And then commissioner Sadhwani, you had mentioned
7 potentially other swaps. Are -- do you have the

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think that's a question
9 for the Commission. You know, and I think others know
10 this area a little bit as well. You know, the other
11 commissioners from LA, Commissioner Taylor, Commissioner
12 Le Mons perhaps. In the Glendale to Tarzana is -- it's
13 really long and pretty different kinds of community. I
14 mean, they're -- well, they're all suburban, I suppose,
15 but fairly different.

16 So a part of the thought was bringing in
17 Sunland-Tujunga with Glendale, Burbank. And then
18 starting to move -- which would decrease the population
19 in East San Fernando Valley. So we would need to pick up
20 potentially Panorama City or that other portion of North
21 Hills at minimally. And it might allow you to then in
22 AD46-CENTRAL bring in, at minimum, Tarzana, maybe a
23 portion of Encino as well.

24 The population in Sunland-Tujunga, my guess is, is
25 not that high. So it would be a modest shift of

1 populations.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I was trying to follow you and I
3 got lost a little bit.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It would be a three-district
5 swap.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Tarzana to Glendale, okay.

7 MS. CLARK: Can I try to restate what --

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

9 MS. CLARK: -- I think the proposal is?

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, please. So I can follow you.

11 MS. CLARK: So bringing Sunland-Tujunga into this
12 area with Glendale and Burbank. Moving, potentially,
13 some areas of Tarzana or Encino into A-D central and then
14 moving some areas of Tarzana or Encino into a AD-CENTRAL.
15 And then moving some areas, for example, Panorama City
16 into the East SFB, is that correct?

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, that's correct.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Could we see what the population
19 is of Sunland-Tujunga? That's a cool name, too. I'm
20 just saying.

21 MS. CLARK: Yeah, happy to do that.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Toledo --

23 MS. CLARK: And Commissioner Sadhwani --

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Um-hum.

25 MS. CLARK: -- does that include -- would you want

1 to include Foothill Trails also, which --

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

3 MS. CLARK: Okay. Thanks. One second.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo, do you have
5 a --

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I'm just thinking about
7 all the COIs that are in this area and the amount of work
8 that we put into this area. And all of the -- I mean,
9 we -- although I mean, there was testimony last night
10 that we didn't spend very much time at this -- on this
11 area. But they were only looking at the last portion of
12 our draft, a draft map -- or drafting.

13 We had actually spent a lot of time during the
14 visualization process on this area. And then we came --
15 what we ended up with was a compromise that no one
16 particularly liked. And that -- I know I didn't, but
17 that we all could live with. And so I'm just -- you
18 know, and thinking about compromise. And I was looking
19 and all the COIs that are in here. And this is going to
20 be more than a fifteen-minute conversation.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: But willing to explore, I'm
23 going to keep an open mind.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Thank you for that.

25 Commissioner Sinay? I mean, I agree as well, but it's --

1 sometimes we go on an exploration.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes, sometimes we go on an
3 exploration, but we are on our last day and so could we
4 put a time limit on it? I'm just -- because I'm -- you
5 know, when you look at -- on the whole, we've been -- we
6 did pretty well in keeping neighborhoods together and
7 such. But once you start moving big chunks, we are going
8 to have to break more, you know, make -- anyway. Just if
9 maybe we can just have a limited exploration. And I'm
10 guessing -- oh, the other thing I want to ask is,
11 Commissioner Sadhwani, can you explain what the COIs
12 wanted? What we're moving them, and why? And then and
13 then how you prioritize based on -- because we've gotten
14 just maps, and tons of stuff. And there is no
15 priority --

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's right.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- so how you prioritized it.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's right. You know, the
19 number one piece, of course, that we already did was the
20 swap that the numerous callers called in yesterday and
21 suggested. I went back and looked at the various maps
22 that were submitted. There are pros and cons to all of
23 them. Some of them would require a whole lot of
24 architectural change, which I didn't think that we wanted
25 to go there.

1 So here, you know, my purpose here is just to try
2 and keep communities that are compact, and close
3 together, and that are aligned in a district with one
4 another. That's the overarching goal only. So if it
5 doesn't work out, I'm happy to revert.

6 You know, we've certainly heard from the Tarzana
7 Encino folks about having more connectivity to the
8 western portions of the San Fernando Valley as opposed to
9 Glendale, Burbank. Certainly Sunland-Tujunga, I do live
10 in that area, sort of, not too far away in La Canada.
11 The fun thing for many of us in that area about
12 Sunland-Tujunga, it's a beautiful area right up along the
13 mountains. And also has a -- the back road to the
14 Burbank Airport. So, you know, there's certainly some
15 connection there between the Glendale Burbank area as
16 well.

17 And I think -- and my hope is that this would allow
18 many of the more working-class communities that we've
19 worked really hard to keep together in -- I'm losing
20 track of the names of these at this point, but the one
21 that includes Pacoima, Sylmar, and San Fernando would
22 allow us to keep them together is kind of a goal for me
23 too.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioners
25 Akutagawa, Toledo, Le Mons, and Kennedy.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I think to the
2 question that Commissioner Toledo asked, I think, you
3 know, we did work on it, but I think we've also been
4 hearing quite a bit that there's unhappiness with some of
5 the maps that we have. But particularly, again, I think
6 it comes down to which communities are we prioritizing?

7 There is a significant Jewish community that we're
8 now hearing from. And again, it's because of the changes
9 that we've made that we're hearing from communities. You
10 know, some communities didn't bother to write in earlier
11 because they didn't think that they had to. And, of
12 course, you know, that's just the nature of people,
13 right? Human beings.

14 We're also hearing that doing this will also unite a
15 sizable Armenian community that is the largest, at least
16 in here in the U.S. And if there are ways that we could
17 do it without also disturbing other COIs to a degree --
18 And I think I want to just remind everybody again. I
19 mean, we've had these conversations about not wanting to
20 break up COIs. But we've had to break up COIs
21 everywhere.

22 And whether they're historical or not historical,
23 we've also heard, you know, Commissioners also say we
24 have to share the pain. They'll meet new neighbors, you
25 know, introduce themselves to their new neighbors. I

1 mean, I think those are all things that -- I think, you
2 know, we're trying to do the best by everybody, And if
3 this exploration doesn't work, then it doesn't work. But
4 I'm hearing what Commissioner Sadhwani is asking for.

5 It does reflect the Woodland Hills. You know, and
6 some communities come along with others. So like West
7 Hills, Bell Canyon comes along with Woodland Hills,
8 Woodland Hills. We've gotten a request from the Jewish
9 community to be together with Tarzana, Encino, Warner
10 Center, Sherman Oaks, and Valley Glen, I believe it was.
11 But I know that there's also an LGBTQ COI that has also
12 asked to be able to stay together. That includes, I
13 think, Valley Glen. So right now they're not together.

14 Then the Burbank Glendale move with Sunland-Tujunga
15 would at least unite the Armenian community. And then we
16 just have to then decide, you know, based on those
17 merits, what -- you know, is that something that we want
18 to be able to do in balance with the other COIs that are
19 in the area. Thank you.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I am going to
21 implement something that Commissioner Toledo did when he
22 was Chair. A one minute -- a one-minute time limit for
23 Commissioners to provide feedback. Kristian, could you
24 do them? And let's just do a fifteen-second warning.
25 Okay? Thank you. Commissioner Toledo.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. And I'll be brief.
2 You know, I'm thinking of Los Angeles as holistically.
3 And when we came to Los Angeles, we set goals for Los
4 Angeles. We all agreed to those goals for Los Angeles.
5 And I'm happy to explore as long as those goals continue
6 to be met for all of Los Angeles County.

7 And so -- and that involved the historical
8 communities. That involved maintaining the CVAPs and our
9 VRA area. That involved Latino majority districts and
10 keeping as many COIs as possible whole. And so I'm just
11 hoping that we're able as we go through this exploration,
12 I hope it works out and keeps more working communities
13 together, as well as meeting all the other goals. Thank
14 you.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Le Mons?

16 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I think this is an
17 exploration worth doing. What Commissioner Sadhwani laid
18 out, definitely. The only concern I think I really have
19 is where the Sherman Oaks and Studio City, but I guess
20 still with Burbank and Glendale. But I'll wait and see.
21 But I think this is worth exploring.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Kennedy.

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I'm in
24 favor of the exploration as well. You know, I've heard
25 going way back that we needed to be looking at more of an

1 east/west divide along the 405. And I think the
2 direction that this exploration is going may better
3 reflect that. I had also said way back when we first set
4 our principles on which we were going to proceed with
5 this, even before the mappers produced the first
6 visualizations, that I had hoped that the San Fernando
7 Valley could be treated, as much as possible, as its own
8 city, you know --

9 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- conceptionally, for
11 visualization and mapping purposes. So I'm fully in
12 favor of the exploration. Thank you.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

14 And Commissioner Vazquez?

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. Very much in favor of
16 the exploration. Looks like we'll be going down that
17 route. Just wanted to also flag that I totally hear
18 the -- and agree that folks are calling in to give
19 feedback because they've now had something to react to,
20 their communities are changing. And so here's my
21 feedback on how, you know, my community -- how you
22 changing my community will impact me.

23 That being said, what we don't have, especially in
24 this eleventh hour when we're making these changes, are
25 those folks whose communities we kept together that we

1 would be splitting. They don't -- they think the map is
2 fine. So -- and we don't usually get positive feedback
3 anyway. So they're not also knowing to come in to
4 protect their --

5 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

6 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: -- community of interest to
7 say, hey, don't split us up. So I'm also keeping those
8 folks in mind, but it's not just who is calling in now to
9 react to existing iterations, but that we also have to
10 hold those in mind -- the others in mind as well.

11 MR. MANOFF: One minute.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Right. And I thought of
13 that as well. It's, like, well, people are reacting.
14 They're reacting to what it is, and any changes we make,
15 they're -- unfortunately, they're -- they can give us
16 their feedback, but we're done. Yeah. Fortunately or
17 unfortunately, however you see it. Okay. So let's go on
18 this.

19 MS. CLARK: All right. So --

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani?

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think Jaime.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, Jaime.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Take it away.

24 MS. CLARK: Yep. I was just going to make this
25 change. So I made it. And then about now, SOUTHSFV is

1 overpopulated. And just a reminder, the exploration is
2 around moving population this way. So now, SOUTHSFV is
3 overpopulated and then we're going to add some population
4 to CENTRAL and then balance between EAST and CENTRAL.

5 Commissioner Sadhwani, could you please guide me?
6 Would you like me to start taking, for example, all of
7 Tarzana? Or should I look at going, you know, north of
8 the 101? Is there a specific vision you have in mind?

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: My vision was to keep the
10 neighborhood councils whole, to the extent possible. And
11 recognizing that we've already cut several in the San
12 Fernando Valley, you know, I would start with Tarzana and
13 see what it takes to balance.

14 Again, I don't think this is going to be, you know,
15 a favorite of everyone's, but I think it gets us closer
16 to what folks were looking for.

17 As Jaime's doing that, I'll just note some of the
18 testimony that we had received. And I apologize, because
19 I had thought that the firefighters map was the community
20 unity map, and I went back and realized my error. So my
21 apologies for that. You know, in some of the maps, you
22 know, I think we've talked a lot and we've received very
23 specific testimony about, you know, creating a Latino
24 district or two Latino districts. So you know, let me --
25 I'll be very open and frank about that, right?

1 We've tried that. And we had a lot of bad feedback
2 on that. The community unity map actually explicitly
3 asks for a Latino supermajority district. I'm not sure
4 that I have -- I would necessarily want that either.
5 But, again, I think some of these population shifts could
6 allow us to just bring communities together in a more
7 compact way.

8 And I guess, just to add, as I say all of that, it's
9 also that reminder that this was not identified as a VRA
10 area.

11 MS. CLARK: Okay. So what is highlighted is all of
12 Tarzana, much of Encino -- or excuse me, and just a
13 little bit of Encino here. Oh, and actually, I'm going
14 to add a little bit more population because this is at
15 five percent. So just one moment. And I can zoom in if
16 anyone has questions about where these lines are.

17 Okay. So this is 4.86 percent or the South San
18 Fernando Valley district would become 4.86 percent. That
19 would include Sunland, Tujunga, Foothills Trails,
20 Glendale north of 134, most of Burbank, greater Toluca
21 Lake, North Hollywood Neighborhood Council, Valley
22 Village, Studio City, Sherman Oaks including POSO, and
23 much of Encino.

24 Should I -- I'm going to make this change just to
25 continue on this exploration and then --

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Yes, please continue and
2 then we might have to revise some of the lines so that
3 they'll make more sense but yeah. Thank you.

4 MS. CLARK: Okay. And so I highlighted all of
5 Panorama City moving that into EASTSFV. Would you like
6 me to also look at adding this part of North Hills?

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I -- yes. I would see if that
8 fits as well. Thank you. Thank you. I -- yeah, I
9 didn't think it was going to work but it looks like it --

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Wow, great.

11 MS. CLARK: So with --

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Can you -- I'm sorry.

13 MS. CLARK: Go ahead.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Can you zoom in really quick to
15 the AD43? Yeah, right where your hand was. Zoom in. So
16 North -- oh, gosh. North Hills east is -- okay.

17 MS. CLARK: So North Hills --

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It just -- it won't fit, huh?
19 That little piece will not --

20 MS. CLARK: This was --

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Uh-huh.

22 MS. CLARK: This was part of the balancing between
23 40 -- the AD46 and the Santa Clarita Valley based
24 district. That was part of that balancing, if we recall.
25 We could look at maybe moving the line here and

1 additional -- yeah, so --

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's right. Because we need --

3 MS. CLARK: -- we can look at that.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- to need to take a little bit of
5 it. That's right. Okay.

6 MS. CLARK: Yeah.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Okay. So it -- can we
8 zoom out just a little bit? And if you wouldn't mind,
9 Jaime, just going over quickly what we've done. We've --
10 we're balanced.

11 MS. CLARK: Yes.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

13 MS. CLARK: One moment, please. So in the Santa
14 Clarita Valley based district, again, that includes Santa
15 Clarita Valley, and includes Granada Hills, Porter Ranch,
16 Chatsworth, and all of Northridge, with West Hills west
17 of the 405 and a little bit east of the 405.

18 The Central San Fernando Valley district includes
19 Bell Canyon, West Hills, Woodland Hills, Tarzana, Canoga
20 Park, Winnetka, Reseda, Lake Balboa, and Van Nuys north
21 of Oxnard. AD-South San Fernando Valley includes much of
22 Encino, Sherman Oaks, POSO neighborhood, Studio City,
23 Valley Village, North Hollywood Neighborhood Council,
24 greater Toluca Lake, most of Burbank, Glendale north of
25 134 and Sunland Tujunga, Foothills Trails.

1 And the East San Fernando Valley Assembly District
2 includes Sylmar, the City of San Fernando, Pacoima,
3 Mission Hills, most of North Hills east of the 405,
4 Panorama City, Arleta, Sun Valley Neighborhood Council,
5 North Hollywood-West Neighborhood Council, greater Valley
6 Glen, and this portion of Burbank that includes the
7 airport.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Very tight
9 deviations. Comments? We have five minutes left. So
10 enough time for five comments.

11 Commissioner Akutagawa?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry. I am going to have
13 to -- I don't think this is going to work. I'm reading
14 through some of the COI testimony on the Jewish community
15 and Tarzana is part of that -- what they call the Ventura
16 Boulevard Corridor. So Tarzana, Encino, Woodland Hill,
17 Sherman Oaks. What they had asked for is to bring in
18 Woodland Hills and West Hills as well as Valley Glen.
19 But I think most is better than none at this point
20 because the only other way to make, I think, that part
21 work and then also if you were to move in West Hills,
22 Bell Canyon, and Woodland Hills into it, you'd have to
23 move that Canoga Park, Reseda, and all those other ones
24 in that CENTRAL-SFV up into the SCV.

25 It could work if you wanted to revisit the Agua

1 Dulce and Acton move. And it would unite the Jewish and
2 LGBTQ communities because they had asked for North
3 Hollywood and Toluca Lake to be together. But it is a
4 lot of moves and this might be one of those where we just
5 might have to go back because at least most of that core
6 community is together.

7 And I now -- you know, in reading through the
8 testimonies, I understand where they said that they were
9 split up into three different communities. But at least
10 the core of most of the communities is in that -- what
11 was the, I guess, the CENTRAL district or yeah. Anyways,
12 that's what I'm seeing. But if anybody else sees
13 differently.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Kristian is failing in his
17 duties.

18 Commissioner Fornaciari?

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, I guess, if we're
20 going to stay with what we got, my question would be how
21 much more of Encino could we move into at AD-CENTRAL to
22 try to unsplit that city?

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: We might be able to swap it
24 for Van Nuys.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

1 Commissioner Toledo?

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm not opposed to this
3 change. This change looks -- I mean, it's another
4 compromise. It ends up being another compromise. I
5 think as Commissioner Akutagawa pointed out, though, it's
6 really hard to capture all of the COIs given all of the
7 restrictions in this area. So -- but just wanted to say
8 that. I'm not opposed.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

10 Commissioner Turner?

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: You know, looking at a lot of
12 the Armenian COIs and what have you, the testimony,
13 public comment that we received, to me it feels like this
14 accomplishes for the Assembly exactly what they were
15 asking for. So I am in favor of this move.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

17 Commissioner Le Mons?

18 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: In favor as well. Support
19 the -- I was going to suggest Encino, seeing what we
20 could do with Encino. And if we needed to, I'd like us
21 to be able to move all of Encino, if we could move
22 Encino. And if so maybe balance by removing Van Nuys.
23 So let's see where -- we have to see what Encino takes
24 us. I think that would be a good -- because right at the
25 Sherman Oaks, Encino, the 405 runs right through there.

1 So that's a good natural boundary, actually.

2 MS. CLARK: So adding all of Encino to the Central
3 San Fernando Valley district, the percent deviation of
4 the Central San Fernando Valley district would be 1.96
5 percent and the SOUTHSFV would be negative 1.73 percent.
6 Would you like to make this change?

7 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: That's good.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari and
9 Commissioner Le Mons? Big thumbs up.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So one thing, though, I
11 seem to recall some testimony very early on from Sherman
12 Oaks that there's a little tiny sliver of Sherman Oaks on
13 the west side of the 405 freeway; is that right?

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Was that POSO? I thought we fixed
15 it.

16 MS. CLARK: If I -- so POSO is up here, north of --
17 sort of north of the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council
18 lines. And if I recall, Commissioner Fornaciari, that --
19 and I remember that too. And if I recall, when they
20 called in the -- they would sort of say, like, where the
21 lines are on the map. So I believe that the neighborhood
22 council boundaries might reflect --

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

24 MS. CLARK: -- what they were discussing.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay. Yeah. I just

1 wanted to make sure we didn't inadvertently cut that. So
2 thank you.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

4 And we are at time, Jaime. If you wouldn't mind
5 zooming out. That way we can maybe ponder this during
6 our meal break. And we will be back at 3 o'clock. Thank
7 you so much.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Could we do the Van Nuys
9 swap, though, just so that we could see it?

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Or maybe she can do it
12 dur -- you know, real quick, during the -- wasn't that
13 the plan?

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: But we met -- we have all of
15 our deviations correct.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, we don't have --

17 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. We don't need it.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: We don't need it.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. We don't need the Van
20 Nuys.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. Perfect.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: All right. So we are going on
25 break. We'll be back at 3 o'clock.

1 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 2:16 p.m.
2 until 3:00 p.m.)

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome back everyone. Where we
4 left off is we made some changes, some tentative changes,
5 to the San Fernando Valley. And we left it here so that
6 everyone can contemplate some of the changes that we've
7 made.

8 Jaime, if you wouldn't mind just going through those
9 changes one more time and then we will take comments from
10 the Commissioners, please. Thank you.

11 MS. CLARK: No problem. So in this SCV district, we
12 have Santa Clarita Valley with Granada Hills, Porter
13 Ranch, Northridge, North Hills West and Chatsworth.

14 For the Central San Fernando Valley district, this
15 now includes Belle Canyon, West Hills, Canoga Park,
16 Winnetka, Woodland Hills, Reseda, Lake Balboa, Tarzana,
17 Encino, and Van Nuys north of Oxnard.

18 The South San Fernando Valley district includes
19 POSO, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Valley Village, North
20 Hollywood Neighborhood Council, greater Toluca Lake, much
21 of the city of Burbank, and Glendale north of 134 with
22 Sunland Tujunga and Foothills Trails.

23 And EASTSFV includes Sylmar, San Fernando, Mission
24 Hills, most of North Hills, East Pacoima, Arleta,
25 Panorama City, North Hollywood West, Sun Valley, and

1 greater Valley Glen.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Jaime.

3 Commissioner Toledo and Le Mons?

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: What I like about these
5 districts is that they're a little bit more compact than
6 they were previously. You know, overall, we're keeping
7 together more COIs. That's what it's seeming like. And
8 from the feedback that's coming in through Voters FIRST,
9 it sounds like there's support for this. So I'm
10 supportive of these changes.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

12 Commissioner Le Mons then Commissioner Turner?

13 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Likewise, like where this is
14 gone. I do have a question since we have that negative
15 1.7 deviation in the South San Fernando Valley. Would it
16 be possible to include that at -- the rest of that
17 Burbank area? Or is the population that's in that little
18 chunk too much?

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I think, I believe if we take the
20 rest of Burbank, it's going to put East San Fernando
21 Valley, it will probably put it over five percent.

22 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Well, it'll reduce it, won't
23 it?

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, never mind. It'll reduce it.
25 Sorry, right after lunch.

1 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No worries.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay.

3 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So that's the only comment
4 that I have. That might be that last little cherry if we
5 could have Burbank be whole.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. That would be a good
7 addition. Thank you. Let's make that change also.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And I believe it's the
9 Burbank Airport that is moving back into the City of
10 Burbank, which makes a whole lot of sense. So thank you
11 for that.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. A lot of sense.

13 Okay. Commissioner Turner and then Commissioner
14 Akutagawa?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I didn't find it quick enough.
16 I wanted to ask in regards to La Crescenta or whatever.
17 Was that -- the way the name is so long it was -- looks
18 like it's in both districts, but it did not make it with
19 Burbank. Was that part of the testimony we've been
20 getting to -- that as well?

21 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: La Crescenta.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It's not currently in. It's
23 about La Crescenta.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh, yes.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And I do know that La

1 Crescenta is a part of the Glendale School District. I
2 will just note that.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. So I think --

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: What's the -- what is that
5 population, Jaime? It looks like it might be more than
6 what our deviations would support. But then again, I got
7 it opposite last time, so we never know.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh.

10 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Oh, it does.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It does.

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yep, it does.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It looks like it'll work. And it
14 sounds like that would be a good move because it's part
15 of the Glendale School District. Okay. Lots of great
16 ideas -- lunch -- that lunch period seems to have worked
17 for all of us. That's great. So let's go ahead and make
18 that move, please.

19 And Commissioner Akutagawa and then Commissioner
20 Andersen?

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I'm also seeing COI
22 testimony from the Jewish community that they're happy
23 with the groupings as it is right now. I also saw
24 additional COI testimony, I believe the LGBTQ community
25 had to ask for Valley Glen, I believe, to also be

1 included with -- is it already included?

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: With which one?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay, so there's -- I
4 thought Valley Glen was asked to be put with North
5 Hollywood and Toluca Lake. I know that we heard some
6 callers ask about that. And then there's also -- I've
7 seen additional now -- COI testimony around keeping all
8 of the North Hollywoods also together and not split. So
9 I don't know if there's a way to balance all of that as
10 well too?

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: The North Hollywoods, it looks
12 like they are -- are they not together? Wait.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It's hard to see.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I know.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I know.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I'm just trying to look at the
17 lines too.

18 MS. CLARK: So the COI testimony, requests that
19 greater Toluca Lake goes with North Hollywood, Valley
20 Village, and greater Valley Glen. All these three areas
21 are all North Hollywood Neighborhood Council areas.
22 Valley Glen, North Hollywood West and North Hollywood
23 Northeast, are currently in the East San Fernando Valley
24 district.

25 North Hollywood Neighborhood Council, greater Toluca

1 Lake, and Valley Village are currently in the South San
2 Fernando Valley neighbor -- or district.

3 And also just a quick note, is that there is a
4 little piece, a little part of Bob Hope Airport. That's
5 the airport in Burbank that is included in City of Los
6 Angeles. Just a note for you to know. And right now
7 it's currently split by this district line.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So can -- I know we just
9 moved in La Crescenta. But to keep an LGBT COI together
10 would -- if we were to move in, at the very least, Valley
11 Glen, however, there was COI testimony saying that
12 keeping all of the North Hollywoods together would unite
13 poor working class communities and I wanted to just note
14 that. And lastly, I think Burbank should -- Burbank
15 Airport should be all together.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. I would agree with the
17 Burbank Airport being together. That would be a quick
18 fix. In terms of the North Hollywood, did you say also
19 with the greater Toluca because we could not do that,
20 because that would split that. That would split the
21 district.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I do -- what I saw is that
23 all of the North Hollywoods wanted to be kept together
24 instead of prioritizing wealthier areas. To instead, you
25 know, keep the working class communities together. I

1 don't -- I do know that North Hollywood Neighborhood
2 Council Proper wanted to be with Toluca Lake. So if we
3 were to bring in the rest of the North Hollywoods along
4 with Valley Glen, it could satisfy both. But I don't
5 know if the numbers work.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

7 Let me go to Commissioner Toledo.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Can we start with the airport?
9 And then -- I did see that Equality California had given
10 us support on the Encino piece and was -- and seemed to
11 be in support of our move to add all of Encino into --
12 and unifying the LGBTQ community. So I'm hoping that we
13 have unified those communities as best as possible given
14 the testimony that we're hearing from them. Thank you.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Jaime.

16 Do we have any opposition of including the airport,
17 moving that in? Okay, let's go ahead and do that.

18 And then we have Commissioner Le Mons.

19 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I'm trying to consider
20 what Commissioner Akutagawa is saying. I'm curious as to
21 what she's seeing as the tradeoff because I do think that
22 the Glendale, La Crescenta, Montrose should all --
23 Burbank, that should all stay together. So I'm just
24 curious as to what she sees as a tradeoff because we need
25 to do it probably -- can you scroll up just a little bit,

1 Jaime?

2 Because we definitely want to keep North Hollywood
3 and Toluca Lake together. The two that are next to each
4 other, they need to stay. So if they -- if they're
5 moved, they would have to both be moved. And then what
6 would come out? It looks like the only thing that could
7 potentially shift might be Van Nuys. And --

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And if you take the North
9 Hollywood with Toluca Lake, you'd have to take the Valley
10 and the Studio City and Sherman Oaks because you'd --

11 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Oh, that's right, because
12 they're all in with Burbank.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. You'd have to take all of
14 it. Right.

15 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: That's right.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

17 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I guess the other possibility
18 might be -- does the line -- is Van Nuys in with Lake
19 Balboa?

20 MS. CLARK: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: So what might work -- oh, no,
22 no, no. Okay. I pass.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

24 MS. CLARK: Chair, if I may?

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Yes, Jaime?

1 MS. CLARK: I believe that the proposal was to look
2 at including the North Hollywood areas and greater Valley
3 Glen in with the SOUTHSFV so then you wouldn't have to
4 move Sherman Oaks and Studio City.

5 And then the population tradeoff would be around,
6 you know, moving areas out of SOUTHSFV, somewhere else.
7 And then either doing a two-district trade between
8 EASTSFV and SOUTHSFV or something else.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Thank you for
10 clarifying that.

11 Commissioner Vazquez, then Akutagawa, then Andersen
12 and Toledo.

13 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I'll hold my comment because
14 it's not specifically on this issue.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: To do -- to make this, would
17 it help if Sherman Oaks -- and I again, don't know if
18 population might blow it up. If that went to CENTRAL so
19 then you could actually have the Studio City -- you know,
20 Studio City and all the North Hollywoods together in, I
21 guess, EASTSF, and then possibly -- I don't know the
22 populations, again, but the Sunland Tujunga go over to
23 EASTSFV. Jaime, I don't know if -- you know populations.
24 Would -- is that a possibility at all?

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I was trying to look up the

1 population.

2 MS. CLARK: Yeah. Off the top of my head, I'm not
3 entirely sure. I do remember from just moving this area
4 in from EASTSFV into SOUTHSFV that that was about 60,000
5 people. And that's about, you know, fifteen percent of
6 an Assembly District. So yeah, off the top of my head,
7 I'm not quite sure.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Then the other idea would
9 be -- is -- well, no. It still re -- I was talking about
10 putting the -- taking things out of SOUTHSF and putting
11 them up with EASTSF but I'll stop.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

13 Commissioner Toledo?

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I'm -- at this point, I
15 feel I believe we have looked at many options, created a
16 more compact area. It's -- you know, no area's going to
17 be perfect. But -- and we've united some of the Jewish
18 and Armenian COIs that were important to us, kept other
19 COIs together, and created working class district. I'm
20 comfortable with this map and I'm ready to move on to
21 another area. Thank you.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. And I believe we could keep
23 moving on, and on, and on, and switching things out for
24 hours, and hours, and days, and weeks, and months.

25 Commissioner Vazquez?

1 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. So small -- I
2 actually -- I don't know that I disagree but I'm curious
3 just in terms of our referencing our conversation about
4 community assets. I'm wondering if folks would be really
5 opposed to actually reverting the line that divides the
6 Burbank Airport back to the city boundaries of Burbank
7 and LA, just because, again, when we think about state
8 issues this community and the San Fernando Valley does
9 have, you know, some stake in the airport which does, you
10 know, impact -- have a lot of, I think, community impacts
11 by living right next to it.

12 So that would be my recommendation, is to actually
13 move that line back so that that small portion of the
14 airport is in AD43.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I guess, I can see the
16 benefit of having -- of doing it both ways.

17 Any other comments regarding the airport line? And
18 we will -- we really do need to move on. And hopefully
19 we can get to a point where there's consensus and we can
20 move on.

21 Commissioner Akutagawa, did you have another
22 comment? And again, one minute, Kristian, please.
23 Akutagawa, Turner, Andersen, and Kennedy.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I was just going to
25 say, you know, if we had not made the La Crescenta move

1 first, you know, the possibility of making these other
2 moves could've been, you know, considered as well too.
3 But you know, I can live with this. I mean, I'm fine.
4 I'm just trying to unite -- you know, because -- and I
5 just want to note that at one point, when I had raised
6 bringing these communities together including La
7 Crescenta and La Cañada, the Commission felt that it was
8 not necessary or that it -- there wasn't a desire to make
9 a move. And that there was also a desire to keep other
10 communities together too and that Burbank and Glendale
11 will unite, at least a core part of the Armenian
12 community.

13 I'm just also thinking about -- at least thinking
14 about what the other COI testimony that we got around
15 Valley Glen, particularly being --

16 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- together with North
18 Hollywood and Toluca Lake. Thank you. But otherwise,
19 okay.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

21 Commissioner Turner?

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I was going to give my
23 support for the Burbank Airport. I actually see it both
24 ways. And when Commissioner Vazquez lifted the one
25 community needing -- having a voice also in the

1 administration of, and the impact of the airport, I can
2 see where it might make sense for them to also have it.
3 So maybe a split isn't a bad thing.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

5 Commissioner Andersen?

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I do appreciate the idea of,
7 you know, sort of joint use -- joint sort of custody of
8 an airport. However, just for regular day-to-day
9 operations, in terms of just regular filing of reports
10 with the FAA, that means you have to get both counties to
11 just sign off on -- it doesn't have to do with your
12 changing things. It's just, this is how we operate.
13 These are the reports. Now, it takes twice as much time.
14 And for -- so I would really not -- I'd like it -- I like
15 the way it is. I would not like to change it back.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Having
18 lived under an airport flight path, I'm always in favor
19 of having airport-impacted communities fully engaged with
20 the airport. So anything that fully engages the airport-
21 impacted community with the airport, I'm good for. Thank
22 you.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So you would be in favor of
24 bringing the line back?

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Correct? Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

4 Commissioner Toledo?

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'll support that as well,
6 given the -- that more engagement is better. And so
7 hopefully we have consensus on the airport.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So general consensus for moving it
9 back? I do know that Commissioner Le Mons had suggested
10 it. And I did hear Commissioner Andersen's objection to
11 it.

12 And Commissioner Taylor?

13 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yeah. I would be for moving
14 it back. And I think we have COI testimony that spoke to
15 the impacted communities of the flight path.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

17 Commissioner Le Mons?

18 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: No objection to moving it
19 back at all.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And so with that, we
21 will -- appears to be consensus, general consensus. So
22 let's move it back.

23 And then, at this point, I would like to see if
24 there's general consensus to accept what we have right
25 now. If there's any objections to that, or any comments

1 or concerns --

2 Commissioner Akutagawa?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. So I would like to
4 get a response on Valley Glen versus La Crescenta,
5 Montrose because I want to remind everybody that there
6 was a comment, actually several comments, that it was
7 okay without it being in this district. So is it --
8 is -- there was quite a bit of COI testimony also to
9 bring in Valley Glen to unite the LGBTQ COI as well too.
10 And you could see that it could balance if you take one
11 out.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Jaime, could we see the population
13 for each one, please? Thank you.

14 And then while she does that, Commissioner Turner?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. And I just wanted
16 to -- because I want to support, particular I think I
17 hear you saying, Commissioner Akutagawa, this is for the
18 Armenian COIs and testimony. And that actually is what I
19 was trying to do in bringing in La Crescenta. But
20 perhaps -- I want to make sure we have the right area.
21 And so you have testimony wanting them not to have this
22 portion, and it's La Crescenta Valley. So it says La
23 Crescenta -- and it gives some specific areas, but maybe
24 we're working on the same way from two different
25 perspectives. But I just wanted to kind of determine

1 which -- what are we trying to do? And they both seem to
2 be for the Armenian population.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

4 MS. CLARK: La Crescenta 20,000 people, and I'm
5 going to highlight those other neighborhood areas right
6 now.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

8 Commissioner Sadhwani?

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. So thank you,
10 Commissioner Akutagawa for raising that. Again, I live
11 in this area, so whatever the will of the Commission is,
12 is fine with me. I can see this about La Crescenta.
13 Definitely I would -- I can -- if COI testimony is saying
14 that it's a part of the Armenian community, I would
15 completely believe that. There is a large community of
16 Armenians and certainly Armenian schools, for example, in
17 in La Crescenta.

18 That being -- and La Crescenta is a part of the
19 Glendale School District. That being said, there's also
20 a lot of affinity between La Crescenta and La Cañada.
21 They are definitely different communities, for sure. And
22 La Crescenta, you know, certainly connects further up
23 with Tujunga and Sunland. There's a lot of connectivity
24 there. That being said, if it goes back with La Cañada,
25 I don't think it's the worst thing in the world for the

1 community. There's also a lot of cross pollination there
2 also. So either way.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And it looks like the
4 other area is 110,000.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. If you were to just
6 move Valley Glen not -- I don't think -- I didn't think
7 all of North Hollywood was going to be possible, but --

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So just the greater Valley.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- I didn't think it was
10 going to be that much more. It's very dense, it looks
11 like.

12 Okay. That's okay. It looks like it's just without
13 all of it, it's already 42,000. That's not going to
14 work, I don't think. I think it'll throw the deviations
15 off way too much. Okay. No, that's okay.

16 And even going the other way just trying to unite
17 all of the Hollywoods, I don't think is going to work.
18 That's much, much more people. So thank you for the
19 exploration. I think at least the community knows we
20 tried. Thank you.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, definitely. And thank you.

22 Okay, so the question now is, are we comfortable
23 with this? Do we have any issues with the changes that
24 have been made?

25 Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Turner?

1 No. The airport is split. Yes. Oh, okay. No more
2 hands. Okay. Do we have any concerns? Anyone have any
3 concerns or comments regarding the changes? Is there
4 general consensus that we are comfortable with the
5 changes that were made? Okay. We're going to lock it
6 in. Thank you.

7 MS. CLARK: Where would you like to go next?

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm going to my list.
9 Sorry. I've got Highlands, was split three times. And
10 we've got Victor Valley with Hesperia, Riverside and then
11 to, I believe, San Diego, Kensington. And then we move
12 north.

13 MS. CLARK: I'm happy to look at this Hesperia split
14 with you and the rest of that is Tivan's area.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. And so the -- ooh,
16 who was -- was that you, Commissioner Kennedy? Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes. Thanks. It was just to
18 look at that squiggle between Oak Hills and Hesperia and
19 see if there's a reason for that or --

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I like that word. The squiggle.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. So that's -- those are
22 the actual city limits. Then I'm fine with it. Thank
23 you.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. You get the prize. You get
25 the bonus today.

1 MS. CLARK: Chair, would you like to move on to the
2 rest of Southern California now?

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. What do we have? We have
4 Highland and UC Riverside. And then in San Diego,
5 Kensington. Is that Sivan? Hello, Sivan.

6 MS. TRATT: It is. Hello.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome.

8 MS. TRATT: Thank you, so much.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That was Neil. Neil let us know
10 that he was around. So thank you, Neil. You're driving.
11 Please be careful when you're driving. We want you here
12 safely. Okay. Okay, Sivan, so where are we? I'm sorry.

13 MS. TRATT: Yeah. So I just zoomed into the
14 districts that have a portion of Highland.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, Highland.

16 MS. TRATT: Yeah.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So let's --

18 MS. TRATT: So as you can see, it's split between
19 three districts, AD44, 34, and 47. Both the 34th and
20 47th districts are at a 4.98 and 4.99 percent --

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

22 MS. TRATT: -- deviation respectively. And then
23 SBCHR is a VRA district. So those are -- just setting
24 the scene for your discussion.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So thank you for the

1 reminder of the VRA. Is there a possibility of that part
2 of Highlands that is going into the AD34, is there a
3 possibility that the population could fit into AD44? But
4 of course, that is a VRA. So I don't know if,
5 Commissioner Akutagawa, if you were -- I believe this was
6 yours. I don't want to take it away from you.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I was only asking
8 because I saw COI testimony just noting that it was split
9 three times. And I know that we're trying to avoid
10 splitting smaller cities three times. So it was just to
11 look at it and to see if it was and if it's not, then we
12 can move on.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. But it's -- it seems
14 like that would be the only -- because the other -- the
15 other two districts are just about five percent. So it
16 looks like we'd have to see if it can go into the AD44.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And then there was also a
18 question -- there was also similar testimony about
19 Redlands being split three times too. But again, it
20 might just not be possible.

21 MS. TRATT: So Chair, I've just highlighted the
22 portion of Highland that's in district 34 to see what it
23 would do moving into district 44. It looks like if that
24 population was moved into 44, the resulting deviation
25 would be acceptable on both ends at 1.94 percent and 2.35

1 percent. The resulting Latino CVAP for SBCHR, which is
2 our VRA district, would be 54.03. And it is currently at
3 54.75. So potentially, we could consult with VRA
4 counsel --

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, definitely.

6 MS. TRATT: -- to see if that is --

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

8 MS. TRATT: -- still acceptable.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Thank you, Sivan.
10 Do we have counsel here? Dale -- is Dale here?

11 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Sivan, would you mind showing
12 the rest of the numbers in the statistics box? I like
13 that, Chair.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo.

15 Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. Thank you. I was going
17 to look at the other boxes as well. Thank you.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Sivan, could you read those off to
19 me in terms of what the numbers would be?

20 MS. TRATT: Absolutely. So the black CVAP currently
21 of district 44 is 15.64 percent. It would become 15.51
22 percent. So a slight decrease.

23 Asian CVAP currently 4.8 percent, would be raised
24 slightly to 4.96 percent. And Indigenous CVAP currently
25 .6 percent. And it looks like it would remain .6

1 percent. Did you want white CVAP as well? I don't have
2 it on the labels but I can add it to the label if you
3 would like.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I think that's okay. I was kind
5 of able to add it in my head.

6 MS. TRATT: Okay.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Unless somebody else wants it,
8 then that's fine. Why don't we go ahead and put it?

9 MS. TRATT: And commit the change?

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No. I actually wanted it --

11 MS. TRATT: Oh, put it on the label. Yes. Yes.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: On the label. Yes. I'm sorry.

13 MS. TRATT: No. Thank you for clarifying.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And then, is Fred here?

15 MS. TRATT: Yes. Just one moment please.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. Mr. Woocher's on.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, Mr. Woocher, could you
18 please -- I'm not sure if you are following along what
19 we're doing here. We were trying to see if we could
20 minimize one of the splits in Highlands. And the only
21 place that seemed to have the room or the capacity for it
22 would be to move it into the AD44 district which is a
23 VRA.

24 MR. WOOCHEER: Okay.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It would decrease however, the

1 Latino CVAP from 54.75 to 54.03. So I'd like your
2 opinion on that.

3 MR. WOOCHEER: I think your --

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: It also decreases the African
5 American.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, and it decreases -- yes. I'm
7 sorry. It decreases the African American from 15.64 to
8 15.51. And it increases the Asian from 4.8 percent to
9 4.96 percent. And the Indigenous stays about the same
10 and the white CVAP increases from 22.98 to 23.7.

11 MR. WOOCHEER: Yeah. I saw those figures. I don't
12 think that presents a problem. We have evidence there of
13 some cohesive voting between the -- at least between
14 Latino and black communities and you have pretty
15 comfortable margins still to make that an effective
16 opportunity to district. So I think reducing that
17 slightly is not going to be a problem.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Any -- I do have a
19 concern. I don't like decreasing the Latino CVAP. And
20 we're also decreasing slightly the African American CVAP.
21 So that's my concern at this point.

22 Commissioner Turner?

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Can you say quickly, Chair,
24 remind me, what is the gain? Why did we do this?

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, because right now Highlands is

1 split three times. And so we were trying to minimize one
2 of the splits. And the only district that had the
3 capacity to take in the extra population at this point
4 was the AD44 district, which is currently a VRA district.

5 Commissioner Toledo and then Commissioner Ahmad?

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I would support what we have.
7 I mean, this is a VRA district, and we did work to keep
8 the VRA numbers as high as we could. So reducing it
9 after so much work because we did put a lot of work into
10 keeping it at this level, in the last minute, you know,
11 it's -- I would just keep what we have. Thank you.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad?

13 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I too, would
14 support what we originally had. And I understand that
15 Highland would have three splits in the city. However,
16 VRA is our number two criteria. So I will be prior --
17 like us to prioritize that prior criteria.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

19 And Commissioner Andersen and then Commissioner
20 Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I do have a question. I
22 understand that, you know, the AD44 -- wow, I remembered,
23 great, kind of squeezed SBCHR VRA. Is the one that
24 drives the other part of Highland down into Yorba Linda
25 [sic], Calimesa, is that also a -- I don't even know what

1 that one is.

2 MS. TRATT: That is not a VRA district.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That one's not. So --

4 MS. TRATT: But it is at a 4.98 percent deviation.

5 So we would have to look at moving population out.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. It wouldn't be --

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: The population of which
8 one -- that this contains is 13,000? What was the --
9 what's out Highland population?

10 MS. TRATT: Yes, 13,064.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could we possibly find
12 another little area to take out to make -- to do this,
13 not in the VRA district but in the MBCV? It's not a lot
14 of population. I'd like to minimize those splits in
15 Highland if at all possible.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. But then -- remind me,
17 Sivan, AD60 is -- that's a VRA district? Is it? I
18 can't -- I'm sorry.

19 MS. TRATT: Yes. That is correct. AD60 is a VRA
20 district, as is AD58.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. And that's the challenge
22 that we get into, is once we move it, there are VRA
23 districts that we are very protective of. So --

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. And those are VRA all
25 the way around it except for VVHD; is that correct? Is

1 that what we're saying, that surround MBCV? So that's
2 the only area we have to exchange any population with.
3 That's a question.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Can we scoot out just a bit
6 further, please, Sivan? So we can see the borders.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

8 Commissioners Sinay?

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. This is very similar to
10 what we looked at for Santa Cruz. And, you know, we all
11 just collectively agreed that we wish we could do more,
12 but we can't, because VRA is -- you know, we're proud of
13 the -- our VRA districts and really, we could probab -- I
14 think we should be consistent.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

16 Commissioner Vazquez?

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes. I would also like to
18 move on. We spent a lot of time getting particularly the
19 numbers in Riverside up to that fifty percent. And I
20 think a lot -- I think we'd be undoing some of that work.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Any other comments?

22 If not, we will move on to our next item. Okay. So
23 let's move on to UC Riverside, please. And that will be
24 Commissioner Yee.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. So we got a

1 request from UC Riverside to be included in with the
2 greater part of the City of Riverside with whom they have
3 many operating arrangements and shared interests. So
4 they actually had the campus architect send shapefiles
5 which had been forwarded to Sivan. So perhaps she has
6 them ready to show us.

7 MS. TRATT: Yes. One moment, please. So did you
8 want to explain the swaps, Commissioner Yee, or should I
9 point them out?

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: You can point them out, please.

11 MS. TRATT: Okay. So these -- the submitted lines
12 are in purple, and the Commission's district lines are in
13 black. Again, I would note, JRC is a VRA district. I
14 have the Latino CVAP displaying below the district
15 number, but I don't know what the decimal value is. So
16 it might be 51.6 -- it might be lower than 51.63 or it
17 might be higher. I'm not sure how that's rounded in
18 their labels. So we would have to make the swaps to see
19 what it exactly would be.

20 But you can note no major changes in population,
21 mostly just differing splits. So you can see in the City
22 of Eastvale, the split is slightly different. It splits
23 Corona slightly differently. It excludes El Cerrito.
24 This is, I think, the main area of interest here where
25 the UC Riverside campus is. My assumption would be that

1 some of the other splits and changes were to preserve the
2 Latino CVAP at the same level that the Commission has,
3 although I did not make these lines, nor have I tried
4 these swaps myself. So we would have to go on that
5 journey together.

6 But yeah, other than that, just an exclusion of the
7 Air Force base here. And the inclusion of Meadowbrook
8 would be the main differences that I'm seeing in this
9 change.

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Sivan. So this --
11 these were the lines submitted by the campus architect.
12 I didn't realize it was so extensive. I thought they
13 just involved the campus itself.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And I believe that the testimony
15 was it wanted to be connected to, like, the downtown area
16 or -- so for me, in my mind, I thought it was a more
17 extensive area. I just didn't realize what the
18 population was going to be. Any comments regarding this?

19 Commissioner Sadhwani?

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. So I -- in general,
21 I'm very supportive of bringing UC Riverside into that
22 district. Is it actually -- oh, it's -- the issue is
23 that we have it cut; is that it? I see.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: It's not -- the campus is whole
25 in our district, but it's in the AD63 rather than 58.

1 They want to be in 58.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Was AD63 another VRA
3 district? No. No.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No. AD63 is not a VRA.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. Okay. So they want
6 to be in the JRC.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I mean, in general, I
9 support the exploration to try to do so. I -- what --
10 from what I know of UC Riverside, and I think maybe
11 Commissioner Vazquez has more on this. But, you know,
12 certainly a lot of local community members end up going
13 to UC Riverside. So I do think it's a community asset
14 that makes sense to be kept together in this district.

15 My only concern, however, is when -- Sivan, when you
16 had up the -- or I can see it now. It says it's at .51.
17 I'm curious what happens after the one. They've rounded
18 down to two decimal points, because we're at 51.63. So
19 we're in a lower margin there. So I would want to just
20 be a little cautious as we proceed.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. I think if we -- just
22 commit to it. I mean, we can always back it out. Once
23 we commit to it, we could actually see where the decimal
24 point -- where it goes.

25 MS. TRATT: I would assume that it is rounded down,

1 though. Commissioners Sadhwani, I think you're correct.

2 It is, like, 51.5 or lower, I would assume.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Right. It has gone down
4 slightly.

5 Commissioner Toledo and Commissioner Kennedy?

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I would support the
7 change as long as the CVAP in the VRA district doesn't go
8 down. Thank you.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I was
11 thinking initially, you know, we certainly want to
12 entertain requests for institutions like UCR to be
13 united. What we don't normally take on is requests to be
14 specifically in one district or another. But what I can
15 say is that my understanding of this request is because
16 UCR has facilities in downtown, including their art
17 facility and so forth. That's the basis for their
18 request to be in AD58. Thank you.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So you would support looking at
20 it, correct?

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So --

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I'm supportive of keeping
24 them whole. And if keeping them whole involves moving
25 them into that district, then, you know, bottom line is

1 yes. You know, I think the bulk of their facilities are
2 in and around the main campus, but they do have some
3 outlying facilities. And so I mean, I'm not, pushing
4 hard for this one because I don't know that the outlying
5 facilities are that big of a proportion of their
6 facilities, but I am in general, supportive of keeping
7 them whole. Thank you.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So why don't we go ahead --

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: So Chair, can I --

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, go ahead.

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. So I'm really surprised
12 actually, by the campus architect's extensive plan here.
13 I was -- you know, the campus itself is fairly low
14 population because it's mostly a commuter school. I
15 wonder if we could just check the population of simply
16 the campus area that would be moving over?

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: So that's the area right
19 around -- yeah. Yeah, just that. And maybe we ourselves
20 could make the necessary population swap.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Good idea.

22 MS. TRATT: So Commissioner Yee, sorry. Could you
23 just clarify? It's currently whole, I believe, in --

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: In 63.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: In 63.

1 MS. TRATT: In 63. Okay. So select all of this and
2 see how many people?

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. I guess we would have to
4 take Belvedere Heights as well, since --

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It's --

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: Otherwise, we would strand it.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. So the entire top of that.
9 Yeah. That'll make it more complicated.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Unless we moved it to the 60, the
11 AD60.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: We could do that. Yeah.

13 MS. TRATT: One moment, please, while I make those
14 change -- or make those selections.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And I'm just going to make a
16 comment. I have seen it in some of the major cities, is
17 you do have campuses that are splits, they have off
18 sites. I do know Loyola Marymount has their main campus,
19 but then they have their -- the law process, like,
20 downtown. So it's not uncommon to have this.

21 MS. TRATT: So should I continue the line south to
22 Central Ave or stop at Martin Luther King or at the
23 freeway?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: What was the original blue line
25 from the architect?

1 MS. TRATT: It looked like it -- I can follow that
2 line.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. Let's follow that line.

4 MS. TRATT: Okay. All right. So the highlighted
5 population is 17,000 people.

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: So I'm thinking to move Belvedere
7 Heights and to AD60 and then just move the campus.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. That's what I was --
9 needed to see the whole thing.

10 MS. TRATT: So AD60 is a VRA district. I would just
11 point out this is the one that we have worked to get to
12 51.14 percent.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, that's right. That's right.

14 MS. TRATT: So --

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We went through quite a bit of --

16 MS. TRATT: Yeah.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

18 MS. TRATT: Unfortunately.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I'm thinking we might have to keep
20 it the way it is, the way -- right now. Is there -- are
21 there any other comments from the Commissioners?

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I would just keep it the way
23 it is at this point. I believe we keep it whole. Thank
24 you.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Well, it is whole. It's just not

1 all in one district.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I see your hand's up --

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: And it's in the district it
4 wants.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- Commissioner Kennedy, it's just
6 not on on the -- but that's okay. I'm calling on you.

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I --
8 could -- Sivan, could you zoom back in? I'm looking at
9 their online campus map and I'm seeing the arts center
10 that they have in downtown. But if we look at the at the
11 main campus and there is a portion across the 60 and 215.
12 And as long as we have all of that, the main campus and
13 the west campus, then I think I'm going to be okay. But
14 could you zoom in some more?

15 MS. TRATT: Yes. Could you say again where that is
16 so I can --

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: The west campus is south of
18 Martin Luther King and west of the 215.

19 MS. TRATT: Okay. So that would be --

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right.

21 MS. TRATT: Right here.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah.

23 MS. TRATT: Which I believe is highlighted in the
24 red. So it is whole with the rest of the campus.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And east of Chicago. Yeah, I

1 think I'm okay with that. Thank you.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Great. Thank you,
3 everyone. Sorry, we couldn't do it. But now we've got
4 two Assembly people that you can work with, which is
5 great. That's always great to have more people on your
6 side. Oh --

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you for trying.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- of course. Thank you for
9 bringing this up.

10 And our last area, I believe, for south is going to
11 San Diego, I believe, Normal Heights and Kensington. And
12 that is Commissioner Turner.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Thank you.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Just one second. We're going to
15 get there first. Are we there?

16 MS. TRATT: Not yet. I am just --

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

18 MS. TRATT: -- zooming down. Go ahead, Commissioner
19 Turner.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

21 MS. TRATT: Thank you.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And this was a request that
24 came out of COI testimony for Equality California,
25 wanting us to just take a look at our east to west

1 boundary in the Normal Heights and Kensington area.

2 It's kind of jagged, zigzag. I think we did some
3 work in that area. And they're suggesting just a clean
4 line either across at Meade or El Cajon. So this is in
5 Normal Heights and Kensington, that area. And it's that
6 jagged part down towards the bottom we're looking at.

7 And they're saying the way we have the lines drawn
8 is splitting some of the COIs in the area. So the
9 request is that we just make it a straight line. I think
10 Meade was the closest and the further was El Cajon, at
11 either of those two. And that's between -- let's see,
12 from 805 to Montezuma.

13 MS. TRATT: Okay. So just to confirm I'm
14 understanding your directions, it would be move the line,
15 the northern line of AD79 south to El Cajon Boulevard; is
16 that correct?

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: To either Meade which is
18 before El Cajon --

19 MS. TRATT: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- or El Cajon.

21 MS. TRATT: Okay, So shall we look and see what
22 moving to Meade would do? And then if that looks okay,
23 add into El Cajon?

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Let's --

25 Commissioner Sinay?

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. The reason the line is
2 jagged, I had to look it up, because El Cajon makes
3 sense. That is the main road, one of the main roads and
4 it goes all the way to university. But we intentionally
5 did it this way. There are parts that we could clean up
6 like the Kensington part, but we tried to keep the City
7 Heights community and it's kind of spillover -- not
8 spillover, but it's expanded into other areas.

9 So south of Adams -- in Normal Heights, south of
10 Adams is considered part of El Cajon. And then the
11 community had -- we had gotten testimony where to split
12 it -- the university, we could maybe go a little further
13 south. But I just want us to keep in mind, the refugee
14 and immigrant communities in this area and the working --
15 you know, class. You know, this is where a lot of that
16 affordable housing is found.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So I'm trying to understand
19 where you would draw the line.

20 Commissioner Sinay?

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. So I would keep Adams in
22 Normal Heights, and I think -- and then maybe go down the
23 15. And then -- oh, no. I don't want to do that. Yeah,
24 you see, there's a lot of canyons in here. And that's
25 why it does all these little squiggles but I see what

1 they're saying. If there was a line -- I wish there was
2 a -- there's a line but it's the 8 freeway so then that
3 gets messed up, to connect with Fairmont.

4 Because what's happening is Kensington's being split
5 right now and that's where the -- kind of the issue is.
6 So if -- I'm trying to keep -- so if we go -- I see --
7 okay, so they like Meade but I would keep Adams by Normal
8 Heights because that whole south of Adams is -- some
9 people consider that part of City Heights or, you know,
10 expansion. And then go down -- can you -- can we use --
11 we can use 15 and then go to Meade and put -- so
12 Kensington's all together.

13 MS. TRATT: Okay. So that would leave the line
14 where it is in the Normal Heights neighborhood and that
15 would bring the line where it currently is in Kensington
16 south on the 15 and then continue eastward on Meade
17 Avenue, correct?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Right.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So where's --

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And that goes opposite of -- or
21 not opposite, but that's not inclusive of Commissioner
22 Turner's.

23 Commissioner Turner?

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I was wondering if
25 Sivan --

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Sivan.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Where is -- because the
3 request is from Normal -- oh, excuse me. From the 805 to
4 Montezuma. And I heard what Commissioner Sinay said
5 about that first portion of it in Normal. But where --
6 Montezuma comes down. So they're looking for that
7 straight line all the way to Montezuma. So that's up
8 there. Down -- does it come down at some point, north
9 south?

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It should be by the university, I
11 think. Go further to the east.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It seems to go east.

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: East, west.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Go further to the east. Yeah.
16 Go further to the east because that's where -- the
17 university's street.

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. They were giving that
19 straight line, Meade or El Cajon from 805 to Montezuma is
20 what the COI testimony said. And when -- okay.

21 MS. TRATT: Yeah. I'm not seeing where Montezuma
22 starts running south unfortunately. It looks like it
23 mostly runs -- I mean, maybe they mean here, where it is
24 a little bit southward.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I see.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So I was --

2 MS. TRATT: But it still doesn't look right.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. I would assume they did not
4 submit a map, like, a map visual probably?

5 MS. TRATT: I have other LGBTQ COIs for this
6 neighborhood that were not -- they were just submitted by
7 individuals, but I can display those if it would be
8 helpful.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I do see where El Cajon hits
10 Montezuma. Where is says -- yeah, right there.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I'm just
13 wanting to clarify, Commissioner Sanai, was saying that
14 using Adams in the Normal Heights area, but then Sivan
15 was saying leaving the line as it is. Well, the line
16 doesn't follow Adams itself all the way across.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. It goes up a little.

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: So I -- Commissioner Sinay,
19 could you please clarify? Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I don't know if it looks
21 funny just because of the cell blocks we had to take.
22 But yes, if it followed Adams, I think it would work.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So we could make that line
24 straight?

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. That line could be

1 straight for my friends.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Nope. For all Californians, it
3 can be straight.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, no. I was saying for my
5 OCD.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, for me? Oh, thank you. Thank
7 you. I forgot about my --

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was saying it for that
9 reason.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It is for all Californians.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, Commissioner Akutagawa?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: In Kensington, though, I would
14 go -- once you hit the 5 I would go down to Meade so that
15 we don't split the community of Kensington.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. I guess, if we're
18 going to go on this journey, I would be curious since
19 Sivan did mention that she's received other, I guess, I'm
20 assuming shapefiles or I don't know what exactly you
21 received, Sivan. But you mentioned that you've received
22 from other individuals. And I'm a little concerned that,
23 you know, as individuals are also submitting things that
24 were --

25 MS. TRATT: Oh, no, no.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

2 MS. TRATT: Sorry, I -- excuse me. I misspoke or
3 there was a misunderstanding. I have a selection of COIs
4 that were kind of patterns. When the Commission did
5 their COI review --

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

7 MS. TRATT: -- I was not yet a lead mapper, but I
8 was behind the scenes going through everything that had
9 been submitted from live public testimony, Draw My CA
10 mapping tool. And so I had pulled a few, knowing that
11 the Commission might ask to see frequently mentioned
12 places like Little Arabia in Orange County or City
13 Heights, or the that Asian business COI. So it's not --
14 it wasn't emailed to me by an individual. It was just an
15 example of an LGBTQ COI in the City of San Diego that I
16 had pulled from the same database that the Commission has
17 access to, just for clarification.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: If it's something quick, I
19 mean, could we just see it?

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: But it was -- I'm sorry. Is it
21 specific to LGBTQ because this is what this communities
22 of interest, what the information is, I believe that
23 Commissioner Turner was referring to.

24 MS. TRATT: So again, these were just community
25 submissions from, I believe, either Draw My CA, or during

1 a live testimony over the summer. So for example, this
2 is one in a similar area. And then here's another one.
3 But you can see they both do include Kensington and
4 Normal Heights together.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

6 MS. TRATT: I don't know if that was helpful or not.
7 I'm sorry.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I'd have to say, not so helpful.
9 But that's okay.

10 Commissioner Sinay? Did you have another question?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No. I was just thinking, I
12 might be making it more complicated than it needs to be.
13 You know, we could just go straight down Meade. And I
14 just don't know where it hits the other piece that they
15 were asking. And I just wanted to keep my eyes on the
16 deviations.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Deviations.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So that -- yeah.

19 MS. TRATT: The deviations are actually moving in
20 the right direction.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: They're fine.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

23 MS. TRATT: So we have quite a bit of wiggle room
24 because moving all of this population from 79 into 78
25 would put 78's deviation at 3.8 and 79's deviation at

1 2.4.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Can we also have this CVAPs? I
3 just want to make sure that we don't -- El Cajon wouldn't
4 work then we would cut parts of City Heights.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And Chair, if you would, it
6 looks --

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. I was going to go to you.
8 Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: It looks like Mead actually
10 ends right about where that block is. It starts to turn
11 into something else. So maybe this is a good selection
12 here.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Does this -- Commissioner
14 Turner, does this match --

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: The COI --

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: What you're -- yeah. What
17 you're --

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: It basically is asking that we
19 cleaned up the line in the Normal Heights, Kensington.
20 It zigzags all over the place and splits the -- those
21 communities. We recommend a clean line on Meade Avenue
22 or El Cajon. And it said, from 805 to Montezuma, but
23 since 805 -- since Meade -- we didn't see going to
24 Montezuma --

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- perhaps we can stop where
2 we are. I don't see Meade on the other side at all.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So let's go back.

4 MS. TRATT: I think they were talking about El Cajon
5 meeting with Montezuma, which is right here. I can add
6 this population to see if we can fit it in our deviation
7 as well if the Commission would be interested in seeing
8 that.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Can you go back. That's a --
10 that's just not a straight line. That's huge. And I do
11 not think -- well, I think maybe just this would be
12 sufficient only because if you go all the way out, I'm
13 thinking we're going to be out -- our deviations are --
14 it's going to be higher than five percent, I'm thinking,
15 at this point. We could try really quick, but I don't
16 know.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. And I don't have any
18 more than what I've read to you --

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- so I would, at the very
21 least would want this. Other than that, I would be
22 making up something and I might be grabbing something
23 that they didn't intend so.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

25 Commissioner Ahmad?

1 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. And just to
2 echo Commissioner Turner's points, I do see COI testimony
3 that takes us down to El Cajon. But this line right here
4 to Meade Avenue is also recommended for this change. I
5 too wouldn't want to go deeper into taking in more
6 population, just because I would have to review the COI
7 testimony from that other area. So I'm supportive of
8 this change.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And this change does seem to -- as
10 Commissioner Sinay said, it does seem to bring whole
11 Normal Heights and Kensington. So do we have -- or
12 Commissioner Toledo, do we have any concerns with this?

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No concerns. I'm just hoping
14 we -- if we're all in consensus, we can accept it and
15 move on. Thank you.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. That's what I'm trying to
17 get to. So thank you so much for the reminder. Are
18 there -- I've been trying. Are there any --

19 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: You're doing great, Chair.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- any concerns? Okay. At this
21 point, I say we lock it in. Thank you.

22 MS. TRATT: Oops, sorry. I was still muted. Yes.
23 That change is completed. Where would we --

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. And I think we are done
25 with Southern California. We are going to go to

1 Sacramento.

2 MS. TRATT: Great. I will stop --

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: With Kennedy.

4 MS. TRATT: -- sharing my screen and pass it over to
5 Kennedy.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, we can be done with
7 Sacramento. I'm good. It wasn't an issue that I brought
8 up or a concern. It was Carmich -- are we good? I have
9 testimony the other way too. So it's both ways.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'd say, let's go. Let's do
11 what's on the list.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just do what's on the list.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. This is Commissioner
15 Sadhwani. Yeah?

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No. No. Akutagawa brought up Oak
18 Park line -- boundary and Sadhwani brought up Carmichael.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, Carmichael.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, this is me?

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, man. I'm sorry.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And you were, like, I'm fine.

25 Sorry, we're just having a conversation amongst

1 ourselves.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No. But this is good -- so
3 yesterday -- or am I good to go? Or sorry.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Wait, are we there? Okay. So can
5 we -- let me just make sure. Can we zoom into
6 Carmichael, please? Is it Kennedy now? Are you with us,
7 Kennedy?

8 MS. WILSON: Hi. Yes, I'm here.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: There she is.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Can you zoom in and can
11 you -- my gosh. How long ago did we do this? Was it
12 yesterday or the day before? I can't remember. It was
13 split in the draft -- Yes. Thank you so much. Perfect.

14 And Commissioner Sadhwani -- and the reason that I
15 had requested it to be made whole -- Carmichael made
16 whole, was there was quite a bit of testimony, over, I
17 think 100. Not that it's the numbers that count -- in
18 terms of Carmichael wanting to remain whole. There's a
19 Slavic community that we split out. There's also
20 community businesses, Carmichael, and more information
21 than I knew was there's -- it's a high percentage of
22 senior citizens. They have over 20 homes, which I had no
23 idea.

24 They -- it also by having the split, it split their
25 school district, and they had quite a bit of other

1 information. But that was mainly why I requested that
2 Carmichael be whole. Thank you.

3 And I will defer to Commissioner Sadhwani.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. And you know, I
5 think, as has happened in other places in the map, I
6 think sometimes we're making cleanups and not always
7 thinking through all the reasons why we maybe put some of
8 the lines in there. And so as we were looking back we
9 had -- I believe that this little carve out of Carmichael
10 was specifically due to the fact that there was a Afghan
11 and Syrian refugee community that's -- that is in this
12 region.

13 Certainly, we've heard COI testimony throughout the
14 summer about keeping Arden-Arcade and Carmichael whole
15 and together. We're certainly not keeping them whole.
16 But I believe that that little carve out that we did have
17 was specific to the Syrian and Afghan refugee COI that we
18 had received. So I was -- I just wanted to take one
19 closer look at this and see if there's an opportunity to
20 reunite that COI.

21 Certainly refugee communities have a host of
22 challenges that they are trying to -- that they have to
23 face when they arrive and have to settle here in the
24 United States. So I wanted to raise that and see if
25 there was support from the Commission. Thank you.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Sorry. My finger was a little
2 happy there.

3 Commissioner Ahmad and then Turner?

4 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. And I
5 definitely did forget on why and how we drew this
6 original split in the first place and when it was
7 recommended to bring Carmichael back in and whole. It
8 made sense to me at the time too. But now, upon
9 revisiting the COI testimony, I think I would be in
10 support of changing that line back to keep this community
11 of interest whole. Although the community of interest
12 testimony is requesting for Carmichael and Arden-Arcade
13 to be united, this line wouldn't do that but it would be
14 an effort to get to that point. So I feel like it's a
15 happy -- or maybe not so happy compromise. Thank you.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

17 Commissioner Turner and then Toledo?

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I
19 love having the COI up because it's undeniable what the
20 testimony was and what they're asking for. And so with
21 the carve out, I'm seeing that red -- that carve out
22 keeping Carm -- the whole -- they would all be over in
23 the WESTSAC area with Arden-Arcade, right? So wouldn't
24 they be together? I think this would honor it. And so I
25 do support this move.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo?

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm in support of any
3 compromise that gets us to Congress. Thank you.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And with that, I will say
5 that I prefer to keep it whole. I'd prefer to keep
6 Carmichael whole based on all of the communities of
7 interest information that we received since our draft
8 maps. Obviously, we didn't hear from them prior to the
9 split, but once we did the split, we heard from all of
10 the community members there. And my leaning is to keep
11 Carmichael whole. Again, I'm just one vote. So are
12 there any other comments?

13 Commissioner Akutagawa?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I understand what
15 the desire is, is to keep the city whole. I can go
16 either way, but I also support, you know, being able to
17 keep a refugee community together, especially given that
18 the likelihood is we're going to continue to see
19 increased refugee resettlement from Afghanistan. So it
20 seems like it would be best if they're kept together.

21 I think we did try to look at trying to bring
22 Carmichael in so that they could both be together to
23 avoid splitting. I think the numbers just did not work.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Carmichael's very huge. I
25 think it's one of the -- what is it, the top twenty,

1 Commissioner Yee? If you look at our list, there's two,
2 four -- eight of the top twenty -- yeah, yeah, are in the
3 Sacramento -- up -- the CDP's are in Sacramento. So we
4 have huge, huge, huge communities.

5 I did actually look at some of the -- actually I
6 looked at all of the communities of interest information
7 last night regarding this issue. And the latest
8 information had different boundaries than the boundaries
9 that are shown right now. However, I don't know if --
10 can you -- yes. Thank you so much for zooming in.

11 Let me see what you have. What's the southern
12 boundary, Kennedy? And fortunately, Kennedy is from
13 Sacramento so she's pretty familiar with this area. And
14 I've -- I drove this area for years. It's on my way to
15 work.

16 They have the -- it's actually at a very odd place.
17 Right below Arden Way is the north -- is the
18 southernmost. And I'm trying where Arden --

19 MS. WILSON: The southernmost boundary, I have
20 Marconi and El Camino. So it goes from Marconi to Walnut
21 and then it starts to go down. And then you get to El
22 Camino. And I think, in our draft, if I can pull that
23 up. One moment.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

25 MS. WILSON: I think as far as balancing population

1 was going, I think we decided to take in -- let me show
2 the lines. And why are they not coming up? Interesting.
3 Oh, here we go. So we made -- we added a few extra
4 blocks down here when we were taking for population, I
5 believe.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah, and this -- because I
7 actually think that we might be shortchanging. So I
8 wanted to make -- if we're going to do it, let's do it
9 right, right? So okay, let's go -- go up to the
10 northernmost part of it. So we've got Winding Way and it
11 goes to --

12 MS. WILSON: Winding Way --

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- Manzanita?

14 MS. WILSON: Yes. It goes to --

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Manzanita.

16 MS. WILSON: -- Manzanita and then --

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And then it comes down to Marconi
18 and then goes to the left. Where's Marconi?

19 MS. WILSON: So I -- one thing also is that
20 Manzanita turns into Fair Oaks Boulevard. So then it's
21 following Fair Oaks Boulevard on its most eastern
22 boundary.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Actually, this takes it before --
24 this -- the two maps that I pulled up, it goes in before
25 Fair Oaks Boulevard at Marconi. Oh, there it is. Right

1 up, up -- right there. It goes Marconi and then it comes
2 down on Walnut.

3 MS. WILSON: Yes.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: You know -- yeah.

5 MS. WILSON: Yes. That is following that COI. It
6 goes from Fair Oaks to Marconi to Walnut. And then down
7 Walnut to El Camino.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Fair Oaks to Marconi down to which
9 one?

10 MS. WILSON: El Camino Avenue.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. And then Watt? Yes? Okay.
12 Yup, we're good. Thank you. I just wanted to make sure
13 if we're going to do it, we do it right.

14 Any concerns with committing this? Okay. If we can
15 make that change, Kennedy, please? Thank you.

16 MS. WILSON: Sounds great. One moment.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And again, it's multiple COIs and
18 it's COIs on both sides.

19 Okay. We're almost there. I shouldn't say that but
20 we're almost there. Okay. And then the next -- oops,
21 I'm sorry. I'm, like, ahead of you, aren't I, Kennedy?
22 You're doing great.

23 MS. WILSON: Yes. So sorry.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Wonderful job. You're doing a
25 wonderful job.

1 MS. WILSON: One moment. Thank you very much.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome, Commissioner Fornaciari.
3 Where we're going to go next is Oak Park. And that would
4 be over by Broadway and 99-ish by the UC Davis. Thank
5 you, Kennedy.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Quick question, Chair.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And then I think -- oh, before I
8 answer your question. I believe the issue here might be
9 that both of these districts are at 4.9 percent. And I
10 think we tried to grab as much as we could. So I'd tried
11 to grab as much of a community, or we tried to grab as
12 much of a community as we could.

13 But Commissioner Akutagawa?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Again, I noticed
15 that there was COI testimony about the split. So it was
16 just to lift it up and to just do one final check before
17 we just say we're done. I think we talked about this,
18 but just a question. The other communities in and around
19 what's currently in WESTSAC, are there other communities
20 that could be moved out so that all of Carmichael could
21 be brought in? Just asking the question. Not saying
22 that we have to. Just wanted to ask.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I think WESTSAC is already out of
24 here. It's not in -- oh --

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: The ones up to the top?

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. This goes all the way to
2 the county boundary, I think. It includes Natomas, which
3 is also a community of interests with the downtown area.
4 And I think it's pretty tight but if you want to -- okay.
5 All right, great. Thank you.

6 And one last thing is we're going to go to Alpine,
7 please. Thank you. Uh-huh, we just did it. Okay. So
8 here, Commissioner Andersen, early on had requested based
9 on community of interests to move Alpine into the NORCA
10 district and she did find the communities of interest.

11 Commissioner Andersen?

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. I was requested -- I
13 needed to get the number and the date, et cetera, et
14 cetera. 37005 dated 12/9/2021, "When moving most of
15 Amador County into NORCA, moving Inyo and Mono from
16 NORCA, I heard notice best with Alpine. Before the
17 decision was made to include Alpine into CALAINYO. Since
18 Amador County is largely moved into NORCA, it would be
19 appropriate to also move Alpine County into NORCA.
20 Reasons, one, all season road highway 88 connects Amador
21 Alpine. Two, Kirkwood Resort area straddles the Amador
22 and Alpine county lines. Three, nearly all Alpine County
23 residents except for Big Bear area, rely on South Lake
24 Tahoe and El Dorado County, NORCA, or cities along
25 Highway 395 in the state of Nevada, for shopping,

1 employment, transportation, health care, etc. There's a
2 small population at Bear Valley in the southwest corner
3 of Alpine County that has no year round (indiscernible)
4 population centers. If you want to break up Alpine, the
5 southwest section should be included." --

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. We get it. Thank
7 you. And just for the public, in case you weren't
8 listening this morning is -- and the reason we ask for it
9 is because the COI testimony that we've been hearing was
10 to keep Alpine, Mono, and Inyo together. And so it was
11 just so different than what we were used to. So thank
12 you so much, Commissioner Andersen.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It was because they wanted
14 to be with North as opposed to the Central Valley. And
15 they didn't say, you know -- they didn't say don't put us
16 with the Central Valley. They said, put us with this.
17 It was -- so that's why --

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Yeah.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- there was confusion.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

21 Commissioner Ahmad?

22 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. And I was one
23 of the ones who was, like, what? Where did you see this?
24 But Commissioner Andersen, I do want to lift up that
25 there is COI testimony, 6965, that speaks to exactly what

1 you were talking about. Keeping Placer, El Dorado,
2 Alpine, possibly Sierra together and whole whenever
3 possible.

4 This testimony does not indicate, from what I can
5 see, which map but nonetheless it does speak to what you
6 are requesting. So since I have heard strong testimony
7 both ways, I am fine either way. Thank you.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Are there any concerns with moving
9 forward with moving Alpine into the NORCA district? And
10 as we can tell it will -- we will still be within our
11 deviation?

12 Commissioner Sinay has her hand up but she might be
13 a Commissioner Taylor, are you doing the Taylor? Okay.
14 Are there any concerns with moving? Okay. I see, no.
15 So let's lock it in.

16 MS. WILSON: Locked.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. We are done. Thank you,
18 Commissioner Andersen. Did you have a closing statement?
19 Yes, we're done with the Assembly. No, we have to go to
20 Congressional.

21 Commissioner Andersen? You're on mute. You're
22 doing an Andersen.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I won't talk about
24 that. I -- in San Francisco, we did not finish with the
25 LGBTQ. We'd sort of requested. We just also --

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, yes. I'm sorry. Thank you so
2 much.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I was -- we were so close, so
5 close. But thank you for the reminder. I forgot about
6 that. Did we get -- I'm sorry, did we get additional
7 information and will Commissioner Akutagawa be leading us
8 with that? Or who will be taking the lead on this one?

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Andersen can
10 too but we did -- there is public testimony, I'll just
11 say, that is speaking to trying to -- one of two options.
12 Although the testimony seems to be a preference for
13 trying to move in some of those portions of that southern
14 portion, Visitacion Valley, Bayview, I think Excelsior,
15 together with some of the other working class communities
16 in Daly City.

17 I think this is just a -- it's -- I think what it
18 is, is it's a matter of what does the Commission feel is
19 going to be more important. I think, one of the points
20 that the community did bring up is that this is --
21 there's no other community that they can go with versus
22 their -- I guess, their other point was that at least
23 some of the working class communities to the south of the
24 EASTSF district can be put into a grouping with Daly City
25 that is similar as a working class community. But I

1 think it's really, you know, what's the will of the
2 Commission on this? I would -- I know that they've been
3 asking about this. And so if it's possible, I would
4 support that move. I know it seems very important to
5 them so.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

7 Commissioner Andersen, and then Commissioner
8 Kennedy?

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I also have -- there
10 has been two items which actually support the areas which
11 they were talking about. Remember the Outer Mission
12 area, we talked about, you know, taking that out. We
13 didn't have details and that was -- Commissioner Sinay
14 said, no, no. I do have a map and it shows the area that
15 we're talking about and information. And I can give you
16 both the COI numbers.

17 And it is -- the map is on 43123 nine -- today,
18 earlier today. No. Earlier yesterday, that shows the
19 comparison of the AAPI map versus our map and Chinatown,
20 Japantown, that sort of stuff. And it shows the
21 difference in a curve of what they're considering Outer
22 Mission and what we have as Outer Mission. Then on 43 to
23 37, also the 19th, it's actually talking about the
24 Crocker-Amazon, which it didn't really like because of
25 what Commissioner Akutagawa was saying.

1 But it does say that in our curve area of Outer
2 Mission, we should move the I-80 freeway to the east to
3 Alemany Boulevard by this picking up popu -- you can pick
4 up population by moving the I-80 to Alemany Boulevard or
5 Mission Street but I don't -- they don't do it to Mission
6 Street. West of Alemany has generally higher incomes and
7 home values than east of Alemany, which is more working
8 class.

9 So I have an area that I would suggest to remove and
10 then I do think we should add the LGBTQ area of west of
11 Twin Peaks. So if you go --

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- if we zoom in, I could
14 show you that.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

16 Commissioner Kennedy?

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I mean the
18 other option is looking at how much of west of Twin Peaks
19 we could bring in as things are currently. So it looks
20 like we could bring in 10 or 15,000 people so I'm
21 wondering what the population of west of Twin Peaks is
22 and then we could look at what parts we could get in
23 within approximately 15,000 people without having to make
24 any other changes. Thank you.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Tamina, could you please
2 zoom in a little bit so we can see the streets that
3 you're using here?

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It's an amoeba. Oh no. Wait.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: And Chair, my sense is that
6 if we are going to go with this option, we would
7 basically start up against that line going from northwest
8 to southeast and move progressively towards the
9 southwest. In other words, the higher concentrations are
10 more likely to neighbor, you know, Twin Peaks -- is
11 that -- Diamond Heights and Glen Park. So that if we
12 started in those areas and moved to the south or
13 southwest until we got to balanced population, that would
14 be an approach to this. Thank you.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I mean, we know that all of
17 west of Twin Peaks is too many people.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Right. So I was just
19 trying to see what the total -- what we would have to do
20 to off balance it.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could we see that area,
22 though, that I'm talking about -- that we were talking
23 about possibly removing from the wealthier portion of
24 Outer Mission, which is immediately to the south of -- if
25 Tamina just stops on this for just a minute, we might be

1 able to make an even switch?

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, let's just --

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could you stop -- the Outer
4 Mission portion -- exactly. Tamina, it is that -- you
5 know how we curve here, sort of up to the right, that
6 curve? Go -- and where you see Alemany Boulevard,
7 Mission is the one with the blue diagonal going down and
8 then that curved one. Yes. Can you follow the curved
9 one with your cursor? Nope. A little lower.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Go down.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Go down.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Down.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's the one. Correct.
14 Until it hits the 280. Correct. Yeah, keep on going
15 down that way. That move right there.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Would you have to commit one
17 first --

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That portion.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- Tamina?

20 MS. RAMOS ALON: Not if we're moving both of them in
21 the same direction. Did you -- but unless you wanted me
22 to. Did you want to see this part and then move to the
23 next one?

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: This one would be moving
25 in --

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No, you're moving opposite
2 directions.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- and the other would be
4 moving out. Okay. So yes --

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. You're moving opposite
6 directions.

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: May I commit this change first?

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Because we can always
9 undo -- although, did you grab everything because there's
10 a little piece. Commissioner Akutagawa was pointing that
11 out. I have to -- no -- yeah. It just looks like it's
12 not whole. Okay. Okay. Thank you. Okay, and then if
13 we look at the other -- yes. And then all the way down,
14 correct, Commissioner Andersen?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Correct.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: To our to line.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Exactly.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: To include the tail, right?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Actually, it didn't look
22 that way. I can go back and have a look.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: How could you not include -- could
24 we zoom out just a little bit, Tamina?

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, that hits at the

1 line -- at the county.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, okay. It's --

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's why. It just
4 takes -- the curve goes in a little bit.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And what's that population?
7 Ten.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Can we see --

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So --

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Could you tell me what the street
11 name is again, Tamina, on that one? Or Commissioner
12 Andersen?

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Alemany.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: What is it?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Alemany. Alemany.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Alemany. Okay.

17 Commissioner Kennedy? Oh, you're good. Okay.

18 Okay, so what -- that would -- oh, so we would be
19 within deviation. Does anyone have concerns with this
20 move in terms of, we moved in -- oops, let's go out a
21 little bit so I can see. We moved in west of Twin Peaks
22 into AD17, which is East San Francisco. And then the
23 proposal is to move out this section of -- I'm not sure
24 what you're calling it, Commissioner Andersen.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Outer Mission.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Outer Missions.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And it was -- and I did look
3 at that with the terrain, it's Balboa Park, which is sort
4 of -- it looks -- if you look at the -- because they had
5 a whole heatmap and everything on their map. And it
6 looks like, oh, my goodness, there's lots of people but
7 it's a park.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So there's two people in it.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And I -- it's -- yeah.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: All right. Thank you.

13 Commissioner Ahmad?

14 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. If we zoom
15 into the southernmost portion of Alemany, it looks like
16 that we're missing one census block. Is that -- that
17 little indent, is that something that we could grab?
18 Yeah, yeah. Exactly where your mouse was. Thanks.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I completely understand your need
20 to do that.

21 Commissioner Akutagawa?

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just two things. One, I
23 guess, maybe before we do any kind of final move, just
24 checking to make sure we're not splitting anything like
25 schools and other things like that, because I think there

1 is a school in this area. But I may be wrong.

2 Also, I wanted to just read one of the COI testimony
3 speaks to the Twin Peaks neighborhood being, or making
4 sure to include west of Twin Peaks to Holloway and 19th
5 Avenue, keeping the LGBTQ plus community united and
6 empowered. The southern boundary to be drawn to include
7 west of Twin Peaks to Holloway and 19th Avenue.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee?

9 And then if we could zoom in, Tamina? That'd be
10 great.

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. I'm -- you know, this is
12 déjà vu. I thought the whole -- this morning, we were
13 discussing the request for the Outer Mission to stay with
14 the eastern neighborhoods. So --

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It is a little bit of a déjà vu
16 right now.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Is there a consensus -- okay.

19 Commissioner -- oh, we are -- there is city college
20 in there that's being split.

21 Commissioner Sinay?

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I would take that -- I would
23 leave that area in where it is. I'd remove that from
24 west of Twin Peaks.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm still having a hard time

1 with this split. I hear what they're saying that there's
2 another working class community in Daly City and whatnot.
3 But when we had originally created our draft maps in this
4 way, we had gotten a lot of community of interest
5 feedback from both the African American and the Latino
6 community and other working class -- and working -- you
7 know, the lower income community saying you're splitting
8 us up and giving all the power to more wealthy
9 communities.

10 Having said that, it is, you know, a collective
11 consensus not, you know -- but I just -- since
12 Commissioner Yee was saying it's déjà vu, I did want to
13 make it -- sure that felt like déjà vu.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. It's break time right
15 now. We are going to go to break. We'll be back in
16 fifteen minutes and we will be tying this up so we can
17 get to Congressional. Thank you.

18 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 4:31 p.m.
19 until 4:45 p.m.)

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome back, everyone. And we
21 are -- we were contemplating a change in San Francisco.
22 Moving out -- was it west Twin Peaks? Yes? I believe
23 so. Now, I've lost my notes. Yes, west Twin Peaks. And
24 so what I wanted to do was get some feedback in terms of
25 comments to this potential swap.

1 Commissioner Andersen, I think you already spoke,
2 right?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. There -- depending on
4 what people say, there is a big move -- that's a go, but
5 in terms of taking it out. Then I do have some areas
6 that I would essentially put back so we could get as much
7 of the LGBTQ area as possible.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. We're going to try to get
9 this done in five minutes. Five minutes. Remember,
10 Kristian, five minutes.

11 Commissioner Yee and Toledo?

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: So as we've experienced, when you
13 split things you hear from people you haven't heard from
14 before because they weren't split before. We've heard
15 from Crocker-Amazon, and I've assumed things about them
16 this morning that apparently, we're not true. And they
17 actually would much, much, much rather stay with San
18 Francisco, especially Excelsior and so forth.

19 I would like to propose we put back Crocker-Amazon,
20 that we walk back the China -- the North Beach cut down
21 to Broadway instead of going all the way up to Jones and
22 Columbus. That we leave Outer Mission where it is and
23 that we unfortunately not do the Twin Peaks change
24 because I think we cannot do all of it and to take just
25 part of it would be random at this point.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So your recommendation would be to
2 keep -- stay with our draft maps.

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Except we can take part of North
4 Beach.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

6 Commissioner Kennedy? Oh, no. I'm sorry.

7 Commissioner Toledo, you were next, and then Kennedy.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. Yeah. I see
9 Commissioner Yee's point about, you know, taking back --
10 going back to the draft maps. I -- as I said before,
11 I'll -- I would want to include Twin Peaks if we could,
12 it doesn't -- and -- but given the time constraints, I
13 would -- I just want to get to Congress. So whatever
14 gets us closer. Thank you. I'm willing to compromise.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

16 Commissioner Kennedy?

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I would
18 still like to ask once we walk these back for us to see
19 how much of west of Twin Peaks could be included. I'm
20 perfectly happy with a split in west of Twin Peaks. And
21 again, I would advocate for starting at the line between
22 Twin Peaks and west of Twin Peaks or between Diamond
23 Heights and west of Twin Peaks, and moving to the south
24 and southwest until we get whatever population we're
25 looking for. Thank you.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

2 Commissioner Andersen and Akutagawa? Or did you
3 just not put your hand down, Commissioner Andersen?

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No, no. That -- I was
5 trying to find my -- you know, unmute myself. I do feel
6 it is important to keep the North Beach area in. I do
7 agree, and I was trying to read this eloquently, there's
8 a letter stating what kind of Commissioner Akutagawa was
9 sort of summarize quickly about working class and working
10 class. You know, if the Crocker-Amazon here and other
11 working class areas, they are in both districts. And
12 where this is -- and it's a ten-year deal, where the
13 LGBTQ has not had that opportunity. It's a -- you know,
14 it's -- there are a large portion of both of those in
15 each district. I was trying to find the letter. I could
16 read more eloquently because it's a community of input.
17 And I will stop there and try to find that because I
18 think Commissioner Akutagawa might say that better than
19 I.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

21 Commissioner Akutagawa?

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I think there's
23 multiple options. I mean, for me, personally, I would
24 like to try to keep as much as Chinatown in North Beach
25 together. They're kind of like an island in this

1 island -- you know, in this area where there's a lot of
2 wealth around it. And I think for them to be together is
3 going to be more beneficial.

4 I do also believe -- I know what has been said about
5 the working class communities in the southern part of the
6 EASTSF district but we've split up a lot of working class
7 communities across the state. And they would be with
8 another working class community in Daly City and South
9 San Francisco. And then if it also enables us to -- and
10 I'm trying to look for that same COI testimony,
11 Commissioner Andersen, about the LGBTQ community.

12 You know, I think what I'm also torn about is that I
13 know that there are, you know, different kind of factors
14 in the LGBTQ community too, that's different from other
15 communities. But I think this is one of those unique
16 communities that historically in the San Francisco area
17 that -- I hear the desire to try to be together because
18 there's really no other options for them outside of, you
19 know, this core area. So I'm a little torn but I
20 think -- I really -- if we can make it work, I'd really
21 like to.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So I'm kind of in a
23 quandary right now but we need to move forward. So
24 let's -- why don't we walk it back. Put Crocker-Amazon,
25 we want to put it back into AD17, correct? Yeah.

1 That's -- Thank you.

2 MS. TRATT: Chair, may I clarify? Are we keeping
3 the west of Twin Peaks in with EASTSF or did you want
4 that walked back?

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No. We -- not right now. Thank
6 you. Right? Are we? I thought we weren't keeping it.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was hoping --

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I thought we were going to keep
9 part of it.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I thought we could keep it
11 all and then just make the other moves to -- move some of
12 those working class communities into the WESTSF with Daly
13 City and then look at how --

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- we can move most of Twin
16 Peaks or if not all of Twin Peaks in --

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- with the other
19 communities.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Let's go. Oops. Okay.
21 All right.

22 Commissioner Akutagawa?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think this is where it's
24 going to get complicated. I think we've heard COI
25 testimony that Bayview, Visitation Valley, Excelsior, and

1 I believe Commissioner Sinay also mentioned -- is Outer
2 Mission split? It is split. the Outer Mission and now
3 we definitely have also heard -- and I've quickly glanced
4 through some of the COI testimony.

5 I did see Crocker-Amazon. They all did say that
6 they are working class communities that wanted to stay
7 together. And I may be missing some other portions. But
8 I think the question is, how much do we move out? What
9 do we move out? Do we, you know, bring out the rest of
10 the Outer Mission so that it's at least together with the
11 other portion of Outer Mission that is already split?
12 Starting with there, and then --

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I -- we just need to start. So if
14 someone has a vision.

15 Commissioner Yee?

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: My suggestion is to simply go
17 back to the North Beach cut that we made this morning and
18 walk it back partially to get to deviation. So right now
19 it's just a nice right triangle. I would like to make
20 a -- my geometry's failing me.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Come on.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: A quadrilateral of some kind.
23 Yeah, to come down to whatever street, Union or Broadway
24 or whichever street will get us to the deviation we need
25 so that we still get the part of North Beach adjacent to

1 Chinatown but simply don't go as far north. Now it's a
2 rectangle.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: To which street?

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: So the -- so right now the vertex
5 is Columbus and Jones. So moving down some portion of
6 that till --

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Is it Tyler Street -- Taylor
8 Street?

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Greenwich, Filbert, one of those.
10 As far as we need to go to get to the deviation we need.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Was this the Chinatown area?

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Chinatown is to the southeast of
14 this. This is North Beach. So -- but Chinatown kind of
15 spills into North Beach. That was the COI this morning.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. We did that one this
17 morning.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. So this would be, you
19 know, before this morning the line went straight down
20 Columbus. So instead we're going to -- and the northern
21 part of it still does. So we're just going to continue
22 that Columbus --

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's a good --

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- extension down to --

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- perhaps Greenwich. And then
2 return that part of it back to WESTSF.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Tamina, can you --
4 Columbus --

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Could I say something,
6 please? There's multiple testimony to say please leave
7 it like this, multiple testimony. This is not just the
8 one. This is a large group here. Several people have
9 come together on it to leave this portion in.

10 And then there is two testimonies that I can say
11 about a little portion to leave Crocker-Amazon in, a
12 little portion takeout of take out. And I can read the
13 testimony.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani and
15 Akutagawa?

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I thought -- I was
17 feeling really good about the change that we had made
18 this morning. It seems like down below the Outer Mission
19 is split. Could we just start by making Outer Mission
20 whole in the other district? Is that a reasonable swap?

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Let's see. Go down, Tamina.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And I think bringing in as
23 much of west Twin Peaks. I think that was Commissioner
24 Kennedy's suggestion. I would tend to agree with that.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: I mean, the original COI when we

1 build this was Outer Mission with Bayview and so forth.

2 That's why we went this way.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: With Bayview?

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I'll also note,
6 right, like, the Equality California folks, their
7 original COI was also west Twin Peaks with Twin Peaks and
8 we've certainly -- I specifically recall,, like their
9 presentations about, you know, the history of Harvey Milk
10 and the historic nature of their community and the first
11 LGBTQ elected official. So as with everywhere, there is
12 competing testimony and, you know, I would feel
13 comfortable moving this direction.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Tamina, let's look at the
15 Outer Mission.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: How about the bit of Oceanview
17 below 280?

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I thought we had looked at this
19 earlier today and we said no.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Chair?

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right? I mean, we --

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Chair?

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- keep going back and forth.

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Chair?

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: We're talking about moving
2 the upper part of Outer Mission the other way, is my
3 understanding. No? Okay.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, we got to -- we have to --

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Yep. Okay. Thank
6 you.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We need to -- if we're going to
8 speak, we have to be on the microphone, please. Thank
9 you.

10 MS. TRATT: Chair, this brings a deviation AD19,
11 WESTSF, to 4.83 percent and AD17, EASTSF, to 2.11
12 percent.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Do we have issues -- concerns with
14 this? If your hand is raised and it no longer needs to
15 be raised, please lower it.

16 If not, Commissioner Akutagawa and Commissioner
17 Toledo?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I guess, just a quick
19 question. I thought we were going to try to move all of
20 the Outer Missions so that it'll be reunited with the
21 rest of the Outer Mission. And then try to make room to
22 also now bring in part of Twin Peaks, west of Twin Peaks.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo?

24 There's just so many different versions going on.
25 I'm trying to them in my head.

1 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah --

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It's a little frustrating right
3 now.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I thought we had already made
5 a decision on this. And so that's why it's a little bit
6 frustrating.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And so -- that we're coming
9 back to this. Yeah. I'm conflicted. Thank you.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. We --

11 Commissioner Kennedy, was this what you were
12 envisioning? Yeah. Because I'm completely confused now
13 by --

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I don't think this part was
15 my part. I was talking about when we start adding west
16 of Twin Peaks to add progressively from that diagonal
17 line towards the south and southwest. So we wouldn't
18 start at the western end or the southern end. We'd start
19 at the green line and add progressively down from there.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: On the --

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right where Tamina is showing
22 us.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And we would go west?

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: West or southwest.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think -- if I -- well --

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen? And let's
2 be brief, please.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I can do a quick
4 summary. It was -- we had a 2.9 or something like that,
5 deviation because we had -- when we added the Chinatown
6 triangle, we took out Crocker-Highland and Crocker-
7 Amazon. And by putting Crocker-Amazon back in we were
8 back at five in AD17. So we could do nothing with the
9 west of Twin Peaks. So then it was -- we did mention
10 that -- oh, Outer Mission's already cut. There was that
11 section from Alemany Boulevard, which is from COI
12 testimony, instead of putting Crocker-Amazon, you know,
13 please take that section and move -- of Outer Mission and
14 move it to the rest of Outer Mission, which is
15 essentially what we're sort of doing here. Or we stopped
16 at this point, which I'm not quite sure. So this would
17 be taking all of Outer Mission, or if you only want to
18 take the portions from Alemany it was what we did first,
19 what we were originally trying to do. To move that over
20 to AD19. Then --

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. By taking that whole
22 piece, we already went through that this morning, and we
23 decided not to do it.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: We did that because
25 someone's had said, well, Outer Mission has to be where

1 it is. And then we actually said, well, Outer Mission is
2 already split. So could we put Outer Mission with all
3 Outer Mission and move it to AD19. And I thought there
4 was consensus on doing that so we could put in portions
5 of west of Twin Peaks.

6 Again, because the LGBTQ has one area where it can
7 be together and the two portions of San Francisco have
8 the same working class in a great deal of that area.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And I thought that's where
11 the summary -- that's this quick summary of what was
12 going on.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. We are back to one minute
14 per commissioner, please. Again, I'm still confused.
15 And I apologize if I'm being confused, but we seem to be
16 going back and forth. Commissioner Ahmad, Akutagawa, and
17 Toledo.

18 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I am, too,
19 confused because I have no idea what's going on. So I'm
20 just going to take a step back and state what I see under
21 one minute on the screen. I see that we are over
22 deviation in EASTSF and we are under -- or within
23 acceptable range within WESTSF. So what I see as the
24 problem that needs a solution is, EASTSF needs to move
25 .03% of population over to the other side -- the WESTSF

1 Side. So my question is, if anyone has a suggestion to
2 move .03% population from the east side to the west side.
3 And a whole -- beginning to end solution.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: End to end.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you. Now, Commissioner
7 Akutagawa, Toledo.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes --

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I'm Sorry.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So my whole solution is
11 let's just take the entirety of that remaining Outer
12 Mission piece so that it's all together. And then, yes,
13 80 West San Francisco will be over deviation. However,
14 EASTSF will be under -- or will have additional room.
15 And at which point we continue to then take and move west
16 of Twin Peaks into West -- or EASTSF until we're
17 balanced.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Let's -- but again, this is
19 the piece -- the piece we're saying -- okay, let's --
20 let's do that so it's on the -- but isn't this a piece
21 that we said earlier not to do? I think that's why I'm
22 being confused, because we're --

23 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- we are taking one community of
25 interest over another is what we're doing, which we've

1 done all day today. And we will do because every single
2 -- we built these districts based on communities of
3 interest.

4 Okay, so let's see what this looks like. Please
5 lower your hands if you no longer have something to say
6 or just get back in the queue. Commissioner Toledo and
7 then Kennedy.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, I think you're right. I
9 think we -- I know we had this conversation earlier
10 today.

11 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: If you agree. If you don't
12 agree, don't watch nothing (audio interference) --

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And I was just going to offer
14 to be your time keeper, if you would like. I have my
15 timer on here. Happy to do the one minute. Thank you.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That'd be great because I think
17 Kristian's given up.

18 MR. MANOFF: You've actually all been under a
19 minute, Chair.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, we have been, very good.
21 Thank you, sir. Yeah, it just seemed like longer than a
22 minute. Have faith in Kristian. Commissioner
23 Fornaciari, you had your hand up. Are you good? Are you
24 driving?

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm no longer driving,

1 apologize for that. I'm just going to say -- I was going
2 to say what Commissioner Akutagawa said. So I would just
3 encourage us to accept this change and start moving the
4 line at Twin Peaks and then go to Congress.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Okay. That's good, Tamina.
6 You commit that. Thank you so much. Now let's start
7 moving the line at --

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Commissioner Sinay.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, I'm sorry. Commissioner
10 Sinay.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I'm not sure how our process
12 is working right now, because when some people say, oh, I
13 don't believe in that, then we go to somewhere else, or
14 if we all agree. I'm not convinced that this is better
15 for the Outer Mission. Now you've taken the Outer
16 Mission and put all of the Outer Mission away from the
17 folks that they wanted to be with. That's where the
18 community organizing takes place. That's where their
19 services are and stuff. I mean, obviously, they're in
20 their location, too, but we got really strong testimony
21 about this. We also got strong testimony from the LGBTQ
22 Community and I just don't know how our process is
23 working. It feels like when some people say things,
24 that's weighed more than when others.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: What I'm going by is general

1 consensus. And we actually just came away from
2 Carmichael, which I did not agree with the -- the
3 proposal in terms of splitting Carmichael, but general
4 consensus -- everyone else was okay with the split, so we
5 won't split. So that's what that's what we're going with
6 is the general consensus at this time. And I hope I've
7 been consistent.

8 Okay, so now we start -- Commissioner Kennedy, do
9 you want to lead us or we're going to start including as
10 much as we can of west of Twin Peaks; correct. And when
11 we start up at the northernmost -- is that what your
12 vision was? Okay. And if maybe we can zoom in a little
13 bit and we can -- thank you.

14 And the goal here is to try to get as much of west
15 of Twin Peaks into EASTSF, correct, Commissioners Kennedy
16 and Akutagawa? Is that the goal? Okay, nothing. All
17 right. Commissioner Anderson.

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. I've been looking at
19 this neighborhood and actually I wouldn't go that far
20 west -- Tamina. I would hug -- to go down to Travaya
21 (ph.) -- Trevalla (ph.) and then come across, exactly,
22 following the line, following Garcia (ph.), across to --
23 and then go into that area around Mount Davidson, which
24 is the Rock. Yeah, and now go back up in that area --
25 fill in this -- fill in the dots first, is -- how are we

1 doing on population? Oh, good, looks good.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, Commissioner Turner and
3 Commissioner Kennedy.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: You asked the question, Chair.
5 I was just going to be responsive. Yes. Based on the
6 way I'm reading it, that it is indeed as much -- all of
7 or as much of west of Twin Peaks. I just didn't want to
8 leave you hanging without it.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Thank you, my friend.
10 Answered. Thank you for answering my call. Commissioner
11 Kennedy.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I wanted
13 to ask Commissioner Sinay if it makes sense to split some
14 of the pain here. Do we want a chunk of west of Twin
15 Peaks along this line and then some of Outer Mission with
16 Bayview and the others? Or does that -- No? Okay. I
17 just --

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I hear what you're saying. And
19 I think this is sharing the pain right now, because it's
20 not just Outer Mission. It's that whole -- the COI is
21 that whole low income community. And we've just taken a
22 little slice of that low income community. So we are --
23 so we've already -- we're sharing the pain because we're
24 not going to get all of those -- resources, aren't going
25 to get all of -- these are a lot of monolingual

1 individuals and such. But we'll be okay. Well, we won't
2 -- they'll be okay.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Where did we stop? Okay.

4 MS. ALON: So do I have direction to go -- continue
5 past this area?

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. You continue to, I believe,
7 hug the district boundary where it is right now;
8 Correct? Thank you. Looks like we need lots of chunks,
9 so let's grab lots of chunks.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, that that blank area
11 in the middle is Mount Davidson, so I'm trying to sort of
12 to get around exactly. To kind of that whole area. And
13 then you might get a large blank space.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No, we we're trying to get EASTSF
15 higher, close to five, so we can try to get as much.

16 MS. ALON: Chair, we are below 5% in WESTSF. Would
17 you like me to continue?

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. We would like to try to get
19 as close to 5% for the EASTSF. There we go. No, that's
20 what I was looking for the big chunk.

21 MS. ALON: Oh, well, then, okay.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Chair, we did not want to
23 get that school area, City College. Which is in the
24 southwest corner of this. So we don't want to split up
25 the City College. Oh, whew. No, don't undo it -- thank

1 you. Yes, see that? Great thank you, Tamina, for going
2 on that side.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Ooh, let's not leave -- we're
4 going to have to back out a little bit. I think. We're
5 over, so we're going to have to back a little bit out.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: It's the City College
7 area --

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's right, the college area.
9 Thank you. Yes, Commissioner Kennedy, sorry.

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I was going to suggest we
11 look at cutting it at Monterey. Monterey because I think
12 that's just above the college or slightly above the --
13 or, actually it's a little bit farther above the college.
14 It's that east-west one. Farther down, Tamina. Yeah,
15 right there where the Safeway is. No. The Safeway to
16 the south, that one. Yeah, that's Monterey. Maybe if we
17 left that flat part.

18 MS. ALON: Okay. Let me take out City College and
19 then I'm adding this part down to the Safeway?

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No. No, you'd be taking out
21 west City College until we get to until we get to
22 deviation.

23 MS. ALON: I see.

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: But as much north of Monterey
25 as possible, we would keep.

1 MS. ALON: Understood, thank you.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: What was a little block up top?
3 Did we purposely leave that up? Yeah. Now it's
4 connected.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah, but I would fill in as
6 much above Monterey as we can, because that's along that
7 District boundary line that we were trying to start and
8 come down from. And we're just -- we're carving out the
9 City College area.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. We're at 4.9. Not anymore.
11 So, Tamina, you might want to just zoom in a lot more to
12 make sure we're not inadvertently cutting off any of the
13 assets around the school.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. But, again, if our
15 goal is to start at the at the dividing line between the
16 districts and come south and southwest, we've got
17 portions now at the very south that we probably don't
18 need. And we don't have areas right up against the
19 current boundary that we would need. So what I'm saying
20 is, if we fill in above Monterey, take everything above
21 Monterey. And then below Monterey, we walk it back to
22 the west until we get to deviation.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: All right. So, yeah.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I do have a map of the area
25 and it does not go down to Monterey. Tamina is correct

1 in the line she is following on that one.

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay, fine.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And it is just taking --
4 going west at Flood, I guess it is. And that will--
5 Flood ends. You know, going up to the little curve --
6 going up in that area, maybe to -- yes, correct. Take
7 those areas until we're within deviation --

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We're within -- we're fine right
9 now. You could have left it in. Okay. Okay, back out,
10 please. Okay, so we ended up getting the majority of
11 west of Twin Peaks into the EASTSF. Except for the
12 little piece on the, let's see, south. For a community
13 college, we left that out and then we swapped it for the
14 Outer Mission.

15 Are there any concerns with -- or is there a
16 consensus? I'm going to go with consensus. Is there a
17 consensus with making this change. Now, Commissioner
18 Kennedy and Commissioner Sinay.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Just checking. If we are
20 respecting the boundary of Outer Mission, I want to make
21 sure that that's what we've got in that -- along that --
22 Yeah, right around there. Looks like we've grabbed a
23 little bit of Outer Mission. We grabbed it because it
24 was part of the census block. Okay. I think this is
25 this is fine.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: This is fine. I would agree, it's
2 fine. Any other concerns? okay, we're going to lock it
3 in.

4 Okay. We have gone through all of the areas that
5 have been on my list and then on the board. Sunday
6 showdown or showdown Sunday. How do you want to say it?
7 This is going to be the last one. Last call, people,
8 because we really need to get to Congressional -- and
9 just everyone that's out there, public comment is going
10 to be late tonight, just so that you're aware. But we
11 will get to public comment. It will be late and we'll be
12 here with you. Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner
13 Toledo.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: At the risk of Commissioner
15 Toledo, who I know is dying to get to Congress. At the
16 risk of maybe him running over here and strangling me.
17 We have, I think, folks are following us today. So thank
18 you for that. And so we did receive some testimony
19 through Voters FIRST on the Maywood issue. It was
20 something we did attempt to do earlier today. Some swaps
21 were recommended for us to look at that would keep
22 intact, would not touch the districts where we had a lot
23 of the historic African-American communities of interest
24 in them and instead swap Maywood into the southeast L.A.
25 districts. I did send it over to Jamie in advance. She

1 seems to think it would be a very possible option if the
2 commission wanted to do it. So I just wanted to raise
3 that, see if there is an appetite to check it out real
4 quick.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, hold on. Commissioner
6 Toledo.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: My understanding is that Jamie
8 has done everything and that we could get it done in
9 three minutes if -- and presented to the Commission in
10 three minutes. And if we are supportive, we'll do it.
11 If we're not, we move on. So if we can allocate maybe
12 three minutes to this, to Jamie and then move on to
13 Congress?

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Or public comment, rather.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I just wanted to say, I was
17 totally fine with Maywood until it impacted some of those
18 historical areas. So if we have a way to do it now. I
19 think that would be great.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Akutagawa.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I'm definitely in
22 favor of trying to make it work. As I've said, Maywood
23 is part of southeast L.A. and I think we need to, as best
24 as we can, try to get them in.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay, last one. This is

1 going to be the last one. We're going to go for it.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Maybe Jaime can just go
3 through what she's done.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

5 MS. CLARK: Yup. So I haven't done anything on the
6 map right now, but I will narrate as I go, so the swap is
7 adding Maywood into the Gateway District. And then into
8 -- to make up for population in that, in the NELA
9 District adding in Montebello. And then for the AD-60
10 corridor adding in Whittier. And there's a couple of
11 unincorporated census blocks inside Whittier, so I'm just
12 going to select those. And then to balance the
13 population in Gateway into the AD-5 Corridor. This also
14 balances out with NELA it is adding Bell, Cudahy, and
15 Bell Gardens into AD-5 Corridor. And I will show -- oh,
16 and then we will see it all balances and the statistics
17 for each district are here -- the resulting statistics
18 are here on the map. And, of course, there are some VRA
19 areas impacted. So the VRA council may wish to advise
20 you on this change, but that's is the change that was
21 sent to me and based on COI testimony that was received.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Jaime. I think
23 you got it under three minutes. Beautiful. Which ones
24 are the VRA districts? Just so that we all are aware?
25 And then I would like to compare what the CVAP was prior

1 to -- or if maybe you could show it on the screen, that
2 would be great.

3 MS. CLARK: The VRA districts are Gateway, 5
4 Corridor and 60 Corridor. And their previous -- the
5 previous boundaries and the previous statistics are in
6 orange. The boundaries of the resulting change are in
7 black and the labels are in black.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Council? Could we get your
9 opinion, please?

10 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yeah, I'm trying to read the
11 numbers and unfortunately, my eyes are not that great at
12 my age. But if I understand it, the reductions would
13 occur in NELA. Which I don't believe is a district VRA
14 consideration, even though it's --

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right

16 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: -- 50% CVAP.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

18 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Am I missing any other --

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: AD-Gate is a VRA.

20 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: And the Latino --

21 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Which is old and which is new?

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: AD -- the orange is the old ones.
23 So it went from 68.16 to 67.11.

24 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yeah, which is not going to be a
25 concern, given that number --

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And then AD-5 Cor. is the other
2 VRA.

3 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: AD-5 Cor. is --

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And that went from 61.12 to 65.18.
5 So that went up.

6 MS. CLARK: Yup. And the AD-60 Corridor is the
7 other VRA district that's impacted by this change.

8 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: So AD-60 is a district with VRA
9 considerations. And that one is going --

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It's going from 56.18 to 55.02.

11 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: 02 --

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So it went down a percentage.

13 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: So that's the only problematic
14 portion of this change. And it's very difficult to make
15 a consideration that does a fine enough analysis of the
16 performance of a -- 55, 56, they're both at the range. I
17 think 55 is generally where we would say, you're pretty
18 safe. And so I don't really think that in light of the
19 other changes that are being made that are increasing the
20 possibility of another district, that that is likely to
21 cause a great concern. But it is a slight reduction, you
22 know, infinitesimally, it may increase the legal risk
23 that somebody says, oh my God, you could have created a
24 56.18 and instead of 55.02. But in the scheme of things,
25 in that whole area there, and given the historical

1 performances there, I think that's probably a sufficient
2 amount to be able to argue that, in light of the public
3 testimony, requests, that this is the kind of change that
4 is consistent with the Act.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Vazquez
6 and then Commissioner Akutagawa.

7 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Thank you. Just wanted to
8 thank Commissioner Sadhwani for uplifting this, because I
9 was I was going to do that and I'm safe from Commissioner
10 Toledo's, at least shouts, more or less. I can always
11 log off. And I am in support of these changes. I do
12 think, acknowledging the very minimal increase -- or
13 decrease in a VRA area. I think because we have
14 increased it slightly in another VRA area, and overall
15 the impacts to the VRA consideration seem very marginal,
16 I'm in support of this change.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Akutagawa
18 and then Commissioner Turner.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Jaime, just so that I could
20 see -- and I'm just curious. Could you highlight Bell
21 and Cudahy to go into the AD-Gateway? I would just like
22 to see what the numbers would become if you were to move
23 them in. Because they're called NBC (ph.) in that
24 southeast L.A. area, so.

25 MS. CLARK: Yep, so those with those districts, the

1 Gateway AD-5 Corridor would be out of balance, and so
2 that's the reason --

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay, yeah.

4 MS. CLARK: -- they were moved in -- or excuse me,
5 the reason they're moved out of the Gateway is to offset
6 the population in Maywood that was moved in.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, okay. No problem.
8 Thank you very much.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I'm in support of
11 this change.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner
13 Toledo.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm just wondering -- and I'm
15 fine with moving on. But I'm just wondering maybe to try
16 to get the VRA district that lost the point -- so the
17 AD-60 COI -- so maybe a cut in Downey might be a way to
18 increase the Latino CVAP, given that the VRAs are our
19 second consideration. And to try to bring it to -- or
20 keep it at -- at least a little bit closer to the level
21 where we had it prior to this change. Given that the
22 deviations are such that we could potentially do that.
23 Thank you.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Can we see the heat map, please?
25 Oh, Commissioner Turner and Akutagawa, do we --

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I was going to say this
2 is going to feel like another rushed cut unless we're
3 going to now research all of the COI for Downey. I would
4 hope we would not just cut in Downey looking for a
5 different number, particularly since our VRA told us we
6 would be safe doing this.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And might -- just for
8 confirmation, Jaime Downey is whole, correct?

9 MS. CLARK: That's correct.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I'm not in support of
12 trying to go looking to cut Downey at this point.
13 Especially since the very council did say that we're at a
14 level that's still acceptable. And since we're on a time
15 clock, I want to just remind Commissioner Toledo about
16 that, too. And I think it's okay. I think we should
17 just move on.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. I agree as well.
19 Commissioner Le Mons and Toledo.

20 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah, I wanted to agree with
21 accepting it as it is and move on.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo.

23 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I'm fine with moving
24 on. Let's move on.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Are there any concerns with

1 making these changes? Commissioner Toledo and Turner,
2 you guys -- your hands are still up. Just making sure.
3 Thank you. Commissioner Akutagawa.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm just going to say I'm
5 okay with these changes. I will also say that I'm sure
6 we're going to be -- we're going to be hearing from quite
7 a few disappointed Bell and Cudahy residents as well,
8 too. I didn't realize that the swaps were going to
9 include having to move them out as well, too. So I am in
10 support of this. But I'm also, I think at this point
11 would be okay if we left it as it was, too. So although
12 it does bring more the cities whole. So Whittier will be
13 whole, so.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you. Okay, thank
15 you. So let's lock it in. We are done with Assembly.
16 Thank you, everyone. Karin, please number. Actually,
17 you have them numbered, so please finalize them for
18 posting and for the files that we need. Thank you so
19 much.

20 So we will be moving on to Congressional. Okay, so
21 the first thing, the first thing we're going to do is we
22 are going to make a list. Sorry, I've got to switch
23 gears right now -- going to make a list for Congressional
24 in terms of items that we want to revisit again. The
25 expectation is that you have researched this and you have

1 ensured that it balances. Congressional is to the
2 zero -- to the one person is your -- Karin, you don't
3 need any other instructions from me, right, you're good?

4 MS. MAC DONALD: We are good, thank you, so much.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you, thank you. Just
6 want to make sure. Again, that you've done your
7 research, you've seen how you're going to balance.
8 Again, it has to balance to zero or one or negative one.

9 With that. Thank you, Commissioner Sinay, for
10 helping me out with this. Commissioner Toledo.

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I was going to suggest maybe
12 limiting the number of changes per commissioner, maybe
13 one or two or maybe three at most, but --

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Two.

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Okay, two. Thank you. And
16 for me, I'm using --

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It's just because I'm not going to
18 have any, that means you get to have three.

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: That's right.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Making sure we're not going
21 to swap, you know, like --

22 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And that's max, too, right?
23 But -- so for me, I have just one. And that's in San
24 Bernadino district. The Cupertino district. Just minor,
25 tiny change that can be easily done in five minutes.

1 Thank you.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Cupertino, correct? And
3 San Bernadino? Let me make sure I write this down.
4 There we go. Okay. Commissioner Yee.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. A change to reunite
6 Saratoga. I've already worked this out with Tamina. Bay
7 area.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Yeah. Saratoga. And we
9 were talking about the split, correct? Oh, wonderful.
10 Okay. And that is -- sorry. And is that it,
11 Commissioner Yee?

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Thank you.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Sadhwani.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. I'd like us to
15 take one final look at San Jose. And the other one is a
16 small swap for the Coastal districts between Orange
17 County and San Diego.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And that's Orange County and L --
19 How come I don't have Orange Count in here? Oh, my good
20 ness -- oh, my goodness. Coastal, correct? And that was
21 between Orange Count and L.A., right?

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Between San Diego.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Or San Diego, I'm sorry.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Andersen.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I have one, and it's
2 the -- to resolve the California City and the military
3 bases in Kern. Basically to get the population to zero
4 in that area.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: California City, correct?

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: With military bases. That's
7 the same thing.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. Kern County.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I just want to make sure I got it
11 in the right area. Commissioner Turner.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, Chair, you asked me to
13 remind you about Eden Tech and I have no research on it.
14 I'm reminding you.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Eden Tech is the area -- okay.
16 Thank you for reminding me. Let me write it down.
17 Commissioner Fornaciari.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, mine was the
19 California City-Kern thing, also. We've got some new
20 information in -- there was an email sent, but it was
21 only sent to a few of us and forwarded to the Voters
22 FIRST Act.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Ahmad.

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: All of my changes have already
25 been stated. So nothing for me.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Oh, Commissioner Sinay.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I've got a change in north San
3 Diego. So it's the same OCCD coast.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: The same one as Commissioner
5 Sadhwani?

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think it's a different one.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. We haven't talked, so we
10 don't know. We shall see. Okay. All right. I don't
11 want to get too hopeful, because I was really hopeful on
12 the Assembly. But we actually did really good work. So
13 thank you so much to my fellow Commissioners for working
14 through this. I think this is great. There are maps for
15 Californians. I'm very excited about that.

16 So Karin, should we start north again? I think
17 that's -- I think when we talked earlier, you thought
18 that might be a better approach. So that would be with
19 the --

20 MS. MAC DONALD Yeah. Whatever works for you, works
21 for us. But we're set up to start with the north end.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

23 MS. MAC DONALD: Standing by to start.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So in terms of north, what
25 we have --

1 MS. MAC DONALD: As is Tamina.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, Tamina. Tamina. We have a
3 Cupertino, San Bernadino, Saratoga, Eden Tech, and San
4 Jose.

5 MS. MAC DONALD: Okay, I'm off.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, Tamina. Welcome back.

7 MS. ALON: Thank you, chair. Ready to go?

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. If you'd just share your
9 screen with us, please. Thank you. Which one do you
10 want to start with, Tamina?

11 MS. ALON: Let's start with -- wherever you'd like
12 to start. Cupertino area, I remember --

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Oh, sounded like an echo.
14 Maybe it's maybe, you know, need a -- I missed my nap
15 today, so we're good. Okay, we're going to go to
16 Cupertino, actually I missed my nap for about five years
17 now. Commissioner Toledo.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes. And thank you, Tamina,
19 and thank you always. There's two little farming
20 communities in this area that -- the Gonzales and the
21 Greenfield area that have significant farmworker
22 communities and I want to just make sure that we captured
23 them both. I think we capture them on one side but maybe
24 not on the on the western side. Yes, a little bit more
25 so.

1 So just trying to capture a little bit. Are they
2 both in the Congressional district at this point, Tamina?
3 So with that, I am fine. So it looks like we've captured
4 the whole farming community and my change is done. Thank
5 you.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Wow. Well, did everyone notice
7 what the Commissioner Toledo just did? I'm just, you
8 know, wow. Yeah, I'm. Wow. Okay, he does -- he
9 does -- he gets a Katy cookie. Ooh, we shouldn't say
10 that out loud.

11 Okay, so we are going to be moving to -- should we
12 go to Saratoga? How does that sound? Or do you want to
13 go to San Jose?

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: It's the same issue.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, San Jose might be a little bit
16 more, but okay.

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: These might involve each other.
18 I don't know.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah, that's true. So maybe we
20 should start with San Jose. Let's start with San Jose.
21 Commissioner Sadhwani.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. So I've just been
23 thinking more and more. And I just wanted to reflect
24 before we finalize these maps on the changes that we had
25 made to San Jose, particularly this morning, you know,

1 when we were looking at the Assembly map, I noticed that
2 there's quite a lot of splits in San Jose, but that
3 didn't seem to be so concerning for the city.

4 So I was hoping -- I don't know, Tamina, if you have
5 the former version that we had had for San Jose, where
6 there was that cut through the center part? If it's
7 possible to just go back and review that one last time
8 and just make sure that we were all on the same page
9 before we lock this in. I recall when we made this
10 change, certainly having like the Palo Alto, Stanford
11 area going all the way down to San Luis Obispo, that many
12 of us were comfortable with either one, with either this
13 new change or what we had already had. And I just wanted
14 to take a moment and reflect and make sure that we're
15 still in that same place before we finalize. Tamina,
16 could you --

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you --

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- walk us through?

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, I'm sorry. Can I just put
20 myself in there?

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, please do. Please do.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I do remember discussing this and
23 I do remember somewhat voicing my concern with doing
24 this, because it is not our position to ensure that there
25 is a majority of a city split in one district or another.

1 And I also thought that it would be a great opportunity
2 to have multiple representation. But again, I went with
3 the consensus. General consensus was to go with it. But
4 I just -- I do have to step back and kind of reflect on
5 that. And I do appreciate the -- the VRA district
6 portion of it. And I would not, of course, would not
7 want to touch that. There's been actual testimony. I'm
8 just going to have to respond to it because I feel
9 strongly. Anyway -- I'm going to go to Commissioner
10 Sinay right now. I'll come back.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. This is the one I'm -- I
12 think the next day I kind of said, is there anything
13 that's keeping you up at night? And I always ask -- my
14 clients, I always ask my, you know, everybody when I'm
15 working with them, you know, what's keeping you up at
16 night. And this is definitely one. Especially because
17 what you said, you know, there was four splits in the
18 Assembly. When you look at cities like the City of San
19 Diego, we don't even count the splits, you know, and
20 there was multiple -- and there's a lot of other cities
21 that have multiple because we look at the neighborhoods
22 and we created based on neighborhoods, and that's what we
23 had originally done here. So I'm glad you brought it up
24 and you're giving us that opportunity to reflect on it.
25 You know, take a breath and reflect on it, because it --

1 yeah.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for that. I'm going to
3 try to get through this. Hopefully -- I have friends
4 here, so I'm hoping that they'll help me along. But
5 there has been testimony and -- that has said that
6 there's nothing -- there's no commonality in terms of the
7 farm laborers and then those communities in San Jose, and
8 I'd have to disagree. The population, the farm workers,
9 oh my goodness, what a tough job they have. A lot of our
10 immigrants, even first generations, it's -- it's the
11 toughest job. I've worked it, so I know it. I lived it.

12 And then you have those that are working in the San
13 Jose area. And not to say that all of them are -- have
14 jobs that are blue collar or -- the working class that
15 work minimum wage, there is a lot in common between the
16 two communities, between the two Latino populations.
17 We're -- we are -- they are trying -- I say we because
18 that's where I was. We have the same plight; we have the
19 same struggles. We celebrate each other's successes. We
20 do know each other. Just because we're rural versus
21 urban. We have families in both areas, and we do support
22 each other and we are stronger together.

23 So thank you so much for this VRA district. And not
24 only this district, but all the other districts within
25 California. Do not mute us, mute our voices. We are

1 stronger together. And that's all I wanted to say. So
2 thank you for letting me get through this, and I think
3 we're good. With that, I will go to Commissioner Ahmad.

4 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. Commissioner
5 Yee and I have been working on a split that we made with
6 our homework assignment in Saratoga, and we received COI
7 testimony, quite passionate testimony, talking about how
8 in the 127-year history of the city it has never been
9 split. I did not sleep well that night.

10 However, Commissioner Yee and I have been working to
11 see if there's a way that we can remedy that. This
12 might -- it does overlay a little bit into Commissioner
13 Sadhwani, your point here with the split. So when we are
14 ready to move to that next item, Commissioner Yee and I
15 would like to share what we have worked with Tamina.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you. Commissioner
17 Toledo.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. Thank you. I also I
19 think my issue is more with the decision to undo the four
20 splits because our initial -- and it's something that
21 I've been thinking about a lot and looking at and
22 contemplating are all of our decisions are based on
23 community input that came through the summer and through
24 the fall, all the -- and really, the input from San Jose
25 was really neighborhood-based, and that's how we

1 developed these maps and -- and to make a -- so that's
2 what my concern in that area.

3 And certainly in terms of the Cupertino district,
4 you know, Latino voices, whether they're -- it's Latino
5 essential voices, whether it's food processing plants in
6 the San Jose area, essential workforce in restaurants and
7 hospitality, or farming. I mean, it's really one voice,
8 and I'm glad that we're able to put these voices together
9 in a VRA district to protect the San Benito population
10 and other Latino voices throughout the area.

11 But my issue is more with the district to the -- the
12 San Jose district that surrounds the VRA district and
13 whether we might want to go back to either the draft on
14 that or look at a different alignment that reflects the
15 community of input that we received. And I believe
16 that's what Commissioner Ahmad and Yee have been working
17 on. Thank you.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.
19 Commissioner Yee?

20 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. So we did work on a version
21 that you see now in blue that restored Saratoga whole,
22 moves it to the East Valley, and then compensates by
23 splitting -- moving the split in San Jose somewhat. I
24 believe this is still a three-way split. The western
25 part is connected to the southern part through a very

1 narrow neck of the city there right above Campbell. Then
2 there's the northern part, and then there's the eastern
3 part which is connected to the Cupertino district.

4 So I would consider the choice between -- so I -- we
5 highly recommend this over the one that splits Saratoga,
6 obviously. I wasn't thinking that we were reopening the
7 question of a four-way split, but I have been having
8 buyer's remorse about MIDCOAST and the pairings that
9 occur there now, not so much the length but the pairings.

10 And you know, there was a lot of motivation around
11 getting a majority district in San Jose somewhere, one of
12 the pieces. Of course, there is merit to that, but I'm
13 now reweighing that against these other considerations.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And thank you both for
15 doing this. You put so much time and effort into it. We
16 really appreciate it. We can just tell the care that you
17 took to do this. So thank you so much. Commissioner
18 Forniciari?

19 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Yeah. I'm having similar
20 feelings that Commissioner Yee is having with regard to
21 our coastal district here. Tamina, I'm hoping you can
22 zoom in to San Jose and turn on the draft maps and the
23 current maps again so we can take a look at that.

24 So Commissioner Sadhwani, did you -- did you have
25 anything specific to propose, or you just wanted us to

1 ponder going back?

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: You want us to think about
4 going back. I mean, I think you made a great point
5 there. I believe there's actually five splits in the
6 Assembly, and that was --

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That's correct.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: -- a concern, so. But I
9 mean, having Palo Alto, Stanford -- what do we got --
10 Atherton, Menlo Park, Woodside going all the way down to
11 San Luis Obispo County, I mean, yeah. It's -- that's
12 weird.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I like that. That's weird.
14 That's -- no, not that I like that it's weird. I like
15 that you said that it was weird, yeah. Commissioner
16 Akutagawa and then Commissioner Anderson.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I just want to chime
18 in on this as well, too. I think I'm joining the buyer's
19 remorse club here. And you know, hearing the additional
20 COI testimony, I think this is one of those things where
21 we might have done more harm than good in making these
22 changes. And I think, as Commissioner Sadhwani pointed
23 out, there was no problems with multiple splits, up to
24 five in San Jose. And I feel like walking it back so
25 that we can put communities that should be together back

1 together makes more sense.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And Commissioner
3 Anderson.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yeah. Thank you, Chair.
5 Yeah, I was the one who brought up what are we doing with
6 Palo Alto and Stanford with this group. And I did -- I
7 think I was the only one who actually proposed something
8 slightly different, which was the only thing that made
9 sense to me in terms of if we needed more population was
10 to follow the areas down from -- back down into the
11 valley, into San Jose Valley, from Highway 17 in Santa
12 Cruz. That was only thing I thought that made sense,
13 which would be, like, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno, in those
14 little areas until you have enough, then put that with
15 MIDCOAST. Otherwise, I think it's that proposal or going
16 back to what we had.

17 Now, I do want to say that, yes, there are multiple
18 cuts in the Assembly. Assembly is different than
19 congressional. You know, there are different issues
20 congressionally and federally than state. But those are
21 the options as I see it.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Anderson.
23 Commissioner Ahmed?

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. And I just
25 wanted to clarify that the iteration that we have now is

1 the one with MIDCOAST that runs almost from south San
2 Francisco all the way down to SLO, right? Okay. Just
3 wanted to clarify. Thank you.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And do we have any
5 other comments in terms of this proposal to -- okay. Oh.
6 Commissioner Turner. Oops. Did Commissioner Turner --
7 Commissioner --

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I did.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, you did. Okay. For whatever
10 reason, it didn't come up on my screen. Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: That's okay. No. I just want
12 to say that I am in support of my fellow commissioners in
13 their remorse in being able to move forward.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for joining in our
15 remorse. And we've got Commissioner Toledo and Yee.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: So I just want to make sure
17 that if we decide to move forward with going back to
18 draft maps that we're -- that there's -- that we do keep
19 the Cupertino one exactly as we've made quite a few
20 refinements, and I just don't want to make -- I want to
21 make sure that if we want to move forward that those
22 refinements are -- that we're able to keep the
23 refinements that were made, especially in the Alum Rock
24 and other neighborhoods along the line. So just -- and
25 that's just for the line drawers to keep in mind if we

1 decide to go in this direction that we have that district
2 locked in. Thank you.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, of course. That's very
4 important to have that one. I don't think you want to
5 see me cry again, so we definitely need to -- I don't
6 want to see --

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: We both have cried.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- me cry. Commissioner Yee,
9 Sadhwani, and Sinay.

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm wondering if the line drawers
11 could display just the draft map version with the four-
12 way split, understanding that it will not yet have any
13 updates from the further refinements.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And Commissioner
15 Sadhwani, would you like to comment or do you want to
16 wait for the --

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I was just going to ask a
18 procedure question. If we wanted to move in this
19 direction, a question for Tamina and the line drawing
20 team is what would be the best way to achieve it?

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right, right.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: That is time-efficient.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. That's a great question.
24 Tamina, can you -- can you chime in on that? Because I'm
25 trying to remember the changes we made after that change,

1 right? So we want to make sure we keep those changes as
2 well. So Tamina, if you chime in.

3 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sure. I can chime in to say that
4 there were several changes, many changes, that were made
5 after the draft map. So I do not believe it would be
6 easy. It would be very easy if you just decided to
7 revert back to the draft map and then use the lines as
8 they are here, then we can definitely do that simply.
9 But because we've been making changes along the way,
10 there's -- I don't have kind of a working memory of all
11 of the different iterations that we did. So we'd have to
12 kind of go through the area again and see if there was
13 something we wanted to fix.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm trying to -- I'm trying
15 to think of the -- maybe the best approach.

16 MS. RAMOS ALON: Chair, I'm sorry. May I make one
17 more comment?

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, of course you can.

19 MS. RAMOS ALON: When we did the draft maps, that
20 was before we received instruction from counsel that
21 Cupertino was a VRA-protected area. So the LCVAP of the
22 draft map is 35.82 percent versus the over fifty percent
23 that we have in the current map.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Thank you for that.
25 Commissioner Anderson.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yes, Chair. I have an idea
2 in terms of just using this draft map for the area up in
3 the -- around San Jose compared to what we have now and
4 see -- exactly -- and see the area of San Jose, which is
5 the area we're taking about, what can we apply there
6 without making drastic changes to anything else. Because
7 then that would be the areas -- can we -- can we make
8 changes in there and still make that area work without
9 touching anything else?

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. I appreciate
11 that. Commissioner Forniciari and Toledo.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: So I guess I was under the
13 impression that we had a -- we had released an iteration
14 with the Cupertino district at over -- at fifty percent
15 plus and we still had the four splits in San Jose.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, you're correct. We did
17 have --

18 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: So I'm wondering if we can
19 just go back to that iteration and work from there.

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Legal counsel.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. I'm just trying to think if
22 we made changes after that, that's -- want to make sure
23 that we reflect it. Fred?

24 MR. WOOCHEER: Yeah.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Mr. Woocher?

1 MR. WOOCHEER: It was not really there, but it's the
2 same point that I think Commissioner Forniciari just
3 mentioned. My recollection is that you were at a
4 decision point where you already had the Cupertino
5 district in a formulation that would have satisfied VRA
6 obligations. And there was an iteration that -- and then
7 you had a proposal to deal with the four-way split that
8 had versions one, two, and three, or staying with the
9 four-way split that I believe would have been similar to
10 this and yet still had the Cupertino thing. That's my
11 recollection.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you. I'm sorry. I --
13 Commissioner Toledo?

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. So I'm -- given
15 the information that we have available at this time, I'm
16 going to suggest, Chair, that perhaps we can charge
17 Commissioner Yee and Ahmed to work with Tamina and get us
18 back to the iteration that we had with -- that captures
19 all of the changes that we made to the Cupertino district
20 and gets us back to the draft map -- or rather not the
21 draft map, but the iteration that has the Cupertino
22 district with the four splits in San Jose, and in the
23 meantime, that we go to Southern California to work on
24 the two areas before the break that -- if there's any
25 small changes that we can get to.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I was going to suggest
2 the same thing, so I appreciate that, but of course, I
3 can't suggest that without asking both Commissioners Yee
4 and Ahmad. You've been wonderful so far. Are you
5 willing to one more time?

6 COMMISSIONER YEE: Happy to, Chair.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, thank you, Commissioner Yee.
8 Commissioner Ahmad?

9 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, thank you. Bless you. Bless
11 you, both.

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: Chair, may I ask since I might have
13 some involvement here is --

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: You're going to have quite a bit
15 of involvement, so thank you so much.

16 MS. RAMOS ALON: What is the goal?

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: The goal is to put back some of
18 the communities of interest that were split when we made
19 the San Jose -- when we split it -- had one less split in
20 San Jose. So that is the goal.

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: So the -- I --

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And so Commissioner Yee and Ahmad
23 will work with you, and hopefully you'll come back and
24 we'll -- it'll be another magical moment, hopefully.

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: Sure. So we're looking at

1 communities of interest in San Jose is what we're doing.

2 Is that correct?

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No, no. In the surrounding areas.
4 It's not just in San Jose. So it's in the surrounding
5 areas. I believe Commissioners Yee and Ahmad were aware
6 of the communities of interest prior to and so will work
7 with you on those lines. So thank you. Commissioner
8 Toledo and Sinay.

9 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And just to clarify for the
10 public, so we're just going back to our previous
11 iteration that had -- that had the floor splits rather
12 than the three splits that we -- that we (indiscernible)
13 Tamina to. So just going back one iteration before what
14 we have now and that we -- asking that we move forward
15 with this. Thank you.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And Commissioner
17 Sinay?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just want to make sure that do
19 we have any other buyer's remorse? I think it's easier
20 to bring it up earlier versus at the last minute, so I
21 just wanted to put that out there and give that space for
22 everybody if there was one because I think it is
23 important that we get to vote and it all works.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Thank you so much. I
25 appreciate that. Okay. So the direction right now is

1 we'll have Commissioners Yee and Ahmad work with Tamina,
2 and then hopefully they'll come back soon with that. And
3 so with that -- oh. Jaime's in the driver's seat right
4 now.

5 So Jamie, I'm going to tell you what we have and you
6 can direct me as to what is -- let me see -- oh, actually
7 let me see. Hold on. We have California City, got a
8 couple of those, and then we also have coastal between
9 Orange County and San Diego, and then San Diego. So
10 those two might -- will probably be Sivan's. So yours
11 would be California City, please. Pardon? Is California
12 City -- is that Kennedy? California City? Oh.

13 MS. CLARK: Yeah. So this area is kind of a
14 funny -- it's like where Sivan and Kennedy and I all
15 meet. I think either Kennedy or I could work on this and
16 are happy to work on this with you --

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

18 MS. CLARK: -- whoever it is.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So we have one with
20 Commissioner Anderson, California City with the military
21 bases. And then we also have with Commissioner
22 Forniciari, the California City and Kern, I believe. Is
23 that correct? Okay. So Commissioner Forniciari?

24 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Yeah. So let's see. So
25 we received an email describing a desire for parts of

1 California City to be with a VRA district, and we started
2 to kind of move them to -- into the Fresno-Kern district.
3 And then we thought, no, we need to move them to MORCOA,
4 and the email was a little hard to understand, but we got
5 a clarification email.

6 And the clarification email is that they do not want
7 to be in Fresno-Kern, that they're happy -- they would
8 rather be in MORCOA, that there was -- there isn't a VRA
9 district nearby for them to be with and they would rather
10 be with MORCOA. So in addition to that -- but I think,
11 Commissioner Turner, you probably have the same thing.
12 So why don't I defer to Commissioner Turner at this point
13 before I talk about the bases?

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner
15 Turner?

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. And I think that was
17 just ending that conversation. I don't think we actually
18 moved anyone. We didn't move them out of the area, so
19 that just completes that because we said we would come
20 back to it. So thank you for that, Commissioner
21 Forniciari. We don't need to make any changes in that
22 area. And then, yes, just same difference on this base,
23 but go ahead. I'll let you take it from here.

24 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: So we got some -- several
25 emails providing some more information and arguments for

1 moving Edwards into Fresno-Kern, and it has to do with
2 congressional representation, the fact that the
3 congressional representative in MORCOA would have three
4 military bases that are more -- that are kind of a
5 different type of military base than, say, Edwards and
6 China Lake, and that moving Edwards into Fresno-Kern
7 would enable the focus of the congressional
8 representative to -- in the Fresno-Kern district be able
9 to better support both of those -- both of those bases.
10 I think Commissioner Anderson also would like to comment
11 on this, so I will defer to her.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Anderson?

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yeah. Thank you. Yes, my
14 understanding is that's exactly it. There are actually
15 three -- three bases in MORCOA now, and to add two more
16 or one more is entirely -- it's a bit -- it's too much
17 for one -- it's not just one congressman, but it's
18 also -- it's county supervisors have to -- they have to
19 represent each one because you have to go through the
20 County Supervisor as well to do any operational work.
21 And these are completely different branches of the
22 service, and all three in MORCOA have their -- they're
23 two military -- two Marine, one Army, which are more
24 closely related -- well, the Marines obviously are --
25 where this is Air Force base and then naval base, but

1 they're the air portions. So it's a completely
2 different -- completely different branch of the military
3 and a completely different -- you'd have to -- have to
4 make new relationships with. So it's really -- please
5 keep Edwards in Fresno.

6 And then I was -- the idea for the population is I
7 don't know if what we have is enough if we leave Edwards
8 in CALFRESNO. And my understanding is that I think it's
9 all of California City would rather be in MORCOA because
10 they don't really want to be with Edwards. So wherever
11 Edwards goes, they'd rather go the other way was my
12 understanding of that, and I want to clarify that with
13 Commissioner Turner and Commissioner Forniciari because
14 that sort of email seemed to have gone to us before it
15 went to voters first, and I just want to clarify that.

16 And the other reason I'd like California City to
17 possibly go with MORCOA is the groundwater issue. They
18 get all their water from ground water, which is a huge
19 issue in San Bernardino County, and it isn't in Fres --
20 in Kern. It is in that little portion out here, but the
21 rest of Kern doesn't really care about that because
22 that's not where they have to get their water. So I
23 thought they might be served by their representative in
24 San Bernardino.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. So I just

1 wanted to summarize. I believe what you said was Edwards
2 Air Force Base wants to be in Fresno and Ridgecrest wants
3 to be in MORCOA. So with that, we're going to go to
4 Commissioner Kennedy.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I think
6 Ridgecrest has been very consistent that they want to be
7 in Kern County. It's California City that wants to be in
8 MORCOA. But I wanted to ask Commissioner Anderson, I --
9 you know, we're redistricting for state offices. I don't
10 understand what County Board of Supervisors has to do
11 with our work at this point on this particular question.
12 Thank you.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And thank you for
14 correcting me on that. Commissioner Toledo?

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: As I've said before, I'm
16 always very supportive of our military and our armed
17 forces and veterans and certainly would want to support
18 it, but I am cognizant of the difficulty in shifting in
19 the congressional given the deviation requirements. So I
20 would want to understand how we can do -- how we can
21 rotate the population or have comparable swaps to make
22 this all work out. Thank you.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And California City, I
24 was just going to look at their population, is just under
25 13,000. So that's quite a bit of population when you

1 have to balance to zero. Huge concern. So Commissioner
2 Sadhwani?

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Thank you so much for
4 this discussion, and I agree. I definitely want to be in
5 support of our military and our, you know, strategic
6 interests nationally, of course, as well, as well as the
7 military families and communities.

8 And I'm just asking, can -- for those that have
9 looked at this more closely, just a little bit more
10 clarity on the testimony. I would imagine that in
11 California City you're going to have folks who live there
12 that are tied to Edwards Air Force Base. So is the
13 testimony that the City of California City wants to be
14 with MORCOA but the base wants to be separate? Because
15 that doesn't -- I would imagine that they are tied
16 together inherently.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Based on my prior life, I believe
18 there's actually -- there's also a state prison in
19 California City, so you probably have quite a bit of the
20 employees from there that lived -- live in California
21 City as well. And we do have -- just having worked in
22 corrections, we do have quite a bit of prior military
23 that come to work for our -- for the agency, and we're
24 very proud of them always. Commissioner Akutagawa and
25 then Anderson and then Turner.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think just my
2 recollection on hearing past testimony is that there are
3 very diverse communities in Rosamond and California City.
4 However, I do really hear what is being said about the
5 military bases, and if there's a way, even if it is to
6 try to carve around it, I think -- I think that would
7 make sense to try to do.

8 But my recollection is that there are -- there is a
9 growing community of color -- communities of color in
10 that area, and maybe that's part of the reason why this
11 request is being made. But I hear what the testimony was
12 saying about, you know, the lack of attention that could
13 come about when you have too many and you have very
14 different bases. So I don't know. I mean, anyways.
15 Thank you.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you for that. Yeah.
17 I was just -- I was just looking at -- oh, we have three
18 minutes until break. Yeah. If we made the switch, it
19 would seem that your split would be in California City
20 more, but with that, Commissioner Anderson and
21 Commissioner Turner.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yeah. Thank you. What I am
23 just saying is can we see the population if we put
24 Edwards into CALFRESNO and then if there's any difference
25 of California City that would need to go to MORCOA.

1 MS. CLARK: So the --

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Oh. I was going to go
3 to Commissioner Turner first. Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'd like to follow what she's
5 suggesting. California -- the testimony, California City
6 definitely wants to be towards MORCOA and not in Fresno,
7 just based on the community of interest testimony and the
8 verbal testimonies that was shared to this Commission,
9 public comment that was made. And so I'd like to see
10 what happens with exactly what Commissioner Anderson just
11 named. If we move that into Fresno, what allowance will
12 that give us to move more -- California City and --

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner
14 Forniciari?

15 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Yeah. Jaime, there's
16 like -- if you turn on the military base outline, it'll
17 be, like, a yellow thing. It -- what's that? Oh.
18 Kennedy? Hi, Kennedy.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It's Kennedy.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Sorry. Yeah, you had it
21 on the other day, right? Because it kind of goes all the
22 way to the corner. I think if you just go straight
23 across to under Boron in the corner, that would be --
24 that would get the base that's in Kern.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: You're -- we can't hear you.



1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh. We're waiting for the
2 population. And I was just noticing that there was a
3 interstate or a Highway 58. And we will be going to
4 break. We will just see what the number is and we will
5 contemplate that during our break and we'll come back.

6 MS. WILSON: So I highlighted up to the county.
7 This is about 2,327 people. And earlier, I selected the
8 rest of California City, and the parts of California City
9 that are already in Fresno is about 1,100. So you would
10 still have a one-thousand-person difference between that
11 switch.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. We are going to
13 break, and we will pick up here when we get back at 6:30.
14 Thank you.

15 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 6:16 p.m.
16 until 6:31 p.m.)

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome back, everyone. We were
18 in the middle of a conversation regarding the Air Force
19 bases in Kern County, and where we left off we had
20 Commissioner Turner had her hand up.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I was
22 waiting for Kennedy to select that portion so that we can
23 see about putting the Air Force base into Fresno, and I
24 think she said it was about a thousand, and wanted to try
25 and see, for that difference, can we pull -- the COI

1 testimony that I'm referring to is one that came from the
2 African American Parent Advisory Committee. And they're
3 wanting, of course, as much of Century City -- excuse
4 me -- we're going -- don't go back to that -- California
5 City in MORCOA and also pulling from Mojave and Rosamond
6 as we can make that work. Let's see what the numbers
7 does to balance.

8 MS. WILSON: So here is the selection again, and
9 there is a total of 2,327 people in this selection of
10 Edwards Air Force Base out to the -- and one moment while
11 I erase this -- that was an accident.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Can you -- okay. Go ahead.
13 Okay. Are we good?

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Kennedy, are you talking to
15 us? What are we doing?

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Kennedy, are you waiting for us or
17 are we waiting for you? What's going on here?

18 MS. WILSON: I was waiting for the go-ahead, Chair,
19 from you.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh. Okay. We can always reverse
21 it, so let's go ahead and commit that. And then if you
22 can tell us how much population is in California City
23 and -- into Fresno.

24 MS. WILSON: Yes, I can.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

1 MS. WILSON: There are 1,173 people in the remaining
2 parts of California City in the Fresno district.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Anderson?

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yes. Thank you, Chair.
5 Kennedy, could we zoom in on that southern -- that --
6 yeah, that -- the -- that line that's -- say, north of --
7 north of the air base and south of Boron. Are we
8 getting -- there's a highway that runs through there, and
9 I don't believe the highway is on the air base. I'm just
10 wondering if there's population around that area. Yeah.
11 I'm just, you know, in terms of -- for a couple hundred
12 people.

13 MS. WILSON: The 58 goes into Boron, so to go up to
14 the base, I would be splitting into Boron. Is that the
15 direction?

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: No. I was actually saying I
17 didn't know where the base line really ended. Oh, I see.
18 And you're saying that's the line, the one just below the
19 freeway -- below the highway at Kramer Street? I'm just
20 wondering --

21 MS. WILSON: (Indiscernible, simultaneous speech).

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Sorry. Sorry.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Wait. Are you saying that the
24 base goes into Boron? No, it doesn't. I think where we
25 have the line, I believe that's the -- isn't that the

1 border or boundary?

2 MS. WILSON: Yeah, that's roughly the boundary of --

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Okay.

4 MS. WILSON: The city boundary.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yeah. That's what I was
7 asking you, if it -- if it is up that far north or if
8 it's a little further south. That's what I was asking.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner
10 Turner and Commissioner Forniciari.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. So if she can -- if you
12 can give direction for her to accept this, we can then
13 see how much of Mojave we're needing on that other area
14 between Mojave to make up the difference.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Let's go ahead and accept it, but
16 do we have communities of interest information regarding
17 Mojave wanting to be in the MORCOA? Commissioner
18 Sinay --

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I have --

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- can you look that up for me?
21 Thank you. Oh. Commissioner Turner, did you say you
22 had -- okay. Commissioner Forniciari.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: I think we'll let
24 Commissioner Turner finish.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: What I'm saying is if this
3 part of that same parent advisory commission -- now that
4 all the parents come from California City or Mojave, but
5 the parent advisory committee asked for California City
6 to be with as much of Mojave and Rosamond as they could
7 into the MORCOA district.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. I don't know how we would
9 actually -- if we did Mojave in and then part of
10 Rosamond, we -- okay. I guess we wouldn't potentially
11 cut out all of Edwards. Okay. Commissioner Forniciari,
12 did you want to add something right now?

13 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Yeah. Let's see. Go
14 ahead, Kennedy. Were you going to say something?

15 MS. WILSON: Oh. Just we would have to split Mojave
16 to --

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. It's too --

18 MS. WILSON: -- bring it -- um-hum.

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And this is not in a VRA
20 district, so it wouldn't be appropriate to ask for heat
21 maps, but there are communities of interest in Mojave
22 that has ties with this western portion. California
23 City, the split, and the testimony is coming heavily
24 concentrated on the west side with Mojave there in that
25 area there. So I would say as much of it that we can

1 move into MORCOA to keep our population balance would be
2 what I'm asking.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then another thing,
4 too, Kennedy, could you -- could you check to see if
5 there's any population on the -- on the unincorporated
6 area surrounding California City on all sides? Because
7 I'm thinking if there is, it's probably associated or
8 connects with California City. Thank you. Yeah.

9 MS. WILSON: And how do you feel about Johannesburg?
10 Is that going too far north, or should I continue up this
11 way?

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I mean, I guess my gut feeling is
13 that we should take Johannesburg because you kind of just
14 leave it out there on its own. I would recommend that we
15 take it unless there's, you know, something -- if anyone
16 knows something contrary to that.

17 Commissioner Forniciari, did you give your comment,
18 or you're just waiting to see what's going on? Okay.
19 Commissioner Anderson, Akutagawa, or Toledo, do you have
20 any comments right now regarding this?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: I do, Chair, and it's that I
22 agree with you in terms of I'd rather go a little north
23 unless -- which I do appreciate Commissioner Turner was
24 saying if we put a heat map on because it was -- it was
25 specifically portions of Mojave or Rosamond which were

1 people of color that they were talking about were being
2 discriminated against, which is why the VRA reference.
3 So I don't believe they were talking about the entire
4 city, not that 4,700.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: That's a lot of people. But
7 I would --

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: I would try to go north and
10 I think it's (indiscernible) area north.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And not -- and not too
12 north because then I believe that is Ridgecrest, so I'm
13 thinking some of that --

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: No, that's not right there.
15 That's --

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: -- not Ridgecrest yet.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No, no, no. I know. But if you
19 go further north, it's Ridgecrest. That's -- okay.
20 Thank you.

21 Commissioner Akutagawa, did you have a comment
22 regarding this right now, or?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I was just going to
24 note, I did see there was -- part of the COI testimonies
25 mentioned the Mojave Space Port, which I believe is also

1 another research facility out that way. So I just wanted
2 to note that as well, too.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for that. Commissioner
4 Toledo, did you have --

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I just wanted to
6 raise -- I just wanted to zoom out a little bit to just
7 try to understand this area a little bit more and to get
8 us to think about the -- and I know we are already
9 thinking about this, but to just look at the bigger
10 picture and -- and so I know there's significant federal
11 investment.

12 So we're in Congress, and a member of Congress
13 dealing with military bases and strategic facilities, but
14 there's also a significant workforce that's civilian and
15 that depends on federal investment, and I worry about
16 splitting those areas because it is a lifeline for these
17 communities.

18 So I'm just trying to understand, you know, what the
19 impact of any splits would be, but particular to those
20 areas that do receive this federal investment that needs
21 to be advocated for every decade. And so specifically
22 around Lancaster, Palmdale, Edwards, and Palm, and Plant
23 42, but also the military base -- all of the military
24 bases in these areas and facilities, including other
25 federal investment.

1 So just trying to make sure that we're trying to
2 keep all of that together because I worry about the
3 economic impact of not keeping that together to that
4 community. But just bringing that out there. And I do
5 see how it all kind of -- how it all comes together, but
6 I do worry about splitting. And we already have a split,
7 so I just wanted to raise that to the Commission.

8 And I've seen it in the COI testimony and we've
9 heard it come through the public testimony as well. And
10 I certainly sympathize with the issues that Commissioner
11 Turner has raised for people in California City. And so
12 of course, we want to do everything. We just also have
13 to think through how to do it in a way that benefits the
14 people of California and specifically the people in this
15 area that we're looking at right now. Thank you.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner
17 Forniciari, are you still waiting?

18 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Yeah, I'll go.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: So yeah. Part of the
21 problem is that corner of Mojave that you grabbed right
22 there is the Space Port that wants to stay -- that should
23 stay with Edwards. So we'd have to go around that. But
24 the other thing is the other day when we were looking at
25 this and I'm not sure whose map we were looking at it,

1 there was an outline of the base. And so I'm wondering
2 what layer that might have been on so that we can see and
3 make sure we get -- if we're going to continue down this
4 road, that we get the base correct.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Yes, Kennedy. If you
6 can find that for us, that'd be great. Commissioner
7 Toledo, do you have another question?

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Not at this time. Just
9 looking at options around this area and thinking through
10 them right now. Thank you.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And Chair, can I respond just
13 to Commissioner Toledo in that what we're -- what
14 we're -- is that a yes?

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. What I'm attempting to
17 do is to commit -- is to keep communities of interest
18 together. So for the very reasons he named and support,
19 I think the testimony that we've had here and testimony
20 that I've heard prior is that the families in this area
21 are -- it's I think the testimony talked about a tale of
22 two cities, and they're not being supported in the area.
23 And they talked about life and death situations and
24 having to go to state and federal levels and feeling like
25 their support --

1 They ideally would all like to be with Antelope
2 Valley, okay? That's not going to happen in this
3 iteration. And so what they're wanting to do is for
4 these -- and not Johannesburg. I'm not really saying
5 anything necessarily with Johannesburg, so that might be
6 problematic. But it -- we're trying to reach into -- and
7 into these areas where we can ensure that these
8 communities are kept together and then properly served.

9 I think it was the parent board, we had the
10 teachers -- what was it, the parents advisory board that
11 talked about the kids in school. We know we had the
12 Dolores Huerta group talking about suits that took place
13 in the schools and what have you, and all of that is from
14 the same group of individuals that's trying to be served
15 in this area together.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Anderson?

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yes. In terms of the heat
18 map, because I was also looking at some of the things
19 that Commissioner Turner was referring to. Could we see
20 the couple of different heat maps here, the community of
21 interest we were -- was talking about and that was being
22 discriminated against was (indiscernible), but it was
23 also black. So if we could see that heat map, please.

24 Again, it's a community of interest but they happen
25 to be similar economic issues and things. But just in

1 terms of just seeing all the different populations,
2 please.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes, Chair. You asked me to
5 look up what Mojave -- the individuals in Mojave --

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- wanted. Yeah. We don't
8 really have testimony from the people of Mojave. We have
9 a lot of testimony from others saying what the people of
10 Mojave should want. So I cannot answer that question. I
11 apologize.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Well, you did answer the question.
13 We asked to see if there anything from Mojave and there
14 wasn't. So thank you. And that is -- well, that's okay.
15 That's -- we have what we have. I do want to clarify, I
16 haven't gone through all of them but I went through a lot
17 of them, and it was usually the same. Thank you for
18 that.

19 Okay. So Kennedy, this is the heat map for Latino?

20 MS. WILSON: Yes. This is the Latino C -- heat map.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Did we want to see a
22 different heat map? Can we see the -- the Black CVAP
23 heat map, please? Okay. So do we have further direction
24 for Kennedy?

25 MS. WILSON: And one moment while I pull that up.

1 Sorry.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

3 MS. WILSON: So here is the Black CVAP heat map.

4 And the Air Force base is in the way, so I mean.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

6 MS. WILSON: Um-hum. And I will do the Asian one as

7 well. One moment.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And Kennedy, just so
9 that I'm looking at the right number, is it the 800
10 number deviation? Is that what we're looking at, or
11 what -- which one are we looking at for to even out?

12 MS. WILSON: Oh, yes. To even out, we would need
13 808.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And eight? Okay. Thank you.

15 MS. WILSON: Um-hum.

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Chair? Oh.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner?

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I was going to
19 suggest -- we took when we were highlighting the Air
20 Force base at the western end of it, perhaps we can put
21 some of that right there past the base to the -- to the
22 west. Up there, that white area, unincorporated. Can we
23 put that back in? That's not the Air Force base.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I'm trying to see what you're
25 referring to.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Right between -- you
2 see where the Air Force base is that beige-ish color and
3 then there's --

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh. And then the white?

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And that might reduce some of
8 the numbers we have to --

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- make up for.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Kennedy, could you highlight that
12 portion of it, please?

13 MS. WILSON: I was -- sorry -- trying to make it a
14 little bit more transparent so that we could see
15 underneath it. May you please repeat that direction?

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right where your hand was. Right
17 to the -- no. Up. That unincorporated area right
18 underneath what we have highlighted now. No. Move to
19 your left. Yeah.

20 MS. WILSON: And so take some -- take that out.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Well, what we're trying
22 to do, Kennedy, when you initially selected the Air Force
23 base to move in, you selected this large rectangle. And
24 I was trying to get you to back out of that some so we
25 didn't have to quite find 800. It might be a smaller

1 number we're looking for to balance the population.

2 MS. WILSON: So to make a selection that would take
3 from this area and bring it back into Fresno-Kern, would
4 you like me to go ahead and commit this change or redo
5 that change? Because I can't --

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh. Oh, wait. Okay. I'm sorry.
7 I misunderstood what Commissioner Turner was trying to
8 do. I thought she was trying to get the unincorporated
9 area that was to the west of California City. I did not
10 realize she wanted to go into -- hm.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Well, the -- because right
12 now, Kennedy, what's highlighted, the beige portion, did
13 that all come up as the Air Force base, or is that as a
14 result of what you clicked?

15 MS. WILSON: This beige piece is just the Air Force
16 base portion.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Right. So we --

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: The white part -- the white
19 part --

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- at the top, left corner of
22 it. That.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: What is that?

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's unincorporated area.

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Can you select that?

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's what I thought you were --
3 you were referring to.

4 MS. WILSON: And then would you like me to continue
5 and go north and take this area?

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Can you continue? And then
7 make sure that the testing center, it looks like you
8 grabbed a little piece of it. Let's make sure we don't
9 grab that.

10 Commissioner Forniciari, did you have something
11 else? And Commissioner Sinay. It's okay. Commissioner
12 Turner or Anderson?

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. At the farthest south of
14 what you currently have, if we can go into Mojave there,
15 which it would not be the Space Port down at the southern
16 portion of just Mojave.

17 Kennedy, you see that population? I think, since we
18 still have the map on right in -- okay.

19 MS. WILSON: And where would you like me to take
20 from in Mojave? We need 458 --

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Right.

22 MS. WILSON: -- people.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: You see where the triangle --

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: (Indiscernible, simultaneous
25 speech)

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- that little piece there and
2 right above it, there is some population there.

3 MS. WILSON: Okay. I will take from that area. So
4 this block is rather large, so it doesn't connect
5 straight --

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Right.

7 MS. WILSON: -- into the triangle. It does --

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Right above it. What is that
9 population right above it? Click that, and right there.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Was that zero population?

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

12 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That triangle? Okay.

14 MS. WILSON: Yeah.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's a big piece.

16 MS. WILSON: Shall --

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's all zero population.

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Kennedy, right above it. Is
19 that -- what is that little green? That's not
20 population?

21 MS. WILSON: Those -- that's

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Can we zoom in? So maybe there's,
23 like, major streets or somewhere that makes more sense
24 than to just start grabbing population. Is that it?
25 Man, it's looking like my town. Like I have two roads.

1 Oh, there we go. There we go. Oh, no. It's much bigger
2 than mine. Bless you.

3 MS. WILSON: And so here we have the blocks turned
4 on with the population numbers as well.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh. They are -- it seems like
6 they've got a big cluster of population near the test
7 base. I would not want to touch that, for sure. Can you
8 scroll down just a little bit so I can see what the
9 bottom part populations? Lot of zeros. Okay. Why don't
10 we --

11 MS. WILSON: I can select along the 14 and grab the
12 population that is within the bottom part of Mojave, the
13 southeastern border.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We could. I'm just going to go on
15 record and say that I just don't like grabbing all that
16 population around the base because I'm pretty sure it's
17 connected, the people are connected to the base, but
18 okay. I'm just going to say that I really don't like
19 this, but Commissioner Anderson.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Thank you, Chair. When we
21 had the heat map on, there was a population on -- just
22 around the west of the Space Port and just a little
23 bit -- and then if you look up, it looks like, oh,
24 there's population up there. There's like 134. Not this
25 area. Actually, the area -- if you went -- you know,

1 yeah.

2 At the north, that little area down in there, that,
3 you know, 45, 77, 134. No. Not the southeast, the north
4 central portion going up, up, up, up. That. Starting in
5 that area, correct. Starting in that area, that looked
6 like where we had our people of color who were -- want to
7 be in the VRA district. And could we -- can we try that?

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: The other thing I want to say
9 to your point, Chair, is that we do have testimony coming
10 in that's saying that most of the staff are the prison
11 staff in the Air Force base. They're actually tied to
12 L.A. County and Antelope Valley, which neither live or
13 interact much with California City.

14 And so maybe I would understand that it would seem
15 that they live around there, but if we're going to accept
16 that as fact or at least come from the community, that
17 may not be for the homes of the area that we're in
18 impacting the actual people that work there.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. And I will note
20 based on my prior career with Department of Corrections,
21 in terms of individuals that live close to the
22 institutions, it's actually family members of those --
23 the incarcerated population. So that might -- and you're
24 absolutely correct. Most staff do not live that close to
25 facilities. They tend to move further away. I'm still

1 not liking it. Okay. Here we go.

2 Oh. I'm sorry. Commissioner Kennedy and
3 Commissioner Sadhwani.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I think we've already gone
5 past the equilibrium point that we were looking for and
6 now we're getting farther and farther away from balanced.
7 So we're wasting time going way beyond where we needed to
8 be.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani?

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. You know, I really
13 appreciate Commissioner Turner raising this. And I think
14 a part of this, if we think back to some of the very
15 early testimony that we had, you know, we had had a whole
16 lot of folks calling in from Lancaster-Palmdale in the
17 Antelope Valley, and the concern had been that, in the
18 past, the Bakersfield district dipped into Antelope
19 Valley for population and because there's a community of
20 interest that does link together the Antelope Valley with
21 Mojave through California City -- Rosemond and California
22 city.

23 And you know, my recollection of how we got to this
24 point largely was from a lot of that testimony that said
25 we want -- we're the Antelope Valley. We want to at

1 least be in L.A. County and keep Lancaster whole and
2 don't break into us. And if it's possible, keep us with
3 our partners in Mojave, Rosamond, and California City. I
4 see this map at this stage. And if we move forward with
5 this, that's fine.

6 You know, I think it's one of those unfortunate
7 pieces because these are communities that are connected
8 together. And yet at the same time -- through the
9 aerospace industry, through many other things -- but I
10 feel like we made -- we made a choice in this area a
11 while ago and that split up that further COI of Antelope
12 Valley reaching up into this area. So I just wanted to
13 remind us of that because I remember that was some of the
14 very early testimony and very compelling for me.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And so from what I
16 gather with that is you would prefer to leave it as is?

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I would be fine leaving it
18 as is, but I'm happy to go with the consensus on this. I
19 certainly want to support the communities that are asking
20 to be changed, but yeah.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Anderson, Toledo, and
22 Turner?

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yeah. My other idea was do
24 we want to actually add Rosamond to AVSC, which is
25 21,000, and then I think we needed seventeen or

1 something, so we'd have to add another 3,000 from AVSC --
2 AVSCSV to MORCOA that way. That would leave California
3 City in Fresno with everything up there except for --
4 except for Rosamond.

5 And the one thing I wanted to say, I was actually
6 looking at from Edwards. If you go to Edwards, there's a
7 group, you know, hey, where we live? And they all say --
8 they say Palmdale, Lancaster, and Rosamond. They do not
9 mention California City or Mojave, actually. So that's
10 another way to do it.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Toledo?

12 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I, you know -- I've
13 been looking at this area and thinking about the
14 testimony we received, the testimony that Commissioner
15 Sadhwani uplifted, and I -- I'm comfortable with staying
16 with what we have. Also, I'm not going to oppose
17 continuing to explore. I think exploration is always
18 helpful, but I do think -- I mean, ideally, we would keep
19 the federal -- the federal bases, the -- which are the
20 lifeblood for this region, whole to the extent possible.
21 I know we've made decisions around Lancaster and Palmdale
22 and the Antelope Valley previously that have -- that have
23 shaped this region, but it does seem like we're starting
24 to cut into those now. That's all I wanted to say.
25 Thank you.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I'm just going to kind
2 of put myself in here. I realize there may not be
3 testimony or the people do not live in Mojave, but we're
4 still tearing up a community. And I have a feeling it's
5 a -- it's probably a marginalized community, and we're --
6 we are kind of splitting it in half. Commissioner Turner
7 and Forniciari.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Thank you. It probably
9 is a marginalized community, which is why I think it
10 should be moved. And so ideally they want it to be in
11 Antelope Valley. Then the testimony came, move us
12 anywhere except for where we are, MORCOA, because now
13 that we have made this split here, California City is
14 really sitting there out there by themselves.

15 And I think if we followed headlines at all, not
16 necessarily recent communities of interest, we know that
17 the area that they're currently sitting in and associated
18 with has had headlines of being the deadliest police
19 force per capita for people of color. That's in the
20 news, been in the news, and so the people that's here are
21 suffering. They are having issues, and they're being
22 asked to be moved someplace where they can get support
23 and help.

24 And so because we could not move them all down into
25 the area and we've balanced -- we've actually made our

1 numbers now where we did through the deviation. It may
2 look wonky or strange or what have you, but it does move
3 all of California City into the MORCOA district, and it
4 does Mojave -- for those -- the -- probably the biggest
5 concern would be that we couldn't move more of them into
6 the Antelope Valley. And I would be very surprised if
7 there were complaints about them coming out of the area
8 that they're in.

9 And so I -- of course, I want to see it moved. We
10 lifted it, but you know, that I just feel like we'll
11 probably -- for sure, not probably -- I'm -- I feel
12 strongly that we'll -- it'll be a disservice to a lot of
13 the California City residents and those in Mojave to not
14 try and respond to their living circumstances.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner
16 Forniciari.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: So yeah. Up until we
18 worked to finalize the congressional maps, all this area
19 was in Fresno-Kern. We had to walk that 17,000 people
20 from the north to the south and we just cut it out
21 without giving it a lot of thought what the impact for
22 cutting it out was. So you know, I am struggling here
23 with what we're doing, and yeah. But I mean, I think it
24 deserves some thought because we haven't given this move
25 thought.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Toledo.

2 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I would agree with
3 Commissioner Forniciari on this. I mean, I wish we
4 could -- I wish there were population enough to redirect
5 this population to the Antelope Valley because I think,
6 strategically, that's what makes sense, at least with
7 Palmdale and the Lancaster area and the federal
8 facilities. But -- and I think -- and certainly we
9 haven't finalized our maps.

10 And so I -- maybe this is might be something where
11 we might want to charge Commissioner Forniciari and
12 Commissioner Turner to take a look at options with staff
13 while we go on to another portion of the state. Looking
14 at this strategically, both from a community standpoint
15 and the needs of our -- of our minority populations as
16 well as the really strategic federal needs of our -- of
17 the people of this area where federal investment is such
18 a huge portion of the economy in these -- in these areas.
19 So just a thought in terms of giving it a little bit of
20 strategic thinking.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for that. It's -- I'm
22 just trying to think if there's enough time to look into
23 this. That's the issue at this point. I'm not sure if
24 Commissioner Forniciari and Commissioner Turner are
25 willing to -- ope, Kennedy. Here we go.

1 MS. WILSON: Yes. And so when we were first looking
2 at this iteration, another option of moving that 17,000
3 people that I showed was moving portions of Inyo into San
4 Bernardino, MORCOA district, and then you keep this
5 portion whole with what it was before, and instead, you
6 move the population through Inyo is what the other
7 option. And but you decided to go with split here
8 because the Inyo version was not preferred.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. But then isn't the
10 community of interest saying that they want to be in
11 MORCOA? I believe that's what Commissioner Turner and
12 Anderson stated, so --

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: What they wanted to be was not
14 where they are, where we've drawn them based on the --
15 any -- anywhere except for where they currently were. I
16 think they were before, previously. They -- so MORCOA is
17 the preferred district. Inyo, is that above? Where are
18 we going with Inyo? What was that iteration, Kennedy?

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No, we didn't -- we didn't have
20 the --

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That iteration was not brought
23 forward. It was just something that they had looked at,
24 but that was not brought forward to the Commission.
25 Okay. One minute. Here we go. Commissioner Anderson,

1 Toledo, and Toledo.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: And the reason why we didn't
3 take Inyo is because in Inyo County in its entirety is
4 18,000 people. So you'd have to leave, like, three or
5 400 less -- around a thousand people in Inyo to make it
6 balance. So it made much more sense to go this way.

7 And I agree with Commissioner Turner. The people
8 here were -- they really would rather be in MORCOA if we
9 can make a very surgical cut into Mojave. I think that's
10 with California City into MORCOA. I think that's what we
11 should do.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo?

13 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. My understanding was
14 the -- that the correspondence from this -- from this
15 group had wanted to be first with the Antelope Valley and
16 then with MORCOA as a default if there was no other
17 option. And so -- and I think we had them there prior to
18 some changes to the maps. That being said, I agree with
19 you, Commissioner Fernandez. I'm not sure that there's
20 time to look at this a little bit more and perhaps -- but
21 if there -- if there is a will to look at it, I'd be
22 supportive of it. Thank you.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani?

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just very briefly, yes. So
25 we had -- you know, when Commissioner Toledo and I were

1 working on the VRA districts just adjacent to this in the
2 Central Valley, we discussed this as a possible option,
3 right? So if this population goes into MORCOA, then
4 population has to move. I think that's what Kennedy is
5 referring to.

6 And so, you know, and Commissioner Anderson, I
7 would -- I would ask you a little bit more because I
8 hear -- I hear the passion for this, and I support that.
9 Actually, I really do. But the way to achieve that,
10 then, is Inyo going with the Central Valley. And maybe
11 Kennedy can just walk us through what that would more
12 specifically look like.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Anderson.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yeah. I'm sorry.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: A minute?

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: To clarify, no. You know,
17 this population, which is actually parts of Rosamond,
18 parts of Mojave, and parts of -- essentially the western
19 part is my understanding -- of California City really
20 wanted to be with the Antelope Valley. Given how the
21 whole section was chopped and put into MORCOA, they said,
22 hey, take California City and put it in MORCOA or put it
23 in MORCOA and leave the Air Force -- the base in Fresno.
24 And that's what they were talking about.

25 So that's what I was saying. And I believe I'm

1 agreeing with Commissioner Turner on this, is if we can't
2 put some of it into Antelope Valley, then let's put some
3 of that over in MORCOA. And then the people -- yeah,
4 yeah. So that's what I was saying. No, I wasn't talking
5 about let's leave all this because that leaves the people
6 of color who didn't want to be within Kern still in Kern.
7 So it's not helping them at all, and I think that's --

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Can -- could --

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: -- the people we need to
10 help.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- Kennedy just walk us through
12 that?

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yeah. She --

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And then -- and we have to realize
15 that there's many communities of interest that we weren't
16 able to honor either because of population or because of
17 conflicting communities of interest information. And
18 especially with congressional, when you have to get down
19 to zero, it just makes it more challenging. But Kennedy,
20 I guess walk us through what that other --

21 MS. WILSON: Yes.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- version would be. Thank you.
23 Because we've been here for an hour.

24 MS. WILSON: I was just going to remind just the
25 whole situation was that the Southern California portions

1 of California were under-populated by 17,000 people. So
2 that had to flow down through some shifts between me and
3 Tamina. And so to do that was in response to moving
4 those 17,000 people down and so splitting in California
5 City and taking the rest. And that's what the Commission
6 chose over the Inyo portion, yeah. That's just how we
7 got here. That's why this decision was made, why that
8 one wasn't made, and that's just an overview.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner and --

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. And so --

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- Toledo.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- the last thing I want to
13 say about that is that we are balanced now. And so the
14 thing is, is that in community of interest testimony is I
15 think our fourth criteria along with cities. We said all
16 that before. And we have heard from people that's
17 requesting this. And so we can, in our minds, think what
18 people around that want to do, et cetera, but they've
19 called in to tell us what their lived experience is and
20 why they want to be somewhere different.

21 The problem is, is that this COI, the one's that's
22 greatest affected is on the west side of this particular
23 area of California City. And because we cannot move it
24 down, we have to move it right, which means if we're
25 going to move it to the east, we need to take all of it

1 if we're going to be able to help them at all. And so
2 with that, we're balanced now. We really don't have to
3 do anything else, or we can go on the journey that we
4 don't have time for. But either of those two certainly
5 would at least serve the ones that have called in and
6 given their testimony about their experience. Thank you.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani?

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I would support the change.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. I would not support the
10 change, but I will go with whatever, but I would like to
11 see where these boundaries are that we're just cutting
12 across Mojave. Sorry, Mojave. Can you zoom in, please,
13 because I can't see any of the street?

14 MS. WILSON: One moment, please, while I turn on the
15 street layer.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Sadhwani,
17 do you have another comment? Oh. Can you zoom down, or
18 can you move down, please, Kennedy? I mean, I know we're
19 balanced, but it just -- it is very random. Almost like
20 at least we went along the freeway or something like --
21 it just seems so random and slicing. I guess that's the
22 only way I can say it. Commissioner Vazquez.

23 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I am in support of
24 this change. I hear you about it feeling random, and I
25 agree it is. That being said, for the vast majority, I

1 would say, of the balancing that has happened with
2 congressional districts has been fairly random. And
3 we've often also left it up to the mappers once we have
4 given sort of final direction to the architecture of a
5 region. For the most part, throughout much of
6 California, we have randomly balanced districts. And in
7 some ways I'm hoping that some of that randomness sort of
8 cancels each other out in different areas of the state.

9 So you know, again, in an ideal world, we'd have
10 detailed information about every neighborhood and every
11 small city and town. Unfortunately, we do not. And so
12 I'm in support of this change, and I agree that it's
13 random, but I don't know that there's -- I don't know
14 that we're necessarily doing anything differently here
15 for this change than we've done for the rest of the map
16 in order to balance our congressional districts.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Toledo.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Well, I think any time we're
19 trying to get to the plus or negative one deviation,
20 some -- you know, there is some level of communities not
21 being alike and to some extent some randomness. I don't
22 know if that's the right word, but I mean, I still am
23 having -- for compactness issues and other issues, I'm
24 still trying to under -- trying to decide. Thank you.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And compactness is number five, I

1 believe. That goes -- communities of interest is number
2 four. I think -- yeah. It's still random to me. It
3 just -- if we could go along the freeway -- and I realize
4 we're trying to get to zero -- and maybe get that last
5 piece of the city limits or the -- yeah, just get that.
6 But yeah. If not, it won't work, so it is what it is.

7 Any other comments before we move on? Commissioner
8 Sadhwani and Akutagawa.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Just wondering in terms of
10 clean up if Tamina -- I mean, would it be reasonable to
11 look at making the slice into Mojave more localized at
12 the top, perhaps, or just something that's more of
13 maintaining a neighborhood -- something that seems more
14 of a neighborhood as opposed to taking a dip in the top
15 and then slicing down the side kind of thing.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I know --

17 MS. WILSON: Yeah. And I --

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I know that in the top -- right
19 there in that corner that is not highlighted, it's --
20 that's the test -- I believe the testing center or
21 something like that that we wanted to make sure that we
22 kept with the Air Force base. So that's why we're trying
23 to go around it.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: But how about the community
25 right up at the top?

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Like, on that end. Yeah.
2 Maybe just go across, if you could.

3 MS. WILSON: So well, I'd be taking out this portion
4 here?

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Kennedy, would you mind working on
6 this and we go to Orange County? I -- or to San Diego.
7 Just a little bit more of care and maybe if you can come
8 up with a better version. Again, I want to make sure
9 that the test -- the testing site stays with the Air
10 Force base, and we'll move on to -- I think we're going
11 to San Diego. San Diego and then we'll come back.

12 MS. WILSON: Yes. And so I am still just wondering
13 would it, like --

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Like, right there, like,
15 that area. Right. Like, at least try to localize it
16 somehow. It's going to be difficult because of that test
17 site that -- it would have been great had it been on the
18 southern end of it, but it's not on the southern end of
19 it. Just yeah, if you can take a look at it.
20 Commissioner Forniciari.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: You want me to spend a
22 couple minutes --

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That would --

24 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: -- with Kennedy?

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- be great. That would be great.

1 Thank you so much. And if you can just bring it back to
2 us, that'd be great. All right. So we're going to move
3 on. Thank you. Sivan?

4 MS. TRATT: Hello. Sorry. I was muted. Hi, I'm
5 here. Just give me one second to share my screen.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Let me know when you're ready, and
7 we'll probably start with Orange County --

8 MS. TRATT: Yeah.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- the coastal between Orange
10 County and San Diego that's -- Commissioner Sadhwani and
11 then we will go into San Diego.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: You know, I had sent along
13 the community testimony that we had received yesterday.
14 There had been some callers talking about a swap of
15 Ladera Ranch. It's connected with Cota de Casa. They
16 are planned communities and keeping that more inland and
17 bringing in Laguna Beach, and I think Sivan tried.
18 Sivan, do you have that snapshot, or?

19 MS. TRATT: I do, yeah. Give me one moment to pull
20 it up.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. So I think that
22 the testimony had been, you know, that this is -- we have
23 been attempting to make this a more coastal-based
24 district. So how do we take out some of the pieces that
25 are more inland and ensure that it's -- that it's a --

1 you know, more coastal-based in nature. But I think that
2 the result was some cuts in other COIs. I'm not sure how
3 I feel about it in all honesty now that we saw it.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I actually inquired
6 about it this morning with Andrew and Sivan to see if --
7 it seemed like these swaps might be reasonable and would
8 be easy to do, but the challenge became we're talking
9 about several city cuts and there's no real good way to
10 balance it.

11 So I was just going to actually say that, you know,
12 based on the testimony, I did inquire and try to look
13 into it, but I -- I'm pretty uncomfortable with multiple
14 city swaps to try to do this. And so my preference, or
15 at least my recommendation, is I think in this particular
16 case, you know, it's not a perfect map, I guess, or
17 there's obviously things that we would like to see
18 different. But I think for what we had, I think it
19 worked or it's good enough, I guess. There's a lot of
20 places that are good enough on our map, so.

21 MS. TRATT: Commissioners Akutagawa and Sadhwani,
22 did you want me to just highlight for everyone where
23 those swaps occurred, or do you want me to just revert to
24 the other plan?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sivan, I mean, I know one

1 of the attempts was to bring in Tustin whole, but I --
2 you know, I mean, it's cut in half and I don't know how
3 effective that is. I could also mention just looking at
4 it, you know, Newport Beach is also cut off. I believe
5 in the previous map we did have Laguna Hills whole, but
6 it seems to be split again. So I don't know if there's
7 other splits that you've noted. Thanks.

8 MS. TRATT: Yep. You took the words out of my
9 mouth. The only two -- there were two whole city swaps.
10 So that was Laguna Beach and Ladera Ranch, and then
11 created two splits, so one in Tustin, which I do believe
12 was an attempt to bring together at least part of the
13 Tustin-Irvine COI, but I'm not sure if a split is better
14 than nothing, and then also creates a new split in
15 Newport Beach. So if there's no longer interest, I would
16 be happy to revert to the -- where we started.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Is it not possible, Sivan --
18 I'm trying -- I'm sorry. At this point, I'm just trying
19 to wrap my head around these things to keep Newport Beach
20 whole and just adjust where the split is in Tustin.
21 Tustin is currently not with Irvine, is that correct, in
22 our current map? But the --

23 MS. TRATT: Yes.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- COI was --

25 MS. TRATT: Yeah. So Tustin was split previously.

1 I believe the move -- this three-way swap was to try and
2 bring in more of Tustin.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Um-hum.

4 MS. TRATT: Because Newport Beach and Tustin would
5 be moving in and out of different districts, it would
6 involve a three-district swap. So I only looked at the
7 community submission that was forwarded to me in terms of
8 how to move population. I did not make attempts to keep
9 Tustin or Newport Beach whole. I just balanced the plans
10 back, so I could do that exploration now or just leave
11 it.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I mean, if Newport
13 Beach could be more whole than maybe I would be more
14 supportive of it, but it would cut down the cuts and I
15 think it would keep more of Tustin with -- yeah -- Tustin
16 with Irvine and Costa Mesa, which I think was the -- you
17 know, a secondary goal of this move was solidifying the
18 coastal as well as bringing in more of Tustin.

19 MS. TRATT: So --

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: If it's reasonable to keep
21 Newport Beach whole, I would be interested in it if it's
22 quick.

23 MS. TRATT: Yeah. No, I was just going to ask what
24 your proposed swap would be because it would have --
25 again, it would -- to bring in more of Tustin, it would

1 have to involve --

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Right.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: It would be less of Tustin..

4 It would be less of Tustin.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Less of --

6 MS. TRATT: Okay. So remove the part of Tustin --

7 are you okay with a split in Tustin?

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I thought that you said it
9 was already split.

10 MS. TRATT: No, it was not. It was split from
11 Irvine, but the City of Tustin --

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, I see.

13 MS. TRATT: -- is kept whole.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Split from Irvine.

15 MS. TRATT: Yes, these are new city splits.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Um-hum. Um-hum. Yeah. No.
17 Revert.

18 MS. TRATT: Okay.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Well, okay. Yeah. Thank you.
20 I'm like, wait a minute.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: We've actually had great
22 feedback on our Orange County map --

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

24 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- so why tinker with it at
25 this point? Thank you. And I think Commissioner Sinay

1 has some additional changes to that same district,
2 actually. So I'm curious and excited to see what they
3 are.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Let's move on to
5 Commissioner Sinay. Let me cross this one out. Here we
6 go.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So we've looked at the
8 congressional district from, you know -- we talked
9 about -- or okay -- that it -- you know, the district
10 doesn't quite make -- the middle district doesn't quite
11 make sense because it goes all the way from the --
12 Coronado all the way up to Valley Center. Valley Center?
13 No. I'm looking at the Valley -- but Escondido, in that
14 area.

15 Having said all that, a thought is, and it works
16 because we've looked into it, is moving San Marcos down
17 into central, the City of San Marcos. So it will be with
18 Escondido, which has been one of the COIs. Usually --
19 it's the seven -- there's -- I've looked at all of them
20 and there's different one -- you know, people group
21 northern San Diego differently. But Oceanside Vista,
22 Carlsbad, San Marcos, Escondido.

23 Right now, Escondido is split, and it's not with any
24 of those on the 78 corridor. So this would put San
25 Marcos with part of Escondido. It would be in the San

1 Diego coast, which would -- which would allow us then to
2 make Carlsbad whole by going -- moving south and make
3 room for more of the north coastal. So Encinitas,
4 Solana, Del Mar, which are all -- you know, work
5 together. I don't know -- I don't know how far down it
6 would get to get to one, but it would allow more of San
7 Diego Coastal to be with Orange County Coastal.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And have you -- you haven't
9 worked this. You have worked it. Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We have worked it.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So the first move would be
12 to move San Marcos in?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: San Marcos into San --

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- Diego coast.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Let's do that, Sivan,
17 please.

18 MS. TRATT: Oh, I have a -- I was just showing these
19 are the lines, but I can also just move to the snapshot
20 that I've made where I've already made those changes.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Well, that would be easier.

22 MS. TRATT: I know we've worked it. I know the
23 Commission --

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I know it's getting late. I'm
25 trying to follow you.

1 MS. TRATT: Well, and I was trying to save the
2 Commission time as well just --

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We appreciate that.

4 MS. TRATT: So while I was doing some checks, I
5 noticed that I did have a stray loch, an unintentional
6 split and there's a noncontiguous portion of Lake San
7 Marcos that I had accidentally split from the rest of
8 Lake San Marcos. So I -- it is currently one off from
9 being balanced, and I didn't have time to rebalance the
10 snapshot before showing it, but I will balance it either
11 live or I can do it offline. So just one moment please
12 while the map --

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

14 MS. TRATT: -- loads again.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I will go to Commissioner
16 Akutagawa.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, I was just going to ask
18 if you were able to also remove that unincorporated area
19 next to Vista as well, too, if you -- that way, then you
20 could bring in more of the coast as Commissioner Sinay
21 had intended. Thanks.

22 MS. TRATT: Indeed, that is where I am trying to
23 balance the population from, so you can see this is at
24 three and this is at negative two, so I'll just need to
25 balance that. But with those proposed changes, the 49th

1 District would now go south to Del Mar. It would exclude
2 San Marcos and Lake San Marcos, and then those would be
3 included in CD50, which now goes from Coronado --

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Coronado? Okay.

5 MS. TRATT: -- up to above San Marcos, includes
6 southern Escondido and the San Pascal area of the City of
7 San Diego.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I will just say I kind -- I kind
9 of like this, so.

10 MS. TRATT: It also removes the split in Carlsbad as
11 well.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Which is -- you know what
13 that is? That's a bonus. Thank you, Sivan.

14 MS. TRATT: Yes. You're welcome.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Any feedback on this? I do. I
16 like it. But any comments? Commissioner Sadhwani?

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. Thank you. I think,
18 you know, we've heard a lot about coastal districts and
19 there's a strong desire, and we weren't able to create
20 that full OC coastal district that folks wanted. But
21 what I see here is a very coastal-oriented district.
22 Yes, it spans across two counties, but the ocean
23 certainly does, too. So seems reasonable. Thank you.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, the ocean doesn't know which
25 line it is and where the district -- where one county

1 ends and the other one starts. Commissioner Akutagawa
2 then Sinay and then Toledo.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was just going to say it
4 also aligns with the COI testimony where we heard quite a
5 bit from Solana Beach and Del Mar as well, too, being
6 disappointed that they were not included in. So I'm sure
7 that there's going to be a lot of happy people. Thank
8 you.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Is that like a bonus-bonus? Okay.
10 All right. Maybe it's Bonus Sunday. Okay. Commissioner
11 Sinay and --

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You can add the folks from
13 Encinitas as well. And I want to just remind folks that
14 I -- you know, we've intentionally have kept Vista in
15 there with Carlsbad and Oceanside because it is the Tri-
16 City Medical. You know, we got testimony on that. But
17 also Oceanside and Vista and Carl -- you know, this way,
18 we're only splitting the corridor in half, and Oceanside,
19 Vista have a lot of similar populations and do a lot of
20 community work together. So we're still giving -- you
21 know, have two cities that can support -- you know, work
22 together within the congressional district. And they
23 work very closely with Camp Pendleton.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Toledo.

25 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: This change is aligned with

1 the COI testimony that I've seen and heard over the last
2 couple of weeks and months, and so I would support this,
3 and I believe we have general consensus, just looking at
4 the room, but I can't tell.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Right. I believe we do,
6 too. But are there any concerns with making this change?
7 And then with that, Sivan would go back and find one or
8 two population. Commissioner Sinay? Okay. Okay. So
9 with that, Sivan, is this locked in, or you have to go
10 back and look it in?

11 MS. TRATT: No, this is locked in. I just wanted to
12 confirm that you were okay with me balancing these two
13 districts offline.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

15 MS. TRATT: It'll just be in the unincorporated area
16 outside of Vista and no new city splits will be created.
17 So just wanted to confirm that.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you so much, Sivan.
19 Thank you for your work on that.

20 MS. TRATT: Absolutely. Yeah.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I appreciate it. Okay. So is
22 Tamina ready with San Jose, or is -- or is Commissioner
23 Forniciari ready with California City? Those are two
24 areas that are left. San Jose is not ready. And I
25 assume Tamina is still working on it, correct? Okay.

1 So right now, since we are waiting for both of them,
2 I think we will go ahead and go on break. So we're going
3 to go on break and we will be back. I'm going to give
4 you an extra few minutes. We're going to be back at
5 8:00. Thank you. I know. You're welcome. Bonus
6 Sunday, Bonus Sunday. That's right.

7 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 7:38 p.m.
8 until 8:00 p.m.)

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome back, California. We are
10 in the homestretch, so we're -- we've got a couple of
11 iterations that we will be reviewing. I believe we
12 are -- are we ready for San Jose or are we going to
13 California City? And just based on what the map says,
14 I'm thinking we're going to California City, so. Can't
15 pull one over on me. That's right.

16 So with this, we did ask Commissioner Forniciari if
17 he could work with -- oh -- was it Kennedy? Work with
18 Kennedy. Sorry. Kennedy. Thank you. So Commissioner
19 Forniciari, would you like to walk us through this or
20 would you like Kenn -- oh, you would. Great. Please
21 (indiscernible). That was him.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Yeah. I -- sorry. I
23 was -- I had to rejoin the meeting. My apologies. So
24 let's see. So Kennedy and I went through, made some
25 modifications to the -- to the outline that we had had,

1 made it look a little more regular. Came around into
2 Mojave. If you zoom in there, Kennedy, went along a
3 couple roads in Mojave and above the Space Port. Had to
4 dip down a little bit for population reasons there but
5 got to a zero deviation.

6 And then we also adjusted the line at the top of
7 Edwards Air Force Base to make it -- the line correspond
8 to the edge of that base, except for that one little dip
9 right there is California City. Oop. I guess we missed
10 a spot there. Maybe we can grab that little spot and fix
11 it. And then yeah. So we'll probably want to just fix
12 that little deviation and zoom back out so folks can take
13 a look.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Thank you, Kennedy.
15 Thank you, Commissioner Forniciari. I -- ope. Go ahead.

16 MS. WILSON: Sorry. Just the reason that block is
17 not taken is because it is a little long, so it would
18 mess up the rest of the line. So when I just click on
19 that one -- that one block just happens to be really big
20 and go towards the top. So it can be taken out, if you
21 would like also, but that's why it's not taken.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: No, I think it's -- I
23 think it's fine. We get most of the border correct, so
24 thank you.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you. Thank you,

1 both, again. I will say that this looks better than --
2 and it looks more intentional than what we were doing.
3 Commissioners Toledo and Kennedy.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Just before we decide on this,
5 just can we look at what it looked like prior to the
6 change?

7 MS. WILSON: Yes. One moment.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy, did you want
9 to --

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I just was
11 going to ask if the terrain layer had been checked, and
12 if not, if we could turn that on now. Thank you.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Good. Great.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Yeah. I apologize. We
15 didn't think of that.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I guess my assumption would be
17 that they would still come into California City. That
18 seems to be the closest major city. Any other -- any
19 other questions or concerns? Commissioner Anderson?

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yeah. Just -- this is just
21 a quick -- no serious concern, but how many -- were there
22 people in that -- in, you know, now we're looking at the
23 terrain level, you know, in that essentially mountainous
24 area there. Just that one chunk, like, essentially if
25 we -- we have a nice square if we sort of cut part of the

1 triangle.

2 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Yeah. It was really hard
3 out here to find small blocks with small populations, and
4 I think there's one person in that block.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Because many of the blocks
7 in Mojave were pretty large, so we --

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: You know, we tried to be
10 as reasonable as we could.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner
13 Akutagawa?

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I guess I'm just going to
15 ask, the purpose was to bring in communities that felt
16 that they really wanted to be with MORCOA, and I am
17 wondering, given the terrain, if we're actually helping
18 the communities that we wanted to help. So I'll just
19 leave it there. Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: I think that's a really
21 good point. I -- because we had started going north and
22 east, and so we just tried to neaten that up and then go
23 into Mojave. But maybe this -- maybe we can make this
24 make a little bit more sense, and we could probably do it
25 reasonably quickly.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Can we maybe turn on -- oh, good.
2 That's what I was going to ask for. Maybe turn on the
3 numbers to see where the population is. And it looks
4 like a lot of zeros. Zeroes, and the one. Right. Yeah.
5 I think --

6 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Chair, if it's okay, maybe
7 Kennedy and I can go back and take a few more minutes to
8 clean this up.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Are we ready for San Jose?
10 Tamina?

11 MS. WILSON: So we are on one computer here, so
12 if --

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh. Okay.

14 MS. WILSON: -- Tamina goes and does that portion, I
15 will not be able to be working off of what we have now
16 offline.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So can you just zoom in
18 just a little bit more? Because it looks like most of it
19 is zero, and I'm trying to get closer so I can see
20 numbers. So we're picking up lots of land, which is
21 beautiful. I love land.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: So we -- you know, one
23 thing we talked about is --

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, there we go. Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: -- eliminating this whole

1 northern part, but there was some discussion about --
2 concern about leaving Johannesburg off by itself. I
3 mean, if we got rid of the whole northern part and just
4 went into Mojave, you know, we could certainly do that.
5 But we can certainly clean it up along -- maybe just
6 along 14 and the ridge line. You know, there are a few
7 folks here. I mean, this was already chosen before we
8 started cleaning it up. So I mean, we could -- we could
9 clean up right along 14 into --

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

11 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: -- Mojave.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. And we could do that now,
13 right? Commissioner Forniciari? Okay. Why don't we do
14 that. Let's lead the way, Commissioner Forniciari.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Okay.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No pressure there.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: All right. So --

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We're going to bring it -- there
19 we go.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Yeah. There --

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: -- you go. There were --
23 there were actually four people in that little finger,
24 since we're using body parts as descriptions.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Just a quick question.
2 What if we were to just go where we were before and just
3 take all of California City? Do we need to take all the
4 others? Because based on the terrain layer, you'd have
5 to just follow that ridge line all the way going, I guess
6 it's southwest, I think, in a diagonal. I -- without
7 taking out --

8 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: So Kennedy, I think
9 just -- yeah. I -- yeah. Okay. How much -- how many
10 people are we -- we're forty-five? Okay. Yeah.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Forty-five people.

12 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: There's, like, a road
13 there. Just don't go that far down.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Because I think at that
15 point, you're no longer --

16 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Yeah.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- in the mountains.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Get that little weird
19 thing up there, yeah. Okay. I think -- does that look
20 okay for everyone?

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Um-hum. And now we're at 113? Is
22 that right?

23 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Yeah.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. At least now it's no longer
25 in the mountains.

1 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Well, we want to get rid
2 of the mountains up above the road up there, too.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Yeah.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I don't think there was much in
6 population. Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Okay.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Did we want to go in a little or
9 is that right on the --

10 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Yeah. I think we want to
11 stop there. I think --

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah, yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: I think Commissioner
14 Anderson has a comment.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Anderson.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yeah. Thank you, Chair.
17 Yeah. The area just that's directly west of California
18 City that is not in the mountains, I would leave that
19 back with the -- this area. Yes, correct. Thank you,
20 Kennedy. Because there's a little road that sort of goes
21 along -- yeah, I would leave that back because I thought
22 that's where the people were and we could leave them.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Toledo.

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I still have a preference for
25 the original, but I will go along with the majority.

1 Thank you.

2 MS. WILSON: How does that look?

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That looks better. Thank you.

4 And then so we would go more into Mojave, correct?

5 MS. WILSON: So may I commit this change? And I'll
6 zoom out, sorry, so you can see it better. And so I
7 would bring that back into Fresno-Kern so the mountains
8 are with the rest of the mountains.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you.

10 MS. WILSON: Okay.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And then if we can zoom in
12 to Mojave. We're looking for 114. There's 150.

13 MS. WILSON: So would you -- would you like me to
14 keep taking from this area?

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Well, if you take the 150, that's
16 going to take you over. Then you'd have to take out and
17 do the dance.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Boy. Too bad that one's
19 not a thirty. Then we'd be right on the money.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Don't lose hope. Don't lose hope,
21 Commissioner Toledo. We've got Kennedy at the wheel.
22 Have faith.

23 MS. WILSON: Caught between a rock and a hard place.
24 Let me try to move a little bit more on a different way.

25 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: How about taking the

1 thirty-eight instead of the thirty-seven?

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Wow.

3 MS. WILSON: Thank you.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Wow. So what do you think now,
5 Commissioner Toledo?

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Good eye.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: (Indiscernible) Um-hum. Um-hum.
8 That's right. Yeah.

9 MS. WILSON: May I commit this change?

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Any comments on this? I
11 would agree with Commissioner Toledo. I do prefer the
12 original, but I will go with the majority or consensus.
13 Commissioner Sadhwani?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I -- I'll go with the
15 majority or consensus as well. I can see the value both
16 ways. You know, we -- we're able to put Edwards Air
17 Force Base with Kern and keep California City whole, but
18 we're still cutting into Mojave and it doesn't feel like
19 we're -- I don't -- yeah, either way.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Turner.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Thank you. Thank
22 you, Commissioner Forniciari and Kennedy for the work
23 that you did do on this. I appreciate it. I think it
24 reflects the testimony that I recall hearing. Thank you.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Any other comments? So it sounds

1 like the majority are okay. Oh. Commissioner Forniciari
2 and Commissioner Akutagawa.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: Yeah. You know, I have
4 mixed emotions on this, but I like the fact that we put
5 Edwards back with -- back with Kern County.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I think we put a lot
8 of time and work into this. Let's lock it in and let's
9 move on.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Wow. I'm going to get shirts that
11 say that. Commissioner Anderson.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Lock it in. Economically,
13 this is going to be really the right thing for the entire
14 area, and also really help -- for at a federal level,
15 help the people who need help.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We hope it will be the best for
17 the economy. We can't guarantee it, right? We can't
18 guarantee anything, but we're doing our best. So with
19 this, we will lock it in and we will move on onto San
20 Jose. I'm not sure. Is Tamina ready for this?

21 MS. RAMOS ALON: Ready to go, Chair.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That made me so happy right now.
23 A little happy dance. Love to hear your voice and you're
24 ready to go. I can't use warm my heart anymore because I
25 was teased about that yesterday. Oh, good. Warms

1 Commissioner Yee's heart. Okay. So Tamina, walk us
2 through the magic that you just created.

3 MS. RAMOS ALON: Certainly. So we will be creating
4 the magic together, but what I wanted to show you is what
5 we worked out, Commissioner Yee offline and I. So this
6 is -- these sections are what has been changed that we
7 wanted to revert back to. This was the old map from
8 12/15, and this is just as it stands in 12/15. The only
9 difference is we moved this line right here in order to
10 accommodate the Vietnamese COI, which is in this area,
11 and give them one fewer splits.

12 So this is where we are right now with the black.
13 You'll remember we did the business district over here,
14 so we took that area in. And this is where we are today.
15 The black -- sorry, the black is where we are today. The
16 blue is where we were before. And so with your
17 permission, or if anybody would like to discuss this
18 further, then please feel free, but the plan would be, if
19 you would like to revert to these maps, which are the
20 blue, then I can start selecting those districts.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Do we have comments?
22 Commissioner Yee?

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, very happy to support this
24 development. And so the black, you'll remember, included
25 the adjustments we made for the Vietnamese COI, but that

1 was also the version that had the split of Saratoga.
2 That's why you saw the split of Saratoga just now. But
3 if we can just reincorporate the Vietnamese COI
4 adjustments to the 12/15 map, I believe we will be back
5 to the version that had MIDCOAST in two different pieces,
6 or rather MIDCOAST versus SANTA CLAR, and then a four-way
7 split of San Jose.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner
9 Akutagawa.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Can I -- can I just
11 ask -- I mean, and thank you so much for this work. I
12 know that there was concerns from the community about the
13 Vietnamese community being with, like, the very affluent
14 Palo Alto and Mountain Views and all that. Are they in
15 that same district still? I know you mentioned -- I
16 didn't see the close up, so I'm not quite sure where they
17 are in relation to what other cities they're grouped
18 with.

19 And I don't even know at this point if there's even
20 a possibility of making it so that they're in similar
21 communities where they're much more lower income and
22 working class and have similar socioeconomic kind of
23 demographics. And --

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh. And last one, the

1 Calle Willow. I just want to make sure that we didn't
2 split them again either.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Was it Willow Street?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Willow Street.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Yee, if
6 you can respond.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: So the Vietnamese COI that we
8 were mostly focused on is right where the word San Jose
9 is. Words San Jose right there. And so there were four
10 quadrants to that. We've united three of them, so that
11 was a plus, including the business COI that we worked on.
12 They are, however, in now the SANTA CLAR district that
13 does include, you know, Los Gatos and Mountain View and
14 all those cities.

15 So the fourth quadrant that we could not bring in is
16 in the Cupertino district including all of east -- all
17 the portion of East San Jose. That's part of that
18 district, so you know, not able to satisfy all desires
19 there, but most of them, I think.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And so the fourth part was never
21 included because it was part of that VRA district,
22 correct?

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. We experimented with
24 uniting all four --

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: -- quadrants, but that dropped
2 the COI in the VRA district.

3 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: I mean, the LCVAP.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you so much. Okay. Great.
6 Thank you. Commissioner Toledo, Anderson, and Sinay.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I want to thank
8 Commissioner Yee and Ahmad for their efforts on this, and
9 of course Tamina as well. I just want to make -- can we
10 look at CVAP for the Cupertino district? Just want to
11 make sure that the CVAPs have been -- are still at the
12 level that we -- you know, that we -- that is
13 necessitated for the VRA.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And just as confirmation, we did
15 not touch the line -- the district boundaries, correct?

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Not since we made that adjustment
17 to the commercial COI. That did not change the LCVAP.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Yeah, if you
19 can just confirm that, that would be great.

20 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Tamina, that's what it was before?

22 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes. Apologies for the decimals.

23 We are at fifty --

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's okay.

25 MS. RAMOS ALON: -- point fifty-two percent.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Which is what it was before,
2 correct?

3 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yes.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you so much for that.
5 Commissioner Anderson?

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Yeah. Thank you. You know,
7 I'd sort of forgotten what this actually used to look
8 like. So I just want us to realize MIDCOAST was the one
9 that was a real problem. And so what it had before is it
10 went all the way from Pacifica down, and the towns we
11 were concerned about were Palo Alto, Stanford, Atherton,
12 and Woodside. Now MIDCOAST down has -- doesn't have the
13 far north -- you know, Pacifica down, but it has San
14 Jose. So just a consideration. It's --

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: -- one versus the other.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. I would have to say that's
18 better, but you know, that's just only my opinion.
19 Commissioner Sinay.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you for doing this, and
21 it looks really good. I mean, I -- thanks. I support
22 it. I'm ready to say lock it.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa, did
24 you have another comment?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. One more piece.

1 There was additional testimony that asked if we could try
2 to keep the Irvington neighborhood in Fremont together.
3 I guess I don't know if it was a previous map iteration,
4 I think it's referring to this one, had split it in half.
5 And so I was just doing a quick Google search to see
6 exactly where it looks to be.

7 It's by the 680 and Washington Boulevard is the
8 intersections that I'm seeing in Fremont. And I'd just
9 like to see if there's a quick fix to it. Actually it's
10 680 and kind of like -- in between the 680 and the 880,
11 if you kind of zoom into that kind of general area. An
12 auto mall. I don't see it. Oh yeah. Oh yeah, yeah,
13 yeah.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNICIARI: It's right under --

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Yeah. Right up at
16 the top. Yes, right there. It looks like, according to
17 Google Maps, the southern border is Blacow Street.
18 Grimmer Boulevard is the west border. And Paseo Padre
19 Parkway is the north border. I'm trying to figure out
20 what the east border is.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And just a reminder that we're
22 going to have to balance this to zero if we make any
23 changes.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. That's why I just
25 want to see if it's possible. If it's not --

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- I guess, hopefully, it's
3 possible to, since it's a neighborhood anyways.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.

5 Are you still looking into that, Tamina?

6 MS. RAMOS ALON: (No audible response).

7 Commissioner Yee.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Right. So I don't know. Tamina,
9 if you want to comment on what it would take to balance
10 that out, if there's a really obvious fix. If not, it
11 probably would take some detail work.

12 MS. RAMOS ALON: Right. There's no obvious fix, it
13 would take some balancing. I'm not exactly sure where
14 the lines are, but I do know that this is a densely
15 populated area. Paseo Padre (phonetic) is up here. So
16 my guess is that they would like this district to come
17 all the way up here. So we can take some of that area
18 and see what the population looks like.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It looks like Driscoll
20 (phonetic) Road is the east area.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It looks like a main road right
22 there.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. So --

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible)

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So that little -- right above it

1 where you had it. If we could just get an idea of what
2 that population looks like, and then we will move --

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, sorry.

5 MS. RAMOS ALON: It goes straight up, Driscoll to --
6 don't follow Driscoll off to the right. Just go straight
7 up to Paseo Parkway. Yeah. Yeah exactly. And then --

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh.

9 MS. RAMOS ALON: Yeah.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And then then to the left?

11 MS. RAMOS ALON: And then to the left, to Paseo.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: (Indiscernible)

13 MS. RAMOS ALON: To Grimmer.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh.

15 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Chair?

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, Commissioner Ahmad?

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I just wanted to add that this
18 is also in COI testimony 19919, so that we're not using
19 Google as a COI.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Thank you. Yeah. I
21 don't think --

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's where they got it.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- Google submitted anything.

24 As we go through this, Commissioner Yee?

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. So I just wanted to

1 acknowledge our respect and we did, you know, thoroughly
2 consider the testimony about San Jose and the thought of
3 having at least one district to be a majority of San
4 Jose's population. And we weighed that carefully against
5 all the other considerations and thought about what we
6 had done in other cities in other situations. And this
7 is where we landed. So I just want to acknowledge all
8 the COI input we had around that.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And it looks like that
10 impact is about almost 4,600. Is that right, 4,600;
11 because the numbers are really small. So that's okay.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Is there another portion of
13 Fremont toward Newark that we could take out to balance,
14 to keep the neighborhood whole, or either that or take
15 out that little portion of Irvington and take in
16 somewhere else? It might be easier to go the other way
17 around.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I was just going to
20 say, it looked like we went over Grimmer a little bit.
21 But I imagine we could move the sort of jagged line, you
22 know, down to the left and get, you know, back filled
23 that way.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. We can try that, briefly.
25 Oh, Commissioner Yee, sorry. Oh, that Taylor. I

1 want Taylor to do Taylor. Taylor squared, pi? Squared.

2 I was right the first time.

3 Yes. Oh, I'm sorry, Commissioner Fornaciari.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Do you want -- do you want
5 me to make some suggestions or --

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, please. Yeah.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. So I think we went
8 over Grimmer there, if you zoom in. So maybe we can move
9 that back to start with. And then I guess, I would -- I
10 guess, it would go to the southeast here and maybe go up.

11 Zoom back in. Okay. We're not east anymore. North
12 there, where it says South Sundale, maybe you can just
13 begin to move that line over to Stevenson, starting where
14 it is at Stevenson and just moving up. Actually, I'm
15 going the wrong way, huh?

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No, we need to take out -- you
17 know, what you did, you did a Fernandez.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's embarrassing.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Maybe we can just
21 bring it to Grimmer and the one below it. I forget what
22 that street is.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Are you looking at the corner --
24 what is that, Osgood Road? That one right there, is that
25 what we were thinking about or no? We're going to need

1 the 110. Okay, sorry. We're close. Is that 109 or is
2 that 100? That's a hundred. No, I'm looking at right
3 below the -- right there.

4 MS. RAMOS ALON: Nicely done, Chair.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Whew, so much pressure. Okay.
6 Can we zoom out and we take a look at it, please?

7 Okay. Do we have any concerns with this --
8 actually, do we have any concerns with all of it, right?

9 Commissioner Sadhwani?

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Could we just see full CVAPs
11 on all of the changes that would be happening between
12 these two districts; or is that reflected here? That
13 45.8, is that the new one?

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So you want the prior ones and --
15 yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, the prior ones. Yeah,
17 just so we can --

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Prior ones and all of them.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thanks.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Not just the -- thank you.

23 So to mean, are those the old ones or the new ones?

24 MS. RAMOS ALON: So these would be the new ones.

25 This does not take into consideration the change that we

1 just made. Okay. So we did change this line up here, in
2 Fremont a little bit. But these, the boxes you're seeing
3 now would reflect what the percentages would be if we
4 were to change the other areas back to these blue areas.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: If we change it -- okay. Is there
6 some way to show the -- wait. This is the prior?

7 MS. RAMOS ALON: So we didn't finish -- and I'm
8 sorry. Maybe I missed it. But we didn't finish making
9 the decision whether we were going to go to these twelve,
10 fifteen districts in San Jose. Did you want me to adopt
11 those changes?

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I believe we did. Are there
13 any -- are there any concerns? Oh, general consensus.
14 We didn't say the magic words, did we?

15 Commissioner Yee, would you like to lock it in?

16 I need you to use your mic, please, Commissioner
17 Akutagawa.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Does that mean just that
19 you just made, or can you walk it back just in case?

20 MS. RAMOS ALON: You can always walk it back.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Commissioner Sadhwani?

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, yeah, I would just like
23 to see us move forward. Yeah, thanks.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Mr. Yee?

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. So this would be locking

1 in the reversion back to the four-split version with the
2 adjustments for the Vietnamese COI. And then we can also
3 say plus the changes to the Irvington District.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Perfect.

5 Thank you, Tamina. I'm locking it in.

6 MS. RAMOS ALON: And just one moment, Chair. I'm
7 going to make these changes now.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: What was the CVAP before
10 the change to Irvington also, if you can?

11 MS. RAMOS ALON: I'm sorry the CVAP before?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Before the change to
13 Irvington.

14 MS. RAMOS ALON: Hold on. I would have to undo that
15 change and check that. But I can do that if you give me
16 a minute.

17 Okay. So these would be the CVAPs with the
18 Irvington change that you made. So it's 14.6 percent L
19 CVAP, 3.05 V CVAP, 45.8 A CVAP, 34.91 W CVAP. And let me
20 walk -- let me double-check that first, then I'm going to
21 walk this change back and take a look at what it was.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Wait. What are we doing?

23 MS. RAMOS ALON: There was a request to see what the
24 CVAPs were before we made the Irvington change, and so I
25 have to undo the Irvington change to see what it was

1 before.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I think it's okay the way it is.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, it's okay. It's okay.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: It's fine.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think we're going to be
6 fine.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No need to walk it.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I think we're good.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think, let's just keep
11 moving. Yeah.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Yes, yes, Commissioner Yee
13 already said to lock it in. Yes.

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair?

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad.

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah. I just wanted to
17 recognize the uniqueness of this area and the unique
18 challenges it has presented in this process given the VRA
19 restrictions and the many, many conflicting COI
20 testimonies that we've gotten. I know that we weren't
21 able to honor every piece of testimony that came in. But
22 I think this will give Californians a fair shot at
23 electing the representatives of their choice.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for that, Commissioner
25 Ahmad.

1 Commissioner Sadhwani?

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. As we're working
3 through these changes, I was actually going to say
4 something very similar that.

5 You know, I think earlier, Commissioner Andersen,
6 you had mentioned that in that long coastal district that
7 we had, we've gone back and forth a little bit and
8 thought about the pros and cons of having the coast
9 connected to San Jose or further north to places like
10 Palo Alto and Mountain View. And it actually reminds me
11 a lot of our conversation on the other side of the state
12 with ECA also joined by a natural resource of the
13 mountains. And we've gone back and forth and weighed the
14 pros and cons of, you know, having the population center
15 be based in the Central Valley or be based further up
16 north.

17 It's taken us a long time. And I'm just really glad
18 that we've gotten to this place of consensus and that we
19 took our time to really weigh those options. So thank
20 you for that.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you, everyone, for
22 really being intentional and thinking about it and coming
23 back and saying, you know, we might need to take a look
24 at it again. So that's great. I believe the only other
25 area we have left is Eden Tech, and that is with

1 Commissioner Turner. Oh, wait, wait, hold on.

2 Commissioner Sadhwani? No, you're okay?

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I saw something that -- I
4 was looking at the wrong box. I'm sorry.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Once we're done here,
8 Tamina, we'll go to Eden Tech.

9 (Pause)

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So after this is done, we'll go to
11 Eden Tech. And then after that, we will go to public
12 comment. So hang on there. Hopefully, relatively soon.

13 (Pause)

14 MS. RAMOS ALON: Thank you for your patience, Chair.
15 We are balanced and ready to go.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, I'm sorry, Tamina. We're
17 good?

18 MS. RAMOS ALON: We are balanced and ready to go,
19 Chair.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great Thank you so much. If we
21 can go to Eden Tech, and that is Commissioner Turner.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. I recalled
23 Eden Tech. I think it was something one of the other
24 commissioners was working on, and it kept coming up in
25 COI. But I had to just quickly move. I don't have

1 anything up about it just yet. I remember the testimony
2 was coming in that we've taken Eden out of Eden Tech,
3 something about the unincorporated areas around there
4 that we have inadvertently removed from Eden Tech area.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Tamina?

6 MS. RAMOS ALON: Chair, just a note that Eden Tech
7 is not in this map.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh. Oh, so okay. Then I guess
9 it's the wrong map. Oh, it's in the Senate?

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: That's what you asked me to
11 remind you about when we came to the Congressional,
12 sorry.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, no. I thought that somebody
14 had said it was congressional. So the Senate, we've
15 already completed and finalized. So okay. Okay. That's
16 all right.

17 So this is it for Congressional? Yes, yes? Yes?
18 Okay. We're going to do a little clap, happy dance.

19 Karin, can you please number, it. Number it and
20 please prepare it for posting.

21 And wow. This is exciting, right? We will be
22 coming back tomorrow. But we're going to go to public
23 comment. And I'm not sure if --

24 Oh, Commissioner Andersen?

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I was just going to

1 say Eden Tech is the Senate. It is the area that I
2 brought up this morning, which was deemed we just don't
3 have -- we ran out of time.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you --

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: (Indiscernible) --

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- for that.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- (indiscernible) on that.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for that.

9 Okay, this is great. This is absolutely wonderful.
10 And again, we will come back tomorrow and do a quick tour
11 through each of our maps, talk about maybe some of the
12 communities of interest that we have and the different
13 districts, and we will go from there. So we are going to
14 be going to public comment.

15 This is exciting. I'm just kind of like at a loss
16 right now. If somebody else has something to say, that
17 would be great. But wow. This is great.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair.

19 COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, no, no. Thank you, guys.

20 So Commissioner Sadhwani and Ahmad.

21 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I was going to say you
22 landed the ship. Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. But nothing
24 is final until we vote.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Exactly. Exactly. So right now,

1 they're --

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And we're not voting today,
3 right?

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No, no, no, no, no, no, no. These
5 will be posted before we vote, before we consider a vote.
6 Yes, so Commissioner Sadhwani?

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I just wanted to
8 remind everyone that Commissioner Fornaciari and I had
9 worked on the December plan not too long ago. It seems
10 like years ago at this point. But one of the things that
11 we had just tried to work out was to ensure that before
12 we take a vote that we have these maps loaded into the
13 map viewer on our website, that shape files and
14 equivalency files will be posted, I believe, a
15 spreadsheet with the district statistics. And I don't
16 know if we ended up finalizing whether or not we're going
17 to get a PNG or not, but the possibility of a PNG as
18 well. So we would have all of those loaded and ready to
19 go for ourselves and for the public before we take public
20 action.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, definitely. And that is the
22 plan. And that's why we will come back tomorrow, and we
23 will review. As I mentioned, everything will be posted
24 for tomorrow. So with that, we are going to be going to
25 public comment.

1 Katie (ph.), if you can start us off. And just
2 based on our new policy, our maximum is three hours. So
3 we'll take as many callers as we can until we get to that
4 point. Thank you, Katie.

5 MR. MANOFF: And just to double-check with you,
6 Chair, if I could, please. Are we starting the time now
7 as we read the public comment? That would be 8:46.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you.

9 MR. MANOFF: 8:46, understood. And then we're going
10 to be taking a fifteen-minute break at 9:30 please.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

12 MR. MANOFF: That puts the public input time ending
13 at midnight. Thank you, everybody.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Like an all-nighter from college.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 In order to maximize transparency and public
17 participation in our process, the commissioners will be
18 taking public comment by phone. To call in the telephone
19 number provided on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-
20 5247.

21 When prompted to enter the meeting ID number
22 provided on the livestream feed, it is 85932989398 for
23 this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID,
24 simply press the pound key. Once you have dialed in,
25 you'll be placed in a queue. To indicate you wish to

1 comment, please press star nine. This will raise your
2 hand for the moderator.

3 When it is your turn to speak, you'll hear a message
4 that says the host would like you to talk and to press
5 star six to speak. If you would like to give your name,
6 please state and spell it for the record. You're not
7 required to give your -- to provide your name to your
8 public comment.

9 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
10 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
11 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
12 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn
13 down the livestream volume.

14 One more time for those that have not done so
15 already, if you'll please press star nine as to raise
16 your hand, indicating you've called in to give comment
17 this evening. Public comment time will be a minute and
18 thirty seconds. You will receive verbal warnings at
19 around thirty seconds and fifteen seconds remaining. I
20 will be identifying you by the last four digits of your
21 telephone number.

22 And we will be beginning with caller -- oh, no. One
23 moment we're beginning with -- hold on one second.

24 Right now, we will have caller 2714. And then after
25 that, I will have to let you know because we're in the



1 process of getting that situated.

2 Right now, we want caller 2714. Please follow the
3 prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, the floor is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Dear Commission, we
7 have made comments in the beginning, and it doesn't look
8 like our comments are being heard at all. Our
9 commissioner only depend on one commission to best
10 represent Orange County. But for some reason,
11 Commissioner Linda has worked against us from the
12 beginning.

13 What has the Little Saigon community done to you to
14 not look in the best interest of our community? Why has
15 Commissioner Linda refuse to acknowledge that Huntington
16 Beach, especially the inland portion, belong with the
17 rest Little Saigon District? We are asking the rest of
18 the commissioner (sic) to please help us. Please they
19 don't let one commissioner who has her own agenda against
20 us to have the final decision against us. The
21 commission's duty is to represent and make the best
22 decision for every community. I repeat --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- for every community,
25 please don't leave the Little Saigon community out.

1 Treat us all equally. All we are asking is to remove
2 Stanton and east Garden Grove and add all up the north of
3 Garfield Street --

4 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- in Huntington Beach
6 (indiscernible). We are asking the rest of the
7 commissioner to help in and lead, come help Little
8 Saigon. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 And right now we want caller 0983. And up next,
11 after that will be caller 1220.

12 Caller 0983, please follow the prompts. The floor
13 is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioner. Has the
15 commissioner missed Little Saigon? Calling yesterday, we
16 want to give the commission a chance to go back to the
17 GGW map to make the change by adding on up north Garfield
18 in Huntington Beach. But you did not bother to go back
19 and make the minor change. If you already missed our
20 calls, then why did you listen to our concern? What can
21 we do, or what does this take for the commission to take
22 our comments seriously? Once you're done adding on north
23 Garfield in Huntington Beach, you won't hear from our
24 community again. Please, please help us to be well
25 represented in the Assembly and Congress in the next

1 decade. Please don't destroy Little Saigon, forty years
2 of work, and future process (sic) in the next ten years.
3 Thank you. Have a good night.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 And right now we have caller 1220. And up next.
6 After that will be caller 1535.

7 Caller 1220, please follow the prompts. The floor
8 is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I'm calling about the
10 San Fernando Valley, West Hills, specifically, I'm a
11 former member of the West Hills Neighborhood Council.
12 And you heard numerous callers last night speak about
13 keeping the Santa Clarita Valley separate from the San
14 Fernando Valley. I have been -- I was elected to
15 represent the 39,000 roughly people of West Hills back in
16 2008. I'm no longer a board member of the Neighborhood
17 Council.

18 I work with the communities of Canoga Park and
19 Woodland Hills on projects like the Santa Susana Field
20 Lab and other projects that are contaminated sites
21 because of my bachelor's in health education. My husband
22 submitted testimony during the night (sic) last night as
23 a former professor of anthropology who has taught
24 sociology and linguistics as well at Los Angeles Pierce
25 College in Woodland Hills, which is three miles from our

1 home. I'm asking you, please, to change the line and
2 keep the Santa Clarita Valley where they have
3 representation --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and put the San Fernando
6 Valley whole, please, with my neighboring neighborhood
7 councils. Thank you very much for your time and your
8 service.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
10 right now we have caller 1535. And up next after that
11 would be caller 2931.

12 Caller 1535, please follow the prompts. The floor
13 is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Katie, can you hear me?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioner, it's Tony
17 Maldonado from Santa Clarita. You claimed an unbiased
18 process, but you created gerrymandered maps to elect
19 politicians, whether Republican, Democrat, or
20 Independents. In the sausage-making, political partisans
21 lobbied the commissioners, irrespective of whether or not
22 they legally represented the people of that area. In
23 deliberations, some commissioners have been flippant and
24 offensive. Unbiased, right?

25 So when in the sausage making did the 300,000

1 residents of the Santa Clarita Valley elect VICA, the
2 firemen of L.A., or the San Fernando Valley Assembly to
3 represent them and to forcibly include them in their
4 gerrymandered Assembly maps as Santa Clarita was still a
5 part of the city of Los Angeles? Because I don't recall
6 any election where we voted for these San Fernando Valley
7 groups to represent us; do you?

8 We asked you to nest our maps; you said no. We
9 asked you to respect our side of the Angeles National
10 Forest; you said no. We asked to be with our northern
11 neighbors; you said no. We asked to be with our COI
12 neighbors, Agua Dulce (indiscernible); you said no. We
13 said we don't want to be with the San Fernando Valley;
14 you said screw you.

15 We're the third largest city in Los Angeles
16 County --

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and everyone, including
19 yourselves, used us as pawns in a politically biased
20 chess game for the City of Los Angeles, with one
21 commissioner openly stating last night they will not lose
22 any --

23 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- sleep over us gifting us
25 to the San Fernando Valley. Please reconsider the

1 Assembly maps and do it right. Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 And right now we have caller 2931. And up next
4 after that will be caller 8224.

5 Caller 2931, please follow the prompts. The floor
6 is yours.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi Commission. I saw this
8 social media posts that the commission missed out Little
9 Saigon comment last night. I am not sure if that was a
10 joke or do you truly missed hearing our comments. I did
11 not call in yesterday because I was hope that you would
12 go back to the GGW map and add on the north Garfield in
13 Huntington Beach. But commission did not even bother to
14 go back. Myself, our community just exhausted because we
15 have spoken and written for a month, and you haven't
16 bothered to hear from us.

17 With all due respect, but for us, it feel like the
18 poor political to hurt Little Saigon. What can we do?
19 What does it take for the commission to take our comments
20 serious to help Little Saigon? Why are you letting one
21 commission tell you what should be done in O.C. when she
22 refused to hear from thousands --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- of comments, our
25 committee? We share common interests with Huntington

1 Beach, and it cannot deny. If you listen our leader, you
2 are depend on one commission who pretend to fight for
3 Orange County, but just --

4 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- refuse to listen to the
6 second largest minority community in O.C. It's obvious
7 is that she have an agenda. And we are begging (sic)
8 Commission Andersen, Sadhwani, Kennedy, Taylor, and other
9 commission to step in and help us --

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 And right now, we have caller 8224. And up next
12 after that will be caller 9517.

13 Caller 8224, please follow the prompts. The floor
14 is yours.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Dear Commissioner, I'm
16 calling again to ask you to help Little Saigon and final
17 the Congress and Assembly maps. Why has Little Saigon
18 been so active; because as you finish your work, we want
19 to make sure you will not leave this generation of hard
20 work done for Little Saigon in the last forty years. Put
21 Little Saigon in with north Huntington Beach. This
22 community are more aligned with each other. And our
23 funding is very similar given our similar demographics.

24 We ask that you make the last change before you
25 final the Assembly district for GGW, Stanton, and east

1 Garden Grove do not belong with Little Saigon and north
2 Huntington Beach at Garfield Street (indiscernible).
3 Commissioner, we are running out of time. Please honor
4 Little Saigon request to respect our forty year of hard
5 work. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 And right now, we have caller 9517. And up next
8 after that will be caller 6166.

9 Caller 9517, please follow the prompts. The floor
10 is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commission. It
12 is very concerning to hear that our voices aren't being
13 heard. I'm asking you to look at the GGW Assembly map
14 again to have our Vietnamese-American community, so that
15 we can have a voice in the Assembly. We have been
16 advocation to have Stanton removed, east Garden Grove
17 removed, and island of Huntington Beach add to our
18 communities at Garfield Street. Your program border
19 either that Huntington Beach, Westminster, and how
20 Fountain Valley or Los Alamitos, Rossmoor, Seal Beach and
21 Garden Grove. These areas share similar crossover's job
22 program, so our children associate with each other and
23 grow up together. They share similar value and
24 traditions, but other area. Help us to have an Assembly
25 member who understand our current community and this

1 group part in the next ten years. Thank you. Good --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 And right now, we have caller 6166. And up next
4 after that will be caller 7832.

5 Caller 6166, please follow the prompts to unmute.
6 The floor is yours.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, can you hear me?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, hold on just a second.
10 I'm sorry. I'm trying to adjust my phone. Good evening.
11 My name is Marie Sanea (ph.). I'm calling regarding the
12 Walnut Park, Florence-Graham area. Today, you had a
13 perfect solution in front of you to move Walnut Park to
14 the 110LA map and move Maywood to the Gateway map, two
15 communities who have been advocating for this change.
16 Although five of you opposed it, you never said why.

17 Let's be clear. You were appointed to make
18 decisions based on community interests and numbers. The
19 solution that you had in front of you covered both.
20 However, not one of you said why you preferred the
21 previous draft.

22 Our communities are always forgotten, always stepped
23 on. And today, you had the solution in front of you to
24 not allow this to happen. Please do the right thing and
25 listen to the community, as we are the ones that live

1 here. And you do not. One of you lives in NELA, and I
2 can understand why you care so much about your community
3 now. Now please understand us and understand why we are
4 here every night advocating for our community. Please
5 put Walnut Park --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- in the 110LA map with
8 Florence-Graham. Thank you so much. Have a good night.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 And right now we have caller 7832. And up next
11 after that will be caller 1043.

12 Caller 7832, please follow the prompts. The floor
13 is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening. My name is
15 Jesse (ph.). I'm calling regarding the Walnut Park and
16 Florence-Graham area. Most public comments are from
17 individuals asking for big changes or very controversial
18 modifications. We are only asking for a very small
19 change, to move Walnut Park to the same 110LA map and
20 Florence-Graham. Please remember that this is not
21 something new that we are asking for. We have been
22 asking for this for weeks. Please, today, came up with
23 the perfect solution to make this possible by moving
24 Maywood into Gateway and Walnut Park into 110 from what
25 it looked like.

1 Some of you had concerns about the African-American
2 members. Can you please consider looking at the southern
3 area of the 110 map that we are able to move Latinos
4 from, so that the African-American members are not
5 affected.

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The solution is right in
8 front of you today. And it's possible. You proved it to
9 be possible. Please do not do what everyone always does
10 to us, and ignore our voices, please.

11 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
13 right now, we have caller 1043. And up next after that
14 will be caller 9747.

15 Caller 1043, please follow the prompts. The floor
16 is yours. Caller 1043.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioner Kennedy,
18 Swannee (sic), and Andersen. We would appreciate your
19 continued effort in finishing and completing Little
20 Saigon Assembly district. We need this change and give
21 us the current and the greatest Little Saigon ever to
22 grow. It will be for the next ten years.

23 The change we ask for are very simple. It can
24 easily be switched by removing Stanton and east of Garden
25 Grove because they are belong to the Latino community,

1 not Vietnamese. Please add all up the north of Garfield
2 Street, stop at the Seapoint Street in Huntington Beach.
3 We know you heard us and have made the various comment in
4 our favor. But it was not implemented.

5 We've been advocating for months to ask for it, the
6 north of Garfield in Huntington Beach, so that we can
7 allow our children to have continuing education
8 opportunity, because the number of school districts cross
9 over between Huntington Beach, Westminster, Garden Grove,
10 and Fountain Valley and ask to include Huntington Harbor.
11 Huntington Harbor has been over fifty percent --

12 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- of Vietnamese-American
14 living there. Please help us to protect the Little
15 Saigon and allow prosper to our community for the next
16 ten years. Only you can truly --

17 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- fight for us. Please stay
19 with us. Don't let us down. God bless Little Saigon and
20 God bless all of you. So fight with us, please.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now, we have caller 9747. And up next
23 after that will be caller 5038.

24 Caller 9747, please follow the prompts. The floor
25 is yours.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioner Turner and all
2 commissioners, my name Ceecee Onez (ph.). I am the
3 immediate past president and current executive board
4 member of the Florence-Firestone Walnut Park Chamber of
5 Commerce. I'm one of the local mechanics up in the
6 community. And I have also lived here for over forty
7 years. I want to thank you all for your hard work, but I
8 am not sure how many of you understand our community
9 (indiscernible) that needs to stay together. We are
10 requesting for you to put the Warner Park in the 110
11 (indiscernible) map in order to keep us together. Our
12 chamber is made up of black and brown business owners.
13 If you don't make this small change and you keep it
14 (indiscernible) and our black and brown economic voice
15 and our community will be completely fractured. Our
16 community is a real example of black and brown unity as
17 our unity as our chamber had we been able to bring
18 resources and communities together. But if you split
19 us --

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- Commission, we need your
22 help. Keep the black and brown small business together.
23 Thank you.

24 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 Right now we have caller 5038. And up next after

1 that is caller 3700.

2 Caller 5038, please follow the prompts. The floor
3 is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioners, for the past
5 while people from the Santa Clarita Valley and the San
6 Fernando Valley have called every day, messaged you guys,
7 posted everywhere asking to have lines drawn differently.
8 And you have done well, again, with the Senate and
9 Congressional maps, but failed us with the Assembly maps.
10 At the very least, Commissioners, we ask you to at least
11 have (indiscernible) part of the Santa Clarita Valley,
12 because they are part of the Santa Clarita Valley every
13 single way possible, whether you're looking at the ZIP
14 Code, whether you're looking at the municipalities,
15 because they receive almost every single source from the
16 Santa Clarita Valley, including firefighters from King
17 County.

18 The school districts too. Half of the people I went
19 to high school with that were from (indiscernible) went
20 to my other -- my high school or the other one. So they
21 are part of the Valley.

22 It's absolutely terrible and completely wrong, but
23 you have it literally with a district that touches the
24 state of Nevada. It's completely wrong. It
25 disenfranchises them. It tears apart our community. So

1 please keep them in the -- in our district.

2 I understand that it's probably way too late now to
3 have the San Fernando Valley redrawn --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- but we ask you at least to
6 do that. Please keep (indiscernible) with the Santa
7 Clarita Valley and the Assembly maps. At the very least
8 do that, Commissioners, the next chance you get. Thank
9 you.

10 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 And right now we have caller 3700. And up next
12 after that will be caller 1595.

13 Caller 3700, please follow the prompts. The floor
14 is yours.

15 BETTY WILSON: Hi, my name is Betty Wilson. I'm
16 calling in for our community partners in Zone F, San
17 Joaquin County. Thank you very much for listening to the
18 voice of our citizens and giving us -- giving a very
19 diverse community, one congressional district, one Senate
20 seat, and two assembly districts.

21 We know there have been tough decisions that had to
22 be made, but this will allow our -- our community to
23 continue the good work we have started.

24 If any comments, we would encourage the assembly
25 districts to be nested. But again, thank you very much

1 for these maps.

2 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 Right now we have caller 1595. And up next after
4 that will be caller 0129.

5 Caller 1959, please follow the prompts. The floor
6 is yours.

7 RAMSEY: Okay. Thank you very much, Commissioners.
8 My name is Ramsey. I'm one of the community leaders in
9 the (indiscernible) area. I'm calling in regarding the
10 Assembly 110 LA draft map. We're asking for a small
11 change. Move the community of Walnut Park into the 110
12 LA map where the resources and the demographics are
13 similar, as opposed to being in a downtown L.A. map,
14 which has nothing in common financially or resourcefully.

15 We're asking that the small downtown area -- move
16 the small downtown area into the AD54NELA map.

17 And lastly, move the small city of Maywood from
18 AD54NELA to the Gateway map. This is a close and even
19 swap to put these communities in areas where they share a
20 commonality. I think that's a -- an extremely vital part
21 for the community is to thrive in areas that they share
22 commonalities with. Commissioners, we're asking --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 RAMSEY: -- you for a small clean up to ultimately
25 have Walnut Park in the same 110 L.A. map as the

1 Florence-Graham community in order to truly --

2 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

3 RAMSEY: -- have an opportunity for our hardworking
4 families to elect candidates of our choice. Thank you.

5 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And right now we will have caller 0129. And up next
7 after that will be caller 0526.

8 Caller 0129, please follow the prompts. The floor
9 is yours.

10 MIKE LEBARRE: This is Mike LeBarre, Mayor of King
11 City. I am saddened to see the Commission destroy the
12 current day CD20, a previously protected Section 5 VRA
13 District to create a 70 percent super majority white
14 district CD MidCoast where none existed before, all by
15 splitting Monterey County and taking Hispanic vote just
16 to create CD Cupertino by connecting it to San Jose.
17 This is shameful. I hope this is not due to political
18 favors, but it sure looks like gerrymandering.

19 I am very concerned about the rushed timeline you
20 are operating on, and the long-term consequences of the
21 arbitrary deadline imposed on you by the courts. You do
22 not have to rush through this process. You alone should
23 decide the timeline. The voters of California gave you
24 the authority to redraw the Districts. They did not give
25 it to the courts or the State. The court's deadline has

1 taken away your right to vote your conscience, because
2 they're saying you have to vote yes by December 27th and
3 only yes. You are working on --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MIKE LEBARRE: -- behalf of the people's right to
6 vote, which supersedes the court authority. Your
7 obligation is to the people, not to the government. Keep
8 Monterey County and our communities of interest together.
9 Adopt a submitted Central Coast Community fixed Map and
10 Monterey fixed shaped files. You have the authority and
11 power to do the right thing. Extend the deadline. Thank
12 you.

13 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 Right now we have caller 0526. And up next after
15 that will be caller 0202.

16 Caller 0526, please follow the prompts. And one
17 more time caller with the last four digits of 0526,
18 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six.
19 The floor is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioners, thank you for
21 taking my call. I'm calling to ask why you all
22 completely disregarded everyone who called in last night
23 to ask that Acton and Agua Dulce remain within the Santa
24 Clarita Valley Assembly District map? It's a small
25 change for you, Commissioners, but a giant change for the

1 people of the Santa Clarita Valley.

2 Acton and Agua Dulce share the same municipal
3 services as Santa Clarita Valley, and even have the same
4 ZIP Code. So Commissioners, please go back to the map
5 and correct the mistaken change. Thank you.

6 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 Right now we have caller 0202. And up next after
8 that will be caller 7121.

9 Caller 020, please follow the prompts. The floor is
10 yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you for --
12 Commissioners. I appreciate your reversion to the Santa
13 Clara map. It will keep the Palo Alto and the
14 surrounding communities within a -- the Regional
15 District. Thank you very much for your -- for your
16 attention this -- today. Bye. Bye.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 And right now we have caller 7121. And up next
19 after that will be caller 3358.

20 Caller 7121, please follow the prompts. The floor
21 is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioners, the deadline
23 to create all District maps are right around the corner,
24 and you still have not added the Acton and Agua Dulce,
25 the Santa Clarita Valley and (indiscernible) District.

1 Instead, you have (indiscernible) connected all the way
2 up to Nevada. They should be with the (indiscernible)
3 Assembly District where they belong.

4 We have the same exact economy and share small
5 businesses. In fact, Acton and Agua Dulce students come
6 to Santa Clarita for work and for school.

7 Commissioners, do not flip (indiscernible) our
8 community. All we're asking is to keep Acton and Agua
9 Dulce with the (indiscernible) Valley Assembly Maps and
10 do not (indiscernible) all the way up to Nevada. It's
11 completely ridiculous and (indiscernible) and downright
12 wrong.

13 Please make that change tomorrow morning, and don't
14 let up to Santa Clarita Valley for the next ten years.
15 Thank you so much.

16 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And right now we have caller 3358. And up next
18 after that will be caller 5777.

19 Caller 3358, please follow the prompts. The floor
20 is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
22 I'm calling regarding the Walnut Park and Forest Graham
23 Area. Commissioners, the difference between our Walnut
24 Park and Forest Graham public comment and most of the
25 other comments that you have -- have been hearing is we

1 have been advocating for a long time now, and we're not
2 making -- we're not asking any major changes. We're not
3 asking for any big changes. But we are asking for a tiny
4 change that would mean a universe to our community and
5 our daily quality of life. Please remove Walnut Park to
6 the L.A. 110 map to be with Florence-Graham. The
7 solution was right in front of you earlier today. And it
8 is possible.

9 Hours have been spent on rich, affluent communities
10 like NELA, but we matter too. Our communities are made
11 of hardworking people who deserve a voice. Please keep
12 our unincorporated communities of Florence-Graham and
13 Walnut Park together in the 110 L.A. map. Thank you.
14 Good evening.

15 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 And right now we have caller 5777. And up next
17 after that will be caller 5115.

18 Caller 5777, please follow the prompts. The floor
19 is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. I live
21 in Huntington Beach and want to be represented by the
22 Assembly member in Little Saigon. We will get lost and
23 ignored if we aren't with Little Saigon. I'm very
24 disappointed that you completely ignore us and deny our
25 community up to representation.

1 We know how exhausting it has been for you as well
2 as our community during this process. But Little Saigon
3 has lost so much in ten years ago. So now we are getting
4 involved to make sure it doesn't happen again.

5 Ten years ago, people won't admit that Fountain
6 Valley LA should be with Little Saigon. Today, Fountain
7 Valley has majority Vietnamese-American. Vietnamese is
8 the preferred language other than English for Fountain
9 Valley School District students.

10 Don't deny our community the right Assembly member
11 and Congress member and deny that Huntington Beach has a
12 large Vietnamese-American population.

13 Ten years ago --

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- ten years from now,
16 Huntington Beach will also be known as part of Little
17 Saigon, just like Fountain Valley ten years later.
18 Please, please, please go back to GGW map and make
19 change. Thank you for listening. And please, please let
20 our voice be heard. Thank you. And good night.

21 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now we have caller 5115. And up next
23 after that will be caller 8359.

24 Caller 5115, please follow the prompts. The floor
25 is yours.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. As a
2 San Jose resident, all we ever ask for is a clear
3 majority Congressional District. While our Assembly
4 might be split into five districts, one of those has a
5 majority of San Jose residents.

6 For Congress, San Francisco residents have a
7 majority district as does L.A., (indiscernible), Oakland,
8 and many others. We understand that because we are the
9 tenth largest city in the U.S., we have to be split, but
10 one of those districts should have a majority of our
11 residents.

12 You can keep the VRA District, change the Central
13 Coast District so it's not as long, and still leave us
14 with one District that has a clear majority of San Jose
15 residents. It is not an either/or. You could accomplish
16 all of these things.

17 Please, commissioners, if you could spend some
18 genuine time tonight and tomorrow morning brainstorming,
19 I know you can come up with a perfect solution that
20 satisfies everyone without leaving our city of over one
21 million people without a representative who is obligated
22 to advocate for us. Thank you.

23 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 And right now we have caller 8359. And up next
25 after that we have a caller that does not have Caller ID.

1 Right now we have caller 8359, please follow the
2 prompts. The floor is yours.

3 MARTHA SCORELO: Good evening, Commissioner
4 (indiscernible). My name is my Martha Scorelo. I am
5 calling regarding the Second Graham area.

6 We thank you for the -- for the help you to create
7 the 1010 L.A. map. Please consider keeping one
8 (indiscernible) together as we know it in that community.
9 Florence-Firestone (indiscernible) one united community.

10 We are so united that we only have one Chamber of
11 Commerce that represents us our small local business.
12 Community is called the Florence Park the Walnut Park
13 Chamber of Commerce. Please keep us as united and not
14 take us backwards. And keep (indiscernible) and Walnut
15 Park united and together. Thank you. And I hope you
16 make the right choices. And happy holidays.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 And up next we do have a caller that does not have a
19 Caller ID. If you are calling without Caller ID, please
20 follow the prompts.

21 And then up next after that will be caller 3952.

22 Caller without a Caller ID, please follow the
23 prompts. Call in user two, please follow the prompts to
24 unmute by pressing star six. As I do not have the Caller
25 ID for this person, I apologize for any connectivity

1 issues you are having. I do have you down as a retry. I
2 will come back around.

3 Right now we have caller 3952. And up next after
4 that will be caller 4607.

5 Caller 3952, please follow the prompts. The floor
6 is yours. One more time, caller with the last four
7 digits 3952, please follow the prompts to unmute.

8 SAM LICCARDO: Hi.

9 COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

10 SAM LICCARDO: This is Sam Liccardo, the Mayor of
11 the City of San Jose. And I really want to thank on
12 behalf of San Jose's one million residents for your
13 diligent perseverance to a fair redistricting process.

14 Obviously, I don't support, nor do many other
15 citizens, the recent move to go backward to the December
16 13th maps.

17 Commissioners, you are being presented with a false
18 choice. You do not have to sacrifice the interests of
19 one million San Josians to have a representative speak
20 for them in Congress in order for smaller communities in
21 the Monterey County or on the peninsula to have Districts
22 appropriate for their communities of interest. Nor do
23 you need to sacrifice the VRA districts.

24 It's very possible to create a map that addresses
25 legitimate interests of each of these communities,

1 because for the last two decades we've been able to do
2 so. Please ask your staff to go back and urge them to
3 offer you a better alternative.

4 Returning to the December 13th Congressional map
5 will make San Jose America's tenth largest --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 SAM LICCARDO: -- (audio interference) the only
8 major American city without a District that has a clear
9 majority representing its own residents.

10 Don't make San Jose the outlier among the twenty-
11 five largest cities in America. We deserve --

12 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

13 SAM LICCARDO: -- a right to have clear
14 representation in Washington, D.C. And these other
15 communities can be served appropriately as well. Ask
16 your staff, please provide you with a better alternative.
17 Thank you.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now we have caller 4607. And up next
20 after that will be caller 9938.

21 Caller 4607, please follow the prompts. The floor
22 is yours.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, Commissioners. You were
24 almost there. You have the Senate District right, and it
25 is exactly like the New County Supervisor District for

1 Little Saigon. Both the Senate and County Supervisor
2 Districts include all persons in (indiscernible) in with
3 Little Saigon. The county knows that this area share and
4 receive similar social government programs, have similar
5 social economic status, and share education or public
6 school systems with each other. There are so many
7 community of interests, evidence, and facts that tie with
8 Hutchinson Beach and Little Saigon.

9 You can get this right. We will be solid, and will
10 have a great presentation for Little Saigon once you
11 finish the Assembly District by adding it all up north of
12 Hutchinson Beach at Northfield Street, removing Stanton
13 and east of Garden Grove. Finish the Congressional
14 District by adding in Huntington Beach. And remove
15 cities in Los Angeles County, Artesia, and
16 (indiscernible). Just some minor refinements. Little
17 Saigons are grateful for your work --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and you will be our
20 heroes. Thank you for your time.

21 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now we have caller 9938. And up next
23 after that will be caller 7517.

24 Caller 9938, please follow the prompts. Caller with
25 the last four digits 9938, please follow the prompts to



1 unmute by pressing star six. Caller 9938, you appear to
2 have some type of connectivity issue at the moment. I do
3 have you down as a retry. And you can also hang up and
4 call back.

5 LINDA CELL: Hello.

6 COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh. Really? One moment. 9938,
7 we will do this one more time. Please follow the prompts
8 to unmute by pressing star six. The floor is yours.

9 LINDA CELL: Hello?

10 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. The floor is yours. I do
11 apologize.

12 LINDA CELL: Hi. This is Linda Cell calling. And I
13 wanted to thank the -- the commission for keeping Greater
14 CD in the form that it's been for the last few weeks. It
15 is in this form because there are many of COIs that
16 support it, including a letter from the unanimous vote
17 City of Sunnyvale, a letter from Santa Clara City Council
18 unanimous vote, a letter from the Asian -- the map from
19 the Asian Law Alliance, the map from MALDEF, and many
20 probably on the order of hundreds of COIs in support of
21 it.

22 So thank you so much for your dedication and
23 thoughtfulness to this process.

24 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 And right now we have caller 7517. And up next



1 after that will be caller -- no, right now we will call
2 7517. Please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
4 In regard to Huntington Beach, excellent progress has
5 been made in the Senate and it's close for the
6 Congressional Districts. So please make sure the
7 Assembly District is the same by adding the northern part
8 of Huntington Beach.

9 You've heard from the mayor and/or city council
10 members of the cities of Fountain Valley and Westminster
11 that we all belong together with Huntington Beach.

12 You've also heard from the former president of the
13 California School -- California School Boards Association
14 and current school trustee in Huntington Beach asking you
15 to draw along school district lines.

16 Our schools cross over between Huntington Beach,
17 Westminster, and Fountain Valley. There is no crossover
18 with Stanton, and there's nothing in common there. We
19 share common school districts, youth programs, and
20 economic status within Inland Huntington Beach.
21 Remove -- remove Stanton, remove East Garden Grove, and
22 add all of northern Huntington Beach starting at Garfield
23 Street.

24 Little -- Little Saigon should have fair
25 representation at the state Assembly level. And I hope

1 you will help them.

2 I also think that the community has oftentimes sat
3 idly by each and --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- every night for hours to
6 give public comment. And I think that not being able to
7 have a timely way of delivering public comment at the
8 meetings and having to sit by for hours really
9 discourages people. And I think that --

10 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- there needs to be a better
12 way in handling that.

13 So aside from all that, I really hope that you could
14 support Little Saigon. And I really hope that you keep
15 that community in mind. Thank you. Have a great night.

16 COMMENT MODERATOR: And Chair, at this time, we are
17 (indiscernible).

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Katie. Yes, we are.

19 We are taking a fifteen-minute break. We will
20 return at 9:45. Please do not hang up or you will lose
21 your place in line. And we will continue when we return.
22 Thank you.

23 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 9:31 p.m.
24 until 9:45 p.m.)

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: You please continue. Thanks.

1 COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.

2 The Commission is now taking public comment by
3 phone. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247. Enter
4 the meeting ID number 85932989398 for this meeting. Once
5 you've dialed in, please press star nine to enter the
6 comment queue.

7 The full call-in instructions have been read
8 previously, and are provided in full on the livestream
9 landing page.

10 And for those of you that have not done so already,
11 please press star nine. This will raise your hand.

12 We will begin with caller 7446.

13 And up next after that will be caller 7296.

14 Caller 7446, please follow the prompts. The floor
15 is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. Good
17 evening. And thank you so much for all your hard work.
18 I am calling in regards to the San Jose Congressional
19 map.

20 I am calling to reiterate and repeat what some
21 callers have called earlier this evening in that I would
22 like candidates to have a Congressional District where
23 most of the residents and voters are from San Jose. And
24 from the looks of things, it doesn't look like much needs
25 to be changed in order to achieve both the goals of the



1 Commissioners and to keep San Jose to have one strong
2 Congressional District.

3 So as the tenth largest city in the United States,
4 I'm just relaying, again, that I would like San Jose to
5 have a Congressional District that represents the will
6 and -- of the voters of the City of San Jose. Thank you
7 very much.

8 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 And right now we have caller 7296. And up next
10 after that will be caller 3995.

11 Caller 7296, please follow the prompts. And one
12 more time, caller 7 -- oh, there you are. The floor is
13 yours.

14 DEANNA KITAMURA: Good evening, Commissioner. This
15 is Deanna Kitamura with Asian-Americans Advancing Asian
16 Law Caucus. Congratulations on almost being done.

17 I want to make a request regarding where Thai Town
18 is drawn at the Assembly level. Your map draws them in
19 with West Hollywood, Beverly Hills, and Santa Monica, all
20 relatively rich. Thai Town is a working class
21 neighborhood.

22 We sent a proposal that swaps three neighborhoods in
23 a counterclockwise circle involving three districts.
24 They're very discrete moves. We ask that Thai Town be
25 drawn into 8054, where Koreatown, historic Filipino Town,

1 and Little Tokyo are. Chinatown is there as well, but
2 we're asking to move Chinatown into Glen L.A. We're
3 making that request to balance population, and because
4 Chinatown community members have informed us that they
5 would like to be drawn in with their Niland neighbors.

6 Then we ask that you move Los Villas out of Glenn
7 L.A. into 80 West to replace Thai Town. Three simple
8 moves.

9 Now changing regions, there is a Carson discussion
10 this morning Commissioners mentioned competing interests.
11 One interest was not mentioned. Splitting Carson means
12 splitting the largest concentration of Filipino-Americans
13 in the United States.

14 If you look back at the video of your meeting on
15 December 6th, you'll see that you divided Carson for the
16 ports.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 DEANNA KITAMURA: Only one step in our Carson
19 proposal was considered this morning. Our full proposal
20 keeps the ports separate, respects the Black COI in South
21 L.A., and does not affect any of the VRA districts.

22 At the very least, please look at our --

23 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

24 DEANNA KITAMURA: -- Thai Town assembly proposal
25 since it was not discussed. The swaps are very discreet.

1 Thank you.

2 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 And right now we have caller 3995. And up next
4 after that is caller 9424.

5 Caller 3995, please follow the prompts. The floor
6 is yours.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hey, Commissioners, I want to
8 make note of something. Your changes to Old Fig Garden
9 and Fig Garden Loop exemplify how it's not too late to
10 make the right changes, the changes that are needed. In
11 the Assembly, you have Phelan and Pinion Hills with
12 Pasadena. You're about to disenfranchise the rural
13 working-class community of our high desert by putting
14 them at a Los Angeles-dominated district with wealthy
15 Pasadena. Please don't minimize our voices out here on
16 the high desert.

17 You can shift population across the desert into the
18 San Fernando Valley to put Phelan and Pinion Hills into
19 the VVHD District. I have full faith in your ability to
20 keep the high desert whole in your -- in the Assembly and
21 Senate maps.

22 As you wrap up these maps, again, respect county
23 lines, especially within the Inland Empire, the fastest
24 growing region in California. Thank you. And I hope you
25 all have a great evening.

1 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And right now we have caller 9424. And up next
3 after that will be caller 5030.

4 Caller 9424, please follow the prompts. The floor
5 is yours.

6 TREVOR ACOFF: Good evening, Commissioners. My name
7 is Trevor Acoff. Thank you for listening to so many of
8 our fellow Californians late into this Sunday night. I
9 certainly don't envy the weighty decisions resting on
10 your shoulders. But your demeanor throughout this
11 process has been laudable, to say the least. I, for one,
12 have confidence in you.

13 Earlier this week, I called in to express my concern
14 over the City of San Jose not obtaining at least one
15 district where San Jose ends are a majority, ensuring
16 California's third largest city has a representative -- a
17 representative dedicated to our city and our people.

18 We all appreciate this Commission's emphasis on
19 communities of interest. But we can achieve a district
20 that both represents San Joseans and encompasses
21 important minority voices in that District.

22 Consider California's current nineteenth
23 Congressional District represented by Zoe Lofgren. It
24 is --

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

1 TREVOR ACOFF: -- over forty percent Hispanic, over
2 twenty-seven percent Asian-American. We can do this. We
3 can balance our interests and have a District that truly
4 is going to represent California's third largest city --

5 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

6 TREVOR ACOFF: -- and the hub of innovation for this
7 state. Thank you so much. And have a wonderful holiday.

8 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 And right now we have caller 5030. And up next
10 after that is caller 9883.

11 Caller 5030, please follow the prompts. The floor
12 is yours.

13 LIZ GIBBONS: Thank you so much. Hello. My name is
14 Liz Gibbons. I am the Mayor of Campbell, California.
15 I'd like to say thank you very much to the Commission for
16 an extraordinary amount of hard work. We're
17 redistricting ourselves, so I get on a minor, minor scale
18 what you're going through.

19 I'd also like to compliment you on the gracefulness
20 with which you have been accepting comments.

21 So thank you for reconsidering the MidCoast
22 District. It is now been revised to be realistic and
23 functional for the community that -- and our residents.

24 And I would just offer that San Jose may want to
25 consider that having four representatives in Congress

1 might be better than having just one. So thank you.

2 Have a good evening. Appreciate your time.

3 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 And right now we have caller 9883. And up next
5 after that is caller 6625.

6 Caller 9883, please follow the prompts. The floor
7 is yours.

8 JENNY LUM: Good evening, Commissioners. My name
9 is Jenny Lum. I'm the executive director of the Chinese
10 Culture Foundation of San Francisco. We are a nonprofit
11 arts organization located in San Francisco Chinatown,
12 which is in Assembly District 17.

13 I'm calling in to urge you to revise the Assembly
14 District 17 map to reinclude twenty-two percent of
15 Chinatown's population and to reunify North Beach
16 neighbors to Chinatown.

17 The most recent map for Assembly District 17
18 separates Chinatown's population from the rest of
19 Chinatown, and also divides portions of Chinatown from
20 North Beach. Chinatown population needs to be kept
21 together. And Chinatown, as the North Beach neighbors,
22 are communities of interest, inseparable and are
23 culturally, economically connected (indiscernible) shared
24 events, issues, and campaigns and initiatives. Both
25 communities are composed of small businesses and active

1 neighborhood associations that serve both communities and
2 have shared interests.

3 Separating them really disempowers our collective
4 voice as a community that has been hard hit by Covid and
5 remains deeply underserved. We really need to stay
6 together.

7 And as a stakeholder in the community, I really
8 urge --

9 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

10 JENNY LUM: -- the redistrict Commission to reunify
11 Chinatown and North Beach back to Assembly District 17.
12 I really appreciate your time. And thank you for
13 listening to the community.

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

15 And right now we have caller 6625. And up next
16 after that is caller 3828.

17 Caller 6625, please follow the prompts. The floor
18 is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Commissioners, I'm very
20 concerned that you have disenfranchised the working class
21 high desert community in San Bernardino County at the
22 state level. Both the Assembly and Senate maps drown out
23 our voices and split us apart.

24 You said you wanted to protect working class
25 families, but you put Phelan and Pinion Hills, rural

1 communities with dirt roads, in a district with Pasadena.
2 Once again, a very wealthy community with million dollar
3 homes.

4 Then in Senate, you cut up our high desert so
5 wealthier areas in Santa Clarita can stay whole.

6 With your current map, you have doomed hardworking
7 families in the San Bernardino County High Desert to be
8 represented by people from wealthier areas in Los Angeles
9 County for the next decade. Please don't leave us behind
10 and fix at least we'll have a chance.

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 Right now we have caller 3828. And up next after
13 that will be caller 4311.

14 Caller 3828, please follow the prompts. And one
15 more time with the last four digits 3828, please follow
16 the prompts. There you go. The floor is yours.

17 LINDA LUI: Hi. My name is Linda Lui from CMAC,
18 which stands for the Chinatown Media and Arts
19 Collaborative. We were founded by an unprecedented
20 partnership of six accomplished nonprofit organizations.
21 And we are a collaborative platform anchored in San
22 Francisco Chinatown. And what we aim to do is celebrate,
23 explore and support and pioneer creative expressions at
24 the intersection of community culture and contemporary
25 art and media.

1 So tonight we're asking that the state Assembly
2 Redistrict -- Redistricting Commission's most recent map
3 for Assembly District 17 that cuts out approximately
4 twenty-two percent of Chinatown's population from the
5 rest of Chinatown, we ask -- we think that it divides
6 portion of -- portions of Chinatown from North Beach.
7 And we urge the Redistricting Commission to unify
8 Chinatown and North Beach back into 8017.

9 And my colleague --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 LINDA LUI: -- Kara Owens, I'll toss it to her.

12 Kara?

13 I think -- well, thanks for your time.

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thanks so much.

15 And right now we have caller 4311. And up next
16 after that will be caller 6968.

17 Caller 4311, please follow the prompts. The floor
18 is yours.

19 KELLY KLEIN: Good evening. My name is Kelly Klein.

20 And I'm a resident of San Jose. I appreciate the work
21 that all of you are doing as Commissioners, but I would
22 respectfully suggest that dividing San Jose, the tenth
23 largest city in the United States, into four
24 Congressional Districts is a terrible idea.

25 While it may be expedient, you must surely recognize

1 that the issues in our complex urban environment are
2 very, very different than those on the peninsula and on
3 the Central Coast. No other city of this size has been
4 treated in this way, not in California and not in the
5 nation.

6 It is possible to keep San Jose together and to
7 accomplish other important goals, such as creating a
8 majority Latino district.

9 If San Jose is carved into four small parts, it will
10 be nobody's primary job to speak for us. Conversely, the
11 four districts that you are proposing to create will
12 certainly be overwhelmed by San Jose's unique big city
13 issues.

14 Neither of these scenarios would be fair, and could
15 best be described as a lose-lose. Please consider the
16 four-way split --

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 KELLY KLEIN: -- split of San Jose Hispanic in favor
19 of reunifying it into a single Congressional district
20 with a majority of our residents. Time is of the
21 essence. Please ask your staff to address this important
22 issue tonight. Thank you.

23 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 And right now -- right now we have caller 6968. And
25 up next after that will be caller 6198.



1 Caller 6968, please follow the prompts. The floor
2 is yours.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi there. I'm reaching out
4 as a profoundly concerned Armenian resident and a member
5 of the Armenian National Committee of America Western
6 Region to express my deep discontent with the consistent
7 pattern of disenfranchisement that we've seen in every
8 iteration of the state Assembly and Senate, as well as
9 Congressional District maps, especially the ones that
10 focus on Glendale, Burbank, and the Crescendo Valley.

11 Now, these areas are the most densely populated
12 Armenian areas, and we found that the Commission has
13 chosen to separate them, especially at the Assembly line.

14 So please follow these -- these following pieces of
15 input, return La (indiscernible) and La (indiscernible)
16 Point Ridge to their original Congressional district. On
17 the California State Senate level, please return Burbank
18 and (indiscernible) to their original districts with
19 Glendale and Pasadena. And on the California State
20 Assembly level, return the entirety of Glendale, Burbank,
21 and La (indiscernible) to one assembly district. Thank
22 you.

23 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 And right now we have caller 6198. And up next
25 after that will be caller 8852.

1 Caller 6198, please follow the prompts.

2 SANDRA TAMAIO: Hello?

3 COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

4 SANDRA TAMAIO: Good evening, Commissioners. My
5 name is Sandra Tamaio. I'm calling regarding the Walla
6 Park and Florence -- Florence-Graham area. Many, if not
7 most, of the public comments are from individuals asking
8 for big changes or very controversial modification. We
9 were only asking for a very small change. To move Walnut
10 Park to the same 110 L.A. map as Florence-Graham. Please
11 remember that this is not something new that we are
12 asking for. We have been asking for this for weeks.

13 Today, you came up with the perfect solution to make
14 this possible by moving Maywood into Gateway and Walnut
15 Park into 110. From what it looked like, some of you had
16 a concern about the African-American numbers. Can you
17 please consider looking at the southern area of the 110
18 map, that we are able to move Latinos from, so that
19 African-American numbers are not affected.

20 The solution was right in front of you today and it
21 is possible. You've proved it to be possible. Please do
22 not do what everyone always does to us and ignore our
23 voices in an unincorporated area --

24 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- that you have been hearing

1 for weeks. Thank you very much.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 And right now, we have caller 8852. And up next
4 after that is caller 8176.

5 Caller 8852, please follow the prompts. The floor
6 is yours.

7 MS. ORTIZ: Good evening, Commissioners. I'm
8 Graciela Ortiz, Mayor of the City of Huntington Park.

9 I've been listening to these meetings for weeks. I
10 was on that call with all of you until past midnight a
11 few weeks ago when you were gracious enough to allow us
12 to speak.

13 Do you know who also was on that call past midnight
14 with us? The Florence-Graham and Walnut Park
15 communities. True community members have been organizing
16 and asking for your help. Members of the community who
17 have lived there their entire lives, who are parents, who
18 are business owners, or community leaders that roll up
19 their sleeves to make the difference in their
20 communities.

21 The Florence-Graham, Walnut Park community is a
22 unique Black and Brown community that is truly united and
23 should be together. Walnut Park does not have a local
24 government like southeast cities do. They don't have
25 five local council members who can advocate for them.

1 They only have their community partner, fellow
2 unincorporated Florence-Graham. These two communities
3 have been able to obtain resources for their community
4 members because they are united. Please don't break up
5 their unity.

6 I have not heard the amount of consistent public
7 comment for other communities as I have for Florence-
8 Graham and Walnut Park. They have worked diligently,
9 waiting, calling, advocating, stating facts and data.

10 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

11 MS. ORTIZ: I ask you to please hear their voices.
12 Please move Walnut Park into the 110 L.A. map so that
13 they may be with their unincorporated partners of
14 Florence-Graham, and give them an opportunity to have a
15 voice.

16 Thank you once again for your time and dedication to
17 this commission. You are appreciated.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now, we have caller 8176. And up next
20 after that, we have caller 9823.

21 Caller 8176, please follow the prompts. The floor
22 is yours.

23 MS. DEBORAH: Good evening. My name is Deborah and
24 I live in the beautiful community of Mission Viejo. I'd
25 like to thank you for placing Mission Viejo, branch of

1 Santa Margarita, Laguna Hills in San Juan Capistrano in
2 the same senate district.

3 Now, please do the same for assembly district and
4 congressional districts. Mission Viejo, Rancho, Laguna
5 Hills, Laguna Woods, Irvine and Ladera Ranch are master
6 planning communities. We share the same school
7 districts, CIF leagues, youth sports, hospitals, freeways
8 in over 55 communities.

9 Assembly district in South Orange County is not even
10 close to Murrieta and Temecula. We have to cross over
11 the Cleveland National Forest to get to those two cities.
12 They are desert communities. We are not.

13 Congressional District South Orange County has no
14 common interest with Chino Hills in San Bernardino, Yorba
15 Linda or Placentia in North Orange County.

16 South Orange County belongs with similar cities.

17 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

18 MS. DEBORAH: I'd like to thank you for your
19 service. And I know all of you are dedicated to make
20 sure the districts in California reflect each other's
21 interest and histories. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 And right now, we have caller 9823. And up next
24 after that it will be caller 6855.

25 Caller 9823, please follow the prompts. The floor

1 is yours.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commission.
3 Thank you, commissioners, for the latest map that fix
4 Maywood, Bell Gardens in Montebello, while also
5 protecting Black voices in South L.A.

6 Please leave the Southeast, Northeast, and Central
7 L.A. regions alone as it keeps all communities of
8 interest whole.

9 I'm calling tonight to request that Walnut Park be
10 put in the 110 L.A. map in order to keep us together. If
11 you neglect to make this change, the Black and Brown
12 economic voices of our community will be split apart.

13 Our community has been an example of the resources
14 we are able to bring to our communities from Black and
15 Brown voices united. If you split us apart, this will be
16 devastating for us. We need your help to keep Black and
17 Brown small businesses together. Please make this
18 change, as the solution was right in front of you earlier
19 today.

20 Again, I want to thank you for fixing Maywood while
21 protecting Black communities of interest.

22 Have a happy holiday. And thank you for your
23 service.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 And right now, we have caller 6855. And up next

1 after that will be caller 2648.

2 Caller 6855, please follow the prompts. The floor
3 is yours.

4 MR. SUKATON: Good evening. Sam Sukaton from
5 California Environmental Voters and California
6 Environmental Voters Education Fund. "Goodness Gracious
7 Sakes Alive" as John Wooden might say.

8 My surprise thanks at your edits to the SOCKNSD
9 congressional seat. I think it's currently numbered 49
10 in and including Encinitas and removing San Marcos.

11 Commissioners Sinay, Sadhwani, Toledo, and
12 Akutagawa, definitely appreciate your insight and your
13 thoughts on that. I'm sure more folks will be calling
14 in. You know that the coast has been a kind of an area
15 of interest for us since we started engaging with you
16 earlier this year. So thank you for that.

17 I do want to reiterate, as somebody who grew up in
18 the City of Grand Terrace, the -- again, the minor
19 assembly fix of putting -- taking Grand Terrace out of
20 JRC and uniting UCR with the Riverside Community College
21 district. And it's kind of outlying Canyon Crest
22 neighborhood in the JRC Assembly district.

23 And then, again, moving back to the coast, I wanted
24 to note again, thank you so much, again. I know that
25 we've been talking a lot about that and I know the

1 conversation has gotten very heavy and very, very warm.

2 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

3 MR. SUKATON: But I definitely appreciate your
4 insight on the coast.

5 Again, just want to repeat myself so it's in the
6 record, Grand Terrace back with San Bernardino County in
7 the Assembly, and then you can make up the population in
8 JRC by the ECR fix that folks have called in about.

9 MR. MANOFF: 15.

10 MR. SUKATON: Have a happy holiday season. Thank
11 you so much. And I'll talk to you tomorrow.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 And right now, we have caller -- right now, we have
14 caller 2648. And up next after that, it will be caller
15 6043.

16 Caller 2648, please follow the prompts. The floor
17 is yours.

18 MR. SELEKS: Good evening. My name is Maier Seleks.
19 I'm calling regarding Walnut Park and Florence-Graham
20 area.

21 Today, I had the perfect solution in front of you to
22 move Walnut Park to the 110 L.A. map and move Maywood to
23 the Gateway map. Two communities who have been
24 advocating for this change, although, five of you opposed
25 it. You never said why.

1 Let's be clear. You were appointed to make
2 decisions based on the community interest and numbers.
3 The solution that you had in front of you covered both.
4 However, not one you said why you prefer the previous
5 address.

6 Our communities are always forgotten. Always step
7 off. And today, had the solution in front of you to not
8 allow this to happen. Please do the right thing. Now
9 listen to the community, as we live here. You do not.
10 One of you lives in Nella. And I can understand why you
11 all care so much about your community.

12 Now, please, understand this, and understand why we
13 are here every night --

14 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

15 MR. SELEKS: -- advocating for our communities.
16 Please put Walnut Park in the 110 L.A. map with Florence
17 and Graham. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And right now, we have caller 6043. And up next
20 after that is caller 9690.

21 Caller 6043, please follow the prompts. The floor
22 is yours.

23 MS. RAMOS: Thank you so much. I called in a couple
24 of nights go. My name is Emily Ramos. I am from
25 Mountain View. It's a small city, but we try to do well

1 for ourselves. But I called two days ago about the
2 ginormous mid-coast district. And I'm so happy that you
3 reverted it back to a normal compact -- well, not really,
4 it's not really that compact. But you know, it's so much
5 better than what it was before.

6 So I really just wanted to call to just affirm and
7 thank you all for your hard work on that. I'm so sorry,
8 all these things seem to come down to the wire and
9 everyone's kind of calling in and being really angry. So
10 I just kind of wanted to just put the love in there, and
11 say thank you so much. Thank you. Thank you. Thank
12 you. Thank you. All right. I'm good. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 And right now, we have caller 9690. And up next
15 after that will be caller 8615.

16 Caller 9690, please follow the prompts. The floor
17 is yours.

18 MR. RUBIN: Hello Commission. My name is Rubin. I
19 live in the Tri-Cities area. And I'm calling with deep
20 concern for the Armenian-American community, and
21 especially in Glendale on the state assembly level.

22 I believe the division of Glendale, along the 134,
23 is a major mistake, and this is the central hub of the
24 Armenian-American community within L.A. County. I would
25 urge the Commission to address this concern by reuniting

1 the entirety of Glendale in its state assembly level map
2 and you know, keeping that together. I saw today that La
3 Crescenta was added on and I appreciate that change. But
4 the division of Glendale is certainly unconscionable for
5 the Armenian-American community here. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 And right now, we have caller 8615. And up next
8 after that is caller 0133.

9 Caller 8615, please follow the prompts. The floor
10 is yours.

11 MS. CHANG: Good evening, Commissioners. And thank
12 you for the privilege of being able to address you this
13 evening on behalf of Mable Teng, Executive Director of
14 Chinatown Media and Arts Collaborative.

15 A recent map for AD-17 demarcated approximately 22
16 percent of San Francisco's Chinatown population from the
17 rest of the neighborhood, and also separates portions of
18 Chinatown from North Beach.

19 Should the former be enacted? It would be a
20 disservice to Chinatown's community in terms of its
21 electoral power. The latter would continue to burden an
22 already fragile economic reality for the neighborhood.

23 I strongly advocate for the original boundaries to
24 be upheld so that Chinatown may continue to recover from
25 devastating fallout due to COVID-19, and the accompanying

1 national and regional anti-Asian hate crimes.

2 Thank you for your time and attention. I wish you
3 happy holidays.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 And right now, we have caller 0133. And up next
6 after that is caller 4201.

7 Caller 0133, please follow the prompts. The floor
8 is yours.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Hi, Commissioners. I
10 just want to say I'm calling in from Northridge. And I
11 just wanted to say thank you, thank you, thank you. For
12 A, keeping Northridge whole. But also, I work in Santa
13 Clarita. And now that that's like a one in the same
14 thing, and that makes me really happy.

15 Thank you for listening to the community today. I
16 know how tired you guys are. I just wanted to say happy
17 holidays, and thank you so much.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 Right now, we have caller 4201. And up next after
20 that will be caller 5365.

21 Caller 4201, please follow the prompts. The floor
22 is yours.

23 MR. WALDMAN: Yeah. Hi, Commissioners. Stuart
24 Waldman from VICA and the San Fernando Valley
25 Redistricting Coalition, neighbored councils, chambers of

1 commerce, homeowners groups, rather than its
2 associations.

3 I want to thank you for adjusting the San Fernando
4 Valley maps today. I got a little worried for a second
5 that you wouldn't be able to get to it, but you did. You
6 know, we think you did a pretty good job. You united
7 Burbank again. You kept Burbank and Glendale on the same
8 district. You put communities that belonged together in
9 the right districts.

10 You know, I have to say the VICA maps that we put
11 together were based on commissioner comments trying to
12 address what we thought you were looking for.

13 So overall, we appreciate everything you did. We
14 appreciate that you've been listening to us. And thank
15 you.

16 Going to miss Katie. Going to miss all of you. I
17 don't know what I'm going to do with my nights now.
18 Maybe, I'll stop having dreams and nightmares about
19 redistricting. So get to move on. And I know all of you
20 do as well. So thank you. And you know, maybe I'll see
21 you around sometime.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 Right now, we have caller 5365. And up next after
24 that is caller 2206.

25 Caller 5365, please follow the prompts. The floor

1 is yours.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.
3 Yesterday I was excited to be able to call in to show my
4 strong support for my Little Saigon community. I was
5 waiting in the -- I was basically waiting for more than
6 three hours, but couldn't make my public comments on
7 adding on of the North Huntington Beach. And asking to
8 remove, you know, east of Garden Grove and Stanton are
9 reasonable requests, because it's pretty much, we select
10 our true community.

11 And then the Vietnamese community has grown beyond
12 just Westminster and Garden Grove. Many young
13 generations chose to move into like Los Alamitos,
14 Rossmoor, Santa Valley, or even like Huntington Beach for
15 where it's a better school district and better
16 environment for their family, but still near their
17 parents' homes in Westminster and Garden Grove.

18 Our educational school districts, and some have many
19 crossovers between either Huntington Beach, Garden Grove,
20 Westminster, and Santa Valley, or maybe, Los Alamitos,
21 Rossmoor, and Seal Beach. And it allows our children the
22 freedom to be represented by the same assembly members
23 throughout their educational system for the next decade.

24 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We are almost there. And I



1 know it is exhausting. But please go back to the GGW and
2 make these changes. Thank you for listening.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 And right now, we have caller 2206. And up next
5 after that is caller 1013.

6 Caller 2206, please follow the prompts. The floor
7 is yours.

8 MR. JOE: Hi. My name is Joe. I'm calling on
9 behalf of San Jose.

10 All we ever asked for was a clear majority
11 congressional district. The Commission can still keep
12 its VRA district and can change the central (audio
13 interference) district so it's not (audio interference)
14 as long, while still leaving us this one district that is
15 a clear majority of San Jose residents. Something that
16 every other large city has.

17 There's an easy way to accomplish all of these
18 things. Please, Commissioners, make one more of those
19 tweaks, and you can come up with a perfect solution that
20 satisfies everybody while not taking away the voice of
21 the tenth largest city in the country. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 And right now, we have caller 1013. And up next
24 after that is caller 8625.

25 Caller 1013, please follow the prompts. The floor



1 is yours.

2 And one more time. Caller with the last four digits
3 1-0-1-3, please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing
4 *6.

5 Caller 1013, I do have you down for a retry. I will
6 come back around momentarily. You also can hang up and
7 call back.

8 Right now, we have caller 8625. And up next after
9 that will be caller 1532.

10 Caller 8625, please follow the prompts. The floor
11 is yours.

12 MS. OSBY: Hello everyone. My name is Ucedrah Osby,
13 and I am president of (indiscernible) and Kern County.
14 We serve current and formerly incarcerated assisted
15 impacted people.

16 We have numbers in California cities who are telling
17 us they do not want to be in Fresno-Kern congressional
18 district. Please put your congressional districts back
19 the way you had it before making changes this evening.
20 California City cannot be in Fresno-Kern's congressional
21 district. They get all their services from Los Angeles
22 County because Kern doesn't care about them at all.

23 California City is 70 percent people of color,
24 mostly on the west side of town. The Kern County
25 Sheriff's Department that serves Kern High Desert areas

1 is under consent decree for violating the constitutional
2 rights of especially people of color. And the Cal City
3 Police Department has similar problems.

4 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

5 MS. OSBY: Cal City's communities of color should
6 not be in Fresno-Kern congressional district and survive
7 another decade in what the Guardian call the deadliest
8 county in the nation.

9 It looks like you have tried all possible --

10 MR. MANOFF: 15.

11 MS. OSBEY: -- ways to accommodate the different
12 interests in this area, and it just can't be done.
13 Better to put it back to the way it was before and
14 protect the Cal City communities of color. Please keep
15 the districts the way you had them.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 And right now, we have caller 1532. And up next
18 after that will be caller 8676.

19 Caller 1532, please follow the prompts. The floor
20 is yours.

21 MS. CRAIG: Good evening, Commissioners. Long time
22 listener, second time caller. We bonded during my 90
23 seconds last night. This is the Salinas mayor, Kimberly
24 Craig calling again. And I'd like to bring to your
25 attention our requests of the Salinas Valley.

1 You currently have us lumped in with San Jose, and
2 hundreds of residents have written to you asking that the
3 Salinas Valley be included in the mid-coast congressional
4 map.

5 We are an \$8 billion agricultural community, and the
6 Monterey Peninsula is a \$4 billion hospitality industry.
7 We got five minutes of review today from you.

8 This is my Hail Mary pass. My ask of you is to give
9 Monterey County ten minutes of the congressional district
10 review tomorrow. Ten minutes. If you need a reference,
11 Monterey County Supervisor Chris Lopez submitted a
12 central coast fix map. Ten minutes tomorrow. Monterey
13 County struggles with racial divide --

14 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

15 MS. CRAIG: -- and we are currently split between
16 the Cupertino and mid-coast map, splitting the Salinas
17 Valley and Monterey Peninsula down the middle. Ten
18 minutes tomorrow to keep Monterey County in the mid-coast
19 map.

20 Thanks so much for your time. Happy holidays. And
21 I still don't want to be a redistricting commissioner.
22 Have a great evening.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 And right now, we have caller 8676. And up next
25 after that is caller 6638.

1 Caller 8676, please follow the prompts. The floor
2 is yours.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners.

4 First of all, I'd like to start off by saying thank
5 you so much for your hard work these past few days, or in
6 these past few weeks.

7 I would also like to say thank you so much for
8 helping and fixing the problem in Maywood with your most
9 recent map by keeping Maywood, Bell Gardens and
10 Montebello how it should be.

11 And thank you so much for protecting our Black
12 voices in the region of South L.A. on this matter.

13 I would like to urge you guys to please, please keep
14 Southeast, Northeast, and Central L.A. regions alone.
15 And they'll keep the communities' interest in a whole.

16 Thank you so much. And have a happy holiday.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 And right now, we have caller 6638. And up next
19 after that will be caller 0347.

20 Caller 6638, please follow the prompts. The floor
21 is yours.

22 (Caller speaks in Spanish)

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 All right. Now, we have caller 0347. And up next
25 after that we have caller 4862.



1 Caller 0347, please follow the prompts. The floor
2 is yours.

3 MS. EDITH: Hi. Good evening. My name is Edith. I
4 want to thank you Commissioners for the latest map that
5 sticks with Maywood, Bell Gardens and Montebello, while
6 also protecting Black Lives voices in South L.A. Please
7 leave the Southeast, Northeast, and Central L.A. region
8 alone as it keeps all communities of interest as whole.

9 Thank you so much. And have a great evening.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 And right now, we have caller 4862. And up next
12 after that is caller 4993.

13 Caller 4862, please follow the prompts. The floor
14 is yours.

15 MS. YAA: Thank you Commissioners for all your hard
16 work all these days and nights.

17 My name is Chris Yaa (phonetic), a 20-year resident
18 of South Central.

19 Do not listen to the so-called Walnut Park callers.
20 They are politically motivated by a candidate who ran for
21 assembly in Walnut Park. Leave the 110 South L.A.
22 corridor as is, and keep Carson split to have equal and
23 freer Black representation. Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 And right now, we have caller 4993. And up next

1 after that we'll have caller 7592.

2 Caller 4993, please follow the prompts. The floor
3 is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. I would like to thank
5 you for the hard work you've done to try to balance all
6 these different concerns that you've heard from these
7 last many months. The good news is, I don't think it's a
8 lot of work to come up with a perfect solution that works
9 for everybody in Northern California.

10 You can keep a majority Latina district, if you
11 like, from San Jose. You can keep the norther part of
12 San Jose for an Asian district. And just combine the
13 remaining two portions into one majority district.

14 San Jose needs one member of congress that we know
15 is always going to fight for us. Period. All we need is
16 for you to make a minor tweak tonight. Have staff come
17 up with options on how two San Jose districts can swap
18 population and make a minor change elsewhere where those
19 two districts coalign to make sure the population numbers
20 work out.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now, we have caller 7592. And up next
23 after that will be caller 0586.

24 Caller 7592, please follow the prompts. The floor
25 is yours.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, and greetings.

2 In regards to state assembly districting in Santa
3 Clara County, my plans from yesterday oppose
4 (indiscernible) public inputs 42576, that's 42576 and
5 42944, 42944.

6 Earlier today, Commissioner Sadhwani may have asked
7 about the number of San Jose splits in the state assembly
8 plan. Your plan splits San Jose among five districts.

9 My second plan from yesterday split San Jose among
10 four districts. It's at Public Input 42944, 42944. Your
11 plan divides West Valley cities, Campbell, Cupertino, Los
12 Gatos, Monte Sereno, and Saratoga among three districts.

13 Both of my plans from yesterday split these cities
14 between two districts.

15 Your plan does not have the Hispanic majority San
16 Jose-Gardner neighborhood in AD-25 (indiscernible), even
17 though most or all is in the current AD-27. Whereas,
18 both my plans -- and yes, they do have most or all of the
19 neighborhood in the Alameda district.

20 So I feel your state assembly district plans equal
21 Santa Clara County --

22 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- need to improve. And
24 they're at Public Inputs 42576, that's 42576 and 42944,
25 42944.

1 Thank you. And have a good evening.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 And right now, we have caller 0586. And up next
4 after that is caller 0304.

5 Caller 0586, please follow the prompts. The floor
6 is yours.

7 MR. ANDY: Hi, Commissioners. My name is Andy, and
8 I'm a concerned constituent from the South Bay area.

9 Like a lot of other callers, I'm calling to keep the
10 West Valley cities together, namely, Cupertino, Los
11 Gatos, Monte Sereno, Campbell, and most of West San Jose
12 and Saratoga. We are a community of interest. We've got
13 common issues. And many elected leaders and mayors have
14 said that West Valley City should be together, including
15 the current mayor of San Jose Sam Liccardo. He also
16 expressed his thoughts about San Jose.

17 So please, I urge Commissioners and staff to please
18 not split us up into a million parts, and keep us
19 together, because we are a community of interest. And
20 the elected leaders and leaders of these many cities
21 agree with constituents that we want to be kept together
22 and not split up. Please, please, please consider this
23 as the tenth largest city. And one of the largest
24 cities, frankly, in the U.S. We should have that power
25 over our representation in congress, specifically.

1 So thank you, Commissioners, for all your time. And
2 have a great rest of your night.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 And right now, we have caller 0304. And up next
5 after that will be caller 8338.

6 Caller 0304, please follow the prompts. The floor
7 is yours.

8 MS. LUCAS: Hi. My name is Carmen Lucas. I'm a
9 Santa Clarita Valley resident.

10 I just wanted to say thank you so much for your
11 changes, today, to the San Fernando Valley and Santa
12 Clarita Valley. They completely make sense. I think
13 it's republicans who are calling and pushing for this
14 Acton-(indiscernible) thing. It doesn't make any sense.
15 Folks in Acton and (indiscernible), they don't want to be
16 with Santa Clarita. They're very rural with dirt roads
17 and want to be connected with the AV.

18 So you know, thank you for uniting the Jewish
19 community, the Armenian community, and keeping us
20 connected to the North Valley where there's a lot of
21 interaction around work and sea, sun, and College of the
22 Canyons. You guys did an amazing job. I know you have
23 so much on your plates, and really just appreciate the
24 work that you're doing in these long days.

25 And thank you, thank you, thank you. I hope you



1 have a wonderful holiday. Have a great night.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 And right now, we have caller 8338. And then up
4 next after that, I will retry caller 1013.

5 Caller 8338, please follow the prompts. The floor
6 is yours.

7 MR. LAW: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is
8 Kevin Law (phonetic), again, from Mountain View.

9 I would like to thank the Commissioners for making
10 changes such that the mid-coast district is more
11 reasonable from a first glance to be more compact. As
12 well as making sure that Mountain View, as a city, is
13 whole rather than split in two.

14 I recognize that the next access, perhaps, is a
15 little difficult given the time and constraints. But the
16 Belle Haven neighborhood, which is the Menlo Park
17 neighborhood north of 101, has usually been considered
18 like the segregated part of Menlo Park. So it's still
19 unfortunate that basically, and this in the assembly
20 maps. They were basically still meant to be split
21 because of East Los Altos, but it is an important social-
22 economic issue that, perhaps, could be addressed better.

23 But -- and again, this is a late night. This is
24 almost midnight on Sunday, the day before due so.

25 I thank the Commission for all their work.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 And right now, we will retry caller 1013. And then
3 up next after that will be caller 5314.

4 Caller 1013, please follow the prompts. The floor
5 is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Good evening,
7 Commissioners. And thank you -- I'm calling from the
8 East Bay. I want to thank you for your work on the
9 assembly districts. They look excellent.

10 However, on the state senate districts, I'd like to
11 comment on how San Leandro was drawn into the Cocoa
12 Contra Costa district.

13 San Leandro is very different from the inland areas
14 east of the hills. San Leandro and the surrounding
15 unincorporated areas are much more connected both in
16 where people work and live, and the transportation
17 systems with places like Oakland and Hayward. And it's
18 also a much more urban and racially diverse community
19 than the suburban 680 corridor. So please remove San
20 Leandro from the Cocoa senate district. Thank you.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

22 And right now, we have caller 5314. And up next
23 after that will be caller 0874.

24 Caller 5314, please follow the prompts. The floor
25 is yours.

1 MS. PAT: Hello and good evening. Hello?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

3 MS. PAT: Hi. Good evening. My name is Pat. I'm
4 calling from the Firestone -- I'm sorry. Firestone-
5 Florence District. I'm calling regarding the Walnut Park
6 and Florence-Graham area, also known locally as Florence-
7 Firestone. It's all one united community. You're so
8 united that we only have one chamber of commerce that
9 represents our local -- fall local business community.
10 It's called the Florence-Firestone-Walnut Park Chamber of
11 Commerce.

12 Please help us stay united and not take us
13 backwards, and keep Florence, Firestone, and Walnut Park
14 united and together.

15 For weeks you have heard us speak. We started off
16 with a huge request. But today, we are asking for a
17 minor modification that will mean the world to our
18 communities. Please put Walnut --

19 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

20 MS. PAT: -- Park and Florence, and Firestone on the
21 110 L.A. map. The numbers show that it is possible. The
22 communities that it would impact are perfectly fine with
23 it, so please listen to the community and not to the
24 politics. Again, please listen to the community voices
25 as they must live within these districts.

1 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

2 MS. PAT: Again, thank you for all your work. And
3 happy holiday.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 And right now, we have caller 0874. And up next
6 after that will be caller 4145.

7 Caller 0874, please follow the prompts. The floor
8 is yours.

9 MS. DAVIS: Good evening, Commissioners. Thank you
10 so much for all you continue to do to serve our state.

11 My name is Rachel Davis, a communication director
12 for the mayor of San Jose. I am also a lifelong San Jose
13 resident. My entire family lives here. And we are
14 raising the next generation of Davises here.

15 It is for these people, as well as my neighbors and
16 community members that I speak today.

17 As a San Jose resident, all we have ever asked for
18 is a clear majority congressional district. The
19 Commission can keep its predominantly Latino district
20 from downtown and East Side. They can change the central
21 coast district so it's not as long. They can move Palo
22 Alto and Mountain View, and all those communities
23 (indiscernible), and still leave us with one district
24 that is a clear majority for San Jose residents,
25 something that every other large city has.

1 There's an easy way to accomplish all of these
2 things. Please Commissioners, make one more round of
3 tweaks. And you can come up with a perfect solution that
4 satisfies everybody. And not take away the voice of
5 congress for the tenth largest city in the country.

6 We deserve to be heard. We deserve to have a voice
7 that understands what it is to call San Jose home.

8 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

9 MS. DAVIS: Thank you so much for your time, and
10 best of luck.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 And right now, we have caller 4145. And up next
13 after that we do have -- someone got their caller ID,
14 caller in user 3.

15 Caller 4145, please follow the prompts. The floor
16 is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners.
18 I'm calling to thank the Commission for the latest map
19 that fixed Montebello, Bell Gardens, and Lynwood, while
20 also protecting Black voices in South Los Angeles.

21 Furthermore, I appreciate the Commission for keeping
22 Koreatown whole in a single district for Los Angeles.

23 Please leave the Southeast, Northeast, and Central
24 Los Angeles region alone as it keeps all communities of
25 interest whole.

1 Lastly, I want to thank the Commission for reuniting
2 Lynwood. It's the gateway city without splitting Black
3 communities of interest. Thank you very much.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 And up next, we have a call in user 3. And up next
6 after that we have caller 2672.

7 And if you're calling in without a caller ID, please
8 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

9 MR. MUNSON: Hi. This is John Munson from Nature
10 for All. And I'm still worried about the gentleman who's
11 wondering what he's going to do after redistricting, and
12 even in the evenings.

13 But in any case, I think you've made a lot of great
14 changes today. And in fact, we're in agreement with all
15 of the districts, how all the districts ought to be drawn
16 in the Angeles and western San Bernardino National
17 Forest.

18 The problem is that the track maps won't allow us to
19 actually do that. That's true of the areas below the
20 forest mountain, below Acton. And also it's very true
21 about the area north of Azusa, which we would never have
22 wanted to have done if we knew that that artifact of the
23 track map was taken to district ten miles north of East
24 Fork and West Fork into a different ego system. And
25 drawing a large section of forest in the middle of a

1 national monument actually is confusing. It's going to
2 be confusing of the forest service. It's going to be
3 confusing to citizens, and to multiple congressional
4 offices that are involved because it doesn't follow any
5 natural boundaries.

6 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

7 MR. MUNSON: Not like on the far end, on the left,
8 where, you know, you have the San Fernando Valley
9 district.

10 So also if you live in Glendale -- in Glendora,
11 you're going to be a little confused because you have two
12 congressional districts almost immediately north of you.

13 MR. MANOFF: 15.

14 MR. MUNSON: And Highway 39 is a very poor boundary.
15 So it's very hard to tell where it is. It's going to be
16 confusing. It's an easy change to make. Go back to Mr.
17 Yee's original suggestion. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 Right now, we have caller 2672. And up next after
20 that we have caller 7268.

21 Caller 2672, please follow the prompts. The floor
22 is yours.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Calling from the Sierra
24 Club Angeles Chapter from Los Angeles.

25 Want to actually co-sign. I'm really glad you put



1 me after John Munson because he was actually saying the
2 exact same thing we said. We're joining Nature for All.
3 Calculating the amount of voters, et cetera, et cetera,
4 about that. Minor change-up in the national forest.

5 Also, again, got some calls from our folks in the
6 San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club. Super, super
7 excited about the restoration of the North Coast
8 district.

9 I know that enviro voters and some folks Tweeted out
10 about kind of eluding a beach change. It seems like you
11 looked at it and didn't think it was worth it. If you
12 still have maybe two or three minutes tomorrow, just a
13 quick look at that to see if that might work, you know,
14 Laguna and North Coast, and then test and split. And
15 then Ladera Ranch (indiscernible).

16 Hope you're having a great day. Really appreciate
17 it. And really appreciate the thought that you're
18 putting into this.

19 We're working on some of the environmental districts
20 back in 2011, on behalf of the Sierra Club, and we're
21 really glad to see some of those maintained or expanded.
22 Hope you're having a great day. Take care.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
24 right now, we have caller 7268. And up next after that,
25 we have caller 0706.

1 Caller 7268, please follow the prompts. The floor
2 is yours.

3 MR. RUIZ: Hi Commissioners. Good afternoon. My
4 name is Senor Ruiz. I'm calling from Tulare. Everything
5 was going so well, until we decided to move, you know,
6 opposite of California City. Just to remind that
7 California City has 70 percent of people of color. A
8 reminder that we need (indiscernible) right district in
9 the Central Valley. Don't -- like you guys, I support
10 the military. I have family in the military. I
11 completely understand what you're talking about the
12 military base. But I don't think we should take one
13 email, and change the entire map, you know, just based on
14 one email.

15 And the other thing is the Board of Supervisors
16 really can't tell a military base what to do. That is
17 federal land, and it's run by the federal government. So
18 even though, as much as we would like to listen to the
19 Board of Supervisors tell you XYZ, don't do it. Let's go
20 back to the original map; how we had it.

21 Also, great post by Katy and the pic -- and the
22 cookies. I really like those cookies, and I wish I could
23 taste one of them.

24 Again, thank you Commissioners for all the work
25 you've been doing. You know, just hang in there few more

1 hours. We're a done. Thank you so much. We appreciate
2 everything.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
4 now, we have caller 0706, and up next, after that is
5 caller 8490.

6 Caller 0706, please follow the prompts. The floor
7 is yours.

8 MR. ISMAEL: Good evening, Commissioners. My name
9 is Marcus Ismael, and I'm a resident of downtown San
10 Jose. Thank you for the work you put in to arrive at a
11 map last Thursday, that creates a logical, sensible
12 district encompassing at least half of my city. That not
13 only respects the concentration of Asian-American
14 neighborhoods, but creates the only 50 percent Latino VRA
15 district in Northern California.

16 As an Asian-American resident in San Jose, it's
17 important to me that my community's neighborhoods have
18 the benefit of being united in our advocacy to a single
19 representative accountable to San Jose API community
20 interests, instead of just four representatives.

21 As it stands, a reversion tonight to an older map
22 leads to the absurdity of being able to cross four
23 congressional districts at once by driving a few minutes
24 down the Capitol Expressway. And it means even more
25 dilution for San Jose residents of all identities and

1 backgrounds.

2 Please respect the time and advocacy of San Jose
3 residents, and please keep our southern neighborhoods
4 together. I urge you to direct staff to explore minor
5 tweaks that get as close as we can to unify a San Jose
6 district that makes sense. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
8 right now, we have caller 8490, and up next after that is
9 caller 8853.

10 Caller 8490, please follow the prompts. The floor
11 is yours.

12 MALE SPEAKER: Hi there. I'm calling in support,
13 just like the previous caller, to keep San -- to keep as
14 much of San Jose in one district as much as possible, and
15 to keep the West Valley cities together.

16 Right now, with this reversion, you know, you're
17 connecting cities like Saratoga and Campbell all the way
18 to San Mateo County, and cities like Pacifica. And I
19 think this is very strange.

20 Honestly, as a resident of Saratoga, I think that
21 the West Valley cities are a community of interest and
22 they belong together. They belong with San Jose. They
23 have much more in common with San Jose than the
24 (indiscernible) district, for example. Most workers in
25 Saratoga work in places like San Jose and Cupertino, and

1 not, you know, in the -- in San Mateo County.

2 And so I think it makes a lot of sense to keep that
3 version that you created on Thursday, where you keep the
4 West Valley cities with San Jose, because that secures
5 proper representation, and it creates a new VRA
6 opportunity district that's majority minority in this
7 area, which the Asian-American community, the Hispanic
8 community, so many communities have desperately been
9 wanting for so long.

10 So I urge you to keep the West Valley cities
11 together, and keep as much of San Jose together as you
12 can. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now, we have caller 8853, and up next after that
15 will be caller, 2034.

16 Caller 8853, please follow the prompts. The floor
17 is yours.

18 FEMALE SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners. I am
19 calling to voice my discontent with the most recent
20 Cupertino congressional map iteration, which would serve
21 to lump in our rural farmers communities in the Salinas
22 Valley with San Jose, which we share very little to
23 nothing in common with.

24 I'd also like to echo Salinas Mayor Kimberly Craig's
25 comments to get -- to give our region more consideration



1 to keep us and our communities whole. Having followed
2 this whole process since the beginning, it has been very
3 disappointing how little thought has been given to
4 keeping our communities of interest within the Salinas
5 Valley that are comprised of farm workers, non-native
6 English speakers, and first-generation residents
7 together.

8 Once again, I am respectfully -- respectfully asking
9 of all of you to not dilute the voices of our
10 historically disenfranchised community members by lumping
11 us into a district that in some cases is hundred miles
12 away from some of our own communities. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now, we have caller 2034. And up next after that
15 will be caller 9605.

16 Caller 2034, please follow the prompts. The floor
17 is yours.

18 MS. ALCANTAR: Thank you. Hello, Commissioners.
19 Thank you all for your work thus far. My name is
20 Elizabeth Alcantar, and I serve as the vice mayor of
21 Cudahy. I'm calling because there are many of our
22 community members who couldn't stay on the phone for
23 hours, and share the belief that Cudahy should be in the
24 same district as the South East L.A. neighbors.

25 Cudahy shares more in common with the cities, and AD

1 Gateway, and the cities it is currently placed in with AD
2 corridor. Our median household income is almost half of
3 cities like El Morada. Our poverty rate is 26 percent,
4 compared to one La Mirada 6, La Habra's 11, and
5 (indiscernible) 9.

6 We're also heavily renter occupied at 85 percent
7 compared to their 45. We speak languages other than
8 English at 92, compared to their 44 percent.

9 Cudahy has built a community with its neighbors in
10 Southeast L.A. Do not diminish the power of our
11 immigrant and first-generation working communities that
12 we have been built over the years here in our southeast
13 L.A. region.

14 Put Cudahy back into AD Gateway, just like you had
15 before a few hours ago. Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
17 right now, we've got caller 9605, and up next after that
18 will be caller 8860. Caller 9605, please follow the
19 prompts. The floor is yours.

20 MS. ROMEO: Good evening, Commissioners. This is
21 Elizabeth Romeo from Riverside. I want to thank you for
22 the conversation about UC Riverside today, but obviously
23 we are disappointed that you took no action to keep us
24 whole.

25 I want to quickly just clarify two points that seem

1 to hang up your conversation today. First, the changes
2 submitted by campus architect in comment, 40611. Again,
3 comment 40611, do make holistic changes to three
4 districts. In order to accommodate the impacts of
5 population and Latinos, see that -- that happens when you
6 cut -- when you keep the university community together.

7 We wanted to be respectful of your time and show you
8 how you can move the lines with allowable deviation,
9 while also maintaining Latino (indiscernible) within just
10 hundredths of a percentage point of the current
11 iteration.

12 Second, I want to clarify that we are agnostic about
13 which of the districts the whole community goes into. We
14 thought 58 was a better district match, because it allows
15 downtown Riverside portion to stay with the bulk of the
16 city of Riverside. But this request is about keeping our
17 community whole within one district.

18 So you can choose, but 58 is our recommendation.
19 Our university community follows University Avenue across
20 two nearby freeways, and connects the main campus with
21 the innovation and economic corridor, UCR Arts, the UCR
22 School of Medicine, and significant off-campus housing
23 populations found off of University Avenue in the City of
24 Riverside.

25 All of these important changes support our growth

1 trajectory, which is also to expand access to higher
2 education for California.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
4 right now, we have caller 8860, and up next after that is
5 caller 7455.

6 Caller 8860, please follow the prompts. The floor
7 is yours.

8 MALE SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners. Do you
9 hear me?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

11 MALE SPEAKER: Commissioners, thank you very much
12 for the great work that you guys have done, and your
13 great attempt. I'm a former Valley Glen neighborhood
14 council member. I called in previously.

15 You guys have made some really good changes, but you
16 guys left Valley Glen and the rest of North Hollywood
17 detached from North Hollywood, and the other
18 communities -- the are remaining communities that it
19 belongs with. Please reunify North Hollywood into one
20 district, and add Valley Glen with that by moving it
21 entirely into the south San Fernando Valley district,
22 uniting the Armenian communities together with Burbank
23 and Glendale. That can be done with an easy swap to put
24 Sherman Oaks and Studio City to the Central District,
25 unifying the Jewish communities along the south --

1 southern portion of the San Fernando Valley, and putting
2 Lake Balboa and Van Nuys into the East District by
3 unifying the Latino communities and working the
4 communities together into one district.

5 So again, the swap is North Hollywood and Valley
6 Glen, united together with the rest of North Hollywood,
7 Burbank and Glendale in the South District, Sherman Oaks
8 and Studio City to the Central District, and Lake Balboa
9 and Van Nuys to the East District, unifying the Armenian,
10 Latino, and Jewish communities in their respective --
11 respective districts.

12 Thank you very much. Please make this quick change.
13 It is population deviation. Okay. We've already -- I've
14 already done --

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
16 right now, we have caller 7455, and up next after that is
17 caller 9048.

18 And for those that have just called in, if you'll
19 please press star nine, this will raise your hand. And
20 for those that have not done so already, if you'll please
21 press star nine, this will raise your hand. Makes my job
22 a little bit easier.

23 Right now, we have caller a 7455, and up next after
24 that is caller 9048.

25 Caller 7455, please follow the prompts. The floor



1 is yours.

2 FEMALE SPEAKER: Thank you so much. It's been
3 really great following these meetings for the past three
4 days. Getting to listen to everyone's public input, as
5 well.

6 Thank you, Commissioners, for the latest map fix of
7 Maywood, with (indiscernible) and into Montebello. Thank
8 you so, so much, because it protects all of the black
9 voices in South L.A., which is incredibly important.

10 Last but not least, I want to ask you if you could
11 please leave the southeast, northeast and central L.A.
12 region alone to keep all of those communities of interest
13 together. Thank you, so much, and happy holidays.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
15 right now, we have caller 9048, and up next after that we
16 have caller 0805.

17 Caller 9048, please follow the prompts. The floor
18 is yours.

19 MALE SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Commissioners,
20 and thank you very much for your work in the San Fernando
21 Valley. Calling actually to support what the previous
22 caller said in supporting the unification of the Armenian
23 community in the San Fernando Valley in particular.

24 These are small changes. And again, and again,
25 moving Sherman Oaks and Studio City into the central SFB

1 seat, uniting the rest of North Hollywood and Valley Glen
2 into the South San Fernando Valley seat, and Lake Balboa
3 and Van Nuys into East San Fernando Valley seats. These
4 are all shifts that are population balanced and work,
5 while protecting not just the Armenian community, but
6 also the Jewish and Latino community within the San
7 Fernando Valley. These are minor fixes, population
8 balanced. We ask that you do this in this final hour.
9 And thank you again for your attention on the San
10 Fernando Valley.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 right now, we have caller 0805, and up next after that is
13 caller 8575.

14 Caller 0805, please follow the prompts. The floor
15 is yours.

16 MS. REUBEN: Hi there, Commissioners. Sarah Reuben
17 calling in tonight from Sherman Oaks. I'm representing
18 the Jewish community in Sherman Oaks and Studio City
19 tonight. I really want to thank you for taking the time
20 today to put together the Jewish community in the -- in
21 the San Fernando Valley.

22 And I really just wanted to name -- I'm hoping that
23 you guys add Sherman Oaks and Studio City, because we are
24 definitely part of the Jewish community in the San
25 Fernando Valley. I support the swap with North Hollywood

1 and --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: (Indiscernible, audio
3 interference) And up next after that is caller 3656.
4 Caller 8575, please follow the prompts. The floor is
5 yours.

6 FEMALE SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners. Thank
7 you for the San Fernando Valley Assembly District. You
8 made some good changes trying to unify the Armenian and
9 Jewish community. But a simple swap will actually
10 accomplish this. Put Sherman Oaks in Studio City with
11 the Jewish community in the Central San Fernando Valley
12 District. Put Valley Glen, and unify North Hollywood
13 with Burbank, Glendale for the -- for the Armenian
14 community. Put Lake (indiscernible) Van Nuys into the
15 East San Fernando Valley, uniting the Latino community.
16 Thank you, and I appreciate your time.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
18 right now, we have caller 3656, and up next after that is
19 caller 3375.

20 Caller 3656, please follow the prompts. The floor
21 is yours.

22 MALE SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners. Thank
23 you for your service. I'm a San Jose resident calling
24 about the San Jose area congressional districts that have
25 reverted back to minimizing San Jose's voice in Congress.

1 We're the largest city in the Bay Area, and we should
2 have at least one member of Congress who speaks for us.
3 No other major city in California is losing its voice
4 this way; only San Jose.

5 Please have another look, and make some minor
6 changes to the congressional districts, so San Jose has
7 at least one undiluted seat in Congress. You can
8 strengthen the cohesion of the San Jose community with
9 some minor, but important changes that values our voice.
10 Thank you for your time.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 right now, we have caller 3375, and up next after that
13 will be caller 7840.

14 Caller 3375, please follow the prompts. The floor
15 is yours.

16 MALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. Great work.
17 My name is Jay. I'm calling regarding the U.S.
18 Congressional District 18. I live in the West San Jose
19 area. I'm a community leader here. We have been very
20 happy to be in the Congress as U.S. Congress 18, City of
21 Santa Clara district, working with us on our issue.

22 Please continue at -- with West Valley cities like
23 Saratoga, Campbell, et cetera, since we share the same
24 schools, hospitals, freeways, utilities, and we come from
25 the similar demographics. In fact, please go back to our

1 December 17th, declaration of (indiscernible) of San Jose
2 rather than 4.

3 Thank you for the great work, and thank you for
4 giving me an opportunity to express my opinion here.
5 Thank you. Bye.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
7 right now, we have caller 7840, and up next after that we
8 have caller 8308.

9 Caller 7840, please follow the prompts. The floor
10 is yours.

11 MALE SPEAKER: Thank you very much, Commissioners.
12 I can't believe it's almost 12 a.m. Thank you for
13 working this diligently for our state. My name is
14 (indiscernible). I am the son of Armenian immigrants,
15 and I've lived in Valley Glen, in the San Fernando Valley
16 of Los Angeles, my entire life.

17 I'm calling again, because I've been looking at all
18 the work that you've all been doing to make sure that my
19 community is well represented for the next ten years.
20 And I want you all to know how I feel. I call on all of
21 you. There is still time to move Sherman Oaks in Studio
22 City into the Central San Fernando Valley Assembly
23 District. I'm calling on you to unite the rest of my
24 brothers and sisters in North Hollywood and Valley Glen
25 into the South San Fernando Valley and Lake Balboa, along

1 with Van Nuys in the East San Fernando Valley.

2 These are -- we're -- we're too late to go back and
3 make any further changes. But these are changes that can
4 be made that are tangible. And I really want to make
5 sure that we live in a community that's well represented
6 for the next ten years. So there's still time. And I
7 echo the same sentiments as my fellow neighbors before me
8 who called in. So thank you very much for your work.
9 And please make these changes.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
11 right now, we have caller 8308, and up next after that
12 will be caller 3270.

13 Caller 8308, please follow the prompts. The floor
14 is yours.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Good evening. My name is Ed
16 Hernandez, former council member for City San Leandro.
17 First-Time Caller, thank you very much for working this
18 late.

19 As a former elected official, I know how it is to be
20 up late at night seeking public comment. I really
21 appreciate it, and honor the time you're making here. In
22 regard to San Leandro, unincorporated Alameda County, the
23 (indiscernible) tech iteration is pulling these
24 communities out of Alameda County. It's quite important
25 to keep them in the same county, so we have one unified

1 voice. Not having the county makes it more challenging
2 to be part of a different county and go advocate in that
3 community for something that might be very different from
4 those residents in Alameda County, affecting, of course,
5 people of color, like indigenous people as well. We ask
6 to keep us in the same county for the (indiscernible)
7 tech iteration that's out now. Please keep us together,
8 keep us whole, and thank you for your service.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATORL: Thank you so much. And
10 right now, we have caller 3270, and up next after that,
11 will be caller 8114.

12 Caller 3270, please follow the prompts. The floor
13 is yours.

14 MALE SPEAKER: Hello.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, hello.

16 MR. HARSOUNIAN: Hello, my name is Tigran
17 Harsounian. I'm a board member for Armenians for
18 Redistricting Equity. I'm calling today to ask that you
19 put what a lot of folks have talked about, North
20 Hollywood Valley Glen in with Glendale, and -- Glendale,
21 and Burbank, for an Armenian district. Sherman Oaks and
22 Studio City for the Jewish community, and Lake Balboa and
23 Venice for the Latino community.

24 I think would be really important. Armenian is the
25 fourth highest spoken language in L.A. County. We need

1 a -- a voice, and this will create a true Armenian
2 district with Glendale, Burbank, Sunland, Tujunga, North
3 Hollywood Valley Glen. If we -- if you could do this for
4 us, I know it's very last moment. You're our only hope.
5 Thank you so much.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
7 right now, we have caller 8114, and up next after that
8 will be caller 1137.

9 Caller 8114, please follow the prompts. The floor
10 is yours.

11 MR. TYLER: Hello, can you hear me?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

13 MR. TYLER: Hi, my name is Steven Tyler. I've been
14 living in San Leandro, California for over six years now.
15 I've been living in Alameda County for over a decade now.
16 And I want to ask the redistricting committee to reject
17 the current iteration of the (indiscernible) tech map
18 pulling San Leandro and our unincorporated neighbors out
19 of Alameda County, and into Contra Costa County is going
20 to significantly disenfranchise the predominantly BIPOC
21 communities that we have here in this area. It's going
22 to violate our -- their -- our civil rights. It's going
23 to rob us of the advantages that we have from our very
24 racially diverse community. It's going to shift our
25 services to a county that we have very little as a common

1 community of interest with. That we are separated by not
2 just geographically, but demographically, politically,
3 economically, socially. That there is no real good
4 reason for us to be part of that county. We need to be
5 put back in with our neighbors here in Alameda County,
6 and not into Contra Costa County on the other side of the
7 hills.

8 Thank you so much for your time and for these
9 comments, and please do read the written comments that a
10 number of residents of San Leandro and the unincorporated
11 area have submitted about this issue. Please do not take
12 us away from our neighbors. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now, we have caller 1137, and up next after that,
15 will be caller 1751.

16 Caller 1137, please follow the prompts. The floor
17 is yours.

18 MS. REYNOLDS: Thank you so much for taking my call.
19 This is Chrissy Reynolds from Copco Lake in Siskiyou
20 County, and I wanted to thank you very much, and ask that
21 you keep the iterations that you have for the
22 Congressional District of 1218, 21, and the Senate
23 District and the Assembly District just the way that you
24 have them. They're perfect right now, and they
25 represent, I think, closest to the needs of everybody in

1 our area. So I want to thank you very much.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
3 right now, we have caller 1751, and up next after that
4 will be caller 2395.

5 Caller 1751, please follow the prompts.

6 And one more time, caller with the last four digits
7 1751, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by
8 pressing star six. The floor is yours.

9 FEMALE SPEAKER: Thank you. Good evening to the
10 Commissioners. My name is (indiscernible). I'm a
11 resident of District 18, and I'm calling to request to
12 keep the cities of Cupertino, Saratoga, Los Gatos,
13 Campbell, Monte Sereno, and West San Jose together in the
14 redistricting decision of District 18. We have the same
15 voter accompanied with transportation issues, and we have
16 many similar common interests and cultural organizations
17 and initiatives. These cities belong together, as they
18 have common interests and cultural community.

19 Once again, please keep cities Cupertino, Saratoga,
20 Los Gatos, Campbell, Monte Sereno, and West San Jose in
21 District 18. Thank you, so much, and happy holidays.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
23 right now, we will have caller 1547, and up next after
24 that will be caller 2395.

25 Caller 1547, please follow the prompts. The floor



1 is yours.

2 MS. BERNAL: Good evening, Commissioners. This is
3 Mary Lynn Bernal. I spoke to you last night about the
4 slip of Saratoga, and I'm just calling in to thank you
5 profusely for your efforts, and for revisiting the topic
6 tonight. I think some of the callers this evening didn't
7 know what happened earlier on this evening, and I hope
8 that the locked in prior reiteration will stay in place
9 tomorrow as you vote.

10 And again, this evening, I want to thank you
11 profusely for all the work that you have put into
12 deciding the Congressional Districts for the state of
13 California. Best wishes to you all. Bye.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
15 right now, we have caller 2395, and up next after that
16 will be caller 4599.

17 Caller 2395, please follow the prompts.

18 Right now, we'll have caller 4599, and up next after
19 that, it'll be caller 5855.

20 Caller 4599, please follow the prompts. The floor
21 is yours.

22 MALE SPEAKER: Good evening. I'm calling regarding
23 the Walnut Park, Florence-Graham area. Commissioners,
24 the difference between Walnut Park and Florence-Graham
25 public comments, and most of the other comments that you

1 are hearing is that we have been advocating for a long
2 time now, and we are not asking for anything major. We
3 are not asking for big changes. We are asking for a tiny
4 change that will mean a universe to our community and
5 daily quality of life. Please move Walnut Park to the
6 110 L.A. map to be with the Florence-Graham. The
7 solutions is right in front of you earlier today, and
8 it's possible. Our communities are made of hardworking
9 people who deserve a voice. Please keep our
10 unincorporated communities of Florence-Graham and Walnut
11 Park together in the 100 L.A. map. Thank you, and good
12 evening.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now, we have caller of 4599, and up next after that
15 is caller 5855.

16 Caller 4599, please follow the prompts.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 4599, that guy --

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, my bad. Hold on.
19 It's a little late, guys. All right, caller 5855, and up
20 next after that will be caller 6030.

21 Caller 5855, please follow the prompts. The floor
22 is yours.

23 MALE SPEAKER: Hello, Commissioners. I'm calling to
24 express how disappointed I am with the actions of this
25 body. In particular, the blatant partisanship that has

1 clearly influenced the final maps you're considering. In
2 particular, I'm concerned that Commissioner Sadhwani
3 tweeted that she attended a rally in support of Long
4 Beach Mayor Rob Garcia earlier this year. Throughout
5 this process, Sadhwani was a staunch advocate of requests
6 from groups aligned with Mayor Garcia. In the past week,
7 Mayor Garcia announced he is running for Congress in a
8 seat drawn in large part at Commissioner Sadhwani's
9 direction. I asked the commission, how is that not a
10 conflict of interest?

11 In another example, this commission dramatically
12 redrew Congressional Districts in the Central Valley
13 based on testimony by the Dolores Huerta Foundation, an
14 organization whose leaders have explicit partisan ties,
15 and actively campaign for congressional candidates in the
16 valley. I once again ask the commission, how is that not
17 a conflict of interest?

18 Finally, residents in Santa Clarita and Little
19 Saigon who have been engaged in a process that an
20 unparalleled level have been ignored, and not even given
21 the courtesy of visualizations supportive of their
22 request, with Commissioner Sinay explicitly saying it was
23 for political reasons. Across the state, this commission
24 has torn up communities to supply voters of certain
25 political parties into districts, and achieve certain

1 political outcomes. I believe in this -- in the
2 potential of independent redistricting. Yet, the actions
3 of several of your commissioners are going to set the
4 citizen-led redistricting movement back.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
6 right now, we will have caller 6030, and up next after
7 that, that will be caller 6059.

8 Caller 6030, please follow the prompts. The floor
9 is yours.

10 Caller 63 -- 6030, double check your phone; make
11 sure you are not on mute. You are unmuted in the
12 meeting.

13 MR. SANCHEZ: Hello? Can you hear me?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

15 MR. SANCHEZ: Hello, my name is Carlos Sanchez.
16 Commissioners, how can you permit growth from one city to
17 dictate what happens to another city without the consent
18 of the people from that city? Many groups from the San
19 Fernando Valley have demanded that you give them Santa
20 Clarita Valley. As if it weren't the third largest city
21 in L.A. County. Don't we get a say in this process?
22 Because we're being ignored. Are we a prize in a
23 contest, or a slave sold in a market? Think about that
24 as you finish our Assembly map. As Santa Clarita is home
25 to over 300,000 people. Are not part of the San Fernando

1 Valley. Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
3 right now, we will have caller 8683. And up next after
4 that would be caller 9685.

5 Caller 8683, please follow the prompts. The floor
6 is yours.

7 MR. GARCIA: Commission, my name is Jesus Garcia,
8 and I am the map drawer for the Equitable Maps Coalition,
9 Dolores Huerta Foundation, and I would like to thank the
10 previous caller for giving us the accolades that
11 hopefully we deserve. But in particular, I would like to
12 thank the commission for listening to the voices of the
13 three million residents of Central Valley, or Assembly
14 three congressional, two senate districts.

15 For the past year, I've worked with over -- with
16 hundreds of volunteers and board of supervisors, city
17 councils, school districts, and others, and we look
18 forward to change. Thank you for that.

19 As a mapmaker, however, not all maps work. And in
20 fact, that has been one of my toughest job, is telling
21 people, sorry, you can't get there from here.

22 And I'm here to tell you folks, sorry, but I think
23 Edwards does not belong with Kern County. Edwards
24 belongs in the Antelope Valley, in the high desert
25 community. Neither of the workers in prisons or at the

1 base itself live in Kern County. We live in Kern County.
2 We're part of the Central Valley. We know that they --
3 they don't.

4 I've spoken most of the workers are -- they shop,
5 and they -- they have their cares in L.A. County.

6 Finally, should Edwards stay in Kern, it'll be but a
7 photo op for our representatives, for the work of taking
8 care of civilian and military families will be held to
9 the adjacent commuter.

10 Finally, I feel the pain of your mapmaker's. Please
11 make her job easier, straight-line. You already have
12 them. Please return them back. Thank you very much.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
14 right now, we will have caller in 9685, and up next after
15 that, we will have caller 0564.

16 Caller 9865, please follow the prompts. Or not.

17 Right now, we have caller 0564. Please follow the
18 prompts. The floor is yours.

19 MS. SHAH: Yes, my name is Rupa Shah, and I live in
20 the West Valley, West -- sorry, West San Jose, and I
21 would say that the West San Jose, Cupertino, Los Gatos,
22 Monte Sereno, Campbell, and Saratoga are communities of
23 interest, because we are in the same (indiscernible). We
24 have the same school, fire districts, water companies,
25 share this and we share the same highway, 85 issues. So

1 and also the same challenges of homelessness and housing.
2 So I think we should stick to the map of December 19th,
3 but it was already segregated.

4 I don't agree with what's happening right now. And
5 I think our issues are different, so that the rezoning or
6 the redistricting is not happening correctly with the
7 geography and the issues are cluttered. So I think we
8 should keep West San Jose, Saratoga, Monte Sereno,
9 Campbell, and Los Gatos, and the -- and Cupertino.
10 That's my call.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 right now, we have caller 1516, if you'll please follow
13 the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

14 MALE SPEAKER: Commissioners, I'm calling from
15 Woodland Hills. Also after redistricting process,
16 Woodland Hills, Tarzana, Encino, Sherman Oaks, and Studio
17 City have been advocating to remain together to unite the
18 Jewish community. We did this at the city, the county
19 and now the state. Please move Sherman Oaks and Studio
20 City into the Central San Fernando valley district to
21 complete the Jewish community into one district.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. At
23 this time that is all of our callers in the queue.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Katy. We still have
25 some time left in our public comment. So if you can

1 please read the -- the instructions in case anyone would
2 still like to call in at 11:20 p.m.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. The
4 commission will now take public comment on -- will now
5 take general public comment. To give comment, please
6 call 877-853-5247, and enter the meeting ID number
7 85932989398 for this meeting. Once you have dialed in,
8 please press star nine to enter the comment queue.

9 The full call-in instructions have been read
10 previously, and are provided in full on the livestream
11 landing page.

12 And at this time, Chair, we do not have any -- oh.
13 Yeah, this -- caller 9 --

14 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: He keeps calling and hanging up.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment. Caller 98 --
16 9685, please follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is
17 yours.

18 MALE SPEAKER: Good evening, Commissioners. Council
19 member Eddie De La Riva from the city of Maywood. I want
20 to thank you for your hard work on these matters, and
21 making the tough decisions that you have. I want to
22 thank you for drawing Maywood into SB 710 with
23 communities of interest on the I-710 corridor, and for
24 making the decision to draw Maywood into AD Gateway with
25 the communities of interest of South East Los Angeles.

1 Thank you for your hard work. Thank you. Have a great
2 night.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
4 Cahir, at this time, that is all of our callers again.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Katy. We'll give it --
6 we'll wait a couple more minutes, but in the meantime,
7 I'd like to just do a brief recap of the wonderful job
8 that we did today, Commissioners. We finished the Board
9 of Equalization districts, finished the Assembly and the
10 Congressional.

11 So thank you for all of your efforts and their hard
12 work. And then tomorrow, we will be back at 11:00, and
13 we'll take a final look at everything, and we will go
14 from there. I don't see anyone in the --

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair?

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Real quick, I'd like to
18 invite those that have just called in to please press
19 star nine.

20 Caller 7693, if you wish to give comment, please
21 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star six. It's
22 too late for star nine. The floor is yours.

23 MALE SPEAKER: Hello. Can you hear me?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yeah, we sure can.

25 MALE SPEAKER: Okay. I'm calling from West Hills,

1 and West Hills has been split off from the majority of
2 the valley. There's been many callers who are saying
3 that they want to keep the Jewish community together.
4 There is a large Jewish community in West Hills, and I
5 would hope that you would draw West Hills in for many
6 different reasons back into the San Fernando Valley. The
7 majority of the San Fernando Valley, especially with --
8 especially with Woodland Hills and adjoining areas.
9 Canoga Park, Winnetka. Thank you very much.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
11 at this time, Chair, that is everyone in our queue.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: All right. Thank you so much,
13 Katy, and thank you everyone for staying up with us.
14 We -- like I mentioned, we will be back at 11 o'clock,
15 and we hope everyone has a good evening.

16 Be safe and we'll see you in the morning. Thank
17 you. The meeting is adjourned at 11:23.

18 (Whereupon, the State of California, Citizens
19 Redistricting Commission Public Meeting
20 adjourned at 11:23 p.m.)
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