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P R O C E E D I N G S

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

10:00 a.m.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Good morning, California, and welcome to a new day in Redistricting. Hopefully, if you've been following along, we approved our maps yesterday unanimously, and they are online. Today we will be having a full Commission business meeting. Before we start, if we can take roll?

Ravi, will you be taking roll for us?

MR. SINGH: Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Aqui.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Aqui.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.



MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vázquez?

COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?

Commissioner Fernández?

COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Presente.

MR. SINGH: You have a quorum, Chair.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Ravi.

Appreciate that.

MR. SINGH: You're welcome.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Let's see. So it's a regular business meeting today. The agenda has been posted. And we will just run through the agenda. And my fellow Commissioners, it's been an emotional last, whatever, month and a half, two months, year and a half, however long we've been here. But we made it. We locked it in last night. So congratulations to all of us.

And with that, we will be going to the director

reports. I don't know if we have any director reports today.

Do we have any director reports today, Executive Director Hernández? We'll just, actually, go through all of them. Thank you.

MR. HERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

Good morning, Commissioners. Good morning, California. I wanted to thank you all, Commissioners, for all your hard work in deliberating and getting to the unanimous approval last night. I really appreciate that. I know that we will have some additional meetings coming up in the next couple of days as well as looking forward to January and thereafter. So I kind of wanted to put on your radar for today, that we will be -- I will be presenting a draft of different meetings for January. And I believe that the Lessons Learned subcommittee will also be discussing or presenting some possible dates.

But I wanted to make sure that we got something on the calendar moving forward so we that can kind of plan ahead. I know all of you have very business schedules. And I want to make sure that you have that time allotted. I also want to mention -- how hard it is to talk in these masks -- that the Bagley-Keene is going to -- the exemption for the Zoom meetings and things of that -- not posting the location of the meetings, that all has to

change come end of January.

So in February, we'll have to meet at a location that will be advertised to the public. So those will take on additional logistics for the staff. And I just wanted to make you aware of that, as we'll be looking for a location to have future meetings. So with that, I know there are probably other administrative things that you'd like to talk about. I don't have a whole lot to share with you at this point. I know some of the committees will be discussing some of the additional items today. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Okay. Thank you for that.

And in terms of the Bagley-Keene exemption, I do recall -- or it is appropriate, I believe, that if -- let's say we have a meeting here, or in Sacramento, you disclose what the place is. If there's others and others locations, and there's an opportunity for public to meet, they can meet there as well. You could actually have an agenda that may have multiple locations. I believe that was done by the prior commission. And that might be something that we should look into that may be convenient for the majority of the commissioners.

So please keep that in mind as well. Let's not just isolate it to one location and have that be the required -- because the intent of having future meetings

is to get as much participation by the commissioners as possible. So that's something we really need to look into and be aware of.

And then you mentioned the future meetings. Were you going -- were you going to send something out? I guess I kind of didn't understand what you were talking about. Are you going to propose the meetings right now? Or --

MR. HERNÁNDEZ: Oh, not today, no. I don't have anything to propose today. But I will be sending something out for possible meetings. At this point, the only meeting that I have on the calendar is January 11th. But beyond that, I have not scheduled any additional dates.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Okay. I would recommend -- not knowing what's going to happen in January, and now that we are -- we would adhere to the ten or fourteen days, whatever the requirement is. I would recommend that we put -- maybe once a week, put a date as a placeholder in case we need it for whatever discussion. Yeah, so hopefully, we can discuss this further next week on the 26th during our meeting. And we can finalize that so that it's on everyone's calendars. And it would be a TB date in case we need it. It's better to have that than not have one and need it, and then we can't meet, so.

Any questions? Oh, Commissioner Ahmad?

VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to inform everyone, too, that Commissioner Yee, as incoming Chair and Vice Chair, have met about our future meetings. We agree that we should probably have something on the calendar at least once a week, given the many items for our organization that are upcoming, right? We have to figure out budget needs for the coming fiscal year. We have to figure out how to move forward with our organization, given that we did have many resources to complete the major task at hand. But now as we approach this new phase of our Commission, we want to make sure that we have ample time to discuss how to move forward, so.

And then, also, you did mention that we are back to that two-week posting period. I will be checking with counsel if that's ten days versus fourteen days and getting some clarity on that. And then once we have that, hopefully we'll get some dates on the calendar. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I would just please ask, the sooner the better. I think we all know this, right? Many of us do have other jobs that we have been

putting on the back burner to some extent in order to do this work. So yeah, the sooner the better, or if we can, even just lock in, like, every Monday of the month or something -- I think that -- or every Friday. That would be helpful just for planning purposes. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you. And if you have any recommendations, also, on specific dates, that would work better. I'm sure that Commissioners Ahmad and Yee would be welcome to that.

Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, the sooner better, absolutely. It gets a little tricky, though, because one huge variable is lawsuits and how much we may or may not need to meet to handle what may come our way. We may end up agendizing many more days than we think we'll need, but just because we have to agendize them ahead of time just in case we need them. So that might get a little complicated, but we'll navigate that.

Also want to mention the current chair rotation, actually, only does go through the 27th, I believe. So we'll need, at some point, to decide how to go forward from there, continuing the same rotation, perhaps, on a monthly basis, quarterly, or what. And we actually should think about this for the early 2022, but also for the next ten years, actually -- nine years.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you for that reminder.

Right? We've already been here for a year.

That's a great reminder. And I think how we did it last time was we kind of -- we kind of played it by ear in terms of what was coming up. And when we got to the visualization, we realized that maybe we shouldn't go as long because it does become overwhelming. So I think it does depend on what's coming up. And it might be weekly, it might be monthly, it might be quarterly.

But I appreciate your flexibility in working with that schedule, Commissioner Yee. So thank you so much.

Oh, Commissioner Vázquez?

COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Yes, thank you.

I was wondering if -- I know there was a lot of necessary urgency around Bagley-Keene exemptions and even advocacy from our Commission around exemptions, especially for folks who aren't able to travel. And now that we're picking up more hours back in our full-time jobs for many of us, it's going to continue to be a little tricky. So just wanted to put on this Commission's radar, that I am very much open to sort of leading exploration of ongoing exemptions or reforms to Bagley-Keene, especially in partnership with other disability advocates because I know that they are also pushing for that as well.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Vázquez.

I did have that for discussion during 3(A), the Government Affairs, because our subcommittee in the past, they had taken that on. So we'll discuss it then if that's okay with you? Okay, great. Thank you.

Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Yes, we should plan for the Bagley-Keene exemptions to end, but we should also be aware that they may have to be extended depending on the course of this new variant. I mean, it seems to be spreading even faster than the experts were saying two days ago, and with consequences. So we need to be preparing for either alternative. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Yes, that's a good point. And plus, maybe there is an argument that allowing virtual does allow for additional participation in whatever process it is. So I think that would be for the grander goal. I would hope for us, and also for all Californians, to encourage as much participation as possible. And maybe we can try to lead that effort in our Lessons Learned. Thank you for that reminder.

Executive Director Hernández?

MR. HERNÁNDEZ: Yes. One last thing I wanted to mention before I close my report is I wanted to extend a thank you to all the staff for all their hard work. I

know we're not done, but they have been working tirelessly to get public input into the database, and taking notes, and all the other things that go with that. So I wanted to say thank you to all of them. They've been tremendous, and I really appreciate them. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you. Yes, that goes -- yeah, that's from all of the commissioners to all of our staff. Thank you so much for ensuring that we're able to meet our goal. And you're just awesome. I don't know what else to say about that. Anything else, Executive Director Hernández?

MR. HERNÁNDEZ: No. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Okay, thank you.

Communications Director Ceja?

MR. CEJA: All right, Chair. Thank you so much. I actually have my report. I'm helping out my colleague who has no water or power at his hotel, so trying to take care of that.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Wow. Okay. Well, thank you for that.

MR. CEJA: Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Outreach Director Kaplan?

Oh, I'm sorry. Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

I want to make sure that Communications is on top of making sure that the public is fully aware of where we are in this process. The social media toolkit that went out for this week, I don't think was built on the idea that we would vote yesterday. And I just really want to make sure that we're not putting out information for the public that is not reflective of where we truly are in the process. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you. And I do know that there was a press release that went out yesterday informing everyone where we were, and that we passed our final maps, adopted them. Anything else? Okay.

Outreach Director Kaplan?

MS. KAPLAN: I also have a very brief report. Staff have been supporting diligently with the final report. So again, just really want to echo the thank you for all the work that they've all been doing to support with this. And that's it.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: It's funny you say that's it. There's so much more involved, and then that's it. Yeah, so thank you so much, of course. And they're listening to our meetings, and making notes, and ensuring that it's all documented. So thank you so much to everyone.

2(D), chief counsel's report, Mr. Pane?

MR. PANE: Thank you, Chair. Legal Affairs doesn't

have anything to report at this time. I'd be happy to answer any questions anyone might have.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Status on the litigation contract?

MR. PANE: Status on the litigation contract is that we are still working with Gibson & Dunn to finalize details. They are responding. And we are working with the two commissioners who were set up to assist with the subcommittee on that topic. And we'll work through them, certainly, to get us to the finish line. And as we do have business agenda'd, this will be an issue that will come back before the Commission when we can get final approval for you all to vote on.

And looking forward to it, I want to thank the staff as well. They have been dogged on going every day to try to get this thing done. And they will continue to do that. We still believe that we're able to get this done, and we anticipate getting it before you all as soon as possible. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you.

Chief Counsel Pane, is there any more specific time line that you could provide us the idea, the -- conceptually, was that they would be onboard for the post -- for after --

MR. PANE: The litigation --

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- we've adopted the maps. And we have adopted the maps. They are not certified. I understand that, but we're pretty darn close.

MR. PANE: Yeah. So as the Commission's aware, we do have the Strumwasser litigation contract, and that is ready. So you do have litigation counsel.

What we are still looking for is to finalize the Gibson & Dunn contract. And right now, it seems like we are at the point where we are trying to finalize what's in the most recent version of the back-and-forth, negotiating details between one side of the contract and the attorneys on the other. But both are in communication, which is very good. And I think once we get a meeting of the minds, we will be done. They have indicated to us that they really want to get this contract done. And right now, we're looking at the right versions and the right verbiage that will work.

As you'll all know, the contract process is not one of those where once the both -- once both parties sign on the dotted line, it's done. There is a subsequent process where it has to go through the Department of General Services. And they have a review process. And so to anticipate that, we are currently coordinating and bringing in DGS now, so that we are not waiting and

hoping that they are going to be onboard with whatever we're able to finalize. We're trying to be proactive about this, so it is not further delayed. So we have brought them in on the process now to make sure that whatever we agree to now isn't something that they are going to have a problem with down the road. So that is also, unfortunately, part of the process.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Did you have any follow-up?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, two things.

Right so one, it's a holiday week. Is that going to impede our ability to finalize this contract at all? And two, I so appreciate all of the time and effort that's gone into this. And I actually love that there's so much attention to detail because I think that's probably what we're going to need. But given that you've been coordinating with DGS, do you have any sense of how long after the contract is finalized with Gibson Dunn, how long that would also take?

MR. PANE: I don't know how long it would take. My guess is at least a couple weeks because the DGS contact that we are speaking with is DGS Legal. And there's an administrative process that it goes -- but of course, it goes through DGS Legal. So the fact that they've already been intimately familiar with it should speed up that process.

We are fortunate enough that the DGS contact that we do have is familiar with the Redistricting Commission, is familiar with the time lines associated with the Redistricting Commission and so is cognizant of that and tries to move things along given our independent nature of the Commission. So that is a positive piece of this.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: It is positive. But obviously, you understand all of our frustrations with not having something in place. And we realize that it's not necessarily on you. It's the negotiations back and forth. And after a while, it does become exhausting to say the least because we're all exhausted right now to be honest. And we do thank you for continuing to move this forward. Thank you. Anything else, Chief Counsel Pane? No?

MR. PANE: No, that's all I have. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

And with that, anything else for agenda item 2? If not, we will go to public comment on agenda item 2, please.

Is it going to be Katy or Kristian?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I can help you with that, Chair.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you, Kristian.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: In order to maximize

transparency and public participation in our process, the commissioners will be taking public comment by phone on agenda item 2.

To call in, dial the telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed. It is 87908151544. When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply press the pound. Once you've dialed in, you'll be placed in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.

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We do have a couple of callers. If anybody has called in to give comment on agenda item number 2, please press star 9.



There are no raised hands at this time, Chair.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you, Kristian.

And we will just wait a little bit longer. And from here, we will actually go into the Committee and Subcommittee updates. And later today, at some point, we will have a closed session. And for that closed session, it will be related to personnel-related issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There are still no raised hands in the queue, Chair.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Has it already gone through the livestream?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: It has.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Okay, great. Thank you.

So we will move on. We'll move onto agenda item number 3(A) is Government Affairs Census.

Commissioners Sadhwani and Toledo?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I don't believe we have any updates.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No updates to report, Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

And so we did want to bring up the Bagley-Keene exemption. I know that the both of you took the lead on that last time for that communication to get -- so I wasn't sure if something that willing to continue to do

because the exemption will end at the end of January.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Absolutely. We can certainly write a letter expressing our desire to continue with the exemptions further to help engage the public in our process and to also help our commissioners be more involved in the process. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Great, thank you.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I was just going to say, I'm happy to also work with Commissioner Toledo on such a letter. But I know Commissioner Vázquez had expressed interest, too. And this is definitely an issue -- I can't even think this morning. I'm sorry.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: No --

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: The issue of --

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: -- the public just needs to understand that we've been working hard. We've been sick --

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: -- little sleep, and we are just trying to find ourselves again.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: That's the best way I can place it.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: So yeah. So how about if we talk

to Commissioner Vázquez?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, absolutely. I was going to suggest if we needed a separate subcommittee or something --

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- specifically for Bagley-Keene, I think that might be --

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Great.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- this might be a longer-term project --

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Right --

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- I don't know.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: -- exactly.

Commissioner Vázquez?

COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: I'm happy to join a specific subcommittee on Bagley-Keene.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Okay. So a new subcommittee.

Commissioners Toledo and Vázquez? Commissioners Toledo and Vázquez, are you willing to be on the Bagley-Keene -- oh, wait, wait, wait.

Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I'd be willing to. I have no problem with it.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: And I'm fine to have Commissioner Kennedy and Vázquez take the lead on it,

too. So it's not a --

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Great.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: But they're two democrats.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: See, I'm not -- I would --

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Is that a problem?

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Okay, okay. All right, I don't see a problem with it being two democrats. I'm sorry. I really don't. I know that we've tried to have from different partisans. But for this purpose, I really see a benefit of Commissioner Vázquez, because obviously there's that need. And Commissioner Kennedy has also voiced the concern for that as well.

So I -- Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, thank you, Chair.

I do note Commissioner Kennedy is extremely busy with the Lessons Learned committee. And this is something that I feel -- this is something -- it's also extremely important. It's not just for individuals. It's for total access for people of all levels of ability. And it's something that I would be happy to join Commissioner Vázquez on.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

I'm thinking further about this and wondering if we

need a specific committee, a new committee, on this or whether this, as Commissioner Andersen says really is a matter of outreach and engagement. And we already have an Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy, I have a question for you. Commissioner Andersen said that you're very busy with the Lessons Learned. So is it something that you would want -- I believe that it should be a separate subcommittee. It should be -- see, I'm losing my train of thought as well.

It's something that's important, not just to this Commission, but I feel for future commissions and any other organization or group that is under the Bagley-Keene requirements. I feel that it's bigger than just that. So I do feel strongly of having a separate subcommittee for this.

So my question to you is do you feel that you will not have any capacity to join in on this to be part of a subcommittee?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: At this point, I believe I would be able to.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Okay.

And so with that, thank you, Commissioner Anderson, but I will -- Commissioner Vázquez and Commissioner --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: We have them all in tears

already. No problem.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: We're okay with that? Okay. I see nods, so we're going to go ahead and establish a Bagley-Keene. Sorry, I've got to write this down.

Thank you, both, very much for championing this issue.

Anything else from the government affairs? I think that was it, right? That was it. Okay.

3(B) is Finance and Administration. Do we have anything from finance and administration? Commissioner Fornaciari and myself.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Thank you, Chair.

Let's see. Just to let everyone know, the 27th will represent a transition for us from pre-map to post-map. And that's a funding transition. So we'll go from the funding that we had to get the maps done to a different pot of money. And we really need to wrap up the previous pot of money. So I am just going to encourage us all to get those per diem and travel expense reports in as soon as we can. I know they take an awful lot of time to get done. But if we could get those in by, say, the 15th of January, that would be awesome.

What's that?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: (Inaudible).

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Our expense reports, the

travel --

CHAIR VÁZQUEZ: The travel expense.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, yeah, the travel expense and the per diem. Yeah, exactly. We all feel exactly that way. But if we could get those in, so we can get those wrapped up, so we can close the books on that chapter. Thank you.

CHAIR VÁZQUEZ: Yes. And thank you for that reminder. I mean, that as well as our -- what is it? Per diem timesheets, if we can get those in as well. I forget what I was going to say. See? I'm losing it right now. I realize that some of the commissioners may not have gone through this process of filling out the forms. And more than willing help out if somebody wants to come up to Sacramento, I'm more than willing to spend the day sorting through probably a box of receipts and going through that process. That's fine. And we could probably work with Raul, also, to get that done. It is a process, and that's the process that the state government has.

Commissioner Sinay and then Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. I have diligently been submitting right after each of our meetings, and I have yet to see a reimbursement check. And this all started, what, September, October? I mean,

the amount of -- it's added up. And I've asked staff over and over. And I've just gotten, we're looking in to it, but no confirmation. No, did I do something wrong, no nothing. And it's getting to the point where it's getting to be a financial burden.

CHAIR VÁZQUEZ: Thank you.

Executive Director Hernández, please follow up. I would like a response by tomorrow for all of the commissioners in terms of the status of their claims. And not only that, we also have staff that have also traveled with us. And they also need to be reimbursed, because it does become a financial burden. It's our out-of-pocket costs for some of it, right? And it's never fair. I mean, early on, we were told thirty days. It's been beyond thirty days. So by tomorrow, I believe that is a fair time frame considering how long staff and commissioners have had to wait. Thank you.

Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. And then to that point, in terms of submitting reimbursements, in my conversations regarding Lessons Learned and future meetings, I think it would be every helpful if we had a very clear picture of what our budget looks like, so we can plan accordingly for January set of meetings. And hopefully, Commissioner Yee comes out with chair rotation

that retires me very soon.

CHAIR VÁZQUEZ: I would say don't count on it, but okay. Wishful thinking. Yes, that's a great reminder. That is something that is on -- something that Commissioner Fornaciari and I will be tackling in January, along with Executive Director Hernández, is to determine what this Commission -- what it's going to look like for the next nine years before it's handed off to the next Commission, and then plan accordingly in terms for the budget process.

One other thing, Commissioner Fornaciari had mentioned that on the 27th, it's a different funding mechanism. And we have submitted the letter asking those funds to be released. It has not been approved yet. We don't believe it's going to be an issue, but we just wanted to make sure everybody was aware of that. And hopefully, we'll hear back soon from them.

Anything else from finance and administration? That would be a negative.

Okay, so we're moving on to the Gantt Chart, C. So that's Commissioners Kennedy and Taylor.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

Commissioner Taylor and I spoke the other day. He is in the process of compiling some very specific dates from the latter portion of our calendar, of how many

days, at what point, spent doing what, during the mapping phase so we can build those into the Gantt Chart so that we do have a very complete Gantt Chart to turn over to the 2030 Commission.

Commissioner Taylor, I don't know if you have any further items to report.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Nope. I think that's it. I have a clear picture that we wanted to be able to document those days and the time it took so that, again, we have a clear picture and idea of how it all fits within the structure of the process. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Great, thank you. And it'll be great to see that met our deadline of 12/20. Congratulations, again, Commission.

I had worked -- and the only reason I -- not the only reason I say that. I've worked in project management, and so many times deadlines are just extended, extended, extended. And we really didn't have the option to extend our deadlines. But we met our deadlines, and we did a great job. So it was phenomenal. So thank you.

Agenda item number 3(D) is Outreach and Engagement.

Commissioner Sinay and Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Nothing to report at this time. Well, one thing. And this is probably -- just check your

emails pretty consistently to see if we need someone for press meetings and such because they'll be coming up, and they'll be quick. So just check and let Fredy know.

Thanks.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

Agenda item 3(E) Materials Development,
Commissioners Kennedy and myself.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Chair, this is perhaps one of more significant items on the agenda for today unless we've agendized it separately. You and I have been working together on drafting some additional language for report that is legally required to accompany the maps that will be submitted next Monday to the Secretary of State.

After we drafted that and exchanged comments and so forth, we realized that we needed to be more focused on the mapping. And we turned the kind of day-to-day management of the report over to our legal team who have done a good job eliminating some duplication in the report. The draft report does borrow heavily from the 2010 Commission's report, particularly in the description of the legal framework.

There have been some minor changes to the legal framework since their report, but largely, the legal framework has remained stable. And therefore, we didn't

feel there was a need to reinvent the wheel on that. We are working with staff. Our staff are developing draft description of the 176 districts that have to be part of the report.

So you and I will be reviewing those, making sure that they're generally of the type and level of detail that we were looking for. Commissioners have been asked to provide comments on the draft report -- or the body of the report. And I understand that the main portions of the body of the report have been distributed to commissioners and posted on the website. We still have a tight time line to adhere to. So we do need colleagues to review that report and get back to us as quickly as possible with any comments. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

Yes, and as Commissioner Kennedy said, it has been posted, and it has also been sent to all of the commissioners. And I know this will greatly sadden all of the commissioners, but I do not plan to have a meeting tomorrow or -- I know. Oh, everybody today. Oh, right? Right. But there is homework. So the homework is -- the homework is to please review the draft report and submit any comments to our Chief Counsel Pane by the end of tomorrow. So no meeting, but you get to read a report. I believe that's a great tradeoff.

Chief Counsel Pane, did you have any questions on that? I'm sorry.

MR. PANE: No. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Okay.

MR. PANE: I'm sure I will hear from the commissioners.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Yes, because as Commissioner Kennedy mentioned, we do have quick turnaround. Fortunately, they are helping us with all the edits and merging everything in. We still have the VRA portion that still needs to be filled in. That is currently being drafted as well. And all of that should be -- and plus all the appendices that our line drawers are putting together regarding all the districts, the maps, the descriptions -- not descriptions, but in terms of, like, what cities and towns are associated with every district.

So all of that information is, right now, being consolidated. And prior to the 26th, we should have that and then be ready to discuss it on the 26th because that will be what we will be voting for as well on December 26th.

Are there any -- oh, Executive Director Hernández?

MR. HERNÁNDEZ: Yeah, I just wanted to confirm; you said no meeting tomorrow and then also no meeting on Wednesday? Or --

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: I do not --

MR. HERNÁNDEZ: -- what days --

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: -- believe there's a need for a meeting tomorrow or -- what's today? What's today? Today's Tuesday? Okay, Tuesday. So we were scheduled to have a meeting on the 22nd and the 23rd. I do not believe we need to meet. Is there anyone that sees a need to meet on the 22nd and the 23rd? And if you do see a need to meet, you may want to leave the room right now.

Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Chair, I just want to ensure that we are fully compliant with the legal requirements. We are in a three-day public comment period on the draft maps. And I just want to check with counsel and understand what the requirement is and ensure that we are meeting it as far as our receiving public comment during that three-day period. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you, I'll pass.

Chief Counsel Pane?

MR. PANE: Thank you, Chair. I'm sorry my camera doesn't want to turn on right now.

But the statute requires -- as Commissioner Kennedy mentioned, the statute requires a three-day comment period. This Commission will take the comment. There are various ways -- as all the commissioners know, there

are various ways, every day, to provide public comment to the Commission. And the public would utilize those various ways. Those are on -- they could call in. They could write in. They could email Voters FIRST. The additional way of having a Commission meeting is again, yet an additional way to provide public comment. But as all the commissioners are aware, and I'm sure the public is aware, that is not, by far, the only way to provide public comment. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

Commissioner Kennedy, anything else?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes. And this goes back to my earlier point to Director Ceja. Does the social media toolkit, that was sent out for this week, highlight that, and that comment is going to have to be made through the online channels rather than participating in live meetings? And if not, I would ask that the social media toolkit be replaced by a new one that would need to go out urgently. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Yes.

Executive Director Hernández, can you please ensure that that's happened?

And then I hope, Communications Director Ceja, if we can please get that out as soon as possible in terms of the various ways that the public can submit their public

comment to the Commission. Okay, thank you.

Anything else for materials, Commissioner Kennedy? You're doing a Taylor, that's the only reason I was asking. Thank you.

Okay. Our next subcommittee is Website. And that's Commissioners Kennedy and Taylor.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Our focus over the last few weeks has, of course, been on the mapping. But now that we are back to business, Commissioner Taylor and I will be reviewing the website again. And I know that one of the items that needs to be added to the website is a tab specifically on the final maps and final report accompanying the maps. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Great, thank you. Sorry, I just lost my -- there it is.

Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, I just wanted to ask Commissioner Kennedy and Taylor, one of the things that we really struggled with -- and I'm sure it will also be a part of Lessons Learned, so I know you're doing that work too. But one of the things we struggled with, of course, when we were first starting up was figuring out the 2010 website, what to do with it, how to archive it. Just wondering if that's kind of a part of your thinking for the future.

I mean, I do kind of wonder what, as the months go on, what's going to happen to our website? How are we going to maintain it in a post-staff world? And what does that mean for the 2030 Commission and archiving all of these public documents?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you for that, Commissioner Sadhwani. That has been a concern for some time. I have been in touch with staff of the State Archives Division of the Office of the Secretary of State regarding this. They are in the process of consulting some other colleagues and are going to be getting back to us. This is around the time, you'll remember, when I had gone online to the Wayback Machine, archive.org, and found a fairly good iteration of the 2010 Commission's website.

We have the issues that we're aware of with California Department of Technology not allowing us to maintain the 2010 website unless it is fully compliant with current accessibility guidelines, and when we've been told that that just is not a realistic option for us. So I am in contact with, and intend to work closely with, the Archives Division of the Office of the Secretary of State to ensure that the public has access to the 2010 Commission's website -- to as much of the content of the 2010 Commission's website as can be found

anywhere. And I've even been speaking with our video team in the last couple of days about the videos from the 2010 Commission that might not currently be accessible elsewhere and how to get those videos back.

Looking at the ongoing accessibility of our website, and of course, that also has a budget budgetary implication, which I've been discussing with Executive Director Hernández. But you're right. I mean, having worked at the Library of Congress where our business was to maintain knowledge for all posterity, I'm very sensitive and do want to ensure that the information and materials on our website remain accessible not just for the 2030 Commission but beyond. This is vitally important. And if we want to serve as a model for other independent citizen redistricting bodies, which I've always hoped we could be, then access to all of our materials is going to be a part of that. So I'm very much committed to that and continue to work along those lines. Thank you

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

Commissioner Taylor, did you want to respond to that or go after Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No, I'd like a chance to respond.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Yes.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: So again, Commissioner Sadhwani, and I guess it's a sign of the times. As improvements change, technologies change. This is just the mechanism that is going to be used. So we have to find a way to archive and keep this information. And while it might not have been considered in the past, it's something that has to be considered going forward. So yes, that is definitely a concern for us, and it's a method that we're looking to. And Commissioner Kennedy can be championing that issue, so that is of high concern. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Great, thank you.

Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, I just had the same concerns, and just thinking this must be an issue across statewide government, right? Accessibility, archiving, and so forth. I certainly would hope there's some way to keep all of our materials on stable, permanent website with stable, permanent links. They don't go away and disappear after people write articles that reference them and things like that. So I'm very much appreciating the efforts but also knowing this world is unfolding in unpredictable ways. And you're finding it to be quite a complex task.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

As part of my research on this, I discovered that archive.org has a variety of working groups. One of the working groups is, in fact, a California government archiving working group. And their stated intent is to ensure documents of public interest generated by California government entities remain accessible to the public in the future. Now, the issue that I've raised with them is the 2010 Commission had a .ca.gov domain for their website. We don't.

And I'm trying to ascertain from them whether that means that they are not automatically collecting and archiving it. And if not, if we can get them to put it on some sort of manual archiving calendar so that even though we have a .org domain for our website, it is considered to be equivalent to a California government, .ca.gov, website and archived in the same way. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy. And thank you for continuing to champion that for us.

Any other questions or any other updates for Website? No? Okay.

We'll move onto Data Management, 3(G). That's Commissioners Turner and Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair.

We have nothing new to report. Just wanting to say we are really excited about how the ultimate product performed. Thank you

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Yes, I would have to agree, what a great product not only for us as commissioners but for the public. I just checked in. We're just under 36,000. That's just incredible, so thank you for bringing this forward.

And Tony, awesome, awesome.

And Paul Mitchell -- the Paul Mitchell on our -- or for the Commission. Thank you so much for your wonderful work and putting this together. I mean, it was quick. And it was, for me, that's a nontech person, easy to use and easy to navigate through. So thank you so much. It definitely did suite our needs and was very helpful as we were navigating through all of the community of interest information while we were drawing the lines. So thank you so much.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: You're welcome.

Commissioner?

VICE CHAIR AHMAD: I would just also add, thank you to USDR, who initially brought up the idea, too. But all of the data is up there. Maybe when I'm bored in a couple of years, I'll do some qualitative analysis, see

what came out of that. But all of that data is out there for anyone and everyone to utilize.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Sounds like a great master's project, or some thesis project, or something, or maybe doctorate. Who knows?

Okay. 3(H) is Communities of Interest Tool. Commissioner Akutagawa and Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: We do not have anything to report. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

3(I) is Incarcerated Populations, Federal Facilities. Commissioner Kennedy and Turner?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

Given the focus on the mapping, I have not been focusing on this. I do still have a draft letter to finalize and send back to Bureau of Prisons. My subsequent research brought up that a number of states -- an increasing number of states have language in their legal framework requiring them to reallocate individuals in federal custody. So if states like Connecticut already have language on the books requiring them to reallocate individuals in federal custody, then I think we will also be reaching out to those states that currently have such language to find out, at a practical level, how they do that so we can put in place, at least,

recommendations if not procedures for the 2030 Commission to consider in order to be able to reallocate individuals in federal custody. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Yes, thank you. They could run into the same problems that we did, that you don't get the information from the federal government, so I'm not sure if you randomly allocate it. But thank you for continuing to look into that.

3(J), Lessons Learned. Commissioner Ahmad and Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. So this has been my campaign almost since day 1, that we received very little as far as Lessons Learned. Coming into this, we certainly appreciated the handbook that the 2010 Commission prepared. And that was helpful. The League of Women Voters Commission to report, which likewise, was very helpful. But I have wanted to ensure that we, after the maps were completed, sit down for a robust Lessons Learned discussion.

My thinking on this -- I mean, we've talked about timing. We've been working on an outline. We've certainly been receiving individual items from individual commissioners. But we've been working on putting together a comprehensive outline of what we might want to, or be able to, discuss. So we are currently -- given

the Bagley-Keene meeting exemptions, we are looking at possibility of holding that event beginning on the 18th of January. That's the day after Martin Luther King Day. My initial thinking was to go for five days. In laying out the outline on an actual calendar template, it really does fill five days.

And my concern is, it doesn't leave adequate time for public comment during it. And I think that we do want public comment even during our Lessons Learned exercise. So the other factor to be considered is that if we do this before the end of January, the litigation phase will not have ended, and we would need a second Lessons Learned event.

So Commissioner Ahmad and I have been speaking with Executive Director Hernández and thinking that the best way forward may be to go ahead with a five-day event, 18 to 22 January, get as far as we can through the outline that we currently have and then organize a subsequent event, which might possibly be, again, as much as five days. That would include the litigation phase. So that would be that would be later next year, hopefully, within six months, hopefully, before also our staff is gone.

But I want, and I hope the Commission joins me in wanting, to ensure that we do learn as many lessons as possible from this process that those are able to inform

whatever legislation that we might propose. If you'll give me just a second, I will get back to where I was on my computer. We know that the legislature may not amend the chapter of the government code relevant to the Redistricting Commission unless all of the following are met:

So number 1, by the same vote required for the adoption of the final set of maps. The Commission recommends amendments to this chapter to carry out its purpose and intent; number 2, the exact language of the amendments provided by the Commission is enacted as a statute approved by a two-thirds vote of each House of the legislature and signed by the governor; number 3, the bill containing the amendments provided by the Commission is in print for at least twelve days before final passage by the legislature; number 4, the amendments further the purposes of this act; number 5, the amendments may not be passed by the legislature in a year ending in nine, zero, or one.

So conceptually, we become an ad hoc committee to draft changes to the statute governing future Citizens Redistricting Commissions in California. That's very important work, and I want it to be informed by a serious discussion of what we have learned along the way over the last eighteen months. So again, we're looking at 18 to

22 January for phase one. That will include opportunity for the public to weigh in on the Lessons Learned as well, offer their suggestions for changes to the government code that we might consider putting forward to the legislature.

And then once the litigation phase is over, we would have a phase two. We would complete the items in the outline as well as looking back at the litigation phase. And then Commissioner Ahmad and I would take the inputs from those, draft a comprehensive Lessons Learned report, table that before the Commission. And we would initiate a discussion of what changes we might want to propose the legislature. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Great. Thank you.

I'm going to go to Commissioner Ahmad. Are you sure? Okay.

Commissioner Sinay and then Commissioner Vázquez.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I look forward to our conversations. My only questioning, and I'm sure you all have thought about this, is should we wait until after the litigation window before we start having conversations on Lessons Learned, because we want to be able to have honest and open conversations and things can be taken out of context.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Commissioner Ahmad and I have

been discussing this with Chief Counsel. And while we're tentatively looking at the 18th to the 22nd of January, that could change based on outcome of our further discussion of that precise question with Chief Counsel. We will keep you posted on that.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

Commissioner Vázquez?

COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Yeah, thank you so much for putting together this proposal. I am very excited to sort of dig deep and do the analysis to figure out how we can improve all of these processes and structures that we set up. That being said, I'm curious if there's some flexibility in terms of a five-day meeting in January to start this conversation. I personally am fried. And I also know that I have a patient, but probably growing less patient by the day, family and employer. That is getting five days in a row or even four days in a row in January will be, not impossible, but difficult on everyone, at least in my circle.

So maybe we could do, like, a two by three or something like that. Yeah, so just wanted to name that, that I need some rest.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: And that's a great point because December -- I don't even want to say we met every day except for two days because those two days, we were still

working. So we're tired, and plus our employers, their patience may be waning at this point.

Commissioner Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, thank you.

Thank you, Commissioner Vázquez, because that was going to be exactly my point. I'm not sure if my children even know my name anymore. So yeah, I think that the time line -- I can say now, and even earlier when Executive Director Hernández was talking about January dates, I don't have these dates on my calendar. And I can say now, I won't be able to attend those days. That being said -- and I completely agree about taking a break.

That being said, I do think this is a super important conversation. I'm kind of with Commissioner Sinay that it might be better after the litigation phase. I see all of the pieces that are being written about our work, right? And I think it's extraordinarily exciting because we finished on time, we had a unanimous vote. And I think all of that ended up going very well, but every almost every article that is written is about, it was such a messy process.

And all I can think of is, well, obviously, right? We are fourteen people who are thrown together with zero support from the state of California besides a budget

that we didn't even know how to handle or do anything with, right? So of course it's messy, of course we need to have this conversation. And if commissions are the future of California redistricting, or even national redistricting, these pieces need to be figured out because that portion of the system was extraordinarily challenging. And so of course it was messy. So I can't do those days, but I completely support that this conversation needs to happen, and I am in full agreement of that, but perhaps it happens, I don't know, in February.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Right or perhaps it happens with a subcommittee, like, a four or five that can maybe dedicate quite a bit of time to this initially, and then we bring it forward. And then we add to it. So that's a possibility as well.

Commissioner Toledo?

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah, just thinking about how we engage the public in this process. And of course, I would want the most public participation and involvement engagement in this process as possible, and that's probably through -- as our Bagley-Keene waiver goes away, it probably is more through the Zoom process rather than an in person. But certainly I would want to make sure that we capture the information that we've learned

through the process. I'm not sure when.

I think, certainly, Commissioners Sadhwani brings up some great points. I mean, and to the point about an unusual process, I mean it's an unusual process because we're fourteen citizens of California. We're not government bureaucrats, but certainly had very good advice, and we're fully compliant while also being unusual and adapting to the fourteen of us so that we could collaboratively -- because I think that's another unusual aspect in this society now, where there's so much polarization where we could come together, learn one another, personality styles, be able to create a space where we could collaboratively use a consensus-based approach to redistricting.

And that may look unusual to some folks on the outside, but it was really a pretty -- I mean, it worked for us. It may not work for other commissions. It may not work for other people. It worked for the fourteen of us.

And luckily, we had a strong legal support -- thank you, Anthony -- and to help us make sure that it was fully compliant. And so thank -- I just wanted to say that. And I'm sure that any process that we do with Lessons Learned would be fully compliant as well. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you Commissioner Toledo.

I have Commissioners Kennedy, Turner, and Akutagawa, oh and Andersen.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

Great points. One of the -- you'll recall that a few months back, we did kind of an interim Lessons Learned. And I may have said at that point, I've done some work in public opinion research and drafting an in-house handbook for public opinion research, including focus groups. And one of the things that is very important to keep in mind, and one of the reasons that I wanted to proceed with that preliminary Lessons Learned exercise, was that memories begin to fade. And no matter how good your notes are, memories begin to fade. And one of the cardinal principles of public opinion research is you definitely want to get those memories before the six-month point. If you go much past the six-month point, you really start losing the depth of some of those memories.

So certainly happy to look at later dates, acknowledging the issue of waiting until after the challenge period is over. It might enable us to do it all at once rather than in multiple goes. I think the

idea of a subgroup that would be agendized and publicly accessible and so forth is certainly a good approach to consider to this. So yeah, thank you for this discussion. I look forward to more of it.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Yes. And I do agree that memories do wane. Although, I still remember the child labor, so that's not waned.

Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair.

Exactly the point I wanted to make. I certainly understand the amount of hours and the time. And my board has been phenomenal, and support of family, and all of those other piece parts. I'm concerned about pushing it off too far. Prior to Commissioner Kennedy speaking, that was my thought exactly. Overtime, I think the passion winds. I think the feelings, the specifics of why we did what we did, and I think it just needs to -- we need the rest. I need the rest. And it can't go out too far.

And I'm not a fan of the subcommittee either. I'm not. I think over this last eighteen months or so, we've learned each other's personality. We've learned what's important for each person and what have you. And I think it's the combination. I think it's the mix that has made a difference and that has helped this Commission to be

successful, where in many other states, quite frankly, they have not been. And I think when we start meeting as a subcommittee, I think the end result or product can begin to take on a certain shape that may not go that direction if others were not present. And I don't mean contrary. I just mean that it won't be as filled out. It won't be as vivid and colorful. It won't represent all of the piece parts.

And of course, once a report, or once the subcommittee's work is done, and you look at it, and it's kind of like, oh, you know I might have, would have said, but I'm not in disagreement, so I'll just let that be. No, you've lost out on important parts of what could have been shared. And so just wanting to name that, I don't support, for this portion, any subcommittee work. I think we all need to be at the table when we have the discussion, trying to wade through what did and did not work, where we felt really good about what we wished would have, could have happened, et cetera. And I think that would be powerful.

I'm really excited about the opportunity for us to be able to do the work required so that we will have a good end product that can perhaps steer, guide, advise future independent commissions going forward. And I think the best way to achieve that is for all of us to be

at the table with our sharpest memories possible weighing in on this process as soon as we possibly can after just perhaps a tad bit of rest. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: And of course, let's not wait until this is scheduled. I've been writing down notes. I hope everybody's been writing down notes because I know my memory is going to fade so hopefully everyone is doing the same.

Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I am glad to hear what Commissioner Turner said because that was going to be my point too on the subcommittee. I am not a fan of that. I am concerned about voices being, perhaps, not heard if we start with the subcommittee. I would, perhaps, recommend something opposite if there is a need to do something different, which is start out with the entire group and then finish it with a subcommittee to then refine, perhaps, all of the inputs that would be gathered. I think just generally speaking, I think all of us would like to weigh in initially as well, too, given the roles that we've all had.

I also want to just speak to the timing. I think this is one of those where personally I could go either way. But in hearing what Commissioner Kennedy and Turner said about memories fading, even if we write down our

initial ideas, I think what happens is that we just may write down certain things, but then when we hear someone else say something, it's like, oh, yeah, I forgot to mention that, or I forgot to write it down.

And I think that's been part of the magic of our work together is that I really feel like we learn from each other and where -- even though one of us may not say something, someone else will say something and it's like, oh, yeah. And that doesn't mean that because we don't say it, we don't support it. But it's just, like, there's only so much we can retain and I think, bring in. And so I would like to see us just try to address some of it as we can, sooner rather than later, but also with in mind litigation. Maybe it's not five days. Maybe it's two or three days. And then we continue to do further work and refinement later on. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

Commissioner Andersen?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

I completely agree with Commissioner Turner and Commissioner Akutagawa. But I have a slightly different item. The Commission has our ideas and our input, which is completely valuable, but the public also does. And we're so trained right now to what's the latest, what's going on. I would really like to capture the public

input now while it's fresh. And that could be, like, a couple of days of literally just public comments and public input. Because if we wait for that, we will certainly get the input from the groups and our avid followers who we dearly love, but we'll miss out on just the person who happens to call in because it's very important to them. That window will be gone. They will not -- you always think, oh, they might think of it later. But they would never pursue it later because it would be out of sight, out of mind. So I'd like to get the public's input on Lessons Learned as soon as possible. But that could be, again, a couple of days here, a couple of days there, something like that.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

Commissioner Vázquez?

COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Yeah, just wanted to agree.

I think I do need rest and a short break but agree that -- would love to have this conversation as a whole and sooner rather than later. And just also, maybe recommend the compromise instead of four days, five days of marathon meetings again. Maybe we do a two and a three or set aside the month of February or March, and we do four Fridays, five Fridays in a row sort of thing. So I definitely think that there's a way to have this conversation soon, but also allow folks a little bit more

flexibility than we've been able to have for the last six to ten months.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

Commissioner Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

I don't recall how much of this I shared when we went through the preliminary Lessons Learned. The last time I facilitated one of these discussions at the at the end of the process, I had, I think, over 1,200 discrete inputs that I had transcribed from the from the whiteboard, took those 1,200 plus inputs, coded them as to the topic and then distilled them into a ten-page summary that went to a group that then sat down to develop legislative recommendations.

The other key part of this, I think, is that I organized it around a modified SWOT diagram. So instead of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats, we looked at strengths, weaknesses, innovations, and recommendations. So looking at strengths and weaknesses of the process, looking at what was different about 2020 compared to 2010 would be the innovations element, and then recommendations are recommendations. But I found that framework to be particularly useless for this type of exercise. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Great, thank you.

Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair.

After hearing this discussion, I think I am, too, of the mindset that we should probably push this out to mid-February. Thinking about the middle ground between the six-month mark of memory fading as well as taking into consideration or litigation phase, which not only interferes with our Lessons Learned activity, it's just going to be additional work that we have to prioritize, ahead of Lessons Learned if I'm going to be quite frank. If there are needs for the Commission to be present for certain items related to litigation, that would, in my opinion, take priority over a Lessons Learned activity.

And then also hearing that folks are tired, and sleepy, and hungry, just wanting to make sure that we have that time to decompress before we jump back into it. We are here in a marathon not a sprint. We will be sitting in the seats until 2030. So I believe we have a lot of time to get all these pieces in play and really strategically think about our budget and what items we want to prioritize to work on for the next -- how many years do we have left, nine?

FEMALE SPEAKER: Nine.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Nine years. Nineish years.

Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you. I like the analogy of a marathon, so I appreciate that.

Commissioner Sinay, Fornaciari, Turner, Yee, Kennedy?

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you.

The only thought I had was that a lot of us could meet so that we don't meet things, our subcommittees can meet in groups of -- our subcommittees to start thinking through some of the Lessons Learned and to make sure we don't lose it. I do think that as we start talking about, a lot of our memories will come back. And second, on public, I would love to get the public input. And I've been saying this, I think we need to use more of a survey tool versus our usual public comment line. I found that when you create a survey tool, if you get the right partners to get it out, you can actually collect a lot of information and make it simple.

My fear of opening up the lines to say, hey, we want to hear from you, what worked, what didn't, is what's in people's minds right now are the maps. And we will get more input on how we can improve the maps. And it won't necessarily be on the process. But when you use a survey tool, you can be a little bit more precise on the questions you're asking and the input that we're looking for. And after we collect the survey stuff, and we share

it out to the public, then we can get public input on that.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. I like the idea of the subcommittee beginning to think about their specific areas ahead of time. I'd also like to see kind of the list that we have at this point of -- if we'd share that with the Commission -- just to help me begin to think, and add, and be a little bit ahead of the game when we meet while it's fresh. Thanks.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

Commissioner Turner?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair.

Not any longer on this topic. So when we finish all of this, before you go to the next subcommittee, I have something.

CHAIR FERNÁNDEZ: Okay.

Commissioner Andersen, you still have your hand up, but I think that was from the initial time. All right.

Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, I like the survey idea. We got to make this easy for people. And we have our usual mailing list. We also have, probably, contact info from so many who have submitted input. They could be sent

some kind of quick survey that they could respond to in twenty seconds and certainly not have to call in and wait in the queue. I think even a survey tool for us might be good, like, soon, and just start capturing, semi-randomly, thoughts that we have and not lose them and have them start gelling on paper for when we do actually meet and work on this Lessons Learned full effort.

Separately, just -- I could use a reminder, maybe from Anthony, on when Bagley-Keene -- when the exception expires and what that will actually change to how we do things and if we don't get it extended.

MR. PANE: Sure. Commissioner Yee, so as you know, we have a three-day notice period until the 27th. And then after that, we have our sort of back to "normal" ten-day period for taking public comment. There's a notice requirement for ten-days. And then from that point forward, we would be operating under the more traditional Bagley-Keene time requirement, which would be ten-days for if we're seeking public comment from the public. We'd be agendizing any agendas for ten days.

COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes, and then the exception for virtual meeting expires, yes?

MR. PANE: Yes. So there was a change in the law as you all may be aware. And it does expire January 31st, currently. It expires January 31st. But I wanted to

note it's a change in statute. It is not an executive order waiver of any kind. It is in the statute, in the government code. And it expires January 31st, and it mainly upholds all the requirements of Bagley-Keene. What it allows for in that time period is for state bodies, public bodies to meet sort of virtually without having to meet in a physical location and have to publish the location of the meeting.

This enables any member of any public -- state public body to essentially meet and be present and vote from their home without having to publish an address, a home address. That exemption would change after January 31st, so the telework or the tele -- electronic meeting is still available. You -- Commissioners and -- and state members of a public body can still meet virtually, but we would have to agendaize any commissioner who -- the address from which they are meeting. But you can meet virtually; you do not have to meet in a physical location altogether. But the locations where we do have sort of, I'll just call them satellite meetings or satellite locations, would need to be published as part of the agenda.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. We've got three more minutes to our break.

Commissioner Kennedy.



COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. This is -- this is also a question for Chief Counsel Pane and -- and coming from I guess it was Commissioner Ahmad's question earlier. Do you have -- can you provide us with any sort of estimation of the required level of effort for commissioners during the litigation phase? Doesn't have to be global, it could be on a per -- per process, per suit basis, but I think it would be helpful for all of us to have a better understanding of what the required level of effort for us is likely to be going forward in relation to any litigation. Thank you.

MR. PANE: Yes, Commissioner Kennedy. So to your point, I think level of effort will vary. It will vary from record-gathering to potential depositions if -- if necessary. And so that would be obviously including a physical location and answering questions under oath and potential presence at any hearings that may be required for -- in an actual case for oral argument or witness -- as a witness during a hearing. So all of those are possibilities. Of course, that all depends on a litigation timeline.

Typically, you have a document gathering phase and then you might have an investigatory phase where it could be the depositional piece, and then you have the hearing phase or witness phase. And then you have a decision

that's issued. So it -- from a time perspective, it probably grows and increases as the process proceeds. So I hope -- I hope that's at least an overview and is helpful for how time consuming that process could be.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. We have one minute. Commissioner Ahmad, should we wait, or do you want to go --

FEMALE SPEAKER: It's -- it's going to be a wrap up there. I think I heard that you know, we all want to meet on Lessons Learned. We want a little bit of a break, some breathing room, but not too much breathing room, so we don't forget. So what I propose is that Commissioner Kennedy and I take this information back and bring it back to the Commission with a full proposal. We will have a better idea of what the budget looks like, so we can work with Alvaro on developing that and bring it back to the Commission for consideration.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Sounds great. I do have Outreach Director Kaplan and then also Commissioner Turner, but we are at break. Can we just hold off until break? Okay. Great. So we're going to break, and we will be back at 11:45. Thank you.

(Whereupon, a recess was held from 11:30 a.m. until 11:45 a.m.)

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome back, California. We were

in the middle of -- oh, our Lessons Learned, 3-J, and we were going to talk with Outreach Director Kaplan.

MS. KAPLAN: I just wanted to highlight what the timing was also a lot of the local independent commissions that are wrapping up, that there is some opportunity to hear some lessons learned with those as well. So I'm happy to work with the subcommittee to convene, some that I have been in touch with over the course of the year before they roll off as well.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you so much. That's actually a wonderful addition to the Lessons Learned because I think we could probably learn from each other in how to go forward and maybe some better collaboration be -- for the 2030. That's great. Thank you.

Anything else before we move on with Commissioner Turner? Okay.

Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: All right. Thank you, Chair. Before we go to the next subcommittee, I wanted to ask if you would as Chair, as we're going through these subcommittees, consider sunseting some of them so that as we get ready for our next meetings that have to be agendaized, we don't have to continue running through subcommittees that we know are no longer operational. And for sure, I think we're ready to sunset Data

Subcommittee and perhaps they're others.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Let me just -- that's a great point. Let me just go through this. Government Affairs Census, I -- I somewhat feel it might still be relevant and I'd like to keep it. Thank you. Oh, see, and Toledo's not here. I got the head nod from you. Finance and Administration, as -- as much as I would love to sunset, it's going to be here for the next nine years, so it might be the only thing that's here for the next nine years. Gantt Chart, I will -- what do you think Commissioners Kennedy and Taylor?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I would say we could sunset it. We will continue to -- to work. We might be able to roll it into Lessons Learned because it's -- it'll be part of that hand over of -- of recommendations and so forth from Lessons Learned.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Excuse me. So we will sunset Gantt Chart. Outreach and Engagement in terms of sunseting? Commissioner Sinay and Fornaciari, since we do have an outreach director and --

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm sorry. I wasn't --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We're --

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- paying attention.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, really. Really. Okay. So --

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sorry.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- apparently lunch is on you.
That's how I read this conversation.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: No, so what we're looking at as
sunsetting some of these subcommittees and --

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh, okay.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- there's an Outreach and
Engagement so.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, we're going to work
together on our Lessons Learned. But I -- you know,
other -- you know, we can do that if you sunset this --
whatever you want to do, Chair. It's all up to you.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Well, actually, I'm asking your
opinion.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, that's fine, I
think. I don't know. Patricia has --

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well --

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- or Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I think I would like to
keep it just in case, we -- we have talked about for the
Lessons Learned in our final report to reach back out to
the groups that we have worked on to be able to capture
some of their lessons learned and also their outcomes.
And I think they're going to want to know from us some --
some information as well so --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Is --

COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- for that rea --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- is that something that staff could do? We have the Outreach --

COMMISSIONER SINAY: I don't know how long we're going to have staff, so that's why I'm -- I'm saying. Because we haven't --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Wow.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: No. We haven't been given -- no, we haven't been given the -- the

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- the timeline.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We'll just keep moving. Materials Development. That, I -- we still need for a little bit longer for the report, right? Okay. Website. F -- Commissioner Kennedy, we still need?

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: We still need, and I was also going to support keeping Outreach and Engagement. A, because we don't know how long we are going to have staff in that area, but also because I would think that you know, it might be useful later on before the 2030 Commission is put in place.

We -- we may have more outreach work to do. You know, we -- we may want to do some work actually on -- with groups in the community to help familiarize people

with the maps and generate you know, consensus around supporting the maps. So I -- I think that Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee continues to be very important for us. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. And Website, we will keep, correct; is that what you said, Commissioner Kennedy?

And Data Management, sun --

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Well, now, I'm feeling pretty selfish.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I -- I know. I know. I know. What's going --

COMMISSIONER TURNER: I just think some don't know how to release. No. No. Actually, I get it. I see the others, but surely there's something we can let go of and I'd like to let go of Data Management.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes. I -- I concur with Commissioner Turner. Let it go.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Let it go. That's going to be our new motto. Lock it in and let it go. I don't know which order we're going to lock it in and let it go, though.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: In the words of the great prophet, Elsa, let it go.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Amen. Communities of Interest Tool, Commissioners Akutagawa, and Kennedy. I'm thinking

we can sunset that?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I -- I think we can let that one go, too.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Thank you. I've got to put it two places, so bear with me. Incarcerated Populations, Commissioners Kennedy and Turner, I did -- your update was that you're still working with the Federal Bureau, but I'm -- I'm getting a head nod of we're letting it go?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh, no, no, no.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, no, we're keeping it, right?

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes? Okay. Great. Okay. So now we're on -- going back to Lessons Learned. Is there anything else for Lessons Learned? And we'll go ahead and keep this one for now.

Commissioner Vazquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I just wanted to flag that I -- I've been thinking about access and not just language access, but access overall, especially for folks with disabilities. And so I'm going to try to collate some feedback specifically around making the mapping process more accessible to visually-impaired folks, especially, because I think we as a state commission may be better able to support local commissions in making

maps which are sort of -- they're -- they're very, very vis -- visual, and that's the basis of -- of our work. And so I've been in touch with a couple of advocates who are visually-impaired and work with visually-impaired folks to see if there's a way we can improve engagement of -- of those folks. So I'd -- I'd like to present that during our Lessons Learned work.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's great. Thank you so much, Commissioner Vazquez.

Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. I want to fully endorse that. Political participation of people with disabilities is something that I've been working on since 2007. And I -- I wanted to say to Commissioner Vazquez you know, this so timely, because when I did speak to the statewide Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee about the Commission and its work, one of the participants indicated that she had been eager to apply to be on this Commission, the 2020 Commission, but was reluctant to because she was blind.

And I -- I said, you know, please -- you know, please consider applying for the 2030 Commission. You know, this -- this is something that we would definitely want to -- to work out. And so I'm -- I'm happy to do anything I can to help on this effort. Thank you.

FEMALE SPEAKER: What a coincidence that you are both now on the Bagley-Keene. Maybe it's a Bagley-Keene accessibility or something. We can rename it, but I think it segues or fits very well together. So thank you both very much.

Anything else before we move on from Lessons Learned? Okay.

3-K Cybersecurity, Commissioners Fornaciari, and Taylor.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I don't have anything on that topic, but I think Commissioner Akutagawa wanted to say something on the last Lessons --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, I'm sorry.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- Learned.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry. Thank you.
Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I was just going to mention that our work on the Language Access Committee (ph.) also did include accessibility. We did look at accessibility from both visual -- mostly from visual. And so I think there's some good lessons learned from there, too, that we can also share and connect you with.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for that. And thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari. Sometimes I need to look up once in a while, so I apologize for that. And you

said nothing for Cybersecurity.

Executive Director Hernandez.

MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes. I just wanted to make sure that you were all aware that we do have audio files, audio description files, on our website for the draft maps that were created. This was in collaboration with a number of different groups. We had a focus group to create these audio files. My understanding is this has not been done before in creating audio files for these type of maps. So once again, I believe we are trailblazing with what we have done and what we are doing. So I just wanted to share that with you all. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's wonderful. Thank you so much. Yeah, that is great.

Commissioner Vazquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: That's fantastic. Thank you so much for sharing that. I -- I wish -- I wish I had known sooner. I -- the folks that I had talked with were mostly talking about local redistricting because obviously they don't have -- often most local governments don't have the resources that we potentially could have access to at the state level. So I am so glad that -- that we were able to trailblaze in that way. And -- well, we'll make sure to see how we might incorporate

that in terms of maybe recommendations (audio interference) for folks about how -- how to improve accessibility while also being mindful of local resources.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you.

Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Yes, that's -- that's wonderful news. I wanted to suggest that Director Ceja develop a feature piece on this and find an entity willing to publish that. And I'm -- I'm happy to work with him to suggest some potential outlets for publication of such a piece. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's great. Thank you for volunteering to work with Director Ceja on that.

Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Similar to that, I was actually going to recommend not only just looking for a media outlet, that can easily also be shared on social media as well, too, just to get a quick you know, kind of announcement out because anybody who's interested in taking a look at the -- the current maps as before -- you know, during the comment period, I think it would be nice for them to know. And -- yeah, this is wonderful news. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Anything -- anything

else before we move on? Okay. And we -- and we finished, although that was related to Lessons Learned kind of, we are going to Legal Affairs Committee. Do -- do we have any updates? That is Commissioners Yee and Toledo; is that right, Sadhwani?

COMMISSIONER LEE: And Sadhwani.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I can't. Okay.

COMMISSIONER LEE: Yeah. And which of us is chair right now? I don't even remember.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I don't know. Couldn't tell you.

COMMISSIONER LEE: But --

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I mean, I -- I -- I don't -- you know, the -- the Legal Affairs Committee as a body of three was largely formed around the hiring of -- of legal counsel. We felt passionately -- I think Commissioner Yee and I from VRA Subcommittee felt very passionately. And I was very glad that you all agreed with us that those -- those contracts should be reviewed in public, that -- that the applicants should be interviewed in public. The decision should be made in public. We've done all of that. We have legal counsel, though, of course, we're still waiting for hope -- hopefully for Gibson Dunn to sign their -- their contract because we would love to have them on board.

So that being said, I'm not sure that the Legal

Affairs Committee, part -- particularly as a -- as a body of three that hold separate meetings from this Commission, necessarily needs to continue on. That being said, I mean, I think it would be helpful to potentially have a subcommittee of two as litigation may or may not come up, who could po -- potentially work with our -- with Chief Counsel Pane and the -- the -- the external counsel just to coordinate and bring things in -- in a timely manner --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- so that we can bring things back to the -- to the -- the full Commission. So I know that Commissioner Toledo and Commissioner Yee had worked on the contracts piece, which had kind of come out of --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- of the -- the Legal Affairs Committee. I would love to work on -- on the litigation piece as it -- as -- you know, if it makes sense to do so. I think Mr. Toledo, I -- I know had expressed interest in that as well. I'm not sure, you know, how we want to proceed there, but I just wanted to offer that.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER LEE: You know --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So we do have the litigation con -- contracts of committee, which is -- are Commissioners Toledo and Yee. And Commissioner, you -- did you have comment for that?

COMMISSIONER LEE: Yeah, they can -- that can probably sunset once the contract gets signed, I think.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

COMMISSIONER LEE: Hopefully very soon. You know, so -- so much depends on kind of the nature and -- and extent of legal challenges that will come, which is a complete unknown at this point of course. So -- but I'm wondering if maybe, Chief Counsel, if you have any thoughts at this point of what -- you know, whether the Legal Affairs Subcommittee -- Legal Affairs Committee seems like it would be a useful liaison going forward or whether -- how we should think about that?

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah, well -- well, the legal -- if it was Legal Affairs Subcommittee, that's three. So I -- I do think we probably need to get it down to two of whatever you would need, if you feel that's necessary.

MR. PANE: So Commissioner, you -- to your point, and -- and this is also to Commissioner Sadhwani's point earlier, I -- I -- it's important to, I think, first highlight sort of the, I don't want to call it a mandate, but a -- the purpose behind the Legal Affairs Committee.

And that way, just to understand if it needs to be sunsetted based on what it was created to do. There could be a different need for a -- a -- a -- a separate subcommittee that wouldn't be a subcommittee of the Legal Affairs Committee. And so that's -- you -- you certainly could -- those are options available to the Commission. But that's why I think we want to make -- we want to make sure we're clear on sort of completion of the mandates and even the need for the Legal Affairs Subcommittee.

So to answer your question, Commissioner Yee, you I don't believe you need to necessarily have a Legal Affairs Committee remain, especially if there is a different need now for something else.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. So it sounds like we can sunset the Legal Affairs Committee, but it sounds like there might be a need for litigation coordination -- how would you describe it, like coordination, something like that?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, something like that.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right. I -- I don't know if Chief Counsel Pane has any thoughts on it --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Did you --

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- on a --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- did you have an opinion --

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- on a good name for it.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- Chief Counsel Pane, opinions on like a litigation coordination? I'm not exactly sure what that would consist of in terms of --

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. It kind of depends on -- I mean, I can't imagine anyone's going to want to sue us over maps, but --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I -- yeah.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- but you know -- so maybe -- maybe it's nothing but.

MR. PANE: So I mean, one recommendation could be, Chairs, I could -- I could come back with a recommendation for what a subcommittee might look like and maybe what that would be for Commission discussion. Is that --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. I think that's fair --

MR. PANE: -- okay.

COMMISSIONER LEE: And it could be nonlitigation legal matters, who knows, that can --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

COMMISSIONER LEE: -- also --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Exactly. Right.

COMMISSIONER LEE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And -- and I think just to -- I just want to highlight also, like, the whole

point is that the whole Commission would need to be involved in any ultimate decision that we would make. And I think that's why -- you know, after the process of doing the review of the -- writing -- writing the RFPs and then reviewing all of the -- the -- the submissions that came in, there wasn't a large need for the Legal Affairs as a -- as a body of three, because everything was really handled by the full Commission. So you know, I -- I think that's kind of some of the thought processes that, at the end of the day, these are all com -- full Commission decisions.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Thank you. Okay. So for now, we are going to sunset the Legal Affairs Committee, and Chief Counsel Pane will come forward with any recommendations that he may have; he may or may not have recommendations so. Thank you.

So we will move on to Agenda Item 3 and which is the Mapping Playbook Subcommittee that got us through. Thank you. But -- so updates.

COMMISSIONER LEE: I do -- I have been making incremental improvements to the mapping playbook and the ready -- the ready reference specifically. I think I would like to you know, leave a copy of that updated version somehow for folks to find ten years from now so.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: In our Lessons Learned, I mean, I

think it's -- it'll --

COMMISSIONER LEE: Yeah. That'll be good.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- right. It'll be a great addition to that.

COMMISSIONER LEE: Okay.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So we're ready to sunset that subcommittee? Yes. Okay. Thank you.

And Public Input Design Committee, Commissioners Fornaciari and Ahmad.

VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Let it go.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We're letting it go. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Chair.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, Commissioner Sadhwani and Commissioner Sinay.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: Commissioner Yee and Co -- Commissioner Turner, I wanted to say thank you again for that -- the playbook. I mean, it seemed like -- you know, a few -- you know, a few pieces of paper, but it really did -- di -- I mean, I saw us constantly going back to it. And just that structure was really helpful. And it might be good just if people have inputs on what pieces they might have still needed for that.

I think the only the recomm -- the only thought I had on that was just to have it somewhere digital. And I know we have it in our handouts, but that's one lesson

learned. It's hard to find the handouts, but --

COMMISSIONER LEE: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- I just wanted --

COMMISSIONER LEE: That's true.

COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- to say, thank you so much because it was really, really useful. And I still carry it with me every time there's an interview or anything.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, it was probably the one document where I had stapled it, but it was no longer stapled by the end because I just kept using it so much, so thank you so much. It was a great reference. Instead of me carrying around my binders, it was great to have one place to look, so thank you both very much.

Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And additionally, it was -- it wasn't quite the mapping playbook, but the handy reference, that was extraordinary. And I just want to you know, uplift Commissioner Yee, who basically took that on -- on himself. And it was really helpful. I used the document for the populations until I -- they're -- they they looked like rags. It's very, very helpful. And all that the -- the government terms and things, it was very helpful. And that I certainly want put into Lessons Learned because that should be -- very handy. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you. Let's see, 3-0 is the VRA Complaint Subcommittee with Commissioner Sadhwani, and Yee.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: We -- you know, we defin --

COMMISSIONER LEE: We complied.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: We complied. We complied. Mission accomplished.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Job well done.

COMMISSIONER LEE: The reviews are positive so.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So -- yes. I mean, I can just note you know, so certainly some documents were posted to the handouts for yesterday's meeting including the -- the -- the new -- newly numbered districts, which had -- which were districts located in areas with obligations under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. I know our legal team of Strumwasser Woocher and -- and David Becker posted some additional documentation of their -- their updated analysis. And I -- my understanding is they are preparing a subsection for our final report. So I'm sure we will be reviewing that.

COMMISSIONER LEE: We'll all review that. Yeah.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: We'll all be reviewing that, though. So I think -- I don't know.

COMMISSIONER LEE: There's nothing else to do.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. And -- yeah.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Are you letting it go?

COMMISSIONER LEE: With sadness, I mean -- it wa --
yeah --

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay.

COMMISSIONER LEE: -- yeah, I think so --

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right.

COMMISSIONER LEE: -- but with sadness.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER LEE: It was quite a -- just a -- a
steep learning curve, but just really a sat -- a very
satisfying one, too.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And it's such a pleasure to
work with you, Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER LEE: Awe.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akuta -- Akutagawa --
that warmed my heart. 3-P is Litigation Contracts
Subcommittee. Commissioners Toledo and Yee.

COMMISSIONER LEE: Well, we still have some contract
needs, so I guess we're still around.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And the update is that we still
have contract needs. We don't have a sun -- a signed
contract. Okay.

Anything else on Agenda Item 3? If not, we will go
to public comment.

Kristian, can you help us with public comment on

Agenda Item 3, specifically related to committee and subcommittee reports?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sounds good, Chair.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The Commission will now take public comment on Item Number 3.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, I'm sorry. Sorry. Sorry. I missed one. Apologize. I had to turn the page.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure thing, Chair. Let me know.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: All right. A queue, my apologies. Final Maps Planning Subcommittee. Commissioners Fornaciari, and Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: We're done.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So done.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. We're letting it go, and wonderful job -- job well done. Thank you, bo -- thank you both very much. Okay.

Now, Kristian, now, we're ready to go.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sounds good, Chair. The Commission will now take public comment on Item Number 3. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter meeting ID number 87908151544. Once you've dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the comment queue. The full call and instructions are read at the beginning of the

meeting and are provided on the livestream landing page.

Again, for those -- for those who are called in right now, we have a couple of callers, if you would like to give comment on Agenda Item Number 3, please press star 9 to raise your hand. Again, that's to give comment on Agenda Item Number 3, please press star 9. And we have no hands at this time, Chair.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. We'll just wait a minute or two. So we'll just wait until that information has gone to the livestream.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Should be there now, Chair.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. So we will be moving on to Agenda Item 4. It is live line drawing, but we're done with live line drawing. But I believe there might have been -- there's an update from Commissioner Andersen. Did you have an update? Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I do. Thank you, Chair. Yes, the live line drawing is completed. Yay. I think we're all very excited about that. Basically, the -- the Line Drawing Subcommittee will sort of jump back in now and help facilitate the -- you know, the cleanup of everything. The line drawers are still with us to help us should the need arise in litigation. They have a integral part of the report, and we will just

facilitate that, and you know, kind of let them know when we need to meet if we don't. And we also get to have a large party with them, so sorry.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So that was really the reason, was that large party.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. Of course.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So I'm just wondering, I -- I hear that you want to go back into a subcommittee, but is it also something that maybe can just be coordinated through the litigation or through our Chief Counsel?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: There -- there are a few things that need to be kind of wrapped up. It certainly will be -- it's -- it often helps to have a contact for miscellaneous matters that come up. They also have a great deal to offer for Lessons Learned, which I'd like to catch from not just our time, but also from the 2010. So kind of, we'll get a few things buttoned up. It -- it -- it won't be a one that meets often. It won't necessarily have a report all the time, but we should have it as a possible venue for them, for contacts, so -- so things don't get dropped, nothing falls through the cracks.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. My thinking is that the contact would be Chief Counsel Pane so -- but -- okay. And do you have any -- or Commissioner Ahmad before I --

VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. I, too, am thinking the same thing at -- at this point. It might be better for us to have one point of contact for all of the different vendors and contractors that we've had. Given that we are moving into the litigation phase, I would think it's appropriate to have our top lawyer be that point of contact if he so chooses to do so, and if the Chair directs that.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Chief Counsel Pane.

MR. PANE: Happy to do as the Commission wishes.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I actually would like your opinion, other than happy to do it. You're not getting off that easy.

MR. PANE: I --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Shall I go to --

MR. PANE: I --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- Commissioner Turner?

MR. PANE: Ye -- thank you, Chair. Yes, that would be good.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: You can think about it.

MR. PANE: Yeah.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Never mind. I was going to ask about the closed session, but we don't have that many callers anyway, so it doesn't matter. You had announced

a closed session.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: That's okay.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Now it's back to you.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Chair, I might say, there -- there are some items which are sort of administrative as well, which is why I -- I -- yes, for litigation purposes, certainly Chief Counsel Pane would be the -- the appropriate contact, but the Line Drawing Subcommittee had -- had their -- the line drawers themselves have a few miscellaneous items. And it's with administration -- you know, there are a couple of finance things that I just don't want anything to get dropped. So -- but you know, it might just be one final sort of wrap-up meeting thing and then make sure all the contacts are made and on -- all the pieces are put back together.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Chief Counsel Pane.

MR. PANE: Chair and Commissioner Andersen, I'm happy to work to make sure that those things aren't dropped and that may obviate the need to continue to have it. But I can certainly work with you on facilitating that if that would help.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, that -- that --

actually, Chair, that would be ideal.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. I -- I mean, it seems like we don't need it because we also have a Finance Administration Subcommittee that if there are any finance issues, we could go through there and -- and with Chief Counsel Pane, but I'll revive it for a little bit and I'll that the next Chair deal with it.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Just -- yeah, one -- one --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's called tag, you're it.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- lap for the -- yeah.

Thank you.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Outreach -- oh, wait.

Commissioner Sadhwani.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'll make a comment on this I -- because I think I serve on that committee as well. So I'll -- perhaps -- perhaps it could be a final debrief meeting or something of that --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- nature. So --

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Exactly.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- perhaps it -- it -- it is being sunsetted but -- but not entirely yet but could be removed from the agenda for future meetings, something of that sort.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. It -- it -- it's like

it'll have a -- it'll have one last sort of -- you know, this is, we're done now, this is what happened, da, da, da, da.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So we're sunseting it, right?

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I -- I -- I think that makes sense, right. And -- and Commissioner Andersen, you and I can have one last hurrah with the line drawing team.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Sunseting it. And then it's tagged to Chief Counsel Pane.

Outreach Director Kaplan.

MS. KAPLAN: I did also just want to go back to the Communities of Interest Tool Subcommittee that is sunseting. I do still think it may be helpful as a part of the Lessons Learned to just hear some more recap on the ultimate use of the access center, and tools, and ways that that could potentially be -- that partnership could be strengthened in 2030 as well.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. And al -- although we're sunseting --

MS. KAPLAN: Yeah.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- there's many of the subcommittees that have been sunseting, but we are all going to go back to whatever subcommittees we were and make our notes. And yes, definitely, I actually have

notes for the Communities of Interest Tool as well.

So -- yeah. Just because you're sunsetted doesn't mean you're off the hook for Lessons Learned. Is there anything else for Agenda Item Number 4.

Kristian, can we please go to the comment on Agenda Item Number 4, which is live line drawing?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure thing, Chair. The Commission will now take public comment on Item Number 4. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter meeting ID number 87908151544. Once you've dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the comment queue. The full call and instructions are read at the beginning of the meeting and are provided on the livestream landing page.

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And there are no hands at this time, Chair.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Kristian. Please let me know when it's gone through the feed.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Will do.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thanks. And as -- I'm trying to think if we should go to a closed session or -- yeah.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, we do have a hand

raised.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. We have a hand raise. Here we go.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Stand by. And we will be enforcing a one-minute-and-thirty-second time limit on public comments. Caller 2829, if you could please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

MS. WESTA-LUSK: Good morning, Commissioners. And I want to thank you for all your hard work for all these many months, or basically over a year and -- almost a year-and-a-half. I have questions regarding the -- how the longevity of the data tab, which includes the database and all the mapping, the draft maps, the final maps, and then those other maps that you did like on certain dates, you would post iterations. How -- how long will all that data be stored and -- and accessible to the public? Because I'm thinking long term, I think it needs to be on the website till the next 2030 Commission comes onboard, and even after that. I just have questions about longevity. I don't really want what happened to the 2010 Commission website to happen to the 2020 Commission website. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Ms. Westa-Lusk. And we've enjoyed your comments throughout the last year and a half. Thank you for going on this journey with us.

And we did discuss it earlier and that I will turn it over to Commissioner Kennedy, but that is something that he is going to work on to ensure that that information is not lost.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Yes. I am in touch with the State Archives Division of the Office of the Secretary of State, discussing with them specifically the future of not only the 2020 Commission website and ensuring that that content remains available to the public and to the 2030 Commission, but also trying to look back at the 2010 Commission's website and ensuring that in one form or another, there continues to be access to as much of the content of the 2010 Commission's website as possible.

You know, I'll -- I'll go farther than -- than I did earlier today and say that I'm aware that there had been inquiries also about content from the Shape California's Future website, a lot of which disappeared once this Commission was established. And -- and I do believe that that content should also remain available. So I'll -- I'll have to speak with the State Auditor's Office and -- and bring them into this discussion with the State Archives. But the -- the objective is indeed to make sure that all of this is available to the 2030 Commission as well as to the general public. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

Commissioner Fornaciari, did you have something to add?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I think that's a -- a great point that -- that -- that we need to make sure we capture about the drafts, all of the iterations and drafts of the maps that we went through, need to be accessible. And -- and we've got a number of comments and feedback about our documentation and -- and the difficulty accessing our documentation. So as we go forward and -- and you know, get to a point where we're putting the -- the final touches on our website, that -- that we need to gather that documentation in a way that is accessible to the public rather than looking through all of our meeting handouts. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

Kristian?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Next caller, please.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Up next, we've got caller 2168 and after that, we've got caller 5324. 2168, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 2168: Hi, Commissioners. (Audio interference) Quintero (ph.) from East San Jose. Just wanted to commend you on the excellent work that you did,

significant outreach and significant effort that went into this. Thank you very much.

I also wanted to specifically focus on the -- your -- your -- your focus on -- and the bold step that you took in -- in moving forward and upholding the spirit of the Voting Rights Act by connecting new San Jose downtown to San Benito County. They have communities of interest that are -- have been created as a result of people being moved out of this area, priced out of this area. And so now, families are spread from San Jose all -- all the way south to more affordable communities. So just wanted to make sure to thank you for the work that you did. I know you had a lot of pressure from very, very influential groups, a significant amount of resources. And you held firm, and I wanted to appreciate the work that you did and that bold step that you took to -- to uphold the Voting Rights Act. Thank you very much.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you very much for calling in.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Up next, we've got Caller 5324, if you could please follow the prompts. That's for caller with the last four digits 5324, you can now unmute by pressing the star 6, please. Go ahead.

MR. PEYTON: Okay. Hello. My name is Allen Peyton



(ph.). I live in Antioch in Contra Costa County. I'd given some input previously; I believe in writing. And specifically, it was about keeping the cities and communities in eastern Contra Costa County together as a community of interest, specifically, Antioch, Brentwood, and Oakley, those cities, and Discovery Bay, Byron, Bethel Island, and Knightsen, which are unincorporated areas. We have common interests specifically about Highway 4. We have -- along usually with Pittsburg as well, we have a common transportation authorities. We have other agencies, local groups that are common. We have the highway as far as widening and extensions. We have the BART extension from Antioch down to the Byron Airport, but in all of the districts, the CD's 8, 9, and 10, AD's 11 and 15, and Senate Districts 3 and 9, you've split this area. And so I --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

MR. PEYTON: -- I didn't give -- I didn't give additional comment after the draft maps, even though I really wasn't satisfied with the State Fed District map because I didn't think they're going to be that drastic changes between the draft and the final maps, but there have been significantly. And so --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

MR. PEYTON: -- I'd ask you to reconsider this area



in the final, final maps in -- in the drawing and splitting them up for the next ten years. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And again, we are taking public input on Item Number 4. Up next, Caller 3700. And after that, it'll be Caller 1926. Caller 3700, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

MS. WILSON: Hi. This is Betty Wilson calling from Zone F for the Coalition Partners. We just want to thank you guys for all your hard work. We know there were some tough decisions to make and just wanted to give you guys a great applause that you did a really good job. Thank you very much.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Ms. Wilson.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And up next, we've got Caller 1926, if you could please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

MR. MENDOZA: Yes. John Mendoza here from Pomona, congratulate you on your maps. I have -- just difficulty right now logging into the system there for the files and the maps, getting the shapes and stuff like that. So I had to read about it in the paper today, and the only thing -- I don't -- I was just trying to confirm, but it says that Chino and Chino Hills are one district with the

Assembly district there where it used to be the 52nd and then the Senate district was in Chino, Senate district 21- -- 20 is no longer 20. They said in the paper, now, they're connected to West Covina and Azusa. But like I said, I'm having a difficult time trying to download the -- the -- the maps and so forth. But thanks a lot for your hard work and have a good day.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Up next, we have Caller 5362, if you could please follow the prompts.

CALLER 5362: Hi.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

CALLER 5362: Hello. Hello. Hello. Thank you, all Commissioners, for your hard work in putting together these districts. The one comment that I would like to make is that Carson is currently still split between AD-65 and AD-69. And I do recall in a meeting that you all had on the 19th, there was some work in trying to swap a portion of Carson with a portion of North Long Beach to make the district full. I believe this is the better solution because it also keeps intact the Assembly District 65 with the Senate District 35, so that the two adjacent districts are whole and are together going forward. So please reconsider this in your cleanup and

make that change. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for your feedback. And for anyone who would like to see our final maps that were approved yesterday. If you go on to our website at Wedrawthelineca.org, if you hit the tab, data, and then map viewer, that will show our final maps. Okay.

Kristian.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There are no further hands at this time, Chair. We do have a --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Than --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- raised hand --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- Chair.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Go --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 4340, and after that Caller 7038. Caller 4340, please follow the prompts. Go ahead.

MS. LADDISH: Good afternoon. My name is Kate Laddish. That's K-A-T-E L-A-D-D-I-S-H. I live in the Yolo County, City of Winters. And -- and first of all, thank you again for all of your hard work on this. I -- I'll echo a point that I made yesterday evening which relates to the live line drawings, that the online format that the Commission has used this time, which I realize is due to the pandemic, is really helpful for people who

can't -- who can't access meetings that are in person. So whether it's because of having a disability, limited finances, lack of transportation, or working family obligations. And so Californians being able to see the work of the commission as it happens is fantastic. And I hope that that -- that that -- and I know this relates back to Number 3 but will be a lesson learned that can be carried forward, and that, related to that, I appreciate the -- the earlier discussions about how to make the process work for people with disabilities as well as possible. Thank you so much.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Ms. Laddish.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Up next, we've got Caller 7038, if you could please follow the prompts. Caller with the last four 7038, you can now unmute by pressing star 6 please. Go ahead.

CALLER 7038: Good morning. I want to thank the Commission for all the work they did on the Assembly, Senate, and Congressional maps. Just for future reference, I don't know if it's even possible, but it -- it would be great for maybe the next time this is done in 2030, this can be a partnership with the Department of Education, where you can get the civic classes, the twelfth-grade students to engage in this process.

Having taught civics for twenty-six years and just



recently retired, this would be a great opportunity to build capacity with all the dire straits our entire nation and state is with a lack of civic engagement and apathy, this is a great opportunity to see this process being held in our state, where very different backgrounds of people and very different political parties get together and can still be civil and come to a agreement of what we can do for our state. So thank you for your hard work --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

CALLER 7038: -- and hopefully in the future we can engage the youth.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you so much for your feedback. We also agree, so great minds think alike. And we've actually been able to -- I'm -- I'm taking credit for what our outreach director has done, but we've actually been able to work with the California Department of Education and they are in the process of updating their curriculum to include redistricting. So thank you so much for that.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Up next, we've got Caller 5949, if you could please follow the prompts to unmute.

CALLER 5949: Yes. Hello. Can -- hello, can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. The floor



is yours.

CALLER 5949: Hi. Yes. I'm a Carson resident for the past ten years, and I was really hopeful to see that, you know, you were all able to listen to the comments and keep Carson whole and put North Long Beach in AD-69, but then reverted back to a map where Carson was split. Our community, the diverse Filipino, Black community, Latino community as a charter city including our mayor wants Carson to stay whole. This is something that's very important to us.

I also want to note that in the Senate District you know, Carson is whole, and the Congressional District. And typically the recommendation is that you know, two Assembly districts are put together to make a Senate district. For some reason that doesn't seem to be applying to our beautiful city. And it's a frontline community. We -- we're an environmental justice community, so I'm hopeful that you know, in the cleanup process that you all will consider that simple fix. I worked with your data and the numbers and kept the Long Beach community in AD-69 and the Carson community in AD-65. Thank you so much for all your hard work. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for your feedback.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And there are no further

hands in the queue at this time, Chair.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Kristian.

At this point, we will be going to closed session under the personnel-related issues exemptions to discuss issues related to performance evaluations. And we will return -- I'm trying to think of when we'll return, at 1:30.

(Whereupon, a recess was held from 12:35 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.)

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome back, everyone. We did -- we were coming back from a hold session under the personnel-related issues exemptions to discuss issues related to performance evaluations, and we took no action.

And now, we will be going to Agenda Item Number 6. Before we open it up for general pub -- public comment, I would like to get a briefing in terms of what to expect in our next meeting.

So again, in case those haven't heard, we are -- we will not be having a meeting tomorrow on the 22nd, nor on the 23rd. And our next meeting will be on December 26th, so I would like to ask the Vice Chair, incoming Chair, what we can expect on the 26th and the 27th. Thank you.

Commissioner Ahmad.

VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you so much, Chair. And

Commissioner Yee will be serving as Vice Chair during that time, so I will definitely give him an opportunity to chime in in case I missed something.

So we will be meeting next on Sunday, December 26th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. is the scheduled time. During that time, we will be certifying our approved maps. And this is a requirement per our statute to make sure that we certify our official maps. We will also be posting the agenda to include some of our subcommittee updates, director reports, also closed session in the case that we need to discuss any of those items next Sunday. From there, we will take public comment. Per our new public comment policy, we will have three hours of public comment. And then we will close with a vote to certify. And pending that certification, which I'm hoping will go positively, on Monday, December 27th, we will be hosting a press conference. And we, the Commission, will be delivering the certified final maps to the California Secretary of State. Any questions?

Yes, Monday, we'll also be starting at 11 a.m. I am still unclear. I will have Anthony chime in in terms of agendizing Monday, since it is not a business meeting, it is just an activity for the Commission to deliver the maps if we need to agendize that or not.

COMMISSIONER LEE: It's a field trip.



VICE CHAIR AHMAD: It's a field trip. Yeah.

MS. PANE: Thank -- thank you, Commissioner Ahmad. Yes. This -- there would be no Commission meeting on the 27th. You will not be meeting to discuss, deliberate Commission business. You made a point of the 27th is simply delivery of the maps to the Secretary of State, the physical delivery to the Secretary of State after -- after certification. So there is no meeting on the 27th as -- as required by Bagley-Keene for an agenda.

VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you so much for that clarification. And again, on Sunday, December 6- -- 26th, we will be meeting at 11 a.m., and I have also factored into the agenda two minutes per Commissioner for closing statements. So please do prepare if you would choose to give a closing statement. Are there any questions?

COMMISSIONER YEE: A few more --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Oh, yes --

COMMISSIONER LEE: -- details.

VICE CHAIR AHMAD: -- Commissioner Yee.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh, Commissioner --

VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah. Please jump in.

COMMISSIONER YEE: So we'll have to find out the actual logistics for the delivery on the 27th, so we know

kind of where to meet and what the walking experience will be like. Yeah, and have some weather plans for that as well in case of rain. For the 26th, the certification vote, we're going to agendize that as a line drawing subcommittee activity just to reduce the number of agenda items that will require public comment, if that's okay with the Line Drawing Subcommittee. It's just for agendizing purposes. Yeah.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I guess we -- we're not sunsetting then.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Oh, yeah. Yeah, to zombify it. And for the press conference, you want to say just a little more of the -- the show -- show plans for that.

VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Sure. And I see that we have Fredy with us, so if he has any additional details for the press conference. So what we have so far as Chair, I will introduce the Commission, our end product, and say some nice words. We will have three commissioners come up and speak. So I have asked Vice Chair Yee to speak, Commissioner Toledo, and Commissioner Turner.

After the close of the formal portion of the press conference, press will be asking for interviews with any one of us. So Fredy will be preparing talking points. Please wear solids. Stripes don't look good in pictures. And if there's any questions about -- yes, please --

yeah. Get your hair done, nails done, everything. But in the meantime, Fredy will be helping prepare some talking points so that we can really uniform our messaging and use that opportunity really showcase our work that we are all so proud of and we've accomplished such a great feat. So I'll let Fredy jump in if he has any additional details from the last time we spoke.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Fredy. Oh, Fredy, we can't hear you. Nope. Negative. I'm going to go to Commissioner Sadhwani, and we'll come back to you.

COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you. I was just curious about the details of walking over the maps to the Secretary of State's Office. Is anyone going to be at the Secretary of State's Office? And -- and what exactly are we delivering? What is -- what is transmission of -- of the maps actually de -- en -- entail? Is it -- are we handing over a thumb drive? Is it a -- a big paper map? What are -- what are we actually taking over?

VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah. That's a good question. I thought we were just going to deliver it through the cloud, but we haven't gotten there yet. So from my understanding, there will be a physical thumb drive with the iteration -- or the proposed final draft maps that we see on our website now. So that includes the shapefiles, equivalency files, all of that great stuff that we've

already shared with the public.

We do have a form that we all have to sign. Now, we are trying to figure out if because of COVID, what signatures are required, or we can do something like DocuSign or electronic signature. So for now, we have heard from the Secretary of State that we are okay doing an electronic format of that signature just for the purposes of delivery. However, we would need to submit a document with wet signatures, so we're going to figure out and order for our FedEx round-trip for this piece of paper to make it around the state to make sure we get everyone's wet signature on that document.

Is there anything -- in terms of is anyone going to be there, I don't know. We will find out. I -- I think Fredy will have those details. I am not privy to that information as of yet.

MR. CEJA: Yes, thank you, Chair. So the plan is to have the press conference outside, outdoor. If it's raining, we will hold it indoor here at our office. And then the plan is to walk over to the Secretary of State's Office. She will be there in person. So she will do the official stamping of the resolutions; we'll do photo ops. And we will have an opportunity to do one-on-one interviews with whoever shows up. I'll be advising the media later today. And as far as the transmittal of the

maps, I am the person in charge, so was -- was waiting for you to do my evaluation so that I can tell you this, that I am the keeper --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: We were -- we were waiting for you --

MR. CEJA: I am the keeper --

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- to tell us this before we do the --

MR. CEJA: -- of the maps, and I will be transmitting through a portal that the Secretary of State has provided us, and in -- in addition to the actual maps that we deliver in-person.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you.

MR. CEJA: Yep.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I guess my -- my concern would be if we move it indoors, it's pretty small in terms of our office. So I'm just wondering -- and -- and some of us might -- might have opted to have family members join us, too. So can we maybe think of a -- a location that could handle a bigger crowd --

MR. CEJA: Sure.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: -- potentially?

MR. CEJA: Yeah. We will have a Plan C. Yeah.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Any other questions, Commissioner Ahmad, or -- or Yee?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Where -- where is the office? I'm sorry.

VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Oh, go ahead.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Where -- where is the Secretary of State's Office?

MR. CEJA: They are two blocks away from here, so they're fairly close by.

VICE CHAIR AHMAD: And then in terms of future meetings, so we are back to that -- I think I mentioned earlier, we're back to that ten-day hosting period. We're in ten days now because we're no longer taking public input, right. We're taking public comment. So we're in that ten-day window of posting agendas. So as the calendar shows, we are back at it. There is not really a break. So the agenda needs to be posted by this coming Sunday for the January 11th meeting if we are to have one, which we are planning. Commissioner Yee and I are planning to have agendized at least one meeting per week for that period of potential litigations just in case we need them.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Any other questions, if not, we will go to public comment. Okay. Kristian, can we go to -- or Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I have a question re -- regarding public comment versus public input, and I know

we talked about this one day last week, but what is the difference and how is that going to be managed?

MR. PANE: Commissioner Le Mons, I can answer that question. The Commission may recall that in an earlier phase in the process, part of it was to solicit testimony from the public, specifically, when we were dealing with communities-of-interest feedback and gaini -- for the commission to gain that knowledge from the public. There were even periods of time when there were presentations made by members of the public and groups, specifically centered around that piece.

The Commission statute differentiates public input from public comment. So there is a specified -- there's an area of time in the Commission-decision-mapping process where the Commission is seeking public input. That phase ceased months ago. And so where we are now, our business meetings, dealing with public comment, even currently right now, where the public provides feedback regarding maps that have been voted on, even the draft-map period and the final-map period, that is a public-comment period.

And so going forward it will be a public comment that we are reaching out to the public to provide their views, their comments regarding the business of the Commission. So Bagley-Keene would -- would specify that

there is a ten-day notice requirement for the public to provide public comment. And as such, the Commission will need to at least post by that period of time for any future agendaized meeting.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Any other questions? Okay.

Kristian, can you please open it up for public comment? And this is for 6, so it's public comment and comment for items not on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hear ye. Hear ye. Public comment shall begin at 2:15, and that puts the end. We will have a fifteen minute break at 3:30 please, and public comment time will conclude then at 4:30; am I correct in that, Chair.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: 5:30.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, I'm sorry. Three hours, 5:30.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right, and that if -- that's if there's still someone in the queue, right.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Understood.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Right. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 5:30. Very good. All right. The Commission will now take general public comment by phone. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247, and enter meeting ID number 87908151544. Once

you've dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the comment queue. The full call instructions are read at the beginning of the meeting and are provided on the livestream landing page.

And again, for those calling in to give comment, we are in the general public comment period, we are taking comment on any items on or not on the agenda. If you have called in today to give public comment, please press star 9. This will get you in line to give public comment. I will read the last four digits of your phone number. I will read who is up next. You'll be asked to follow the prompts to unmute. You will hear a voice that says, press star 6 to speak. That will unmute you and your time will begin. We will be enforcing a time limit of a minute-and-thirty-seconds today.

First up, we've got Caller 1429. And after that'll be Caller 9874. Caller 1429, please follow those prompts. The floor is yours.

MS. PARK: Hello. My name is Gionne Carolyn Park (ph.). Carson is a frontline-environmental community that has been a dumping ground for years. I, myself, have spoken to many Carson residents who have been smelling a sulfur smell from the environmental pollution in the area. Splitting Carson into two Assembly Districts is not a good idea as you can see from the

large amount of comments that you've received. Please keep Carson whole in AD-65 as it -- excuse me.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sorry for the interruption. Please continue.

MS. PARK: Please keep Carson whole in AD-65 as was discussed in a previous iteration of a map that met all statistical numbers and work in L.A. County. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next, we've got Caller 9874. And after that'll be Caller 7751. Caller 9874, please follow the prompts. Caller with the last four digits 9874, you can now unmute by pressing -- go ahead. The floor's yours.

MR. HICKS: Thank you so much. This is Councilman Cedric Hicks calling you from the City of Carson and was calling in regards to the City of Carson being split into two districts. I am hoping that this Commission will make the right decision in keeping the residents of Carson, the 98,000 residents here in the community whole. And that, with that being said, we will be able to move this city forward, continuing with its model future unlimited. But again, I implore you as commissioners to select a map that allows the City of Carson to be in one district. Do not split the City of Carson into two separate districts. Again, my name is Councilman Cedric Hicks, and thank you for allowing me to speak.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next, we've got Caller 7751. And after that will be Caller 2829. Caller 7751, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

MR. EDWARDS: Hi. My name is Josia Edwards. I'm a resident of Carson and an environmental activist -- activist with the Sunrise Movement. I grew up, I was born and raised in Carson, graduated from Carson three years ago. And seeing the current iteration of where Carson is placed in District 69 instead of District 64, having it been -- 65, of having it been split in half is the wrong decision. While I appreciate the work of the commissioners, there are several environmental priorities that are based in the Cars -- Cit -- entire City of Carson that must be kept whole, so that those priorities can be dealt with on the basis necessary by the Assembly -- by the proper Assembly map. We request that the Assembly -- that the City of Carson be kept whole is a necessary in order to ensure that the interests of the district -- the interests of the city, the interests of the city's residents are well-represented in the State Assembly. Doing anything other than maintaining the continuity of the district --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

MR. EDWARDS: -- would disrupt the way that the



residents make their voices heard in the democratic process. As constituted in the current map, you have a forty per -- you have increased the white representation in the district, while diluting the representation of Bla --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

MR. EDWARDS: -- BIPOC residents. So again, we ask that you maintain the continuity of the City of Carson by placing Carson completely in district 60- -- 65.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next, we've got Caller 2829. And after that, it'll be Caller 3886. Caller 2829, fees -- please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 2829: Good afternoon, Commissioners. I just have some basic questions regarding all the public comment that has been taken or will be taken since the final vote on the maps yesterday. Will it be posted on the database tab? How long will it take to be posted? And is anyone going to be reviewing these comments received between now and before December 26th? Those are my questions. Thank you.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I'll just respond quickly. Yes, all of those comments will be posted on our database and the commissioners will be reviewing all of the feedback. Thank you.

Kristian, next one.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Next up, we've got Caller 3886. And after that will be Caller 1029. Caller 3886, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

MS. HATCHER: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Vivian Hatcher. I'm a forty-one year resident of Carson. I hope this city -- I -- I hope this city will be kept whole, that Carson will not be divided. I'm calling because I firmly believe that not that many individuals living within Carson would agree to split Carson into parts. Our community focus is on embracing our diversity and always striving for more unity. Carson was voted the best all-American city by an organization in recent years. We received this recognition because of many factors, including the fact that we have livable -- livable conditions and we have positive interactions between residents, officials, and the business community. We are in a prime position to make progress in our city regarding our environment. As one of the former -- previous speakers said, to live out or --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

MS. HATCHER: -- improve our attraction, for clean jobs and amenities here in the city. As a whole, we want to work on this. We want to promote high quality,

affordable housing, which we're getting more of. We want to train our youth and young --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

MS. HATCHER: -- and young adults. And we want to build on the ciss -- success that we've had in mitigating crime and eliminating gang activities. At one time, we could not frequent our beautiful parks because of gang activities. Now, those --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next, we've got Caller 0129, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

MR. BARR: Mike LeBarre, mayor of King City. As I stated last night, it was very disappointing to see the results of what happened to Monterey County and San Benito County. As the Commission's worked on maybe some possible legislative changes or fixes, the one thing I highly would request is that every commissioner be part of a district, because if every commissioner had to represent a pers -- a certain area of California, Monterey County and San Benito County would not have been put in a position they have been. You've split this county. And I really implore you, Commissioners, you have the opportunity still to make this right. Your deadline is the deadline you choose.

We -- there was more time spent in the last few days



when the commissioners sang before the vote than on Monterey and San Benito County and our concerns about splitting us up. It has been frustrating to watch a flippant attitude from commissioners who laugh. And I've also been very concerned that the -- whi -- there is a mask -- indoor-mask mandate in place right now. You, Commissioners --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

MR. BARR: -- are not even following that rule. And that leaves me highly concerned that what really is important?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

MR. BARR: Californians have to follow the maps that you put in place. And yet, you won't even follow the same rules that all Californians are told to follow. You should immediately put your --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next, we've got Caller 5949. And after that'll be Caller 9158. Caller 5949, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 5949: Hi. Yes, I'm an educator and a long-time resident of Carson for about the past decade. And I would like Carson to be united in AD-65. As you heard from so many comments, it's what the residents want from our diverse Filipino, Black, Latino communities. I

implore you to find any comments that say that we want our city split, so please, please hear us loud and clear. Thank you.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next, we've got Caller 9158. And after that'll be Caller 9938. Caller 9158, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

MS. DAVIS-HOLMES: Well, good afternoon, Commissioners. Again, this is the mayor from the great City of Carson. And I want to first thank you for all your hard work that you put into this. And I want to say I'm proud of my residents for calling in. As I stated the last time I called in we are one city, one family, and you would not divide a family. We all have common goals, there are various environmental issues that affect the entire City of Carson. By dividing us into two assembly districts, that will breakdown some of that hard work that we have put toge -- put in as not only as your elected officials, but also as concerned citizens in the great City of Carson.

So I'm requesting you to keep Carson whole. We are one city, one family united with a common goal, the most diverse city in the United States. And with that diversity comes strength. We are stronger together. Please do not break our strength and keep the City of

Carson whole --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

FEMALE SPEAKER: -- the great City of Carson. Thank you so much for your time and all your hard work.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next, we have Caller 9938, and after that'll be Caller 1535. And for those who are just calling in to give public comment, please press star 9; this will raise your hand. Caller 9938, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

MS. CELL: Hi. I -- my name is Linda Sell. And I wanted to comment that I really appreciated how previously maps were posted related to meetings and the maps were posted on the website. And I hope in the future that kind of transparency is done to make it very accessible, and videos of the meetings are posted to make the -- very accessible for people to understand what's going on. And I really like the feedback form that you had and the ability to make public comments so easily on the phone. So I can't think of a way of improving the process more, but I do think the process that you were -- are using is very good and it makes it so you know, tens of thousands of Californians can give you great advice and their --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

MS. CELL: -- thoughts about their community. So



thank you very much. Thank you for your service to California. Very impressed with the -- the way you operate and the consensus you've built and --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

MS. CELL: -- the email that you had yesterday. Very impressed. Thank you so much. Bye.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up next, we've got Caller 1535. And after that, it'll be Caller 3167. Caller 1535, please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

MR. MALDONADO: Hi. Can you hear me?

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Go ahead.

MR. MALDONADO: Commissioners, I'm at the airport right now about to leave. My name is Tony Maldonado; I'll be short. There are -- I appreciate all your efforts, by the way. I don't want people to think that I have any (indiscernible) towards you any which way. I do respect your work and everything. However, I do question the methodology that you used when it came down to the Assembly maps.

I question that because immediately after the decisions were made with your maps, several candidates from the other side in San Fernando Valley ended up celebrating the issue and immediately that started the same groups that were actually advocating for the changes

for our Assembly maps, they immediately said they won. So my question to you is, again, think carefully about these changes you're making. I respect the fact that each one -- everyone wants to be independent, but there will be consequences to this that would last a lifetime for many people. This is politics, of course. And as -- as far as I'm concerned, we'll be friends no --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

MR. MALDONADO: -- matter what, and I'll respect you no matter what, but please consider everything. Again, regarding Santa Clarita and AD-40, I would think that you would probably reconsider, even though it's too late, but maybe at least give some explanation. I wish you --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

MR. MALDONADO: -- well. Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Up next, we've got Caller 3167, if you could please follow the prompts. The floor is yours.

CALLER 3167: Thank you. How's it going, Commissioners? Thank you for creating draft final maps. I want to start off by just reiterating the California Constitution, which states districts must minimize the division of cities to the extent possible. Based on the discussion from December 19th regarding keeping Carson,

California in one Assembly district or splitting into two Assembly districts. Apparently, the Commission was able to keep Carson whole in AD-65 and still meet all requires statistical numbers. And the Commission also stated North Long Beach had no strong opinion, whether to be whole or not. So why not keep North Long Beach in AD-69, so it's whole with Long Beach? Why split up Long Beach? Why split up Carson? Especially if the state constitution has determined it's best to minimize the division of cities. It seems like it's working --

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

MALE SPEAKER: -- against the Constitution to do something like that. So in conclusion, keep Carson whole just like the Senate and Congressional districts. Thanks. Appreciate it.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And at this time, Chair, there are no more callers in the queue who have not spoken, would you like me to read the instructions again?

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Yes, Kristian. We still have time, so if you can please read the instructions to allow others to call in if they'd like.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You got it. The Commission will now take public comment on general public comment for items not on the agenda or items on the

agenda. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247, and enter meeting ID number 87908151544. Once you've dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the comment queue. The full call and instructions are read at the beginning of the meeting and are provided on the livestream landing page. And we will stand at ease and let the livestream catch up.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Kristian. And just as a reminder to the commissioners, we have homework tomorrow, so please review the draft final report and -- and forward any edits or comments that you have to Chief Counsel Pane and also for any of -- anyone who is traveling during this holiday season, I wish you safe travels. And a reminder that we will have a meeting on December 26th at 11 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much for those reminders, Chair. And at this time, there are no further callers in the queue.

CHAIR FERNANDEZ: As there are no -- no further callers, we will adjourn this meeting and thank you once again to all the commissioners on this job well done. Thank you all. We adjourn at 2:35 p.m.

(Whereupon, the CRC Final Report Meeting
meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.)

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