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9:30 a.m.

CHAIR YEE: Good morning, California, and welcome to a business meeting of the California Citizen's Redistricting Commission. Happy Lunar New Year, (indiscernible), and blessings on you all. We will start off by taking roll.

MR. SINGH: Thank you, Chair Yee.

Commissioner Ahmad.

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa.

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez. Commissioner Fernandez.

COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Presente.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari.

Commissioner Kennedy. Commissioner Kennedy. Commissioner Kennedy.

COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani.

Commissioner Sinay.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

2 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor.

3 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I am present, yay.

4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo.

5 Commissioner Turner. Commissioner Turner.

6 Commissioner Vazquez.

7 And Commissioner Yee.

8 CHAIR YEE: Here.

9 MR. SINGH: You have a quorum, Chair.

10 CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Ravi. Today's agenda is  
11 posted, along with the run-of-show and various meeting  
12 handouts. Today, our Chief Counsel is away -- Anthony  
13 Pane, and Chris Stevens will be covering for him.

14 Let's start off with any news or announcements  
15 anyone has? If none, we'll go right into our Director's  
16 Reports. And we'll start with our Executive Director,  
17 Alvaro.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Just once again,  
19 I wanted to let everyone know that we have off-boarded  
20 some of our outreach staff and communication staff, so we  
21 are back to more of a skeletal crew of very limited  
22 staff. We are still working on some of the data  
23 management pieces and tagging. We have some of the staff  
24 who are still here. The data management team is  
25 continuing on to tag. We're down to, I think it's less

1 than 15,000 records that still need tagging, and we're  
2 working through that.

3 Beyond that, I will defer to the subcommittees to  
4 provide additional information as to our planning for  
5 offboarding, future offboarding as well as planning for  
6 the Commission activities for the remainder of this year  
7 and the upcoming years as well. That concludes my  
8 report. Are there any questions?

9 CHAIR YEE: So for the budget requests and such,  
10 that will be coming up with the subcommittee reports?

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: We're working on the budget request  
12 information -- the BCP, as we call it -- budget change  
13 proposal. Working with the subcommittee, finalizing the  
14 details, some of which will -- as a result of today's  
15 conversation, may impact the language and also the  
16 amounts that we're going to be requesting moving forward.  
17 But we are working on that piece of it as well.

18 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Any questions, discussion?

19 If not, we'll move. So our communication director  
20 will be reporting in the afternoon. Meanwhile, let's go  
21 to our outreach director, Marcy.

22 MS. KAPLAN: Hi. Good morning, Commissioners. As  
23 Alvaro mentioned, the outreach staff have rolled off as  
24 of January 31st. We had a nice farewell Zoom with the  
25 Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee where everyone had

1 some time to share their memorable moments with the  
2 Commission, so that was -- that was really nice, and just  
3 nice to acknowledge all of the tremendous work that they  
4 did over the course of this year.

5 I also wanted to update -- per direction from the  
6 Commission, we sent out a survey last week to our email  
7 list, and also promoted it on social media. And the  
8 survey was an opportunity for the public to provide  
9 feedback on what worked well and didn't work well with  
10 the Commission's effort and recommendations for going  
11 forward, as well as sharing how they may have  
12 participated in the process. That survey closed on  
13 February 2nd at 5 p.m., and we received 362 responses in  
14 total. And of those, fifty-seven were affiliated with an  
15 organization. 282 were individuals. And twenty-three  
16 didn't answer that question. And at our next meeting,  
17 I'll be providing a high-level overview of the feedback  
18 that was received from the survey.

19 And just highlighting what Alvaro noted, I've also  
20 been working with him and the Long-Range Planning  
21 Subcommittee on planning efforts, and we'll defer for the  
22 subcommittee for that report, as well. And that's my  
23 report.

24 CHAIR YEE: Thank you. Any questions or discussion?  
25 Commissioner Sinay, I think I missed your hand earlier.

1           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks. I just wanted -- I was  
2 just going to follow up kind of on what Marcy was saying  
3 about the -- we did meet with the staff that transitioned  
4 out, and their stories were great and we really worked --  
5 Commissioner Fornaciari and I kind of gave them a little  
6 coaching on how to talk about what they did and how  
7 extraordinary it was the work that they had done and make  
8 sure that they felt good about telling the story. But if  
9 they do reach out or if you have opportunities for them,  
10 please don't hesitate to connect with them. Each time I  
11 meet with our staff, it's amazing all the -- who they  
12 are, what they've done, and it's just an amazing --  
13 they're very inspirational and strongly recommend  
14 connecting with them, and I look forward to seeing where  
15 they end up in their journey of doing good for  
16 California. Thank you.

17           CHAIR YEE: Thank you. Any other questions or  
18 discussion about Out-Reach? If not, we can move on.  
19 Chris, I don't know if you have any -- Chris Stevens, I  
20 don't know if you have anything to report on behalf of  
21 our chief counsel?

22           MR. STEVENS: Yeah. We don't, Chair Yee, but I  
23 appreciate the opportunity, and it's a pleasure to be  
24 sitting with the Commission today. So let me know if you  
25 have any questions. Thank you.



1 CHAIR YEE: All good. And of course, we continue to  
2 wait for the February 10th deadline for any legal  
3 challenges to our maps.

4 MR. STEVENS: That's right.

5 CHAIR YEE: So far, there are none.

6 MR. STEVENS: That's right.

7 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Let's see. Oh, actually, I do  
8 have a question, then, for you, Chris. So we're  
9 postponing our Communications Director's Report until  
10 later today, and so Agenda Item 2, then, will not be  
11 complete. And I guess we don't take comment until then?

12 MR. STEVENS: That's fine, yeah.

13 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Very good. Okay. Let's move on,  
14 then, to our Committee and Subcommittee Reports. And  
15 today, we will start with -- actually, okay. We were  
16 going to start with Lessons Learned, but Commissioner  
17 Kennedy's on the road, and so we're going to try to  
18 postpone that a bit until he's more available. Perhaps  
19 we can go, then, to Outreach and Engagement on that  
20 subject and hear from the subcommittee. Anything  
21 further? Nothing? Nothing to report?

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No. I think what -- well, let  
23 me ask you, Chair. Do you want to talk about the  
24 meetings we've had here or in the Lessons Learned  
25 Subcommittee?

1 CHAIR YEE: Ah. I think here would be fine. Yeah.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. We had reported -- Chair  
3 Yee and I had reported at our last meeting that we  
4 reached out to Common Cause nationally -- well, we had  
5 reached out locally to Common Cause and Legal One voters  
6 and were connected to the national efforts. And our  
7 purpose of reaching out was just to see how could we as a  
8 Commission, and individual Commissioners, support efforts  
9 to create a -- to support kind of the redistricting  
10 movement, realizing that that's not part of that  
11 Commission's direct mandate and that that would be done  
12 on our own time and such.

13 And we have a meeting -- since the last meeting,  
14 we've had a meeting and it was a pretty -- it was a very  
15 fruitful meeting. They were very excited about what we  
16 had accomplished. I think it is fair to say that Kathay  
17 from National Common Cause, who was one of the original  
18 writers of the 2008 mandate. Anyway, she was giddy -- I  
19 would use the word giddy -- and the Chair can correct me.  
20 But we were all kind of giddy about what we had  
21 accomplished, and we were very -- they were clear --  
22 yeah, we were looking at long-term what can we do and how  
23 can we bring together different commissions throughout  
24 the country to have conversations on Lessons Learned.

25 But for right now, the one thing that they had asked

1 was for us to kind of have an op-ed in the hopper or  
2 several op-eds in the hopper that we can submit to local  
3 state redistricting efforts as they're happening. With  
4 the first being Ohio, because the State of Ohio, their  
5 Supreme Court did mention the California redistricting  
6 efforts. And so we will be working with different  
7 Commissioners who have connections in those areas. For  
8 instance, North Carolina -- Commissioner Kennedy grew up  
9 there -- and so they have asked that it be two or three  
10 Commissioners that submit so that it shows the diversity  
11 of the Commission, both political and otherwise. And so  
12 that will be kind of the first effort that we will be  
13 taking. So if you have any connections to the states  
14 that are kind of on the hopper right now are New York,  
15 North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Ohio. So if  
16 you have connections to any of those states, like you  
17 grew up there, you went to college there -- any of those  
18 things -- please, let Martin (ph.) know from our team,  
19 and he will be coordinating those efforts.

20       Again, it's New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania,  
21 Virginia, and Ohio. And there'll be other opportunities.  
22 And the idea is really to get them into kind of local  
23 papers. Sometimes they'll be op-eds, sometimes they may  
24 just be a letter to the editor. So that's one way we've  
25 been told that we can support those efforts. We're



1 continuing to have conversations. I think the other  
2 piece of the conversation falls under kind of Lessons  
3 Learned and maybe the Outreach Committee, too. The  
4 Outreach Engagement Committee is part of our Lessons  
5 Learned. We did the survey. Thank you, again, Director  
6 Kaplan and Commissioner Ceja, for really helping us get  
7 that out, and collecting it and all that. We're really  
8 excited by how many people did participate. So that was  
9 really great news.

10 But we were thinking about doing focus groups with  
11 the nonprofits. We've talked about that several times,  
12 about really learning from the advocacy groups -- how  
13 many people did you reach? And all those things. They  
14 have received money, League of Women Voters and Common  
15 Cause in California have received money to do an analysis  
16 like they did last time. We don't know the details. We  
17 will be meeting with them this week to talk a little bit  
18 about the details.

19 But it kind of became evident that we may be  
20 duplicating efforts by asking them what we could've done  
21 better. They will be telling us but we may want, as part  
22 of our Lessons Learned, how can we as -- how can  
23 independent redistricting commissions -- how can advocacy  
24 groups and CBOs help our efforts in the future. Looking  
25 at Lessons Learned in a different lens than we were

1 looking at before. So we're on -- so we haven't decided  
2 if we will be doing focus groups, or if it makes sense,  
3 we don't want to be duplicating efforts. We know that it  
4 would be different questions. And we'll come back and  
5 tell you all what we learn from that.

6 CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. Any  
7 discussion on Outreach and Engagement? And I think our  
8 next meeting with Common Cause and League of Women Voters  
9 will be later this week.

10 Commissioner Andersen?

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, one  
12 connection we have with Ohio is Haystaq was called and  
13 was a consultant with -- who they were not able to use,  
14 because the maps weren't actually drawn, but they are  
15 very involved in the redistricting process that actually  
16 got kind of -- well, I'll just say, in the redistricting  
17 process. So that's certainly another source of very up-  
18 to-date current information for Ohio.

19 CHAIR YEE: Thank you. Anything else? If not,  
20 let's go ahead and move on to Long-Term Planning. Long-  
21 Term Planning Subcommittee, and I believe you have some  
22 handouts for us, too.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes. Two handouts were  
24 posted. We met and posted additional information through  
25 the -- let's see. Got my handouts all mixed up. So the

1 first handout -- that's just the activities that we  
2 talked about last time, and that has sixteen different  
3 items -- activities -- on there, and what Commissioner  
4 Akutagawa and I, with the assistance of Executive  
5 Director Hernandez and Outreach Director Kaplan -- we  
6 attempted to attach estimated costing information for  
7 that so that we can use that information when we go  
8 forward to the Department of Finance with a budget change  
9 proposal. If there aren't any questions with that -- we  
10 went over it last time, so I don't really think there's a  
11 need to go through it again unless there's questions from  
12 any of the Commissioners. We will be updating the  
13 information a little bit for the out-years for the census  
14 work. We might be adding a little bit more resources to  
15 that effort. But are there any questions before we move  
16 on to the second document that is the task activities  
17 noted that require further discussion to determine  
18 whether or not, one they are within the Commission's  
19 scope, and then, two, whether we will estimate some  
20 costing information for that.

21 And Commissioner Akutagawa, I don't know if you had  
22 anything else to add to that first handout?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you very much.  
24 No. On that one not necessarily. The only question I  
25 think I would have is -- and I didn't -- wasn't able to

1 press my hand up fast enough -- but Commissioner Sinay,  
2 you mentioned possibly doing the focus groups. I don't  
3 believe -- and correct me if I'm wrong, Commissioner  
4 Fernandez -- I don't believe we accounted for that,  
5 because we weren't quite sure what that all meant. So I  
6 don't believe we accounted for that, and that may  
7 actually be grouped under the items to be discussed areas  
8 and therefore budgets still need to be estimated.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Okay. Yeah. That's a  
10 great point. And I think maybe, Chair Yee, maybe that's  
11 something -- that's a conversation maybe as a Commission  
12 we should have, because we do have subcommittees, and we  
13 want to make sure we're not venturing out into some area  
14 that maybe isn't within our scope on our own where --  
15 okay, we're going to do this, and we're going to do that.  
16 But is it appropriate or not? And I know that  
17 Commissioner Kennedy floated an idea to me for the  
18 materials in terms of updating the redistricting  
19 information on Wikipedia to make it more accurate. But  
20 maybe it's something that we need to bring forward, to  
21 say, hey, is this something that we want to do under the  
22 Commission's work, or is it something that we would do on  
23 our own? So we probably need to discuss how we're going  
24 to handle things like that. So I'll just -- I'll add  
25 that to the Activities Needing to Discuss. But moving

1 forward, I mean, maybe we have to talk about how we're  
2 going -- so that we don't go too rogue off into the  
3 sunset -- the redistricting --

4 CHAIR YEE: Sure.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: -- sunset somehow.

6 CHAIR YEE: Sure.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yeah.

8 CHAIR YEE: And perhaps you could say a little bit  
9 more about -- so we're looking at this two-page document  
10 with the estimated budget impacts are three page --

11 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Right.

12 CHAIR YEE: And just say more about the process and  
13 where we're at with this and what you --

14 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Okay. And so the  
15 process --

16 CHAIR YEE: -- what you expect.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Okay. So what we're  
18 expecting out of today is we do have to submit a budget  
19 change proposal to the Department of Finance, I believe  
20 by tomorrow. So by this week we need to finalize  
21 something and forward it. So what we've done is we've  
22 noted the activities. The first document has the  
23 activities that we've all discussed or we know that  
24 there's going to be additional expenses as we move  
25 forward during our next eight years kind of continuing to



1 be Commissioners and a Commission. And we have split out  
2 the estimated costs by fiscal year. And so what we'll do  
3 with the current year cost, which is the 2021/22 cost, we  
4 will add those projected costs to whatever our budget  
5 also has for this fiscal year to ensure that we are -- we  
6 will have sufficient funds for this year. And if we do  
7 have sufficient funds for this year, our ask will not be  
8 for this year, but it'll be for the out-going years.

9       So for the out-going years, starting in July 1st,  
10 2022, if you go to the bottom of each year you will see  
11 what the estimated cost is at this point by fiscal year.  
12 And so what we will do is take that information to draft  
13 and submit a budget change proposal requesting those  
14 funds. And just so everyone's aware in terms of the  
15 budget cycle, we will note the funding for each year, but  
16 really we're asking for the next fiscal year, because the  
17 budget cycle doesn't go out for ten years, right? It  
18 goes year-by-year. So that's what we're doing. And then  
19 we, as a Commission, can update that as the deadlines  
20 come up for the following fiscal year, we can update our  
21 ask for the following year, and just continue to do that  
22 until 2030.

23       And we did go over these items that are noted at the  
24 last meeting, and we did receive feedback from  
25 Commissioners. And unless there's any changes or any

1 questions, we could probably move on to the other  
2 document that would lead to further discussion. Or do  
3 you want more information or something else for us to  
4 share with that, Chair Yee?

5 CHAIR YEE: No. That's super helpful. So really,  
6 we're looking mostly right now at the 2021/22 estimated  
7 costs. Or the budget letter covers that or it covers  
8 2022/23?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: The budget letter would  
10 cover the 22/23, but we also need -- so we're looking at  
11 both years.

12 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: We really want to focus on  
14 this year and next year, because for this year ensuring  
15 that we do have enough funds for the activities that we  
16 project, and then for next fiscal year, that will be our  
17 ask. Because next fiscal year, you assume there's  
18 nothing, and so you want to start from there and ensure  
19 that you have sufficient funds for the activities.

20 CHAIR YEE: Right.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was just going to mention  
23 to you that we're costing out or at least estimating  
24 costs for the out-years from 2023 and beyond because we  
25 were advised that we would -- we should give the

1 Legislature an estimate for the entire time frame so that  
2 they have, I guess, a broad idea what we're going to be  
3 looking to do and to ask for instead of just doing year  
4 by year. That's why you're also seeing some of the out-  
5 year costs included as well, too.

6 CHAIR YEE: Okay. And at any point, will we  
7 actually need to vote on these amounts or -- no?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: I don't know if we need to  
9 vote on the amounts or just vote on the activities.

10 CHAIR YEE: The activities, okay.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: And if there's -- in terms  
12 of the amount, I mean, we showed on there like how -- if  
13 it was dollar amounts for contracts or for staffing or if  
14 our estimates in terms of Commissioner time and days --  
15 and we don't know how many subcommittees there's going to  
16 be going out because I would think that Chair Yee will  
17 probably -- we will probably sunset some of the  
18 existing -- some of the existing subcommittees, and from  
19 Lessons Learned, we might actually gain a few. So we're  
20 just kind of guessing at this point how many we're going  
21 to have. And that's why -- that's why it's kind of  
22 crucial to get this year-next-year correct because the  
23 years after that, we can always -- we can update that  
24 information. And we will update that information. Every  
25 year, if we are projecting to have activities, we will be

1 submitting a budget change proposal.

2 CHAIR YEE: And even midyear it's possible to get  
3 budget changes if something extraordinary comes up.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes. Yeah.

5 CHAIR YEE: Yeah.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: We can do a finance  
7 letter -- I believe that's what it's called.

8 CHAIR YEE: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: We could.

10 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Commissioner Toledo?

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yeah. I mean, in looking at  
12 this, it looks really detailed, and a lot of thought went  
13 into this, and I really appreciate the work of the  
14 Commission -- or the committee, rather, subcommittee.  
15 I'm just wondering, in terms of days -- I'm just  
16 wondering if we should build in some contingency in terms  
17 of the budget just given that everything takes longer  
18 than we anticipate sometimes and perhaps -- and the  
19 committee may have already thought about that, so I'm  
20 just bringing it up in terms of perhaps a contingency or  
21 some kind of -- or if that's not how it works, because  
22 I'm not as familiar with the State budget process. So  
23 I'm just curious as to that process. Thank you so much  
24 for your work. It's looking very, very comprehensive and  
25 very good. Thank you.

1           COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: And I think -- and thank  
2 you, Commissioner Toledo, for that. That's the unknown  
3 right now, because we don't know how many subcommittees  
4 we're going to have. And we don't know -- and you're  
5 absolutely right, everything seems to take longer than  
6 what we think we're going to do. So that's the  
7 challenging part at this point, is to -- last time we  
8 talked about -- well, if there isn't litigation, then  
9 meeting twice a year. So we put that in, meeting twice a  
10 year. But also knowing that there's still going to be  
11 some subcommittee works, because we're going to project  
12 potential legislation or whatever. Or even like with the  
13 federally incarcerated populations. There's other  
14 activities that we'll be working on.

15           And you're absolutely right; I did receive some  
16 information from Commissioner Kennedy in terms of what he  
17 estimated for the federally incarcerated population in  
18 terms of that activity. And then for -- then we just  
19 kind of put a generic -- I think it was -- was it ten  
20 days per subcommittee? Something like that. But yeah, I  
21 mean, if you -- if the Commission or Commissioners feel  
22 that we need to maybe bump that up, then that's, of  
23 course, something that we can do. I wouldn't note it as  
24 contingency. I would just note it as that's the workload  
25 or the cost that we estimate. But yeah, I mean, if

1 anyone has any comments, please? Or ideas of how to  
2 increase it?

3 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Kennedy, on the road.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Yes. I  
5 just wanted to endorse Commissioner Toledo's suggestion  
6 that we include a contingency line, because I agree. We  
7 never know, and I think it's just prudent to include that  
8 in the budget going forward. Thank you.

9 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Commissioner Sinay?

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. I thought at one  
11 point we had talked about twice a month. And I heard  
12 twice a year. And then I had also heard once a quarter  
13 that we would meet throughout the eight -- when I heard  
14 twice a month I was kind of -- I think twice a month  
15 between now and June just to wrap things up. But I don't  
16 know if twice a year is enough. I really thought we had  
17 talked about quarterly like, I believe, the other  
18 Commission did. But I also don't know what would come up  
19 except for short -- so I'll just leave it at that, that I  
20 think the subcommittee has really thought this through.  
21 So thank you.

22 As a consultant, one of the things I have learned is  
23 exactly what Commissioner Toledo was saying that  
24 everything takes longer than you expect. So I usually  
25 multiply everything by 1.5 -- however many hours I

1 actually came up with and multiply by 1.5 and if its --  
2 if I don't use up all the hours, I don't charge all the  
3 hours, but at least it gets more realistic. So we may  
4 want to think through something similar to that. And if  
5 we don't use the budget, it's always a good thing.

6 But the other piece that I wanted to mention was  
7 that there are activities that we have said that we would  
8 be doing outside of what we thought was the purview of  
9 the Commission and that we might not be charging. So  
10 just all those things are to take into consideration.  
11 But I do agree that having just a budget that's as  
12 realistic as possible, because we don't -- there are  
13 things that we plan, but there are others that we may be  
14 asked to participate. So anyway, thank you.

15 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Andersen.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you, Chair. I  
17 completely agree with Commissioner Toledo and he's saying  
18 that things do take a little bit longer. But I also  
19 undress that from a budget perspective saying contingency  
20 is a very difficult thing to do. And so what I'm looking  
21 at a few items here that I think -- I'm just saying,  
22 that's going to take longer -- and I think that might  
23 help the subcommittee more than just saying, let's put  
24 another line in. And a few of those items -- excuse  
25 me -- that I was going to bring up are -- a lot of our --

1 oh, included in Lessons Learned -- if some of these items  
2 are included in Lessons Learned, then I would definitely,  
3 I like that 1.5 multiplier that Commissioner Sinay said,  
4 because I know that we're talking about the contracts,  
5 because I think that's Item 13. Those, which I'm hoping  
6 to work on, I know will take a little bit longer, and  
7 also I totally understand the items that also -- dealing  
8 with a 2030 as far as I see, you're putting them down  
9 towards the end of our eight-year term, which I think is  
10 totally appropriate. But I think those also need to be a  
11 little heavier, because those items do involve quite a  
12 bit of -- well, quite a bit of work, I'll just put it  
13 that way.

14 So I'm going to have a closer look and give a few  
15 items, but I think the quickest way to do that to  
16 increase -- to cover ourselves for the budget, would be  
17 that 1.5 for the Lessons Learned group. And a couple  
18 other items, like the one I mentioned, Item 13, should  
19 indeed -- if we want to put it in Lessons Learned, that's  
20 okay, but that is definitely an item that's going to take  
21 more. So if anyone else has ideas that they think would  
22 really affect the budget or the numbers are a bit light,  
23 please say so, so we can help the subcommittee. And by  
24 the way, this is very detailed and very well done, so  
25 thank you very much to the subcommittee.



1 CHAIR YEE: Thank you. Commissioner Akutagawa?

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you. And  
3 thank you, everyone for your comments. I do want to just  
4 maybe make a few comments. One, we based a lot of this  
5 on what we heard from the last meeting and for those who  
6 were present at the last meeting. We did also ask for  
7 some additional feedback from everybody. And we did try  
8 to anticipate that there would be additional time that  
9 would be needed. I think like Commissioner Fernandez  
10 says, I think if there's a feeling that we are going to  
11 need more, that's totally fine. I think we just need to  
12 be in agreement about it. I think the last -- based on  
13 the last group who was available at the last meeting, the  
14 feeling was that we're looking at probably closer to two  
15 meetings a year in the off years versus like four.

16 The other thing, too, that I think we took into  
17 consideration as much as we could, is also trying to  
18 estimate -- I'll just be frank, I mean, what's a  
19 realistic budget, given that, really, the main focus of  
20 our work is completed. And so while we wanted to be as  
21 realistic as possible and include in what we think we  
22 would need, we also wanted to just be mindful of perhaps  
23 overdoing it and then get our entire budget rejected.  
24 And so that's kind of the fine line that we're just  
25 trying to also walk. But if anybody has other

1 experiences and feels that we have more wiggle more, then  
2 that would be great, because we do want to make sure that  
3 we'll be able to continue doing the kind of work that  
4 we're tasked to do even in these off years. So any  
5 feedback that you could give sooner rather than later  
6 would also be helpful, because we will be needing to  
7 submit this budget very soon. So thank you.

8 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Thank you. If there are no other  
9 comments, perhaps we can take a look at the other  
10 handout, then.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Okay.

12 CHAIR YEE: One page.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And I did want to  
14 just piggyback on what Commissioner Akutagawa said. Last  
15 time we did talk about the meeting cadence. So for this  
16 fiscal year, it is twice a month. That's what we are  
17 estimating in terms of full Commission meetings, and then  
18 for the years out was twice a year. And I believe it was  
19 Commissioner Kennedy that actually went to the 2010 to  
20 see how often they met, and it turned out to be about  
21 twice a year. And there was one or two years where they  
22 met more often, but I believe that's when they had that  
23 contract that they had external work that they were  
24 working on.

25 And yes, in terms of contingency, I will not

1 recommend that we have a contingency line, because that  
2 would be the first line that they would say no to.  
3 Basically, if you do have feedback, if you can get that  
4 back to Anthony by the end of the day after our  
5 meeting -- if you still want to go back and look at it  
6 and provide feedback, because we really do need to try to  
7 finalize. Again, this is going to be like the bare bones  
8 asking pretty much for permission to continue on with  
9 some of our efforts. And if you can get that to Anthony  
10 by the end of the day, and we can try to finalize that  
11 information by tomorrow so we can include it in our  
12 request moving forward.

13         And then I do notice that Commissioner Kennedy's  
14 hand is up.

15         CHAIR YEE: Yes, Commissioner Kennedy.

16         COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. On the out  
17 years I think maybe we should think in terms of dividing  
18 that into a couple different periods, because as we  
19 approach (audio interference) over to the 2030  
20 Commission, and particularly the opportunity to engage  
21 with the census effort on the Out-Reach and perhaps  
22 working with the auditor's office on the recruitment  
23 effort. It seems to me that we would probably be better  
24 off looking at or budgeting for quarterly meetings  
25 starting in at least July of 2028. So just wanted to put

1 that out there for comment. Thank you.

2 CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes. Thank you for that.

4 I was trying to catch up to you, Commissioner Kennedy.

5 We did actually increase it quite a bit in the 29/30

6 fiscal year, so we will -- in terms of meeting cadence --

7 and so we'll go ahead and add some more time for the

8 prior year. So thank you for that information.

9 So with that, if everyone's okay, we will move on to  
10 the next document. Okay. So the next document -- so

11 what we did is we updated it a little bit from last time,

12 and we actually moved a few of the items that we had on

13 this list into the first list that were activities that

14 we were going to move forward with.

15 So Alvaro or Marcy, are any of them here? If they  
16 can --

17 MS. KAPLAN: Do you want me to share the document?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes, that would be great.

19 Thank you.

20 MS. KAPLAN: Okay. Hold on.

21 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Kennedy, did you still have  
22 a comment?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: He's driving. We don't  
24 want him to push --

25 CHAIR YEE: He's a actually a passenger. He's

1 actually passenger, so.

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: So sorry.

3 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sorry about that.

5 CHAIR YEE: And then Commissioner Turner.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. I put my hand just to be  
7 in the queue. I'll wait until this is presented, and  
8 then I do have a comment, yes.

9 CHAIR YEE: Okay.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Okay. Is that big enough  
11 for everybody?

12 CHAIR YEE: Looks good.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Okay. Well, and  
14 everybody -- I mean, it's been (indiscernible) as well.

15 MS. KAPLAN: I tried to open it separately, but it  
16 wasn't working.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Okay. And so the first  
18 one -- that was the conversation that we started to have  
19 last time in terms of the continued advocacy for  
20 independent redistricting. We kind of reworded it to  
21 note promoting independent redistricting commissions  
22 nationally. So there was conversation on us requesting  
23 participation versus being requested to provide. So I  
24 mean, I think there is a differentiation between the two.  
25 And so at this point, my personal opinion was that, in

1 terms of nationally, I believe it's outside the scope.  
2 Of course, that's just my own opinion, and that's why  
3 there was the discussion. I don't believe that it's  
4 appropriate to use California State funds for national  
5 efforts of redistricting. Statewide and locally, that is  
6 something that I can definitely -- I feel is more within  
7 our scope. So with that -- Commissioner Akutagawa, did  
8 you want to say something before you step away?

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thanks. And I apologize.  
10 I just got pinged on a -- I have to jump onto this other  
11 call real quick. I think what we wanted to do is -- we  
12 had a long list that we wanted to focus on the things  
13 that we feel we can -- one, we can realistically do. I  
14 mean, I think we're a pretty ambitious group and we want  
15 to do a lot of things, but I think we wanted to just  
16 really focus on the things we thought were doable within  
17 the time that we have. And also really, most and  
18 specifically aligned with what we are tasked to do. And  
19 so I think that the three that we've narrowed down that  
20 we think -- in addition to the other things that we've  
21 already have declared that we want to focus on -- are the  
22 things that we thought most closely reflected, but what  
23 might be possible within the scope of our work, so.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Okay. I think we lost her.  
25 I think so.

1 CHAIR YEE: Okay. But love feedback, probably --

2 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yeah.

3 CHAIR YEE: -- was the thought.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sorry about that. Yeah, my  
6 wi-fi's very bad here. Thank you.

7 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Commissioner Turner, are you  
8 still thinking?

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Well, it's not so much that I  
10 was still thinking, I was trying to wait and ensure that  
11 I lifted my hand at the appropriate time for the  
12 conversation. But let me just -- it's not suspenseful or  
13 anything, it's just a matter of looking at the tasks and  
14 activity noted that we agreed upon and then looking at  
15 the particular one as it relates to legislative issues.  
16 I wanted when we got down there to have more conversation  
17 in regards to the -- let's see, what are the areas? The  
18 incarcerated individuals. There where it says, more  
19 discussion is needed. It's currently noted as a no.

20 I see it as one of a legislative-type conversation  
21 similar to access as far as we know we've had lots of  
22 concerns with Bagley-Keene. We wanted to move forward  
23 and support Little Hoover Commission as far as the  
24 identifying and implementing best practices for  
25 disability access, certainly things that we need to fight

1 for to ensure that everyone has access and available to  
2 participate in the process. I see the incarcerated  
3 population the exact same way from an access perspective  
4 and really want to understand what the conversation was  
5 that we're struggling with that we don't see that that's  
6 something that falls within our purview as well.

7 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Very good. Commissioner  
8 Fernandez, I'm wondering if -- I'll leave it to you to --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Okay.

10 CHAIR YEE: -- decide which ones to hit and what  
11 order.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Okay.

13 CHAIR YEE: And then why don't you go ahead and call  
14 on people, too, while you're (indiscernible).

15 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Okay. Okay. I didn't know  
16 how you wanted to -- Commissioner Turner, is it okay if  
17 we discuss that one when we get to the incarcerated  
18 individuals?

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yep. I kept trying to wait  
20 for it.

21 CHAIR YEE: Sorry.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Oh, I know. I know.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: That's okay. Like for me,  
25 I have to go through my list or else I'll just -- I'll



1 forget something. I know I'm going --

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: -- to forget something.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Hit it when it's  
5 appropriate. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Okay. Thank you. But I  
7 definitely -- and I was trying to go onto the other list,  
8 too, because I know that we did have some items noted as  
9 legislation. And of course, it was not a comprehensive  
10 listing. And so the more information we have, the better  
11 in terms of what our thoughts are in terms of moving  
12 forward with potential legislative changes, language,  
13 action, whatever it is that we agreed to. So I'll look  
14 for that in a second.

15 Okay. So the first part -- the first one that I'd  
16 like to talk about is the Public Education Related. And  
17 again, that's for continued advocacy for independent  
18 redistricting. And the three subheadings or subtitles  
19 would be Promoting Independent Redistricting Commissions  
20 Nationally, Nationally, Why Independent Redistricting is  
21 Critical for Democracy, and Local Redistricting. So if  
22 we could have some feedback on that in terms of where  
23 everyone is? And then also not only that, if you do  
24 believe it's something that is within the scope of our  
25 Commission and it is something you feel that should be --

1 state funds should be spent on those efforts, then also  
2 note what those cost or days are estimated. And I know,  
3 it's hard to come up with some estimated times, but  
4 that's what we have to do in order to move forward with  
5 our budget change proposal. So Commissioner Andersen.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. Actually,  
7 my specific question was, I do see -- particularly, as  
8 California sort of lead the way here -- well, not  
9 completely with everybody. Obviously, Arizona was going  
10 first, but I feel if we are requested to participate and  
11 give our input at the national level for other states,  
12 then I think that is in our purview. I don't mean -- I  
13 understand there's a difference -- are we promoting it  
14 actively or we're being asked. I think there's a  
15 difference there. And I think that if we're being asked  
16 to share our information and our knowledge on behalf the  
17 State of California, I think that should be certainly  
18 covered.

19 And I understand there's the issue of how do we  
20 parse the two? Essentially, if we go above and beyond,  
21 then does California pay for it or not? But I do see --  
22 I'm glad to see that these are in here for budget  
23 implications, because I see quite a lot of that as  
24 actually being covered. And what percentage, I don't  
25 know -- and we're trying to do this essentially, for the

1 first year, and then we would modify it from there on.

2 Is that correct?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Well, what I'm trying to  
4 do -- what we're trying to do is project it for the  
5 remainder of our term --

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: -- I guess, I you want to  
8 see it that way -- say it that way. And again, we would  
9 modify it as needed each year.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. All right.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Then, so if we have more  
12 information in the future, then we can modify it.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. With that in mind, I  
14 will come back to kind of with an idea. So thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

16 Commissioner Taylor.

17 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Good morning.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Good morning.

19 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Yes. As we speak to whether  
20 or not -- speaking about redistricting issues on a  
21 national level -- we should use state funds -- I kind of  
22 think I agree -- shouldn't do that kind of thing. I  
23 agree with Commissioner Andersen in that speaking on the  
24 issue nationally can still improve the position of  
25 redistricting in California one way or another. It

1 informs people's opinion whether it's for it or against  
2 it. National exposure still leads to state exposure,  
3 especially if it's a requested issue. And I think it  
4 informs the public. It still continues to inform  
5 Californians regarding redistricting. And I think from  
6 that standpoint, it is still part of our purview. Thank  
7 you.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

9 Commissioner Sinay, I saw that you raised your hand  
10 and then lowered it? And now you raised it again.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. I think -- yeah. I'm  
12 not in the best setting out here and I'm fighting all the  
13 different quirks. Anyway, I go back and forth on this  
14 one. When you say, using public funds, I think that  
15 that's when I look at it a little differently than is it  
16 within our purview. I definitely think that the  
17 California Citizen Redistricting Commission was set up to  
18 be an example for the state, and with everything going --  
19 I mean, not just for the state. It is an example for the  
20 state, because there's a lot of independent redistricting  
21 commissions taking place in California. It hasn't become  
22 the norm in California.

23 And I think that -- I've always thought that that  
24 should be kind of the second part of -- our second job is  
25 to help local redistricting commissions do the best job

1 they can, set them up and all that in the State of  
2 California. It might not be in the mandate. And there  
3 is also this one piece that we can actually rewrite some  
4 of the mandate as we have grown and learned what it is.  
5 So that's a question to put out there -- is do we have to  
6 redefine -- do we need to add -- and I know that's a  
7 constitutional -- a bigger question.

8       The other piece is I do feel that the State of  
9 California Citizen Redistricting Commission was set up as  
10 a shiny example for the whole country. If it could be  
11 done in the State of California, which is the most  
12 populous, it should be able to be done in other places.  
13 And that's why I kind of -- I go back and forth that I  
14 feel like if we didn't participate in these efforts that  
15 are to ensure that we have fair and representative maps  
16 throughout the country, that we're kind of taking our  
17 toys and going home, and that might not be the best, but  
18 that's how I see it -- is that what we did is amazing and  
19 every day it becomes even more amazing when you hear  
20 what's happening in the rest of the country.

21       And then the second piece is the requested  
22 participation versus seeking. I don't think I agree with  
23 that, because I think we do need -- again, we are the  
24 shiny example on the hill, and we do need to find places  
25 where we can tell our story. And so we may be seeking by

1 writing a paper that will be sent into a conference, or  
2 submitting an article to a national publication. There's  
3 just so many different pieces. Should we get paid for  
4 that or not, that might be different, and that might be  
5 what the bottom line question here is -- using state  
6 funds. But I feel uncomfortable when we keep saying it's  
7 not our mandate, and I think we're trying to confuse  
8 mandate with how do we use state funds. And I would like  
9 us -- and for a lot of people the word advocacy is  
10 uncomfortable versus promoting independent redistricting.  
11 And I really do think that that is part of the work and  
12 the reason why the folks who put the redistricting on the  
13 ballot -- the Voter First, they looked at California for  
14 many reasons. And one is to be an example for the rest  
15 of the country.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

17 Commissioner Kennedy?

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. I just wanted to  
19 put a hypothetical on the table. Both of our senators  
20 are members of the Senate Committee on Rules which has as  
21 part of its jurisdiction, election administration. So if  
22 we found ourselves receiving an invitation to testify  
23 before the Senate Committee on Rules -- how's that going  
24 to be handled? I've never been asked to testify before  
25 Congress before, but given that both our senators are

1 members of that committee and this subject matter falls  
2 under their jurisdiction, it seems to me that it's  
3 entirely possible that we could receive an invitation for  
4 that, and how does that get handled as far as the budget?  
5 Thanks.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

7 Commissioner Vazquez?

8 VICE CHAIR VÁZQUEZ: Thank you. I agree with  
9 Commissioner Sinay. To add to her comments, I think for  
10 me, continued advocacy is more around public education  
11 and building public faith and buy-in, not just into the  
12 maps that we approved and submitted, but also the concept  
13 of independent redistricting. I think the more that that  
14 is accepted as a valid pathway to more fair maps across  
15 the U.S., that builds Californian's faith and trust in  
16 our own process. So for me, I one hundred percent see  
17 it -- not just as within our purview -- but also our  
18 mandate to continue to build faith in the work that we do  
19 here on the Commission, and we can do that nationally.

20 I also think that the use of public funds to do  
21 that, to educate and inform the public about  
22 redistricting is valid Commission business. And  
23 understanding that there are legal restrictions  
24 potentially on legislative advocacy which has, again,  
25 legal definitions. Obviously, we are bound by -- bound

1 by sort of the rules and the law of the land, but I will  
2 say that I think when it comes to public education that  
3 that's one hundred percent, not just in our purview, but  
4 our mandate.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you.

6 Commissioner Le Mons?

7 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I just wanted to  
8 endorse the positions of both Commissioner Sinay and  
9 Vazquez. I share that same point of view. It sounds  
10 like our dilemma may be what is our "purview". So I  
11 think that we should look at whether or not there are any  
12 particular steps that we need to do to expand the scope  
13 if necessary in order to be able to carry out the  
14 activities that we need to do. And barring any major  
15 change there, I think that kind of squelches the question  
16 whether or not it's an appropriate use of funds. So I  
17 agree that if we are operating as a Commissioner or  
18 representing the Commission, then we should be using  
19 funds to support that. Otherwise, we are a private  
20 citizen and what you do as a private citizen is a  
21 separate matter.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Thank you. I'm sorry if  
23 I'm not responding right away. But I'm actually  
24 furiously writing, because when we move forward with the  
25 budget change proposal I actually want to put as much



1 information in there in terms to support our position and  
2 why we are continuing to move forward with some of these  
3 activities -- to justify it. So with that information --  
4 so the second piece to that is -- the more difficult  
5 piece to that is trying to that is trying to estimate  
6 what that's going to look like in terms of cost. So  
7 that's really the piece that's missing right now. Are  
8 there any other comments from other Commissioners that  
9 are maybe opposite of this in terms -- I mean, other than  
10 my own that I do feel it's outside of scope. But again,  
11 I'm one vote, and that's fine, and we can write the  
12 BCP -- the budget change proposal -- in terms of the  
13 position of the Commission, which is great. We can do  
14 that. If there aren't any other comments contrary to  
15 that, then I do -- oh, Commissioner Le Mons? Sorry. I  
16 thought you had --

17 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I don't have a contrary -- I  
18 don't have a contrary comment, but I just -- I realized  
19 that what I didn't say when I was speaking was that if we  
20 could just ask Anthony to review this portion of our  
21 discussion and raise any concerns that might exist, that  
22 will be helpful.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yes. Thank you. Yes.  
24 I'll do that. And I have -- I have reached out to him on  
25 some of the other activities that we noted, specifically,

1 the legislative changes. And I can't remember if it was  
2 Commissioner Vazquez or Commissioner Sinay that noted,  
3 some of the legislative changes or language changes are  
4 constitutional, so that's a completely different process  
5 that has to go back to the California voters to change.  
6 So that's a little bit -- that's quite a bit -- a bigger  
7 effort than we were thinking versus government code  
8 section changes that we would -- that's a different  
9 process that would go through the legislature. So yes,  
10 definitely, I'll have our chief counsel review both lists  
11 and provide feedback on both lists. And then we can  
12 decide how we're going to move forward. Thank you for  
13 that, though. I appreciate that.

14 Commissioner Sinay?

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I was thinking you were  
16 saying, how do you figure out the budget for some of  
17 this? And it is -- this is the part that's always hard.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Um-hum.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And we're doing like nonprofit  
20 budgets or consulting budgets. One thought I have is, if  
21 we look at how many counties we have in the State of  
22 California and multiply that by -- well, if you look at  
23 it as, let's say, we say, if a county were to call us, we  
24 would give them five hours of a Commissioner's time, but  
25 we would want to give them two Commissioners at least, so

1 it would be 5 x 2 is 10 x the number of counties. Not  
2 every county's going to get us, but I mean, I'm just  
3 trying to think of a way to kind of figure out those  
4 numbers -- to think through how to create a pool for this  
5 area since you had asked for some ideas.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Yes.  
7 That is a good way to look at it, although, yeah, in  
8 terms of even our redistrict -- or our education outreach  
9 efforts, we weren't able to get every single county to  
10 respond. I mean, to ask for our presentations or  
11 anything like that. So that's one way to look at it.  
12 That would be -- I'm just doing a --

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Maybe we say --

14 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: That would be about  
15 \$45,000. Is what that would look like per year.

16 Commissioner Le Mons?

17 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I just wanted -- I  
18 wanted to just support that suggestion or a similar  
19 formula. And maybe even we could do a little bit of a  
20 look back at what was the level of engagement and do a  
21 comparison. So if we start with all counties and then we  
22 look at what percentage of counties actually were engaged  
23 in the process, and then take that percentage of it, we  
24 sort of substantiate activity that we have already  
25 experienced. And maybe even if we don't do the full --

1 do the percentage a little bit higher, a budget is a  
2 projection, of course, in this case, and the more  
3 detailed we can be, of course, the better of it getting  
4 supported. But just because the resources are budgeted,  
5 it doesn't mean that we have to spend them, either.

6       So I think we shouldn't worry too, too much about  
7 asking for what we think we need and seeing what they  
8 say. I'm hoping that -- I don't profess to know how the  
9 budget process works, but I would imagine that -- is it  
10 just a black and white hard yes/no? Or is there some  
11 kind of discussion back and forth of questions of certain  
12 line items or reconsiderations and things of that nature?  
13 If so then what we're wanting to do is enter the process  
14 with as close of a projection of what we'll need as  
15 possible, understanding that where we land and the final  
16 budget approval might look a little different.

17       COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yeah. Thank you for that.  
18 That's good information. I guess, two pieces to -- one  
19 is, do we project the same amount for every year? And  
20 then two, in terms of the budget change proposal  
21 process -- in terms of my experience -- and then I'll let  
22 Executive Director Hernandez also give his feedback -- my  
23 experience in the past has been, we submit a budget  
24 change proposal and there's usually communication back  
25 and forth with the Department of Finance -- they're

1 trying to understand what your request is. And then  
2 ultimately, they can line certain things out in terms of  
3 nope, or they can decrease based on whatever -- based on  
4 whatever they come up with. So there normally is some  
5 sort of conversation back and forth justifying what  
6 you're requesting and supporting as much as you can,  
7 providing as much support as you can for that  
8 justification -- but that at the end of the day they can  
9 say yes, no, or this much. Executive Director Hernandez,  
10 did you want to add?

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Just that we have been engaging with  
12 the Department of Finance over the course of this last  
13 year. Any time that we've requested additional funds or  
14 the appropriated funds, they've asked for line-item  
15 information on how they're going to be used and so forth.  
16 So this activity that we're now pursuing in the budget  
17 change proposal will probably be very much the same where  
18 they will ask specifically what we're going to be using  
19 those funds for, and kind of the detailed breakdown as  
20 much as possible. So I concur with Commissioner  
21 Fernandez.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Thank you. I just  
24 wanted to add in. I love the conversation that we're  
25 having right now. I certainly support and believe that

1 we should be submitting with as much detail and thought  
2 as possible. I'd rather ask for it and have the  
3 conversation back and forth. And if anything, if it's  
4 rejected, have that be a matter of record that for the  
5 advocacy that we were attempting for whatever the ask is  
6 and was perhaps denied by Finance or whoever the denial  
7 would come from. But I don't think we should back away  
8 from what we believe should happen. And if then it is  
9 refused and we can't go around it or request in a  
10 different manner -- perhaps we weren't as clear as we  
11 could've been -- but I think that at the end of the day,  
12 if there is an activity that we strongly feel we should  
13 be doing as Commissioners, let's submit it and see how  
14 far we can push it or let someone else then reject it as  
15 a matter of record. Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Yeah. Thank you. And  
17 that's another -- I mean, it's not completely related to  
18 what Commissioner Turner said, but again, we're asking  
19 for this kind of fiscal-year-by-fiscal-year, and let's  
20 say for example, maybe they reject it for next year. But  
21 that doesn't prevent us from asking for it again the  
22 following year. So we might have more information.  
23 Whatever the case may be. So keep that in mind as well.

24 So I do have some information in terms of how to add  
25 some verbiage and also some costing information for that

1 line-item.

2 Commissioner Le Mons?

3 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I just have a clarity  
4 question. So there's been some discussion about putting  
5 together a budget for the remainder of our tenure. And  
6 then I hear annual. So is this submission just for the  
7 next fiscal year, or is this a more global budget over  
8 the rest of our tenure? So that's my clarity question.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: So it'd we both. How's  
10 that? In terms of forwarding it to Finance so they can  
11 see a picture of how we envision our activities for the  
12 next eight years. And then also it's the basis for our  
13 budget for the next -- what we'll be working on for the  
14 next eight-and-a-half years -- or almost nine years, I  
15 guess. Thank you for that.

16 Commissioner Andersen?

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. As I see  
18 it in terms of this year versus over our eight years, a  
19 lot of these things they really are under public  
20 education, the redistricting process. And I would say  
21 it's heavier this year, next year because redistricting  
22 is going along right now. The chances of us being called  
23 to other states to -- for actually to assist, that's  
24 high.

25 And this year also possibly next year as they go

1 through lessons learned then actually tapering off but  
2 then there's say the three years before 2030 it would  
3 increase.

4       So similar to what Commissioner Kennedy said earlier  
5 about -- well, that very same thing in terms of our  
6 activity I would almost say -- I like Commissioner  
7 Sinay's idea about the fifty counties, these days, and  
8 that should be this budget, next year's budget, and then  
9 again the three before. And say cut that in about a  
10 quarter in the three years in between that is how I would  
11 break that down, how I recommend that we break that down.  
12 Thank you.

13       COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

14       COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

15       COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez did  
16 you no longer have a --

17       COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: No, thank you.

18       COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, good. So I think I  
19 do have some -- Commissioner Akutagawa and I can go back  
20 and work with Executive Director Hernandez, and Outreach  
21 Director Kaplan, and try to find finalize some of this  
22 information and attempt estimated costing information for  
23 the next years.

24       Commissioner Sinay?

25       COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted to thank the



1 subcommittee again and I know how frustrating it is to  
2 ask us for information and we don't share it at the time.

3 But sometimes it's this brain -- the collective  
4 brain that helps us spark what it is that we should be  
5 sharing. So thank you and thank you for your patience  
6 as -- since you did ask us for this information earlier  
7 but I think it was helpful to work on it collectively.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And for me I kind  
9 of -- I don't actually work on it until it's due. So and  
10 today's the meeting and that I completely understand.

11 Okay, so we'll attach some information to that.  
12 We'll mark that as a yes for 1. And if we go to number  
13 2, I think that's kind of similar and we actually have --  
14 I'm looking at it now and I think it's -- part of it  
15 we've already moved to the other spreadsheet.

16 So I think I'm just going to kind of tie 1 and 2  
17 together in terms of costing information and education.  
18 And then item -- if that's okay with everyone, I'm  
19 thinking it's probably fine. But number 3 is conveying  
20 independent redistricting commissions from different  
21 states.

22 Initially, when I believe Commissioner Sinay had  
23 mentioned that they had already started the discussions  
24 with Legal of Woman Voters and common cause. She'd  
25 initially noted that CRC would not pay.

1 I'm just wondering maybe this can all just be  
2 grouped together is how I see it -- I just -- based on  
3 the conversation and different pieces that have been  
4 brought into this conversation. So does anyone think  
5 differently from that? If not, we'll just group them  
6 together, obviously put it on the other spreadsheet and  
7 add some dollars to it and maybe some travel. I'm not  
8 sure if we'll ever be able to travel again but maybe I'll  
9 add in a little bit of travel cost on that too.

10 Commissioner Sinay?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just for clarity. Are you  
12 saying 1 through 4 could be put under that or were you  
13 being --

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I was being specific as 1  
15 to 3.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay, 1 to 3.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: For me personally when I think  
19 about the local redistricting, the counties, and the  
20 cities of California, I do see that differently than the  
21 conversations that we've been -- with the conversations  
22 more nationally. So I would allow the local piece from  
23 the national.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I am writing down --  
25 takes me a little bit longer to write down not that I

1 don't want to go back and listen to your video but yeah,  
2 I just want to look at my notes. Okay, so with that we  
3 will move on.

4       And so from 4 on and actually all of them as the  
5 subcommittee as we didn't really get a chance to review  
6 the entire document last time nor did we receive feedback  
7 as requested, Commissioner Akutagawa and I just went  
8 forward with what our thoughts were. And we felt that  
9 that was kind of like the mandate we were given in terms  
10 of go forward and try to come back with something.

11       So in terms of item number 4 and that's with  
12 recruitment of 2030 one of the line items was to support  
13 the local interest group efforts. And what Commissioner  
14 Akutagawa and I came up with is to work with the state  
15 auditor.

16       And so the state auditor when they start the  
17 recruitment efforts they also coordinate their efforts  
18 with the local interest groups and we felt that it would  
19 be duplicative.

20       And also we wanted to make sure that we just stayed  
21 with the nonpartisan -- the group that is moving forward  
22 with the recruitment process and coordinate with their  
23 efforts and we do have -- working with the state auditor  
24 on the first list so we have estimated some dates. I  
25 think we've put 18 dates, I think, per commissioner for

1 that effort as we move -- probably the last two years  
2 prior to the new commission being seated.

3 Commissioner Sinay?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks for that. So last time  
5 I will be honest, I didn't see anything from the state  
6 auditors on the actual videos and things and technical  
7 assistance on how to apply. But that was all being done  
8 by the nonprofit groups that were out there that were  
9 really trying to get people to see themselves as  
10 potentially being commissioners.

11 And so I don't know how closely the auditor's office  
12 worked with the nonprofits or if they each kind of did  
13 their own efforts but I just wanted to put it out there  
14 that there was a tremendous effort to try to get  
15 communities that wouldn't traditionally apply and folks  
16 who wouldn't see themselves on a commission to apply.

17 And I think that that resulted in a really great  
18 pool of candidates and resulted in many of us being here.  
19 So I don't want to look at it as a -- I think whatever we  
20 can do to support those efforts and last time it was --  
21 they would every time they did an outreach training to  
22 talk about the application and how to answer first what  
23 is the commission and then how do you fill out the  
24 application, they would have a commissioner on those  
25 calls on those videos and folks could ask questions

1 directly of those commissioners.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Yee?

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: So I'm thinking about this and  
4 agreeing that this selection process for 2030 is entirely  
5 the state auditor's responsibility. And if they wish to  
6 use former commissioners as examples to help talk about  
7 what it's like or how to fill out an application they can  
8 ask us to do that.

9 But it's really their process and I wouldn't want us  
10 to have any -- to be inserted in any way to have any hand  
11 in the selection process other than that because it's  
12 really absolutely not our role.

13 So I agree with you, Commissioner Fernandez, that  
14 this should not be a function of us. If the state  
15 auditors want to use us then that's entirely up to them.  
16 But it would not be our involvement in the process  
17 otherwise. Thanks.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Any other  
19 comments regarding number 4? Commissioner Andersen?

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I do have one  
21 comment -- it's also regionally. A lot of these  
22 different groups -- I have quite a few of them that I --  
23 Commissioner Akutagawa and I were charged with the  
24 Sierras and a lot of these groups really don't have  
25 meeting groups in those areas.

1           And we didn't have a great deal of applicants from  
2 say up north, the Sierras, there are different other  
3 areas where we didn't have a lot of applicants. And I  
4 think geographically we should also consider how we can  
5 again support the state auditor to get that information  
6 geographically out there as well to different groups,  
7 like, just don't sort of assume, oh, we contacted that  
8 particular nonprofit so therefore we got the whole state  
9 covered.

10           There are a lot of other groups that -- there are a  
11 lot of other people -- individuals who don't really  
12 belong in the groups but we still want to get them  
13 involved in the whole process. So that's one other item  
14 I would like to add to that, please.

15           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So maybe what we can do  
16 that on one is on the first list when we talk about how  
17 to support the recruitment process, maybe add some days  
18 there more than we have right now. I think right now, we  
19 have twelve days per commissioner. Maybe we can add some  
20 days to that effort so that --

21           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

22           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- okay.

23           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That's exactly my thought,  
24 thank you.

25           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Sorry, sorry, I'm  
3 trying to write fast, I need this right. All right. Any  
4 other comments on that one? Okay.

5 So then we're going to move on to -- Commissioner  
6 Turner, this is your area. I don't want to forget it's  
7 the incarcerated individuals related. And so number 5,  
8 6, and 7, well, I guess we can do them separately. One  
9 was the incarcerated individuals voting rights in terms  
10 of commissioners' activities associated with that whether  
11 they would be under the review of the commission.

12 The first one was the Voting Rights Act and  
13 Commissioner Akutagawa and I felt that was beyond the  
14 scope or the realm of the commission.

15 And number 6 and 7 have to do with prison  
16 gerrymandering. And again we felt that was also outside  
17 the scope of California -- I mean of the commission and  
18 there is a piece of it, I believe, we put it in the  
19 legislative. Legislation is considered at the state  
20 level, I believe it was when Commissioner Sinay and I  
21 were on the subcommittee is right now, the government  
22 code language. The legislature asked that we deem the  
23 state incarcerated individuals, reallocate them to their  
24 last known residents prior to incarceration, and we'll  
25 have to see if that's possible for us to make that a

1 permanent decision for future commissions.

2 Commissioner Turner?

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. So yes, so number  
4 4, excuse me the first one number 5 incarcerated  
5 individual voting rights. I see that can be on a line to  
6 as far as voting in rights but as far as the ability for  
7 incarcerated populations to be counted I think that our  
8 requirement to ensure that each person, every person, is  
9 counted at least once makes that fall under something  
10 that would be our mandate.

11 And so I just wanted to lift that because we have it  
12 currently. We hadn't had the full discussion about it as  
13 listed as something that's not our mandate and I see that  
14 it is very much. So something that we should be pushing  
15 to ensure that all California's whether they're within  
16 state or outside of the state that we're doing what we  
17 can to move forward legislature conversation, awareness,  
18 et cetera, to ensure that when 2030 rolls around, those  
19 individuals are automatically counted at their place of  
20 residence.

21 And we're not having to fall back to excluding  
22 anyone that's really in any state but for sure  
23 California.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, so in terms of for  
25 California, so you and Commissioner Kennedy are leading



1 that effort for the federally incarcerated population  
2 which is great. And hopefully, we can solve that or at  
3 least come forward with some sort of way to address it  
4 for 2030 and future commissions.

5 And then at the state level for the state  
6 incarcerated population we will have further discussions  
7 on that in lessons learned in terms of if we want to move  
8 forward legislatively to make that -- make the request  
9 from legislature permanent for future commissions.

10 And then the other piece of if that you mentioned  
11 was outside of California and so that would be a  
12 different -- like we could probably split these out --  
13 oh, that would be like number 7 in all fifty states. So  
14 that I definitely see different and outside of our scope  
15 but what I'm hearing from you is is you feel that it is  
16 within our scope. So thank you for your feedback.

17 Commissioner Andersen?

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Actually, I  
19 agree with Commissioner Turner on this. This is an item  
20 that we -- I thought we had already actually spoken that  
21 this is for legislation required because we went through  
22 the pluses and minuses and there are no minuses on this.

23 And I thought we'd decided back when we voted that  
24 we would indeed also do what the whole rest of the state  
25 is required to do that we were going to change the

1 legislation and the reason why that's so important is  
2 because that affects the timeline.

3 We would need to extend the 2030 commissions by a  
4 month because that took us an extra month and that was  
5 never considered in the original voter's act as far as  
6 the timeline goes. So I think that's extremely  
7 important.

8 Then I understand and I agree that beyond California  
9 that's sort of a different thing except that again, we  
10 want to share this education with all the states because  
11 if California can do this other states can as well.

12 And it's an item that many people would not even  
13 consider and the first kind of information they might get  
14 is all sort of convoluted and it can affect things really  
15 differently, wait, wait, that's going to take money out  
16 of the counties when that's not what happens. So I think  
17 this is a little bit of our -- I do see this as  
18 accessibility you know whether you're disabled, you are  
19 incarcerated, their access is the same issue to all of  
20 these items because we want people to be able to vote.

21 And we want their votes to count properly and  
22 that's, I think, our totally our mandate. So however we  
23 need to add portions of these items into our legislative  
24 and account for that in the budget I'm completely for  
25 that and I would like to make sure that under -- on the

1 other sheet under legislative related that the prisoner,  
2 well, I don't know if you'd call it gerrymandering, is an  
3 item that's also in there for legislative purposes.

4 Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. And just  
6 to be clear so you said nationally you also feel that  
7 it's --

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: The education nationally but  
9 again that's more like in our public education. I don't  
10 know -- there are lines where we would -- I could see  
11 where we could possibly go beyond the scope.

12 It's sort of a -- it's a little bit, quite frankly,  
13 we're going to hear about our -- are we promoting just  
14 across the entire nation for independent redistricting.  
15 This is sort of accessibility, unfortunately, is also a  
16 similar item that I see. But I still think our  
17 education, sharing the education across, if we're called  
18 commissioners how did you do this. I think that indeed  
19 should be in our budget and that's across the nation.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So just -- I'm  
21 sorry, I'm just trying to make sure that I understand the  
22 difference between like Commissioner Turner is saying and  
23 what you're saying. So you're more if you're requested  
24 you provide feedback on it versus actually actively going  
25 out and --

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well --

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- advocating for.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, it's one of those  
4 where you need to tell people about it so they would know  
5 to ask. So there's a fine line there of so if you just  
6 know everything but don't tell anybody when you would  
7 never be asked to help promote this. So I think -- this  
8 is where I'm having an issue -- as soon as I come up with  
9 some proper wording I will send it to you. But I --

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- this is -- this is my  
12 issue here. So --

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. And my partner in  
14 this Commissioner Akutagawa.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Hi. Sorry, I'm back. I  
16 think I wanted to just ask for some clarifications. So I  
17 hear what Commissioner Turner said and I agree that's  
18 what Commissioner Fernandez and I are thinking. I think  
19 there's some overlap in some of the things that we're  
20 already accounted for. So one is I think the intent  
21 was -- as I heard Commissioner Fernandez say, (audio  
22 interference) I think it's a legislative solution to  
23 ensure that instead of asking every year that the prison  
24 gerrymandering is not going to happen. And that the  
25 commission will continue -- featured commissions will

1 continue to do what was requested and what we also did  
2 and what was done previously and then also to account for  
3 that time that Commissioner Andersen was also referring  
4 to.

5 We also are looking at a timeline change as well too  
6 and there's going to be some legislative work that's  
7 going to be needed around a timeline change to account  
8 for possibly you know that having to reallocate the  
9 prisoners, those who are incarcerated. So that's one.

10 I think to which -- and I think whether they're -- I  
11 think whether in California or if they are a  
12 Californian incarcerated in a federal facility I think  
13 that our intent is -- my understanding is our intent is  
14 that we want to try to include all of them in that any  
15 Californian should be counted. I think with that said, I  
16 think there's some steps that are (audio interference)  
17 was were a little further behind on the federal side  
18 because we weren't able to get the numbers.

19 I think the next step in that is just trying to  
20 ensure that we have something in place but we'll be able  
21 to get the federal numbers. And if we can either move it  
22 further along where that is also codified in our, I  
23 guess, a legislative side that would be great. I don't  
24 know what that means in relationship to the federal  
25 government. That's that.

1           But so with said, I think Commissioner Andersen, I  
2 think Commission Fernandez did ask that clarification  
3 question and my -- I'll just say I think my discomfort  
4 with saying that we'll go out there and advocate to other  
5 states about what we did is -- I don't know how well it  
6 would be taken if we're actively -- if we as a commission  
7 are actively going out there saying, hey, Ohio, North  
8 Carolina, Pennsylvania, or any other state for that  
9 matter you know if we're going to them and saying, hey,  
10 you know, you should follow what we did because I think  
11 we're going to get a lot of push back from that.

12           And I think there is a fine line, and I think being  
13 invited and educated is one thing. I think for us to  
14 actively go out and say to somebody else, hey we did it  
15 the best, and or we did it well, and we want to tell you  
16 how we did it and we think you should follow us. I think  
17 that that gets into a rather tricky place at least that's  
18 how I'm seeing it. But if there's a different  
19 perspective on it or a different angle to it that isn't  
20 quite that then I'm totally open to hearing -- you know  
21 different perspectives but I just wanted to share that  
22 was kind of my concern around advocating to other states  
23 about how we did something versus if it's more we do it  
24 through an education where here's our materials, if we  
25 get invited to come and talk, great. If people want to

1 look at what we did, looked at our lessons learned  
2 document, and learn from it, great. And if they have  
3 follow-up questions, great.

4 That I think, is absolutely appropriate. But I am a  
5 little wary about saying to others that you know others  
6 should do it exactly the way we did it or even saying  
7 that our way was better than someone else's way or -- I'm  
8 concerned about we're just going to get a lot of push  
9 back and that's going to create other issues. Thanks.

10 THE MODERATOR: And just a time check. We have  
11 about two minutes --

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

13 THE MODERATOR: -- before our required break.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. So I think we can  
15 get to Commissioner Vazquez. And we'll listen to the  
16 rest afterward. Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Great. Thank you. I  
18 disagree that we should not be proactive in building the  
19 image and the profile of not just our commission and the  
20 work we did but independent redistricting as a whole.

21 I am concerned that we, you know, ten years from  
22 now, twenty years from now, thirty years from now, will  
23 have a congress and or an administration that is actively  
24 hostile to independent redistricting. And I think the  
25 more states that follow our lead, they're almost

1 certainly not going to do it exactly the way we did it.

2 But the more states that adopt independent  
3 redistricting as their means of putting voting and  
4 elections closer to the people, for me, is hugely  
5 important to preserving our work and the work of future  
6 commissions. It will be less likely though not certain  
7 that we will get a congress and or an administration that  
8 is hostile and works toward enacting policies and  
9 executive action that undermine our work here in  
10 California.

11 And so I don't think we should just be reactive and  
12 responsive to invitations. I also imagine that even if  
13 we are being proactive in building up the work that we  
14 did and the value of the work that we did we may  
15 encounter pushback or criticisms.

16 But I would imagine that we're not going to be  
17 largely talking to folks who again are hostile to  
18 independent redistricting but rather folks who are  
19 curious about what it can mean for their state. So those  
20 are my thoughts, thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Chair?

22 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Thank you, everyone. We'll  
23 continue this discussion after our break. It's now 11:00  
24 and we'll come back at 11:15. Thank you.

25 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 11:00 a.m. until



1 11:15 a.m.)

2 CHAIR YEE: Welcome back to California's Citizens  
3 Redistricting Commissioner, a regular business meeting.  
4 I'm Russell Yee, the Chair here with our Vice-Chair,  
5 Commissioner Angela Vazquez.

6 We are in the midst of a lively and important  
7 discussion of our ongoing work and the proper scope it  
8 should take. And we are in the middle of a discussion of  
9 how that work touches the counting of incarcerated  
10 persons and whether that properly falls under the scope  
11 of our work going forward. So if -- let's see -- we're  
12 looking for Commission Fernandez or Akutagawa?

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I have a few minutes.

14 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Do you want to continue the  
15 discussion for us, Commission Akutagawa?

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Sure.

17 CHAIR YEE: And I believe Commissioner Turner's up  
18 next in line.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Sounds good. And I  
20 do believe Commissioner Vazquez also was the -- spoke  
21 last. So Commissioner Turner?

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner  
23 Akutagawa. Yes, so I'm trying to see, it's always bad to  
24 have me go right after a break, I'm trying to remember  
25 the conversation and exactly where we were. But I think

1 one of the things that I wanted to mention, Commissioner  
2 Akutagawa, you were asking or making some statement or  
3 asking questions this morning -- I think you said  
4 something which struck me about asking others to follow  
5 you know kind of being dicey asking them to follow and do  
6 what we've done.

7 I just wanted to name for me more so than doing what  
8 we've done I think it -- just again to repeat the point  
9 about equal -- about everyone having account -- at least  
10 one and I think also equal representation. And so I  
11 think it's important that people be counted in their  
12 places of residency no matter what state they're in.

13 When we look at federal population size, I'll hold  
14 it up real quick. I notice Texas has the most -- the  
15 largest -- based on what I pulled up and if some kind of  
16 way people ultimately are going to end up counting --  
17 being counted within their place of incarceration I think  
18 that it can at some point also adjust representation  
19 numbers. So I just wanted to name that as well.

20 I just think that people having equal representation  
21 is important and it's not just important for California.  
22 It's important for people regardless of where they  
23 reside, what state in the nation, and if we feel that is  
24 the right thing and we feel strong about it for  
25 California for me I don't know who to feel differently

1 about it anywhere else.

2 I think that it is a matter of equity and fairness  
3 throughout the nation. I think along the same lines as  
4 someone mentioned right before going to break if indeed  
5 we rest with just California having the perfect laws and  
6 the perfect administration of redistricting -- I think it  
7 is too easy to be retracted later on and taken back.

8 I think we need to be moving forward and ensuring  
9 not that they just do what we've done because in that  
10 process if we find out that we're applied something  
11 incorrectly then I think we should be willing to make  
12 adjustments and changes too. But I think as we've gone  
13 through this process we've looked at it from all angles  
14 to the best of our ability.

15 I'm really proud of the work that we've done. I  
16 think that it was a fair and equitable process for all  
17 and so in every area of what we've done, I think we need  
18 to be lifting it up for the rest of the nation and  
19 proactively trying to ensure that there is equity for all  
20 Americans -- period. Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you, Commissioner  
22 Turner and I know that Commissioner Fernandez is back on  
23 too. So Commissioner Turner, I mean, I think I don't  
24 disagree with you. I think it's just more a sense of  
25 spoken and how others would feel.

1 But I hear what you're saying and I hear what  
2 Commissioner Vazquez said. So what we could do is we'll  
3 just put it on to the budget request and just see what we  
4 can do.

5 I also noted that in the document it was shared that  
6 there is an organization that's also, I think, leading on  
7 this so I think the questions also then become (audio  
8 interference) more I think the question would be do you  
9 support or lead and so I think that could be then another  
10 conversation.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, are you still good?  
12 Commissioner Akutagawa, okay?

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, Commissioner Fernandez  
14 (audio interference).

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, you are going in and  
16 out a lot. But that's what you get when you're doing  
17 down Interstate 5.

18 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Fernandez, please. Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Some of the places aren't  
20 so good.

21 CHAIR YEE: Yeah. Ms. Fernandez, please go ahead  
22 and continue.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I did know, I  
24 believe Commissioner De Leon's hand was up prior to the  
25 break. I don't know if he still has any comments he'd

1 like to make? If so you can please, raise your hand.

2 Commissioner Andersen?

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. I  
4 actually -- I was going to mention to Commissioner  
5 Toledo. The one thing that I -- in terms of you know how  
6 our education -- and there is an issue are we doing this  
7 trying to -- we're not trying to tell other states what  
8 to do. But as I see -- when we're trying to get  
9 Californians who are in federal prison, which is  
10 certainly within our scope to try and get all the  
11 Californians, that is a natural educational experience  
12 where we're sharing what California has done.

13 And our state as well as you know or trying to do  
14 federally -- and that's an area where it isn't, like, do  
15 this like we did. It's this is what we are doing. This  
16 is why we are doing this. And that certainly is within  
17 our purview. And I'd like to make sure we kind of write  
18 it like that because those are things that there's  
19 absolutely no reason why we would not be doing that,  
20 because that's again, trying to get all Californians.

21 And it's a question of, were, you know, as you're  
22 doing that, it happens that you can then say, this is  
23 what we've done. So again, it's more of like an  
24 educational thing as opposed to a straight advocacy. I  
25 really prefer this is more like -- I think we frame is

1 more as education, which is what we're trying to do, at  
2 where other people -- I'm concerned a little bit about,  
3 if we get too much into straight being seen as advocates,  
4 we're trying to tell people what to do -- no one wants to  
5 be told what to do.

6 But when we say, this is why we're doing this, and  
7 we are going into Federal prisons and trying to get all  
8 the Californians, and trying to work through that -- I  
9 kind of see it similar to, you know the military. They  
10 don't live in all the different states, they live all  
11 over, but they vote in the states where they are from.  
12 And this is a similar issue.

13 So it's not that, you know, a radical, completely  
14 different concept that people can get all riled up about.  
15 Now, of course, politics brings all reasons to bring --  
16 get all riled up about. But I think, I'd like to make  
17 sure we keep this as -- this is not a political thing.  
18 This is just a -- this is a voting. This is a  
19 counting -- counting to be voted. This is universal. So  
20 thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

22 Commissioner Sinay?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. I'm in the car now  
24 so I apologize. I guess I'm not -- I don't want to tell  
25 states what to do, but I feel like we all believe in fair

1 and equal representation and that's not just for  
2 Californians, but for all U.S. citizens and everyone in  
3 the United States. So this whole idea of being afraid to  
4 step on people's toes, I'm having hard time with that,  
5 because if -- you know, fair representation is what we  
6 have been promoting in California, but we're part of a  
7 bigger picture.

8 And so I don't -- I think there's a difference  
9 between this is how you do it versus this is what's  
10 right. And I would hope that we all feel like what  
11 Commissioner Andersen said, is that this is right. And  
12 so if we are asked. Or even if we're not asked, that we  
13 would continue to promote that all -- in all states, we  
14 should end prison gerrymandering. And in all -- and that  
15 the federal government should help, you know, by  
16 providing the data so we can end prisoner gerrymandering.

17 And it -- I don't think in any of this it's how to  
18 do it, but it's to say, this is what's right for fair  
19 representation.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Got it. And we  
21 will, since no one's doing any budget numbers, we're just  
22 going to throw out some -- we're going to try to  
23 guesstimate in terms of what this would look like in -- in  
24 the future years. And what I see as the -- this prisoner  
25 gerrymandering, and also redistricting nationally, I

1 actually see, if we do get approval to move forward in  
2 this area, I do see these efforts being maybe more so in  
3 the next few years because other states will have to go  
4 through their process, you know, before the 2030, be it,  
5 you know, legislation or going to the voters. So it's  
6 something that would have to be, you know, brought out in  
7 the earlier years before 2025 or 2026 versus later.

8       So just -- anyway, we'll, Commissioner Akutagawa and  
9 I will discuss how that -- how to do, try to -- I will  
10 keep that. Besides from this, anyone has some other  
11 opinions?

12       Okay. So with that, Commissioner Sinay?

13       COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry, I was thinking about  
14 that as well, when would it come up? And I keep going  
15 back to the Voter First, you know, the legislation was in  
16 2009. And then again in 2010. But they had to work, you  
17 know, by mid-year -- the mid-year is to get that all  
18 together.

19       So advocacy can happen at any time. So just to keep  
20 that in mind, that people may ask for help or may ask us  
21 to step in at different times.

22       COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Okay. So with  
23 that, the last item, number 8, is Technical Assistant to  
24 Newly Created Independent Redistricting Commissions,  
25 Written Guides with Questions. And that we did receive



1 some feedback on. We talked about -- or the feedback we  
2 received was the Lessons Learned document that we did  
3 receive some comments about. Anything else would be  
4 beyond the mission.

5 And also Common Cause has redistricting tools. I  
6 think they also have a document as well.

7 Commissioner Sinay.

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks. I think a lot of this  
9 falls into the first category where we were talking about  
10 local redistricting commissions in the State of  
11 California. So it may be that a, you know, a governments  
12 trying to put together a standalone redistricting  
13 commission and they call us. That's where the technical  
14 assistance was coming in.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So there was kind of blended  
17 within the two.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, okay. Thanks for  
19 that clarification. So that will make it easier to move  
20 forward. And if we don't have any other comments, I  
21 think that's all I have, other than what I mentioned  
22 earlier, Chair, with Commissioner Kennedy and I with the  
23 Wikipedia in terms of -- of moving forward with that.  
24 And then also Commissioner Sinay mentioned with the focus  
25 groups.

1 I guess maybe just -- I don't know, I mean, how are  
2 we going to make sure that we're all moving forward and  
3 that we're all, you know, because I can meet with my  
4 subcommittee and we can go off on some tangents. So I  
5 don't know if we need to bring new ideas forward before  
6 we actually start working on it or what the, you know,  
7 what the process will be.

8 So with that, I'm going to hand it back to you,  
9 because I think we're done with the long-term document  
10 for now. So thank you everyone, for your feedback. And  
11 as I said, Commissioner Akutagawa and I will plan to meet  
12 after this meeting to try to finalize this document,  
13 because the budget change proposal needs to be submitted,  
14 I believe tomorrow. So we want to make sure that it will  
15 have the most updated information, if possible. Thank  
16 you everyone.

17 CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez,  
18 Acting Chair Akutagawa, excellent work and a lot of, in-  
19 the-weeds work. We appreciate all the time you put into  
20 this. So perhaps at the next meeting, February 18th, you  
21 can just report what the final product was. And may be  
22 where things stand then.

23 Okay, we are in the middle of sub-committee reports  
24 but I see that Director Ceja is with us. So I'm  
25 wondering if we might jump back to Agenda item 2,

1 Director's Reports, and take up his reports so we can  
2 close out that agenda item? After that, we'll come back  
3 to the subcommittee reports. I believe we still have  
4 Lessons Learned, Bagley-Keene, Website, and Materials.

5 So let's go back to Agenda item 2 and Director Ceja.

6 DIRECTOR CEJA: All right. Thank you, Mr. Chair,  
7 and hello everyone. Good seeing everyone. Wanted to  
8 start my report -- I posted a lot of stuff this weekend.  
9 A lot of reports. I was trying to pull together  
10 different data points that I had and try to make them  
11 concise report for you all to consume. But I wanted to  
12 start off by saying that -- I'm sure you mentioned this  
13 before, that we're working to place op-eds in  
14 battleground states to encourage independent  
15 redistricting.

16 I know Commissioner Kennedy talked a bit about that  
17 and we're getting together with a committee to identify  
18 commissioners that would best be the voice in certain  
19 states. So we'll share that information as we move along  
20 in the process.

21 We're also moving the conversation for the website,  
22 and I'm sure -- I'm not sure if Alvaro had any options  
23 yet for, you know, for website -- yeah, so we're still  
24 working on that to see what the best option is to  
25 continue the 2020 website. So we'll talk more about that

1 at the next meeting.

2 So I did post -- I wanted to highlight two documents  
3 that I posted. The first was the CRC Annual Media  
4 Report. So we did have a media monitoring service called  
5 Meltwater that pretty much allowed us to capture anytime  
6 that the Commissioner was mentioned, anytime that  
7 California Redistricting was mentioned, and we compiled  
8 that report dating back from January 25th to January 25th  
9 of this year.

10 So if you look at that report, it's titled again,  
11 CRC Annual Media Report. Give you an overview, high  
12 level of some of the major stories for this past month.  
13 Pay run for Daily Breeze, Pasadena Star News, focusing on  
14 redistricting. But if you jump down the slides to media  
15 exposure, it gives you a nice graph of our media  
16 exposure, how many times the CRC was mentioned. How many  
17 times California redistricting was mentioned, and looking  
18 at the entire year, a snapshot, we had a major  
19 announcement in April of 2021. I think that's when we  
20 got the -- the alert from U.S. Census Bureau saying, Hey,  
21 we don't have your census data. And it's going to be  
22 super late.

23 So naturally, that big spike that was over 1,200  
24 stories written about in the State of California written  
25 about that. And of course, as you move down the year, in

1 August, we had another spike in October. And then a big  
2 spike again in December, which coincides with our  
3 finalizing of the maps and putting that information out.

4 If you move down to the other slides, some of the  
5 biggest sources that were reporting on redistricting,  
6 actually California --

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'm sorry, Fredy -- this is --  
8 where are you?

9 DIRECTOR CEJA: It's the CRC Annual Media Report.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. So that requires a  
11 password, I have it. I clicked on it. And there is a  
12 list of some news articles. But I don't see what you're  
13 referring to.

14 DIRECTOR CEJA: Oh, yeah, yeah. So if you keep  
15 going down the presentation, there's bubble or circles at  
16 the right-hand side.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh.

18 DIRECTOR CEJA: You click on the one under that.  
19 That'll take you to the next slide. Or if you just use  
20 your mouse and use the wheel --

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

22 DIRECTOR CEJA: -- to go up and down. So I'm on  
23 slide one, two, three, four.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

25 DIRECTOR CEJA: Okay.

1           COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. It doesn't let me  
2 scroll, but those buttons do work. Yes, gotcha. Thank  
3 you.

4           CHAIR YEE: You're welcome to share your screen as  
5 well, if you'd like to do that.

6           DIRECTOR CEJA: Oh, okay. Yeah, let me do that.  
7 It's probably easier. Let me know when you see my  
8 screen. Is it up there.

9           CHAIR YEE: It's starting -- there it goes. Okay.

10          DIRECTOR CEJA: Okay. So let me take you back again  
11 to this graph here that shows the -- yeah, so this shows  
12 the media exposure of how many times we got stories. The  
13 blue here indicates California redistricting, just  
14 general stories about California redistricting. The  
15 green is anything that mentions the CRC. And then the  
16 yellow would be top U.S. headlines about redistricting,  
17 so on a National scale. And if you remove one of these,  
18 you'll see -- you can see the others directly.

19          And here, for the first time in December when we  
20 released our press release and hey, we finished the --  
21 the maps, for the first time it eclipsed the number of  
22 stories for California Redistricting. So we had more  
23 stories about the Commission than we did about  
24 redistricting, which is really cool.

25          And you can -- you can play with this at your own

1 leisure and look at the actual stories that were in  
2 there. You'll be able to do that with this report. See,  
3 if you click on the actual stories, it'll take you to the  
4 stories themselves.

5       Now, let's -- talking about his, the top sources.  
6 So what is interesting to see that the California patch,  
7 which is a network of small, daily, local blogs that are  
8 in every community. They were reporting the most. They  
9 had 482 reports or stories about the Commissioner's work,  
10 followed by Yahoo News, MSN, Napa Valley Register, The  
11 Fresno Bee, and then California News Times Today.

12       Total media exposure was around 20,300. That was  
13 the inside of overall media coverage in any given time  
14 period. So roughly 20,000 was the average for our  
15 reports or our stories.

16       This is what I wanted to show everyone. And the  
17 reason I printed this report. When you look at the  
18 stories that we captured, just by working with members of  
19 the media, sending out press releases, sending out  
20 statements, we managed to get an advertising value  
21 equivalency of 622 million dollars. And pretty much free  
22 coverage of redistricting and the CRC. This is a number  
23 that, as a communications director, you want to tout  
24 because it only costed us one FT, one full-time employee  
25 to get this amount of ads or coverage for the Commission

1 on our redistricting work, which is pretty amazing.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Whoo-hoo.

3 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yeah. And 477 of those were  
4 California Redistricting. About 84 million were CRC  
5 alone. And then 61 million was commissioner -- anything  
6 that mentioned the commissioner in the story.

7 So if you look at the "Share of Voice," this is how  
8 much media coverage a brand or product gets based on  
9 competition. So if we wanted to look at census, we could  
10 have entered census into this dashboard and it would --  
11 it would have gave us a comparison with regards to how  
12 much coverage we got for California redistricting versus  
13 census. Because we were only tagging commissioner  
14 editorials or anytime a commissioner was mentioned,  
15 anytime the CRC was mentioned and just California  
16 redistricting in general, you'll see the level of  
17 engagement here. California redistricting by far  
18 received the -- the higher number of coverage with the  
19 media.

20 So like I said, if you have time to click on to  
21 these, it'll take you to the actual stories themselves.  
22 So you can see what was covered. I actually did print  
23 out all the stories for 2021 and 20 -- or yeah, 2021 and  
24 2022. And those are listed with the links. So you can  
25 also click on every link in the handouts and you'll be



1 able to read the entire story.

2 So let me switch over to the other handouts that I  
3 wanted to share. And please let me know when that comes  
4 up.

5 CHAIR YEE: Looks good.

6 DIRECTOR CEJA: Okay. So this whole week I was  
7 working with the contractors to not only get final  
8 reports, but also to get the actual numbers of  
9 impressions, like, what does it mean, right?

10 So we dedicated X amount of dollars for advertising  
11 and billboards and radio. We also had a contact for  
12 social media. We had a contract for print advertising in  
13 local newspapers. And then we had an ethnic media  
14 contract. So when I pulled all these numbers together.  
15 There's -- these first tables here will show you the  
16 number of radio spots that every contractor managed to  
17 obtain with the allotted money that we had for them.

18 And so A,B,D was one contract. C -- Zone C was  
19 another. Zone E. F, G was coupled together. H, I, J  
20 was coupled together. And I, K was couple together.  
21 Now, here what I wanted you to take a look at was not jut  
22 the total spots that we managed to get for the -- for our  
23 money, but the discrepancy, because California is such a  
24 diverse state, not every media buy was going to look the  
25 same in every region that we were in.

1           At -- billboards in San Francisco and Los Angeles  
2 was more expensive than billboards in San Luis Obispo or  
3 Monterey. So naturally, you'll see the differences and  
4 discrepancies in how they utilize those funds. If you  
5 notice here, some of the contacts actually started later  
6 because, like I said, we had staggered contractors coming  
7 on board, and not everyone started at the same time. But  
8 we were able to make sure that were spending down the  
9 funds. And some cases, November was the most busy month  
10 for advertising, because we just needed to get the money  
11 out the door by December.

12           So if you look at the number of impressions -- I  
13 wasn't able to get all of them. Some of the contractors  
14 were having issues getting the numbers of impressions  
15 from the radio stations and the billboard companies, but  
16 I'll share those as they come in. The biggest bang for  
17 our buck in radio for the contractors came from zones I  
18 and K, which was the San Bernardino, Riverside, San  
19 Diego, and Imperial counties with 7,1 -- 71 million  
20 impressions. Which means that's how many potential  
21 people were -- had their eyes or ears on our  
22 advertisements.

23           And then as far as billboards, looking at these,  
24 they would look very different, like I said. Zone E,  
25 which was San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura,



1 Monterey, actually had to do more billboards because they  
2 had limited radio stations in the coast. So they  
3 utilized their funds more on the billboards and bus  
4 shelter advertising than the other contractors.

5       If you look at I, N, K, which again, is San Diego,  
6 Imperial, San Bernardino, and Riverside, they, too,  
7 utilized a bit more of those bus shelters. And if you go  
8 up the state, like I said, the state is super diversified  
9 (sic), and so are the resources. So if you go up, like,  
10 very north California with Mendocino or Lassen or Shasta,  
11 the availability of billboards there are very small. So  
12 likely you saw those contractors focus more on radio  
13 advertising for those areas.

14       And the bigger impressions for the billboard and bus  
15 shelter came from, actually, the north, A,B,D, with 33  
16 million impressions. Which were potential people looking  
17 at our bus shelters and billboards and bus advertisements  
18 on the actual buses.

19       For social media, I got a lengthy report with a lot  
20 of numbers. And so I tried to pull as best, the numbers  
21 that I could to tell the story of what we did with our  
22 advertising dollars here. It took us a while to get  
23 the -- all the media accounts on board, linked up to our  
24 contractors. So Facebook, Instagram, Google -- we were  
25 going Google ads. And so the first month was pretty much

1 just trial and error. Just saying, hey, redistricting is  
2 going on. Our message was very simple. But then when we  
3 moved into November, we changed our -- our message a  
4 little, saying, hey, we know that there's going to be one  
5 less Congressional district. So a Congressional  
6 district -- your Congressional district might change  
7 because of that. So I think that started getting people  
8 a little more engaged. The number of impressions when  
9 from 4.9, almost 5 million to 15.7. And then the number  
10 of clicks, that's actual people clicking on our message,  
11 trying to get more information, went from 30,000 to  
12 191,000 from October to November.

13 And as far as views are concerned, that's how many  
14 people saw your message when they were online. Now, when  
15 we went to December, that number started to come down a  
16 little more. The impressions fell down to 3.4 million.  
17 But the clicks still stayed pretty steady at 90 -- around  
18 90,000. Which means people were looking for information  
19 and the message was resonating. We saw our impressions  
20 on our website peak a lot during those last three months.

21 So the total number of impressions that we had for  
22 Google and Facebook were about 24 million. 311,000  
23 clicks and 937,000 views, with all the advertisements we  
24 had on those social media pages.

25 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Ceja (sic), why don't we

1 pause for a second, just to catch some questions here.

2 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yea.

3 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Andersen and then  
4 Commissioner Turner.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you. Great  
6 work, Fredy. It's always very interesting to see these  
7 results. I have a question. I totally understand how  
8 you get impressions from the social media. That's pretty  
9 easy. How do you get impressions from radio and  
10 billboard, bus-shelters?

11 DIRECTOR CEJA: So those are -- and one of the  
12 contractors told me that the way that they're doing it  
13 now is a little different from how they used to do it in  
14 the past. They hire companies -- broadcasting companies,  
15 like, with the big media companies that keep track of  
16 impressions. But this year they were having a little  
17 trouble quantifying how they get impressions, right?

18 But every radio station and every billboard company  
19 will have their own metrics to let you know what their  
20 audience is and how they capture that audience. I  
21 haven't received those directly from the contractors, but  
22 I will and I'll share those with you so that we can make  
23 sure that these numbers that they shared were -- were  
24 accurate.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you -- yeah, thank

1 you.

2 DIRECTOR CEJA: And we can tell that story.

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, if you will do that,  
4 that'll be great. Thank you.

5 DIRECTOR CEJA: Okay.

6 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Turner.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, so first -- two  
8 questions. First one is similar. On the bus media, the  
9 bus -- if you go back down to that, well, let me see that  
10 page again, Fredy. I think you changed it -- it's a  
11 little bit. Yeah, billboard and bus shelters something  
12 and you got a check, et cetera. But I was wondering on  
13 the one's, for example, on C, that we had all of the  
14 numbers, but it didn't show any impressions. I was  
15 wondering if they just, like, park the bus and didn't go  
16 out or what happened with that one, the N/A? So maybe  
17 they can respond -- If you don't know, with that same  
18 kind of response for Commissioner Andersen, let us know.  
19 Yeah, why -- why were -- why are those an N/A?

20 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yea. So those did not include the  
21 impressions in the report. So I'm still soliciting that  
22 information from them. So as I mentioned earlier,  
23 there's still going to be another update to this once I  
24 get the final numbers.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. And then, going down

1 under the Social Media -- October, November -- yeah, I  
2 wonder if a point to be made, we had grave concern  
3 concerning doing the work of the Commission through the  
4 Holiday period, what have you. So I'm looking at  
5 impressions of 5 million in October and then to 15 and  
6 then ultimately, you know, it looked like it was going up  
7 and then it dropped down to 3.

8 And so I was just wanting to point that out because  
9 there was less engagement, I mean, even from a click  
10 perspective from the 191 drop down to 89. And so it  
11 would be interesting to see what, if it picked back up in  
12 January -- or well, actually it was too late then, it  
13 wouldn't matter.

14 But, yeah, just looking at that one and if there was  
15 correlation -- so it would be a part of maybe a Lessons  
16 Learned or something we can point back to that there was  
17 definitely less engagement during December, which we  
18 believed it would be. And if is some evidence of that  
19 being the case. Thank you.

20 DIRECTOR CEJA: That's an excellent point.  
21 Actually, our advertisements didn't end until December  
22 31st. So the number of ads that were going out or were  
23 being posted were the same. So that it does show that  
24 there was a decline in activity. And it might have to  
25 deal with the holidays and the fact that we actually

1 finished our maps earlier than anticipated. So all that,  
2 yes, definitely something we want to carryover.

3 I will put these reports, all the final reports into  
4 a drop box so that you can analyze them in your Lesson  
5 Learns activity. And once you see the after reports,  
6 it'll tell you a lot about activity and how people  
7 engaged.

8 And then our print advertising. So we used a  
9 California company that had connections with various  
10 community newspapers and daily newspapers. In September,  
11 they did 298 ads that went out in community newspapers.  
12 596 in October, 608 in November, and 644 in December, for  
13 a grand total of 2,146. And their reach was about 4.2  
14 million a week, because it was going statewide.

15 And they also did advertising in daily newspapers.  
16 48 in September, 50 -- or 96 in October, 96 in November,  
17 96 in December, for a grand total of 336. And that reach  
18 was 3.2 million a week.

19 So all together, we did 2,482 ads in local papers  
20 and daily newspapers, for a grand total of 17.4 million  
21 audience members a week that saw our message.

22 And I believe when we did the evaluation, one of the  
23 questions was actually, "How did you hear about the  
24 Commission?" And you'd be surprised that some people  
25 actually said a newspaper or online. So when we quantify



1 that information, it'll again tell that story about how  
2 effective this program was.

3 Our ethnic media partners, let's -- so, so, so  
4 amazing. They did ethnic briefings in ten languages, in  
5 Arabic, Chinese, English, Japanese, Khmer, Korean,  
6 Russian, Spanish, Thai, and Vietnamese. They had a total  
7 of 141 media outlets join those sessions. There were  
8 publishers, editors, reporters from across the state.  
9 They had in total, seven briefings. These were  
10 conversations that brought journalists and activists  
11 together and the average citizens, to talk about issues  
12 and how redistricting affected their communities  
13 directly.

14 They did an advertorial campaign where they had  
15 messaging go out through multiple languages and  
16 multimedia platforms. So they did their own  
17 advertisement for redistricting that they placed into  
18 ethnic papers that we didn't have a read into. So local  
19 communities saw that in their language to participate.

20 All together, we managed to 81 stories written about  
21 redistricting. And that's in their final report. Again,  
22 I'll share that with you. Also, you can click on it. I  
23 don't know if you'll understand any of it, because it's  
24 not in English. But all these stories, the majority of  
25 these are in different languages. And their impressions

1 totaled out to 3.3 million with ethnic media outlets  
2 messaging that reached millions of residence, like I  
3 said, in their own native tongue, which makes them --  
4 makes it that much more important for them to get  
5 involved, when they hear the message in their own  
6 language.

7       So this -- these are the numbers that I was able to  
8 pull, like I said, for all the contracts. I have all the  
9 final reports, which, like I said I will share with you  
10 so you can look at them at your leisure and better  
11 understand what these contractors did with their  
12 resources and how they penetrated certain communities in  
13 California.

14       CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Director Ceja. Fantastic  
15 work. As, you know, our big, big, big state and big,  
16 big, big place to get our message out, including one of  
17 those billboards right in my own neighborhood shopping  
18 district. It's always put a smile on my heart when I  
19 drove past it.

20       Okay, any other questions or discussion of our  
21 outreach efforts? We have -- the print advertising --  
22 that, that did not include any direct mail, it sounds  
23 like? Yeah, I know we discussed it --

24       DIRECTOR CEJA: No direct mail. There were actual  
25 ads in the newspaper.

1 CHAIR YEE: Uh-hum.

2 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yeah. At the next go around, if you  
3 triple my budget, I'll do a lot more with it.

4 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Commissioner Fernandez?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I just wanted to  
6 thank you, Fredy. You did an amazing job. And if you --  
7 everyone remembers, the budget was increased towards the  
8 end. So you did a great job of getting the contracts up  
9 and running. And I'm always one for a bargain. So the  
10 88 million dollars-worth, you did a great job. And you  
11 can go on a shopping spree for me one of these days and  
12 come back with some incredible items. But thank you for  
13 getting the word out and being a part of this process.

14 DIRECTOR CEJA: Thank you. Yeah, yeah, we did put  
15 together an RFP process from the beginning from scratch.  
16 We made sure to utilize small businesses in California,  
17 so the dollars went to mall businesses that did the work.

18 And I wanted to let Commissioner Kennedy know,  
19 because I know during my interview I said, hey, there's  
20 certain billboard companies and radio stations that have  
21 to provide free PSAs in the community, they actually did.  
22 So in the reports, they noted where they got value-added  
23 spots for billboards and for radio stations that were  
24 added onto our contract. So we didn't pay for those,  
25 they were free.

1 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Well, thank you so much, Director  
2 Ceja. We are so grateful for all your work and efforts  
3 and this great report. And we will miss you. We  
4 certainly wish you the best on your new endeavors.

5 Okay. That closes out Agenda Item 2. And I think  
6 we need to take public comment then on agenda item 2,  
7 Director's Reports. Kristian, can you help us with that?

8 THE MODERATOR: Katy's here to help us today, Chair.

9 CHAIR YEE: Oh, great. Katy, missed you.

10 PUBLIC MODERATOR: Hi, Chair. In order to maximize  
11 transparency and public participation in our process, the  
12 commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To  
13 call in, dial the telephone number provided on the live-  
14 stream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted to,  
15 enter the meeting I.D. number on the live-stream feed, it  
16 is 886-7594-4175 for this meeting. When prompted to  
17 enter a participant I.D. simply press the pound key.  
18 Once you have dialed in, you'll be placed in a queue. To  
19 indicate you wish to comment, please press star 9. This  
20 will raise your hand for the moderator. When it is your  
21 turn to speak, you will hear a message that says, the  
22 host would like you to talk and to press star 6 to speak.  
23 If you would like to give you name, please state and  
24 spell it for the record. You are not required to write  
25 your name to give public comment.

1 Please make sure to mute your computer or live-  
2 action audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during  
3 your call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert  
4 for when it is your turn to speak. And again, please  
5 turn down the live-stream volume.

6 And I believe -- we do not have anybody in the queue  
7 at this time, Chair.

8 CHAIR YEE: Okay. We'll wait just a moment. After  
9 any calls, we'll return to subcommittee reports. And I  
10 believe we'll start with Lessons Learned.

11 KATY: We will let you know when the instructions  
12 are complete.

13 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Just checking, Commissioner  
14 Kennedy, are you with us? Commissioner Kennedy?

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I am here.

16 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Stand by for Lessons Learned in a  
17 couple of minutes.

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Very good.

19 KATY: Chair, the instructions are complete and we  
20 do not have anyone in the queue at this time.

21 CHAIR YEE: Very good. Thank you so much, Katy.

22 Okay. That completes Agenda Item 2. We'll return  
23 now to Agenda Item 3, subcommittee reports and to the  
24 Lessons Learned subcommittee, which is Commissioner  
25 Kennedy and myself.

1           We had alerted you to some possible dates in March  
2 for the Lessons Learned exercise, six days in March, two  
3 consecutive weeks. Possibly March 9, 10, 11. Or 11 --  
4 or 10, 11, 12. So the question there, whether  
5 Commissioners are interested in meeting on Saturday.

6           And then likewise for the week after, March 16, 17,  
7 18 or 17, 18, 19. And Commissioner Kennedy, you want to  
8 add anything to that?

9           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, that -- at this point,  
10 we will try to make it through as much of the outline as  
11 possible during those two, three-day sessions. And then  
12 if we find that we need additional time after that, we'll  
13 come back and schedule additional sessions as we need it.

14          CHAIR YEE: It's likely that we won't have as much  
15 time as we really would hope to have to give a real  
16 thorough look at everything. Also, it's likely that  
17 we'll have to use at least a little bit of those days,  
18 those six days for business, as they take up so much of  
19 the month. So a little bit of pressure there. In March,  
20 Commissioner Vazquez will be the chair. And so right now  
21 the big question is, which of those dates to land on.  
22 And I think we'd like to hear any strong preferences  
23 about Saturday for starters, whether that's a good idea  
24 or a bad idea. To go a Thursday, Friday, Saturday or  
25 really stick with just Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

1 Commissioner Turner?

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. I'm going to, of course,  
3 be flexible in whatever, but because it took a little bit  
4 longer, my preference would be now to not have the  
5 Saturday because when you delay, other things get put in  
6 that time slots. So that's my preference.

7 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Commissioner Fernandez and then  
8 Andersen.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I will ditto Commissioner  
10 Turner; I prefer not to meet on Saturdays, but I can if  
11 the majority of the commissioners wish to do that.

12 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Commissioner Andersen?

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I'm also the same.  
14 Also, I could -- I can do the Friday morning the 18th,  
15 but that's it, I'm out for the rest of that day.

16 CHAIR YEE: Yeah. And by -- we realize that it's  
17 unlikely all of us will be available for all of those  
18 days, so we're just trying to do our best.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you.

20 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa?

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, for me I guess I'm  
22 just go opposite of everybody. Saturdays are better for  
23 me. I'm still working and so yeah, Saturdays would be  
24 preferable so that, you know, at the end of the day, I  
25 feel, like, this is still a volunteer activity and so

1 Saturdays --

2 CHAIR YEE: Right.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- would be preferable.

4 Thank you.

5 CHAIR YEE: Sure. And of course, we can split the  
6 difference. We can do one of the Saturdays.

7 Commissioner Andersen?

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Sorry, I forgot to ask  
9 a very important question. These are still remote, is  
10 that correct?

11 CHAIR YEE: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Or are these in Sacro?

13 CHAIR YEE: All Zoom, still, yes.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Then I can make it.

15 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Any other thoughts?

16 Commissioner Akutagawa, you had more to say or no? Okay.

17 If we do split the difference, is Saturday the 12th  
18 better or the 19th?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: If I --

20 CHAIR YEE: Go ahead.

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Oh, forgot to I raise my  
22 hand.

23 CHAIR YEE: Yeah.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: For me, the first week is a  
25 lot better for me, so I think if we had to split the



1 difference, then the second Saturday would be better. I  
2 can make the first week, the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
3 work. But the second one is a little bit tougher.

4 CHAIR YEE: Okay. So you'd prefer the 19th then,  
5 for a Saturday?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Is that the --

7 CHAIR YEE: That's the third Saturday --

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- what -- what's the  
9 second --

10 CHAIR YEE: -- the second Saturday is the 12th, the  
11 third is the 19th.

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, yes. Then, that's  
13 correct.

14 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Commissioner Andersen?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry, I'm exactly the  
16 opposite. I couldn't -- I cannot do the 19th, but I  
17 could do the 12th. Basically, I can't do the 19th. But  
18 again, we can't all be there, so.

19 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Turner.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Yes, I'm  
21 unavailable on the 19th.

22 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Judging from the initial trend,  
23 then, I'm thinking we may have to stick with the weekdays  
24 then. So that would be March 9, 10, 11. And then March  
25 16, 17, 18. Is that the -- and that may be the best we

1 can do. Commissioner Turner again and then Commissioner  
2 Fernandez.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, the 10, 11, 12  
4 won't work? That's the Thursday, Friday, Saturday? If  
5 we do the first week of a Thursday, Friday, Saturday? I  
6 think Commissioner Akutagawa said that March 12th was  
7 fine too.

8 I -- I was just trying to split the difference --

9 CHAIR YEE: Right, right.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- honestly, for me, I'm  
11 more flexible with my time. So personally, I just prefer  
12 not a Saturday, but I can do Saturdays, so not a big  
13 deal.

14 CHAIR YEE: Yeah. Commissioner Akutagawa, I thought  
15 it was the opposite date.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I mean, I mean, I can make  
17 Saturday the 12th work. I mean, having a Saturday would  
18 just be helpful, but I will tell you that, I guess I'm  
19 just trying to understand, are we doing both weeks or are  
20 we doing one or the other, because if it's one or the  
21 other, then the week of the 17, 18, 19th or even, I guess  
22 the 16th -- 16th, 17th, 18th, that week, those days are  
23 really bad for me. So if we're choosing one week over  
24 the other, I can make the 9th, 10th, 11th, which is a  
25 Wednesday, Thursday, Friday work. I could make the 10th,

1 11th, 12th, work. The following week is just going to be  
2 much harder and they're probably going to be days that I  
3 just won't be able to attend.

4 CHAIR YEE: Yeah. We actually are trying to find  
5 six days of both weeks, yeah. I mean, the other -- we  
6 could go 9, 10, 11, 12, four days one week and two days  
7 the next. Oh, I see a big head nod there.

8 Commissioner Fernandez?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I actually like that.  
10 I was thinking of that. Why don't we do four days the  
11 first week and then two days the second week. I kind of  
12 like that.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That would work.

14 CHAIR YEE: If two days the second week, which two  
15 days then? 16, 17, 18, 19 --

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I would leave it up to  
17 those that are have the busier schedules. I'm flexible.

18 CHAIR YEE: So anyone with a definitely preference.  
19 The third week, then 16, 17, 18? Commissioner Andersen?

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, I would hope not for  
21 Friday, the 16, 17.

22 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Yeah. Commissioner Akutagawa?

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: The 17th, 18th, Thursday,  
24 Friday is better.

25 CHAIR YEE: We need to clone you two.

1           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I could be there the morning  
2 of the Friday, but then I'm out.

3           CHAIR YEE: Okay. So half a day might be better  
4 than none, though, so. Commissioner Kennedy, how are you  
5 thinking about this, then? Four days, 9, 10 11, 12. And  
6 then it looks like, possibly 17, 18.

7           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah, I'm fine with four days  
8 one week and two the other.

9           CHAIR YEE: Okay. And a good St. Patrick's day. So  
10 it looks like that's where we're landing then. Four  
11 days, March 9, 10, 11, 12. That's Wednesday through  
12 Saturday. And then Thursday, Friday, the 17th and 18th.  
13 Okay, going once, going twice.

14           Commissioner Akutagawa, you had another thought?

15           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: No, sorry.

16           CHAIR YEE: Okay, and so those will be our usual  
17 time, 9:30 to 4:30 each day. And if we have any  
18 business, we will have a minimal amount, but -- then, the  
19 other question is, any other business meeting in March,  
20 Commissioner Vazquez and I wanted to propose March 30th,  
21 that's Wednesday, for the one other meeting in March. So  
22 that would be Wednesday the 30th. If you could pencil in  
23 for now? Commissioner Fernandez.

24           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just a quick question. You  
25 probably already said this. I apologize. So the days

1 that we have Lessons Learned, it'll be like a regular  
2 schedule in case we have other business to discuss,  
3 right?

4 CHAIR YEE: That's right.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.

6 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Well, thank you so much. We, of  
7 course, been waiting a long time to -- actually we talked  
8 a lot about the Lessons Learned exercise, and we look  
9 forward to actually sitting down and going through that  
10 with you. Thank you for your patience and we'll look  
11 forward to that. Anything else for Lessons Learned?  
12 Commissioner Kennedy?

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Nothing from me.

14 CHAIR YEE: Okay. So look forward to some prep  
15 material that we'll get out. See you for that. Look  
16 forward to our discussions. Okay, let's move on now,  
17 then. Let's see, we'll have the Bagley-Keene/ADA  
18 subcommittee and then Website and then Materials.

19 So Bagley-Keene/ADA, you're up. I believe that's  
20 Commissioners Vazquez and -- somebody remind me.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Kennedy.

22 CHAIR YEE: Kennedy, okay.

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Is Commissioner Vazquez with  
24 us?

25 CHAIR YEE: No. She had to step away.

1           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: She had to step away, okay.  
2 She warned me that she might have to. So two things.  
3 One is we first had a meeting with staff of the Little  
4 Hoover Commission to get just their sense of where things  
5 have been, where things stand. They have issued a report  
6 basically calling for modernization of the Bagley-Keene  
7 legislation. Bagley-Keene was passed decades ago. It  
8 has not undergone significant change in that time. And  
9 so they were basically thinking a position that with the  
10 changes in technology, with the changes in society, that  
11 the legislation generally requires updating.

12           We also then met with a staff member of Assemblyman  
13 Quirk from the Bay area. He was the one who had  
14 introduced a Bill in the previous session to modernize  
15 Bagley-Keene. Unfortunately, that Bill did not get a  
16 hearing and died at the end of the session. He  
17 introduced a new bill last Monday I believe it was, the  
18 31st of January. That is Assembly Bill 1733. So I would  
19 invite all of you to take a look at it and that has not  
20 yet been referred to a committee. That is something that  
21 would likely happen within the next month or so. Then  
22 once it is referred to committee, we might have some more  
23 updates. My sense is that would be an appropriate time  
24 for us and other commissions that are affected by the  
25 legislation to weigh in with any thoughts we might have.

1           So again, I would invite everyone to take a look at  
2 Assembly Bill 1733 and be prepared to discuss it sometime  
3 within the next four to six weeks. Thank you.

4           CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy. And  
5 just as a reminder, our current emergency extension runs  
6 through the end of March; is that correct?

7           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: That is correct.

8           CHAIR YEE: Yeah, okay. Okay, thank you so much for  
9 that good work and good report. Any discussion or any  
10 questions? If not, let's go ahead and move on to website  
11 subcommittee.

12           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Website subcommittee.  
13 Commissioner Taylor and I had a very good meeting with  
14 staff from the state archives regarding how to ensure  
15 ongoing access to materials on our website. Both through  
16 the website itself, as well as through the archives.  
17 Because a lot of material that are accessible through the  
18 website will be handed over to the archives.

19           Raul is already in contact with the state archives  
20 about the process of turning over materials. And one of  
21 the things that we ask them to do is, they're going to  
22 share with us an inventory of all their holdings related  
23 to redistricting. Both the 2020 -- the 2010 cycle, and  
24 the 2020. And I guess, conceivably, going farther back  
25 before the creation of the commissions.

1           In any event, they'll share with us an inventory of  
2 what they have regarding the redistricting, along with  
3 instructions on how commissioners or members of the  
4 public can access materials that are in the possession of  
5 the State archives. We will then take those instructions  
6 and put them on our website so that people have easier  
7 access to understand what they can access and how to do  
8 so.

9           So we -- we appreciate staff from the State archives  
10 taking the time to meet with us last week. We're looking  
11 forward to working with them moving forward. Thank you,  
12 Chair.

13           CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

14           Commissioner Fernandez, I'm wondering if that  
15 website, those details match with the budget projections  
16 you had for ongoing website maintenance and all the  
17 plans --

18           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes, we do --

19           CHAIR YEE: -- yeah.

20           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- oh, I'm sorry. Yes, we  
21 do have some funding in there in terms of the ongoing  
22 maintenance. As well as activities associated with  
23 ensuring that the information for both commissions will  
24 continue to be available. So --

25           CHAIR YEE: Great.



1           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ:  -- Commissioner Kennedy, if  
2 you don't mind, if -- when you reviewed the list, I don't  
3 remember you offering any suggestions to add any  
4 additional days or funding.  I think we covered it.  But  
5 if not, just -- if you can send me -- or send Anthony an  
6 email, that would be great.  Thank you.

7           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY:  Okay.  I guess I -- I was  
8 under the impression that communications was taking care  
9 of the budgeting part of the website.  But I can  
10 certainly take a look at it, Commissioner Taylor can take  
11 a look at it.  We can confer and come back with any  
12 recommendations that we might have.

13           CHAIR YEE:  Okay.  Very good.

14           Commissioner Andersen?

15           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN:  Yeah, this is just a quick  
16 question about, you know, Anthony is not in and we need  
17 to get this information to you ASAP.

18           Commissioner Fernandez, should we copy our Counsel  
19 Chris Stevens so he can get that information to you?

20           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ:  I think we can -- that,  
21 that's fine.  Yes.

22           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN:  Just wondering if that, you  
23 know --

24           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ:  Yeah.

25           COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN:  -- logistics for today --

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I wasn't sure, like,  
2 how unavailable he was. He's usually pretty quick. But,  
3 you're right, he's not at the meeting today, so.

4 MR. STEVENS: This is Chris weighing in. Anthony  
5 should be available later on this afternoon.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Yeah, thank you.

7 MR. STEVENS: Yeah. But, you know, if you want to  
8 cc me to keep things going, please do so.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. That sounds like a  
10 good -- a good solution. Thank you, Chris.

11 MR. STEVENS: Okay.

12 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Very good. Then we have,  
13 finally, the Material subcommittee. And I believe that  
14 is the last item we have for today, unless anyone knows  
15 of anything else, so. Material subcommittee, go ahead.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy, was  
17 this when we were going to talk about the Wikipedia?

18 CHAIR YEE: You guys are working hard today.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No. We actually haven't  
20 been working on anything. But Commissioner Kennedy did  
21 float the idea of obtaining the information that's in  
22 Wikipedia, updating them both for the 2010 and also for  
23 the 2010 Commission. I believe this is what he wanted to  
24 talk about. I don't see him on here. So I guess it's  
25 just, you know, moving forward. If it's something that

1 the commission, you know, we don't want to do in terms of  
2 commission funds, that's fine. I think Commissioner  
3 Kennedy and I would still do it regardless of being able  
4 to charge our time. But that's what we were planning to  
5 do is update that information.

6 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Andersen

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I totally agree.  
8 Thank you very much. Greatly appreciate that. I think  
9 it should be covered, because that's certainly an  
10 educational thing that unfortunately a lot of people look  
11 at, for better or for worse. But, yes --

12 CHAIR YEE: It's the first place people look, in  
13 fact.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Often, it's the very first  
15 thing that comes up. That's what they click on. So yes.  
16 Even though in the high schools, they're told, don't use  
17 Wikipedia as a reference. If you, you know, I understand  
18 they, you know, if you get an A, you could have had a B.  
19 If you, you know, if your sources are Wikipedia.

20 CHAIR YEE: Yeah. And even checking the links there  
21 because that's often how people will get to our website,  
22 so.

23 Commissioner Sinay?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I definitely agree. And I had  
25 actually sent a note over to Director Ceja, just say, can

1 we update the 2020. I would be hesitant to touch 2010  
2 though, the 2010 Wikipedia page. I mean, if it's  
3 redistricting in general, yes. But it's -- all right.

4 CHAIR YEE: Yeah, I believe it's all one page.  
5 California -- redistricting in California. Or California  
6 Redistricting -- Independent California Redistricting  
7 Commissions.

8 Commissioner Fernandez?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And actually what we, you  
10 know, we've talked about it briefly, and we did talk  
11 about having maybe two separate -- a 2010 one and a 2020  
12 and they can, you know, we'll have links to each other --  
13 so it wouldn't be necessarily updating the 2010, but  
14 right now we were trying to include it with the 2010, but  
15 I'm thinking our -- a better approach might be to have  
16 two separate ones. Thank you for the feedback.

17 CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Kennedy.

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah, actually the idea is to  
19 have three pages. One a general page on California  
20 Citizens Redistricting Commission with minimal  
21 information about how it was established. And then links  
22 to separate pages for each iteration of the Commission.  
23 And so the -- the material that's currently on there  
24 regarding the 2010 commission, you know isn't going to be  
25 edited so much as it's going to be just set up in a

1 separate entry referring specifically to the 2010  
2 commission. And that as Commissioner Fernandez said, we  
3 would have a separate entry specifically on the 2020  
4 commissioner. And that way, you know, the umbrella  
5 article about the commission in general would have links  
6 to 2010, 2020, 2030, 20140, et cetera. So that -- that's  
7 where we're planning to go.

8       You know, I had gone in and added our names and our  
9 term of office -- or at least the start date of our term  
10 in office to the existing entry on Wikipedia. But it  
11 does seem that, you know, if you go there and you see our  
12 names, but there's essentially no content about the 2020  
13 commission. All of the content is either generic  
14 regarding the establishment of the commission more  
15 specific to the 2010 commission. That's why we're  
16 proposing to -- to work on this and set up the different  
17 entries, looking at the long term. And then how to make  
18 sure as much information as possible is available to the  
19 broadest public possible. Thank you.

20       CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy. That  
21 would be interesting to see who authored the current --  
22 the current article. Of course, Wikipedia is opened to  
23 the public for editing.

24       Okay. If that's all for Materials, I believe that  
25 is it for agenda items 3. So why don't we go ahead and

1 take a comment on agenda item 3. Katy, if you're  
2 available. That's the subcommittee reports.

3 COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely Chair. The  
4 Commission will now take public comment on Agenda item 3.  
5 To give comment, please call

6 COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi, Chair. In order to maximize  
7 transparency and public participation in our process, the  
8 commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To  
9 call 877-853-5247. And to the meeting I.D. number,  
10 886-7594-4175 for this meeting. Once you have dialed in,  
11 please press start 9 to enter the comment queue. The  
12 full comment instructions have been read at the beginning  
13 of the meeting and are provided in full on the live-  
14 stream landing page.

15 We do not have anyone in the queue at this time.  
16 And we'll let you know when the instructions are  
17 complete.

18 CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Katy. While we're waiting, a  
19 couple of general announcements. One is, you should have  
20 received your W2's from Betty. So take a look at those.  
21 I know I was a little surprised at how the deductions  
22 were handled. You might double check those for your own  
23 tax situation.

24 Also, you might remember there was the question of  
25 counties contacting Q2, our mapping contractor over very

1 small issues in implementing our maps. It was a question  
2 of whether they could receive help. And whether the CRC  
3 would be able to contact or that or perhaps the Secretary  
4 of State. As it happens, that conversation is still  
5 ongoing. And so I will be meeting with -- with Karin and  
6 Director Hernandez to continue that discussion to see if  
7 we can still help with that or whether that will, in  
8 fact, end up at the Secretary of State's office or  
9 somewhere else.

10 COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, the instructions are  
11 complete and there is no one in the queue.

12 CHAIR YEE: Okay. Very good. If there's no -- is  
13 there any other business for today before we take general  
14 public comment?

15 COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment, Chair, we actually  
16 do have a caller.

17 CHAIR YEE: Okay, very good.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 2829, if you'll please  
19 follow the prompts to unmute. The floor is yours.

20 MS. LUSK: Hello Commissioners, this is Renee Westa-  
21 Lusk. I've been listening to the Committee reports and  
22 there was a report regarding future activities for the  
23 Commissioners during the next eight or nine years and I  
24 wholeheartedly agree with those commissioners that  
25 support being open to educating other states or other

1 groups that are outside of California. I -- I feel  
2 strongly about this. I think the 2010 commission was  
3 right in being creative and seeking grant money to pay  
4 for their cost when asked to come give talks or educate  
5 other states or other entities on -- on the citizens  
6 redistricting commission process, et cetera.

7 I think California is definitely an example to the  
8 rest of the nation. And I think it's also an example of  
9 the rest of the nation of good government, high  
10 standards, and protecting voting rights and democracy.

11 And I think it's very important that you make  
12 yourselves available for those commissioners that want to  
13 educate outside of California. And I think there's  
14 nothing wrong with asking the State legislature for  
15 funding for this because it's very important. Thank you.

16 CHAIR YEE: Thank you so much, Ms. Westa-Lusk. We  
17 so appreciate and admire your ongoing attention to our  
18 work and interest in the work of redistricting generally.

19 Are there any other calls?

20 COMMENT MODERATOR: That is all of our callers at  
21 this time, Chair.

22 CHAIR YEE: Okay, very good. We could have -- if we  
23 could have a call for a general public comment, then,  
24 Katy?

25 COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. The Commission will



1 now take general public comments for all items on the  
2 agenda. To give comment, please call 877-855-5247.  
3 Enter the meeting I.D. number 886-7584-4175. Once you  
4 have dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the comment  
5 queue. The full comment instructions are read at the  
6 beginning of the meeting and are provided in full on the  
7 live-stream landing page.

8 And at this time, we do not have any callers and  
9 we'll let you know when the instructions are complete.

10 CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Katy. While we're waiting,  
11 our next meetings are schedule for Friday, February 18th,  
12 our usual times, 9:30 to 4:30. And then -- so that was  
13 Friday, February 18th. And the next one after that is --  
14 then Wednesday, February 23rd -- that's Wednesday,  
15 February 23rd. And then not again until our Lessons  
16 Learned exercise starting on March 9th.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, the instructions are  
18 complete and we do not have anyone in the queue at this  
19 time.

20 CHAIR YEE: Okay, very good. Any final  
21 announcements or comments.

22 Commissioner Sinay?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, I just wanted -- because  
24 so many people are in their car or not here or there's  
25 just so many moving parts today, can we please make sure

1 to send out as soon as we can, the calendar invites for  
2 the Lessons Learned, since we've gotten that finalized?  
3 Get that to everybody.

4 CHAIR YEE: Will do. Ravi is already on it.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You're awesome. Thank you.

6 CHAIR YEE: Great. Okay. Well, if there's nothing  
7 else -- oh my goodness. Still time before lunch. It's  
8 been good spending the morning with you.

9 With that, this meeting is adjourned.

10 (Whereupon, the Citizens Redistricting  
11 Commission Business Meeting adjourned at 12:26  
12 p.m.)

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