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9:30 a.m.

CHAIR TAYLOR: It is 9:30, February 8th, 2021, and I call this meeting of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission to order. I am Derric Taylor. I am your rotating chair for this series of meeting days. And Commissioner Pedro Toledo is the vice-chair.

Again, I would like to say good morning, California.

Good morning, staff.

Good morning, Commissioners.

I hope everyone is well during this Black History Month and as we mitigate through these very interesting times. For the moment, I'd like to turn it over to Executive Director Dan Claypool for our roll call.

MR. CLAYPOOL: Good morning, Commissioners. Roll Call.

Commissioner Toledo.

Commissioner Turner.

COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here. Good morning.

FEMALE SPEAKER: All right --

MR. CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Vazquez.

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

MR. CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Yee.

COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

MR. CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Ahmed.

1 Commissioner Akutagawa.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGWA: Here.

3 MR. CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Anderson.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

5 MR. CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Fernandez.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Here.

7 MR. CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Forniciari.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

9 MR. CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Kennedy.

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

11 MR. CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Le Mons.

12 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

13 MR. CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Sadhwani.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

15 MR. CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Sinay.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

17 MR. CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Taylor.

18 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

19 MR. CLAYPOOL: Chair, we have a quorum.

20 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

21 Before we open up with public comment, I would like  
22 to preview our agenda. The agenda is posted on our  
23 website [Wedrawthelines.CA.gov](http://Wedrawthelines.CA.gov). It is my hope that we can  
24 proceed with the posted agenda substantially as it is  
25 presented. We will have reports from the chair, from our

1 executive director, from the deputy executive director,  
2 chief council, communications director, and our  
3 subcommittees.

4 I would like to especially note that at  
5 approximately 10:15 today we will have a panelist, Karin  
6 Mac Donald from the Statewide Database that will give us  
7 a briefing on the census status and the status of the  
8 data from the census.

9 I would also like to note at 11:15 tomorrow we will  
10 have a environment and infrastructure panel.

11 On February 10th, at 9:30, the Legal Affairs  
12 Committee will have their meeting, and that is chaired by  
13 Commissioner Sadhwani.

14 At this time I would like to open up the floor for  
15 public comment. Jesse, if you can invite the public in,  
16 I'd appreciate it.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: In order to maximize  
18 transparency and public participation in our process, the  
19 Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To  
20 call in, dial the telephone number provided on the  
21 livestream feed. The telephone number is 877-853-5247.  
22 When prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided on  
23 the livestream feed. It is 957 6586 8432 for this week's  
24 meeting.

25 When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply

1 press pound. Once you have dialed in, you'll be placed  
2 in a queue from which a moderator will begin unmuting  
3 callers to submit their comments. You will also hear an  
4 automated message to press star nine. Please do this to  
5 raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.

6 When it is your turn to speak, the moderator will  
7 unmute you and you will hear an automated message that  
8 says, the host would like you to talk and to press star  
9 six to speak. Providing your name is not required, but  
10 if you would like to, please state and spell it for the  
11 record. Please make sure to mute your computer or  
12 livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion  
13 during your call.

14 Once you're waiting in the queue, be alert for when  
15 it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn down  
16 the livestream volume. These instructions are also  
17 located on the website. The Commission is taking general  
18 opening public comment at this time.

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Jesse. And if we get a  
20 caller, please invite them in. We will pause a few  
21 minutes to give everyone that's watching or viewing an  
22 opportunity to call in and for the livestream to catch up  
23 to us.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: As a reminder, callers,  
25 if you can please press star six when it is your turn to

1 speak.

2 Good morning, caller. If you'd like to give your  
3 name, please state and spell it. The floor is yours.

4 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Hello, this is Renee Westa-Lusk.  
5 Name is spelled R-E-N-E-E last name is W-E-S-T-A and then  
6 there's a hyphen and then it's L-U-S-K. I -- oh -- I  
7 noticed the CRC speaker request form posted on the CRC  
8 website. I thank you for that. I just have a question  
9 regarding communities that have already contacted  
10 commissioners before this form was put on the website.  
11 Do they still need to fill out the form or do they assume  
12 that the -- maybe the commissioner will fill it out for  
13 them so you have it on file? I just wanted some  
14 clarification on that. Thank you.

15 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Ms. Westa-Lusk. It is my  
16 understanding that if you've already made contact with a  
17 commissioner that there's no need to duplicate that  
18 effort and that they'll be in contact with you  
19 accordingly. Or staff will. Thank you.

20 RENEE WESTA-LUSK: Okay. Thank you.

21 CHAIR TAYLOR: Jesse, are there any additional  
22 callers in the queue?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There are currently no  
24 callers in the queue, Chair.

25 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. I think we'll pause for



1 maybe one more minute or so and then we will continue on  
2 the agenda.

3 (Pause)

4 CHAIR TAYLOR: Okay. I'm seeing no additional  
5 callers. I think we'll close public comments at this  
6 time. It is always our intention to take public comment  
7 at the beginning of our meeting, when we return from  
8 lunch, and at the end of the meeting prior to recessing  
9 or adjournment. So with that, we'll close public  
10 comment.

11 All right. Now, to agenda item number 3, general  
12 announcement, commissioner updates, items of interest for  
13 the good of the body. Does any commissioner have  
14 something to say or add?

15 Commissioner Forniciari.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I want to start with  
17 acknowledging Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner  
18 Sadhwani, well done. Really well done on your NPR and  
19 yeah, really, really well done.

20 And so I get an email from this woman that I used to  
21 work with who had gotten an email from another woman that  
22 we both work with some time ago. And the woman who  
23 emailed my friend is a state senator in New Mexico. And  
24 she happened to hear your guys' interview on NPR. And  
25 she looked up the Commission and she (audio interference)

1 Neal's on the commission. And so she's trying to get a  
2 hold of me to find out more about the commission and what  
3 we're doing and how she can help bring what we're doing  
4 to New Mexico. So you have already had an impact. And I  
5 haven't heard back from her, but I will let you all know  
6 when I get in touch. So thank you.

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

8 Any other commissioners?

9 Commissioner Sinay.

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Hi. Last week was a very  
11 fruitful week and in doing outreach and connecting and  
12 all that, and we'll talk about some of that during our  
13 outreach working group. But I did want to share that we  
14 did speak with Facebook as well as Google. And both of  
15 them are open to having conversations on how we can help  
16 the public find their redistricting efforts locally. So  
17 they were really interested. And so we'll see how that  
18 goes. And both of those were just through -- I share  
19 this because I think all of us may have networks and  
20 connections we haven't thought of that could be  
21 helpful -- and both of these were through friends. And I  
22 was like, okay, who do I know? And one friend led to  
23 another friend.

24 So just keep thinking about your networks because  
25 we're fourteen very dynamic people who can probably

1 connect to almost anybody that we would like to connect  
2 to to do the most open process possible.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay. And I  
4 think that's a great point. Sometimes we don't realize  
5 how broad our networks are and how far they reach.

6 Any other commissioners have a statement or comment  
7 in addition? All right. With that we'll close agenda  
8 item number 3.

9 And we'll move to agenda item number 4, the Chair  
10 Report. I don't have much substantial to add. I think  
11 everything will come out over the course of our meeting.  
12 I would like to say from my part, there are a million  
13 working parts that are moving around behind the scenes  
14 now.

15 So I especially want to thank staff, Marcy (ph.),  
16 Cecilia (ph.), everyone that's just working so hard and  
17 diligently behind the scenes. It's all coming together.  
18 And I again, I'm totally appreciative of all your  
19 efforts. Thank you very much. So that will close agenda  
20 item number 4.

21 Moving onto agenda item number 5, Executive  
22 Director's Report.

23 MR. CLAYPOOL: Thank you, Chair. I did distribute a  
24 copy of the notes that I typically read off of to all of  
25 you by email. So that was suggested to me by

1 Commissioners Toledo and Commissioner -- I'm trying to  
2 remember now -- but bottom line is you have my notes and  
3 so it will be easier to follow me.

4 To start with, I'd like to talk about the budget.  
5 Deputy Executive Director Hernandez and I had a second  
6 meeting with the legislative staffers from the Joint  
7 Legislative Budget Committee and also members from the  
8 Senate and the Assembly budget staff and some of the  
9 leadership and from the leadership offices.

10 And during that conversation, we talked about your  
11 outreach budget and how you intended to use it. We had  
12 made one adjustment to it. We had shifted a significant  
13 amount of funds, \$500,000, more into the grants. And we  
14 did that because we felt like we could make that  
15 adjustment here and be ahead of the spring finance letter  
16 where we wouldn't be able to actually act for that  
17 budget -- or for that outreach money there, because it  
18 would come too slowly through that process. So we  
19 shifted the money by taking the staff expenses that would  
20 have been incurred in completing the outreach process and  
21 put it into our operational expenses.

22 The second question that we received from that group  
23 was would we have enough operational expenses to complete  
24 our staff operations through June 30, 2022. And we've  
25 talked about this before. The answer is no. The money

1 that was originally budgeted to this Commission was  
2 intended to fund on the levels that the 2010 Commission  
3 had. And the outreach budget in part pays for some of  
4 the outreach but not to the extent that this Commission  
5 is envisioning and not to the extent that the operational  
6 budget would be expanded because of the delay in the  
7 census and because of our increased costs for doing  
8 videography and all these Zoom virtual meetings in a Zoom  
9 environment. So we incorporated all of those ideas into  
10 our budget document, which I posted, and we'll talk about  
11 that as my item number C.

12 I also notified the Department of Finance that the  
13 Commission intends to submit a request for additional  
14 funding, and this is through the Spring Finance letter,  
15 and this is typical. I reached out to our principal  
16 budget manager at the department and we received approval  
17 to be late on the submission of that letter. Being late  
18 is not untypical. Most state agencies get in on time,  
19 but it's not for commissions and boards where things are  
20 a little bit more in flux we're going to get a little  
21 more latitude. So there was approval to be late with  
22 that.

23 And by the time we submit it, which should be at the  
24 end of this month, we will have resolved the final costs  
25 for many of the items that are still unknown. And that

1 will be the cost of our line drawer, our VRA Attorney,  
2 our VRA analyst, racially polarized voting analyst, and  
3 to the extent possible, our data management system. So  
4 we're in a really good position. We're about 90 percent  
5 where we need to be with knowing where our projected  
6 budget will be.

7 In order to do that, I utilize the services of our  
8 new budget director, John Fitzpatrick. I'd like to  
9 introduce John now for the first time. I mentioned him  
10 in the last meeting, but John is sitting off to my right  
11 or to my left. And he will introduce or give you a  
12 little introduction for himself.

13 Go ahead, John.

14 MR. FITZPATRICK: I see they're moving the camera  
15 here. Good morning. Appreciate the opportunity to join  
16 the Commission in its efforts. And as was mentioned  
17 earlier in this conversation, many things occurring and  
18 many moving parts in play at this time. But I feel it's  
19 a great opportunity to help towards the path of success.  
20 If anyone has questions in the future, feel free to reach  
21 out to me, and I'll enjoy interacting with you.

22 MR. CLAYPOOL: So John and I worked on the two  
23 budget documents that I posted. And last time, I  
24 apologize, I had them side by side. But we ran out of  
25 time this time. So I'd like to go over the documents

1 that we gave you, starting with the actual expenditures.  
2 And we have those posted. I believe you should all be  
3 able to bring those up.

4       These are what we've known are the income or  
5 expenditures and encumbrances that we know of at this  
6 time. There hasn't been a lot of -- there's virtually no  
7 difference between last time and this time with so far  
8 insofar as different contracts and so forth go. The net  
9 expenditure between the two months is about \$300,000.  
10 That's principally in your costs as per diem and your  
11 expenses for the meetings and also for staff costing.

12       We still have 6,200,000 in total remaining funds in  
13 our budget at this time. But that's going to change as  
14 soon as we encumber during this month for many of the  
15 contracts that you're going to sell out as you approve  
16 different vendors for line drawing and so forth.

17       Does anybody have any questions about our current  
18 expenditures?

19       Okay. The one that you're going to be more  
20 interested in I'm assuming it's going to be our spending  
21 estimate. I did receive a question -- as we go into this  
22 estimate, I received a question from Commissioner Sinay  
23 about how come we had different commissioner per diems in  
24 different places in this budget. And we did it to  
25 primarily to sync up your per diems with the activities

1 that were going to occur. And this was particularly  
2 important with regards to the outreach effort so that we  
3 could separate those out and if we needed to include it  
4 into the funds that were given or given to us for  
5 outreach.

6 As we look forward, the staff -- I think the staff  
7 operate -- or the staff costs in the operational budget  
8 are fairly self-explanatory. A lot of the staff you see  
9 right now are not hired but will be coming on. The  
10 outreach coordinator and the field managers and leads and  
11 the field support staff have been explained to you by  
12 Deputy Executive Director Hernandez, as well as the need  
13 for student assistance that will be brought on using  
14 personal services contracts.

15 This projection, I should tell you, goes all the way  
16 out -- it assumes that you will turn in your maps on  
17 December 15th, 2021. We've extended it all the way  
18 across based on the information we've received from the  
19 Census Bureau and also from the Statewide Database. And  
20 we're making the assumption that that will force us to go  
21 into that time frame. If for any reason we received the  
22 census data earlier, we can contract back in time. And  
23 that will save us some operational expenses, but no  
24 outreach expenses.

25 So from there, we also have facilities as is fairly



1 minor cost. The total for staff and operational expenses  
2 that we project right now is a little over \$6 million.  
3 The contract services we currently have, the total cost  
4 that we estimate will be, well, what we currently have is  
5 331,000. But with the line drawer and the legal services  
6 and so forth, where we do not show the estimate, we  
7 estimate that our total contract services will be  
8 4,300,000. Our outreach is right at 2,065,000, which is  
9 our budget. We will absorb the 292,000 into operational  
10 costs. That was also a question from the Joint  
11 Legislative Budget Committee.

12 We went out into public input meetings and used the  
13 information provided to us by Deputy Executive Director  
14 Hernandez for a shell of what we anticipate that to look  
15 like and that total cost there, 554,000.

16 And finally, the line drawing sessions, which is  
17 basically an estimate that you will do your line drawing  
18 similarly to the way the past commission did. It doesn't  
19 mean you have to, but it is assumed that it will be a  
20 fairly similar environment. And that estimate is  
21 450,000.

22 When we take that all in consideration, we're  
23 projecting that you will spend approximately 13,600,000  
24 to complete this process through June 30th, 2022, which  
25 gives us an estimated shortfall of 6,200,000. And that

1 is what we will be requesting in our spring finance  
2 letter with adjustments for whatever we receive as far as  
3 the contract or whatever we finally determine the  
4 contract cost will be for the different contractors and  
5 vendors that we haven't settled at this time.

6 So it's a lot to digest. It is what I anticipated  
7 when I came on board with you. Actually, it's a little  
8 less than I had originally told Mr. Fitzpatrick when he  
9 was working with the Department of Finance. It may go  
10 down a little bit, but I think it's a pretty, pretty  
11 solid estimate of what your expenditures are going to be.

12 So questions?

13 Commissioner Sinay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So we're short \$6 million, we  
15 don't know where -- I mean, do we know when we would know  
16 if we had that additional \$6 million? And if we don't  
17 get the \$6 million or we get less than \$6 million, do we  
18 know how we will adjust the budget?

19 MR. CLAYPOOL: Go ahead.

20 MR. FITZPATRICK: Hello. John Fitzpatrick again.  
21 The process referenced by Director Claypool for a spring  
22 finance letter is a proposal that, when approved through  
23 the Department of Finance, typically gets released on  
24 April 1, at which point it's considered by the  
25 legislature and voted into or out of the budget starting

1 July 1 of 2021.

2 It becomes official when the Budget Act in its  
3 entirety is enacted. But typically if it's approved  
4 through the discussion and proposal and subcommittee  
5 process, its chances of being included in the Final  
6 Budget Act are increased. And we would know with  
7 certainty towards the end of June as to whether and how  
8 much was included in the Budget Act at that point 2021.

9 MR. CLAYPOOL: Now, I think it's important to add to  
10 that that in our ongoing discussions with the legislative  
11 members -- or not members, I apologize, legislative staff  
12 that have been following us and with the Department of  
13 Finance that there has always been the question by them,  
14 will this be enough? So they are anticipating this  
15 shortfall, not necessarily this particular number, but  
16 they are anticipating that we will need additional funds.  
17 So I think that it is highly likely that we will receive  
18 some form of increase.

19 However, if it didn't occur -- and I don't believe  
20 that's the case -- but if it didn't occur, we would know  
21 in time to look back at what we have and kind of take a  
22 different -- chart a different course and retool. Would  
23 it mean that you might have to have less meetings or  
24 something like that? I don't think so. I think we could  
25 find ways to bring the cost down. Certainly we can't

1 make up \$6 million. But we could find a way to get you  
2 through to the maps on what we had if we had to. But I  
3 don't believe that's going to be the case.

4 MR. FITZPATRICK: And if I may also add, there are  
5 other avenues to pursue that may be known at this time  
6 and may not be known at this time as it relates to  
7 getting what is typically called a current year  
8 augmentation. If and when the process associated with  
9 the spring finance letter that would be considered by the  
10 Legislature is modified or delayed for some reason, as  
11 referenced by Director Claypool, there are different  
12 discussions and options. But at this time, we're going  
13 to pursue what is the typical path for an augmentation  
14 that is requested at this point in the process.

15 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Andersen.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Looking at the time on that,  
17 which you both mentioned, the spring allotment we would  
18 have an idea April, but we don't really know until April  
19 1, know until the end of June that -- how much we'll get.  
20 So is it, I might be misinterpreted, we don't actually  
21 know a yes or no on these numbers until the end of June?  
22 Or is it earlier than that?

23 And then -- and then how often do you succeed and  
24 what are the dates involved in the augmentation portion?

25 MR. FITZPATRICK: And again, what usually happens

1 with the typical process, and certainly in the COVID  
2 environment things have been anything but typical, but  
3 though it's not a formality until the Budget Act itself  
4 is signed in and enacted in late June every year,  
5 entities who have proposals that are presented to the  
6 Legislature go through a subcommittee process whereby a  
7 vote occurs. And at that time, though not the final  
8 answer, entities have a real good idea of the perspective  
9 of the legislature.

10 And if something is approved in the subcommittee  
11 process, which typically is in April, maybe mid-May up to  
12 mid-May timeline, we always say it's not a guarantee, but  
13 it's a very good indication that the Legislature has  
14 already spoken in support of a particular proposal, and  
15 therefore it gives entities a good chance to sort of  
16 structure their planning.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry. And then the follow  
18 up, so if they say, great, you're going to be short 2  
19 million, we go for an augmentation letter, what are dates  
20 involved with that?

21 MR. CLAYPOOL: So we will know with a fair amount of  
22 certainty, as John has said, in April, May, as to where  
23 we're going to fall. After that, we start pursuing other  
24 avenues if it's going to be still insufficient for what  
25 we feel we need to do.

1           You are guaranteed, and I say this to you because  
2 they're -- you're not guaranteed timing, but you are  
3 guaranteed sufficient funds to do what you think you need  
4 to do in the Act. And at this point, the legislature has  
5 been very good both in the past in the 2010 this time in  
6 making sure that that you receive the funding that you  
7 need to be successful. That's why I have -- I believe  
8 that we will receive sufficient funding to complete this  
9 process.

10           But by April 1st and into May, that's our time slot  
11 for being able to say with some certainty what we have to  
12 do or what we don't have to do with regards to our plans.

13           CHAIR TAYLOR: Any other questions regarding this  
14 this matter?

15           All right. Director Claypool, floor is still yours.

16           MR. CLAYPOOL: Thank you. Commissioner computers,  
17 they're going to get shipped this week. That was the --  
18 we're finally going to move those to you. Don't throw  
19 your other computers away. We need them back so. But  
20 that's the good news.

21           Hiring. There is one new hire to be proposed, but  
22 I'm going to defer to Deputy Executive Director Hernandez  
23 to bring that forward, including his -- the  
24 recommendations from the Commission's Finance and  
25 Administrative Committee.

1           And finally, Form 700. I just want to give you a  
2 heads up, your form -- annual submission for your form  
3 700 is April 1st. This is going to be a requirement of  
4 yours every April 1st until 2000 -- what would it be --  
5 2028, '29, somewhere in there. And then when you leave  
6 State Service you have to file one. So you may find  
7 yourself filing those last two a couple of months apart.  
8 But I just want everybody prepared for that.

9           Any questions? Was it helpful for me to send my  
10 notes ahead of time? Lots of -- okay. Then I'll take a  
11 head count and I'll just continue to do that.

12           Commissioner Yee.

13           COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm wondering also about the  
14 other certifications we're required to do, the driving,  
15 the harassment training; does that continue for the full  
16 decade as well?

17           MR. CLAYPOOL: I -- it was difficult for me to hear  
18 that. Could --

19           COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm sorry. The other  
20 certifications we're required to do, are those going to  
21 be required for the full decade as well? The state  
22 driving certification and all that, harassment training?

23           MR. CLAYPOOL: Oh, we were just conferring. So  
24 we're going to have to get back to you. Some of them are  
25 three, some of them are one year. We'll make a list

1 and -- but you'll always be notified ahead of time when  
2 you need to have them in.

3 The important one is the Form 700. They're all  
4 important. But that one's the one that people are  
5 keeping their eye on.

6 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

7 Any other questions or comments from the  
8 Commissioner regarding the Executive Director's Report?

9 Commissioner Akutagawa.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Two questions. One, on the  
11 Form 700, we're using the same form that we received  
12 previously? Or is there -- is it-- is that also updated  
13 on an annual basis?

14 MS. MARSHALL: It's updated on an annual basis.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So should we be  
16 looking out for a new Form 700 for 2021?

17 MS. MARSHALL: Well, actually, you could go online  
18 to [FPPC.CA.gov](http://FPPC.CA.gov) and it'll have the new form there for you.  
19 Entire new booklet for 2021. It's just like taxes.

20 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Can I just request  
21 that it get sent to us? Only so that it's just we  
22 definitely have it. I can see that with everything  
23 that's happening, we may forget to go to that particular  
24 site. And just to alleviate any additional steps, if you  
25 have it, if you could send it to us --



1 MS. MARSHALL: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- that would just make it  
3 easier.

4 MS. MARSHALL: Oh, yes, not a problem. I actually  
5 sent it out to a couple of commissioners already who've  
6 made requests. But I will definitely do that, too, for  
7 everyone.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, that would be  
9 fabulous. Thank you.

10 And then can I just go back to the budget question?  
11 Maybe this was already covered. I was just trying to  
12 follow along on this.

13 But I was also thinking back to Director Claypool, a  
14 previous presentation that you made around the budget and  
15 my understanding from the previous presentation was that  
16 given any kind of shortfall, eventually the money or  
17 whatever expenditures are going to be committed to will  
18 be paid, even if it's not going to be in this particular  
19 fiscal year? Is that how we're also looking at any  
20 potential for shortfalls due to whatever, maybe timing of  
21 budget cycles and other things like that?

22 MR. CLAYPOOL: So Commissioner, typically we try to  
23 live within our budget. And it's the same as the  
24 outreach crew has lived in to that two million sixty-  
25 five. So we try to keep it -- we try to be good fiscal

1 managers. However, we can't anticipate all costs and  
2 some things just happen.

3       So if we were to go through this spring financial  
4 letter and get the 6,200,000 that we anticipate needing  
5 or some amount around that, and then we started into the  
6 process and we got into the middle of the year and some  
7 expense became greater than we had anticipated, then we  
8 can always go back to the legislature in what they call a  
9 deficiency hearing and request additional funds to cover  
10 those items that weren't covered in the totality of our  
11 budget.

12       That happened to the last commission. The last  
13 commission didn't have the \$4 million that you have in  
14 your legal budget that we can't touch until August of  
15 2021.

16       So this time, the legislature looked at the  
17 experience of the prior commission and said that there  
18 will be absolutely a need for litigation funds and it  
19 should be held separately based on what the Commission  
20 experienced.

21       If we were to get into that process or if we're to  
22 get into an operational process where we suddenly overran  
23 by some amount of money, then we would go into the  
24 hearings with all the other departments who are finding  
25 that they're being -- that they're in a deficient

1 position and we would request that they cover our  
2 expenditures in their formulas for how much we could be  
3 given. Last time the commission received an additional  
4 \$700,000, and that helped us cover the shortfall with one  
5 of our attorneys. Our second attorney agreed to wait  
6 until the following budget year to be paid. And in the  
7 following budget year we received the funds we needed to  
8 get them paid. So everyone was paid. Everyone will be  
9 paid. But that would be the process if we ran past our  
10 budget while we were in the middle of the fiscal year.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And I'm only asking because  
12 I do know that because of COVID, we are expending  
13 probably quite a bit more on video meetings and we'll be  
14 expending quite a bit more on the public hearings, more  
15 so than I think the legislature would have anticipated  
16 when they first put together the budget.

17 And I think -- I'm conscious that I think we all  
18 strive to be good fiscal managers, but I think there  
19 still continues to be some unknowns that I just want to  
20 clarify what I heard the last time and what I'm hearing  
21 now that even with your projected potential for a  
22 shortfall and the spring letter and all that, who knows  
23 how much longer we will be in this kind of situation  
24 where the video costs and while it may be offset by lower  
25 travel costs, I think that there are still some surprise

1 expenses that I think we're going to be incurring,  
2 including up to interpretation costs where people may  
3 have come with someone for a public hearing and other  
4 things like that. So wanted to just note those.

5 MR. CLAYPOOL: If I -- if I could just answer very  
6 quickly, Commissioner Anderson (sic) --

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Yes. Yes. Director Claypool, you  
8 able to answer?

9 Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Forniciari, I  
10 see you guys were going to hold your comments.

11 We're going to go to our guest as soon as Director  
12 Claypool responds.

13 MR. CLAYPOOL: Well, just to say that the  
14 Legislature is very aware of this. They actually have  
15 brought it to our attention, are you going to have enough  
16 for outreach, are you going to have enough -- they are --  
17 they're good partners in this and they're acting in good  
18 faith when we discuss it with them. And so I don't  
19 anticipate that there will be a problem if we have some  
20 unexpected expense.

21 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

22 And again, Commission Forniciari, Commissioner  
23 Anderson, we can return to your questions or comments as  
24 soon as we try to extract as much information from our  
25 guests, Karin Mac Donald from the Statewide Database.

1           We are anxious to hear the information that she has.  
2 I see her. I'm anxious. We're on pins and needles.  
3 Karin, the floor is yours regarding updates on the  
4 census.

5           MS. MAC DONALD: Good morning.

6           Thank you very much, Chair Taylor.

7           Good morning, everybody. It's nice to see you.  
8 Little unexpected, but very nice to see all of you. And  
9 welcome to redistricting, of course, where unexpected  
10 things happen all the time.

11           So I was asked to just give you a little bit of an  
12 update on census deadlines and census date that we know  
13 right now. As you know, this is very much a moving  
14 target. They're keeping us on our toes.

15           On Thursday, January 21st, I received a message that  
16 the geography, the 2020 census blocks that, of course, we  
17 will all needed to create the district files, was put  
18 into FedEx. And right after Census put them in the FedEx  
19 to the designated people in the legislature and also two  
20 of the commissioners, those are Commissioner Ahmed and  
21 Turner, and I'm one of the recipients also, as soon as  
22 they put it in the FedEx, they realized that they had a  
23 problem with the files.

24           So they notified me, just because I happened to have  
25 a call with them already. And then I was able to notify

1 the commissioners to let them know that whatever was in  
2 FedEx was not going to be the accurate census geography.

3 And census then subsequently, on Tuesday, January  
4 26th, released the Census Geography on their website. So  
5 usually they embargoed things until the various designees  
6 have received their data. And this time the designees  
7 received the data after it had been publicly available  
8 already. So it's not like we can do a whole lot just  
9 with the geography. Of course, Statewide Database is  
10 starting to integrate the geography, but generally  
11 speaking, there are no data attached to the geography  
12 yet.

13 And it's an interesting data set for a lot of the  
14 cities and counties because, of course, we conducted  
15 block boundary suggestion and school district review and  
16 all of these other geography programs. And everybody  
17 would like to know whether their census blocks that they  
18 did not like in the last round were in fact fixed and  
19 whether they have better geography this time for a line  
20 drawing and for reporting purposes.

21 So then on February 1, the citizen voting age  
22 population special tabulation was released. And this,  
23 you may remember, is a special tabulation that the Census  
24 Bureau had decided they were going to discontinue.

25 And then last summer, I worked with previous

1 commissioner -- gosh, with one of the previous  
2 commissioners to get a letter out. And we sent a letter  
3 and ask them to reissue, so basically change their  
4 guidelines and reissue this particular tab at least one  
5 more time so that we would have it available for  
6 redistricting purposes. And that was in fact agreed on.  
7 So this was quite a feat, because we managed to turn this  
8 gigantic, I call it a cruise ship, of the Census Bureau  
9 around. And they, in fact, walked back a decision that  
10 they had made and they put this data set out.

11 And this is an interesting data set for all of us,  
12 because that's the data set that we would use to figure  
13 out whether or not we have a potential Section 2  
14 District, which is under the Federal Voting Rights Act,  
15 which is a district that has 50 percent or more citizen  
16 voting age population. So it's a special tabulation.  
17 It's available on the Census Bureau's website. And State  
18 Database always configures this data set onto the census  
19 block level.

20 Now, one thing to keep in mind, and I know I have  
21 many census aficionados here in this meeting here right  
22 now, so one thing to keep in mind, if you want to play  
23 with these data, the data are on the last geography. So  
24 they're on the 2010 geography, not on the 2020 geography.  
25 Even at Statewide Database they're not on the 2020

1 geography, even though the 2020 geography has been  
2 released. And the reason for that is that we don't yet  
3 have PL94 data. And the PL94 is usually the baseline to  
4 do these kinds of approximations. And so that's why it's  
5 not available on that geography yet.

6 But we will make it available on the 2020 geography  
7 after it the PL is released. And on the release of the  
8 PL and also on the apportionment -- and this is probably  
9 something that you heard about -- there was a meeting  
10 with Census on January 27 with NCSL when -- where one of  
11 their spokespersons said that the apportionment data were  
12 going to be due by April 30. So the apportionment counts  
13 really just tell us how many Congressional districts  
14 we're going to have to draw, right? So every state will  
15 get their apportionment count. And they were all know  
16 how many Congressional districts are they going to have.  
17 And these data are going to be out by April 30.

18 And the spokesperson also said that we should not  
19 expect redistricting data before July 30. And that  
20 particular statement was immediately kind of bounced  
21 around the Internet in various chats because some people  
22 thought they heard it was going to be out on July 30.  
23 Some people thought that they had heard before. And so,  
24 in any event, we clarified one more time. And there's  
25 actually a link available to the transcript -- or to the



1 video of that conversation. And she did definitely say,  
2 don't expect it by or before July 30, which to me meant  
3 that they were keeping their options open to see whether  
4 they may in fact even need a little bit more time to get  
5 the data out.

6 They are continuously putting out statements saying  
7 that they are committed to putting an accurate data set  
8 out. And that, of course, is wonderful to hear and our  
9 fingers are crossed for that.

10 As you probably know, I'm about to go into a closed-  
11 door meeting with Census at 10:30 today where we're  
12 talking about differential privacy. That's a continuing  
13 concern by many that their disclosure avoidance system is  
14 a problem in actually giving us accurate data. So we are  
15 continuing the dialog with the Census to figure out what  
16 all they can do to improve the data that they have  
17 collected. And it seems like they are at least willing  
18 to consider certain measures.

19 So I'm going to stop here and that'll perhaps give  
20 us some time for questions, if there's anything that I  
21 didn't explain properly or didn't mention at all. Thank  
22 you.

23 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you for that update.

24 Are there any questions from the commissioners?

25 Commissioner Kennedy.

1           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Just wanting to touch base  
2 and find out if we are still expecting ACS data this  
3 month.

4           MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah, thank you for that question,  
5 Commissioner Kennedy. So the ACS data, that is the  
6 citizen voting age population special tabulation, so that  
7 is the one that was just released on February 1. And  
8 again, you can get it on the State Database website if  
9 you want to see it on the block level. And again, that  
10 is on the 2010 geography. And the Census also has it  
11 available for download on their CVAP tab. And you can  
12 get there through the redistricting data office webpage.

13           And I also wanted to add I completely drew a blank  
14 earlier, the previous commissioner, of course, who worked  
15 with me to write a letter to the Census to ask them to  
16 rerelease the CVAP data set is Angelo Ancheta (ph.). I  
17 don't know why I drew a blank because I talk to Angelo a  
18 lot, but it's Monday morning. So sorry about that.

19           CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Akutagawa.

20           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Hi. Thank you so much for  
21 what you're sharing with us. Just for clarification, I  
22 hear what you're saying that the redistricting data we  
23 may not receive -- I mean, don't expect it by July 31st.  
24 Maybe can I say -- can we hope that we might see it April  
25 1st then or August 1st? Whatever date you receive the

1 data, how long -- is there things -- are there -- what --  
2 what is it that the Statewide Database is going to be  
3 doing to that data to prepare for us for redistricting?  
4 Because I'm assuming that there's going to be some kind  
5 of interim step that you're going to have to now do once  
6 that data is received.

7 MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah. Thank you for that question.  
8 We actually do a whole bunch of things once the data are  
9 released, which is why we take thirty days to make sure  
10 that we get it done properly. Essentially, all of the  
11 new and all of the old data sets, old data, everything  
12 that we have collected so far over the last ten years and  
13 maybe even twenty years, we roll onto the new geography.  
14 And also we can only really do that once we have the PL  
15 because that's when we see what the population figures  
16 are. So that's quite a bit of work.

17 And the other thing, of course, is that we're going  
18 to do the prisoner reallocation. And we can't do that  
19 until we have the PL counts either. And remember, this  
20 is the first time that we're doing it. And we -- the  
21 Census doesn't even exactly know what they're going to  
22 give us with differential privacy. This may affect the  
23 count of the group quarters. They have a new table in  
24 there that nobody's ever seen. So there's a lot of  
25 unknowns. So we'll be quite busy during those thirty

1 days.

2           And again, just to go back to that statement by the  
3 Census spokesperson, I think Kathleen Styles is her name,  
4 she said not to expect it before July 30. There were  
5 subsequently some comments from some people at Census  
6 saying that she had perhaps misspoken. Some people said  
7 that she wasn't authorized to talk about it. She is the  
8 official spokesperson. And this is just all to tell you  
9 that there is a lot going on at Census right now. And we  
10 just all have to keep our eyes on it and just keep asking  
11 questions. Yeah. It is what it is right now.

12           CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

13           Commissioner Forniciari. And be mindful that Ms.  
14 Mac Donald has a hard stop in five minutes.

15           COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Nothing's hard. I'm not  
16 sure you're the right person to ask this question to you,  
17 but it seems like the data is coming later and later and  
18 later. And maybe there's a possibility that we might go  
19 into next year to get this done. When do the districts  
20 have to be drawn, how much ahead of the next election do  
21 the districts have to be drawn? You know, that to me is  
22 the real hard deadline here.

23           MS. MAC DONALD: Yeah, I think -- thank you for that  
24 question. I think the decision from the Supreme Court  
25 actually gives some guidance. And if I'm not mistaken,

1 every day that the census goes past the July 30 deadline,  
2 you get an additional day to finish your work, which at  
3 this point is, I guess, December 15. So if it comes a  
4 day later, then it would be December 16. But I'm not an  
5 attorney. You know who is really great to give  
6 information about this is Ethan Jones from the assembly.  
7 And perhaps if you'd invite him, I'm sure he can talk  
8 about this.

9 I know that a lot of the local districts, they have  
10 the same deadline right now, which is December 15. And I  
11 just don't think that the primary can be moved a whole  
12 lot more. So I think -- my opinion, and I'm not an  
13 attorney, is that it could probably go a little bit  
14 later, but not a whole lot and then there would be some  
15 significant problems to be worked out.

16 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

17 Any additional questions? All right. Going once,  
18 going twice.

19 Well, Ms. Mac Donald, I think we're going to let you  
20 off the hook. We thoroughly appreciate you fitting us in  
21 in such a short time frame with such valuable  
22 information.

23 MS. MAC DONALD: My pleasure. Thank you so much.

24 It was nice to see all of you. Bye-bye.

25 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

1 All right, Commissioners, we will return to agenda  
2 item number 6, the Deputy Executive Director Report. We  
3 left off with Commissioner Forniciari and Commissioner  
4 Anderson. And they had questions of Director Claypool.

5 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I just had a comment to  
6 Linda's question about the Form 700. On July 5th, on my  
7 personal email account, which is what I used to file my  
8 Form 700 last time, I got an email from the State with a  
9 link to an electronic system to file next year. So I  
10 don't know, maybe you all didn't get that, but I just --  
11 you might want to check your personal email, see if you  
12 got that email too.

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Fornaciari, I also got  
14 the same thing to my personal email, which is what I used  
15 to file the last time. So it may have been distributed  
16 in that manner. Commissioner Andersen.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Excuse me. Thank you. I  
18 had a question more about look -- what Commissioner  
19 Akutagawa was saying in terms of looking ahead for items  
20 that might come up that we don't necessarily know about  
21 and are certainly different than the 2010 in terms of  
22 budget and anticipating in the future. And one area  
23 where I see possibly a great deal of money being spent in  
24 that it would -- excuse me -- increase meeting, required  
25 meetings, is this time around, more and more people will

1 have drawn their own districts. Not just their little  
2 communities or something, but they'll actually have  
3 redistricting from, you know, the whole state to large  
4 areas of the state.

5 And how we handle that, and how the public wants us  
6 to address that, is something that is an unknown that I  
7 think could require either more meetings of our time or  
8 more meetings with a line drawer time. And so that's  
9 just an item that I think we should be aware of and could  
10 indeed come up in terms of our extra money that we  
11 wouldn't necessarily know about until after that May and  
12 July, certainly. And given particularly given what Ms.  
13 Mac Donald has just told us. So this is an item to keep  
14 in mind.

15 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Any other questions or  
16 comments from Commissioners regarding the Executive  
17 Directors Report? Okay with that, we will close agenda  
18 item Number 6 -- agenda item Number 5. And we'll move on  
19 to agenda item Number 6, the Deputy Executive Directors  
20 Report. The floor is yours.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Good morning, Commissioners. As Dan  
22 mentioned, we did the budget and we now have 1.5 up to --  
23 1.5 million available for grants. So that is good news.  
24 I want to share with you our outreach collaboration  
25 meeting that we had on Friday. A couple of things that

1 came up I just wanted to share with you. I did ask for  
2 the various organizations to reach out directly to the  
3 Commission as part of the public comment or to the  
4 various subcommittees that the questions were addressed  
5 to for further discussion.

6 And so I wanted to make sure that I shared with you  
7 some of the questions that came up. One of the questions  
8 was in regards to the budget, so I made sure I deferred  
9 them to today's meeting when we would be talking about  
10 that.

11 The other question, language access questions, the  
12 technical feasibility of interpreting the full meeting,  
13 not just the public comment. That was asked. I deferred  
14 again to the subcommittee.

15 Is the website going to be translated, was another  
16 question that came up. In regards to our website,  
17 translated materials should be easy to find. Make sure  
18 that they make it more accessible. So they want to make  
19 sure that there's a link that says languages or something  
20 to that effect, that it's easy for someone to go to the  
21 website and find that information.

22 There's also a question about data management in  
23 regards to the COI tool. They're working already with  
24 the subcommittee. But they did want to know when the COI  
25 tool was going to be available.



1           In regards to outreach materials, and this was  
2 mentioned at the last commission meeting, avoid using  
3 "voter" and "citizen." I believe we've taken steps to  
4 remove those two words and we're now using "Californian"  
5 where applicable.

6           As far as educational presentations, the  
7 redistricting basics, they did want to know if we're  
8 going to be posting a list of those presentations. And  
9 we will be doing so. We have an events calendar that  
10 we've already started to put information on to. And I'll  
11 defer to Fredy director -- communications director, to  
12 talk more about the web page and the website.

13           As you know, we've been working behind the scenes,  
14 establishing processes for you to assist in the  
15 scheduling and coordinating of the educational  
16 presentations. Last week, I sent you a document that  
17 identified how staff would assist in that effort. It is  
18 posted if anyone wanted to take a look at it. And as I  
19 mentioned in my communication, there may be changes or  
20 additional information added as necessary to either  
21 clarify the information or streamline the process. It's  
22 a living document that may change as we identify  
23 different issues or ways to streamline the process.

24           In addition, I sent out a request for your contacts  
25 so that staff can create a master list for tracking

1 purposes and for use for our outreach purposes as well.  
2 You can send them to Marcy. I know I sent out the  
3 spreadsheet. I didn't want to cause any confusion. If  
4 you have a spreadsheet, just send it to us. We'll go  
5 ahead and get that all on the same document so that we  
6 have it all in one place. You don't need to go ahead and  
7 enter it. So I just wanted to clarify that piece of it.

8 As we mentioned at the last meeting, we have posted  
9 the speaker request form to the website and have already  
10 begun to receive requests. And as Ms. Westa-Lusk  
11 mentioned, if you have already contacted the  
12 Commissioners, no need to fill out the form at this  
13 point. We'll reach out to you. We have found that we  
14 may need to add some additional fields to help us  
15 identify the requesting organization's contact  
16 information. And we'll be updating that form as needed.  
17 And also, we want to make sure that we're identifying the  
18 outreach zones so that we know where we're going to.

19 I wanted to mention that Ms. Sheffield will be  
20 assisting Marcy in helping us schedule the outreach  
21 presentations since they are coming fast and furious.

22 In regards to staffing, commissioner -- not  
23 commissioner, Executive Director Claypool mentioned that  
24 we are looking to hire a candidate for our outreach  
25 coordinator and I'm going to defer to the Finance and

1 Administration Subcommittee report to share that  
2 information. We are going to be looking to hire field  
3 staff, as Executive Director Claypool said. We have the  
4 executive -- or not the executive, the field staff and  
5 the field support staff and the students, all of which  
6 will be developing a recruitment strategy plan to find  
7 those folks because we are looking to have them in the  
8 different areas of California, north, central, and  
9 southern, and making sure that we have the support for  
10 the Commissioners in those various areas.

11 I wanted to thank you all for approving the  
12 Strategic Outreach Plan. It is now available on the  
13 website that's posted there. It says "Approved Strategic  
14 Outreach Plan" if anybody needs to take a look at it.

15 Now, if you recall, we had discussion on how to  
16 approach the educational presentations as it related to  
17 the legal requirements. We're going to continue that  
18 discussion today, so I'll now turn it over -- I'll be  
19 turning it over to Chair Taylor to frame what that  
20 discussion will be and how we'll address that. But are  
21 there any questions?

22 CHAIR TAYLOR: Any questions so far for Deputy  
23 Executive Director Hernandez? Commissioner Akutagawa.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm glad to hear that  
25 you're getting a lot of presentation requests. I'm just

1 curious as to how you're going to plan to assign out the  
2 presentations, absent a specific request for a specific  
3 Commissioner or if it's not one that's specific to a  
4 zone.

5 So, for example, like a statewide organization or  
6 even, like, an organization that may span over certain,  
7 you know, several zones. And then also, are you also --  
8 I -- I can't remember if we talked about this. Are you  
9 also intending to include staff in that kind of rotation  
10 of making the presentations?

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: So to answer your first question, we  
12 have received a couple of requests for statewide groups.  
13 So what we're going to do is we're going to reach out to  
14 the Commissioners and see who is available and interested  
15 in doing those statewide presentations.

16 For the more regional areas, if it's two different  
17 zones, we'll reach out to all four Commissioners to see  
18 which two are available and interested in doing the  
19 presentations. So as they're coming in, this is why I  
20 mentioned in that planning document, the process  
21 document, things can change. We're still trying to  
22 figure that piece out.

23 But we're definitely going to reach out as needed to  
24 the various Commissioners. We have received a lot of the  
25 contacts so far. They have already reached out to

1 Commissioners. So they're aware of who is in their  
2 outreach zone. And when they're not, that's when we have  
3 that conversation with them to make sure that, okay,  
4 these are the commissioners that are in your zone. And  
5 if there's a specific request, as was -- there was one  
6 for, I believe, Commissioner Andersen and Commissioner  
7 Kennedy, one because of the location, the other because  
8 of the background. And so those are very specific. So  
9 we will address those as they come.

10 And in regards to your second question, which -- can  
11 you repeat the question?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was just asking if any of  
13 the staff are going to be, like, for -- for example,  
14 yourself, Director Ceja, and, you know, Director  
15 Claypool, or even Marcy, or -- yeah, at the very least.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Sure.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: So we're going to try to have staff  
19 available. There's not enough of us to go around if we  
20 have multiple events going on at the same time. But we  
21 are going to try to have staff available. Now, if you  
22 have a specific request and you absolutely want staff  
23 there, that's fine. We'll make sure that happens. If  
24 you feel comfortable enough to do the presentation and  
25 record it, then, you know, we don't have to be there.

1 But we're going to make ourselves as much available as  
2 possible.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Actually, I wasn't asking  
4 if you're going to help support us. I was more asking,  
5 you know, given that if there's a lot more and all of the  
6 Commissioners are committed, is staff going to then step  
7 in to provide a presentation in lieu of one of us? Or is  
8 this something that is going to be intended to be just  
9 the Commissioners? And if so, then you're just going to  
10 let the requesting organization or community know that a  
11 Commissioner may not be available on such -- you know,  
12 whatever day is requested and to ask them for another  
13 date that a Commissioner could be available?

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Sure. My understanding is that the  
15 staff will not be doing these presentations. The  
16 Commission is the face of the organization -- of the  
17 Commission. You are the face of the Commission, so you  
18 should be the ones that are doing the presentation. We  
19 can help with the support activities. If the  
20 Commissioner is not available, we'll go down the list and  
21 see if there's another Commissioner who could step in.

22 If it's absolutely not available on that day, we'll  
23 try to reschedule. We'll find some way to make it work  
24 at another time, that is, works for both the Commission  
25 and the organization.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Any other questions for  
2 Director Hernandez before we move into, I guess, what  
3 would be a procedural approach to our outreach? All  
4 right. I have -- Commissioner Fernandez, thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you for that. You  
6 guys were frozen for a while, so I wasn't sure if you  
7 could see me or not. I'm hoping these new computers will  
8 be better with my connection but probably not. Just a  
9 quick question and I know I keep asking you, Director  
10 Hernandez, I realize that now there's 1.5 million for the  
11 Outreach. But I do know that last time there was 3  
12 million and it was given to an external agency. So I  
13 think, again, I'm going to keep asking you the 1.5, I  
14 mean, are you comfortable with that?

15 It's just, you know, the more I start speaking to  
16 our community's organizations and our areas and how far  
17 reaching we need to be, it just, I'm not -- I'm not sure  
18 if 1.5 million is going to be sufficient. Especially if  
19 they're asking you, are you sure that's enough? So I'm  
20 just going to -- you're going to tell me, yes, you think  
21 it's enough, but just really think about it is what is, I  
22 guess, my caution right now. Because I'm just hoping it  
23 is enough. But I also don't want to exclude any areas  
24 because we run out of money.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: So thank you for that. I will go

1 ahead and take that under consideration. Our plan is  
2 really to do as much as we can with what we have. And at  
3 this point, we have 1.5, which, you know, gives us a  
4 little bit more than we had originally planned. So we  
5 are still working on the RFA. There's some decision  
6 that's going to be made today as well that the Grant  
7 Subcommittee will be discussing later in the meeting.  
8 And as we move forward, you know, our goal is to reach as  
9 many as we can. Now, obviously, we do have limitations  
10 and we'll go as far as we can with what we have.

11 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Commissioner Sinay.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair. I just  
13 wanted to clarify on what Commissioner Fernandez said.  
14 The 3 million did not come from the State last time. It  
15 came from actual -- from the Irvine Foundation and other  
16 foundations. And that's where the 2 million came -- 2  
17 million recommendation went to the legislature for  
18 outreach.

19 My concern is that now we're looking at the 2  
20 million to also cover staffing and such versus just the  
21 outreach grants in the community. So that's a bit --  
22 that's why I had asked about the budget and why we were  
23 moving operational costs throughout -- into the outreach.  
24 So that is a concern. I do want to say that Irvine  
25 Foundation had -- and others through California



1 philanthropy have given -- have invested about 3 million  
2 into this effort. And I believe you all received the  
3 email about the additional funding that's gone out to  
4 support the Black Census and Redistricting Collaborative.

5       So there are a lot of local foundations as well as  
6 regional foundations that are funding. I still think 1.5  
7 is probably going to be tight. So I don't want it to  
8 take away from what Commissioner Fernandez said. But I  
9 do want to raise the awareness that the money wasn't from  
10 the State, that it was from individual philanthropy.  
11 That individual philanthropy is probably even more aware  
12 this time. But the national philanthropy is not  
13 interested in California at this time because there's so  
14 many other efforts in the country that they want to  
15 really, in redistricting efforts, that they want to  
16 support those efforts.

17       So it's really about, you know, focusing on regional  
18 and -- regional and local community foundations and bring  
19 them in this conversation. And because the census tables  
20 were so successful and, you know, the groups, the  
21 collaboratives that came together for the census, and  
22 many of them do want to continue moving forward, the  
23 local -- local philanthropy has been looking at how to  
24 support those efforts.

25       CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Vazquez, then

1 Commissioner Fornaciari.

2 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I also want to echo and agree  
3 with Commissioner Sinay's comments about the budget as  
4 proposed. I do think 1.5 is going to be tight. We have  
5 to remember also that the 2 million number which comes  
6 from, you know, outside philanthropy, was for a much  
7 shorter time period and a much quicker engagement  
8 process. And we, you know, we've invested so much time  
9 thinking about how we want to do more and go deeper into  
10 communities.

11 And so I am a bit concerned about using the 2  
12 million for our internal operations when 2 million was  
13 sort of out -- doing work for the commission and  
14 redistricting out in the community. And that's not  
15 insignificant. I mean, 500,000 is, you know, like a  
16 quarter of the -- of the proposed budget and that that  
17 concerns me in terms of sort of where we're allocating  
18 pieces.

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Commissioner Fornaciari.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. No, I just wanted  
21 Deputy Director Hernandez to touch on that budget point  
22 that was made. I didn't want that to get lost. So if  
23 you could talk to that, because they moved some  
24 operational costs out of it to expand the amount for  
25 grant making. But I, I just want to make sure that

1 doesn't -- that get --

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Director Hernandez and Claypool, do  
3 you have a reply?

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes. So that is correct. What we  
5 did is we moved out the staffing cost from the outreach  
6 over to the operational. That was about 500,000, just a  
7 little over 500,000. That allowed us to free up the  
8 500,000 to add to the granting part of it. 1 million has  
9 gone up to 1.5. You know how much more we can go from  
10 there? I don't think at this point we can. And part of  
11 what Director Claypool was saying is that we have to have  
12 the money upfront for this effort. We can't wait until  
13 later on, April, to request additional funds for the  
14 granting part of it.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you turn your camera on?

16 CHAIR TAYLOR: Any follow-up questions or additional  
17 questions or comments?

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Turn your camera on.

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Le Mons.

20 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yeah. I wanted to get some  
21 clarification. The 1.5 we're talking about is purely for  
22 the granting but not the totality of the outreach budget.  
23 Am I correct?

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, that is correct. 1.5 is  
25 specifically for the granting of the funds.

1 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Okay, thank you.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Director Claypool.

3 DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: I'd also like to make it clear  
4 that if the outreach efforts, if we -- if we expand  
5 further than we think and the outreach efforts cost more  
6 insofar as the expenses for your social media and so  
7 forth, that we would reach into the operational funds to  
8 try to make sure that those efforts got paid. So we do  
9 have that latitude. But again, that will put a little  
10 pressure on getting to July -- or getting to June 30,  
11 2022. But outreach is critical. And so we have a way of  
12 bringing in some additional funds if it's necessary.

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Fornaciari, then  
14 Commissioner Vazquez.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. So just for clarity  
16 on the outreach budget, the details are included in the  
17 document that Director Claypool put out. I think it's  
18 titled Meeting Projection, February 8th. If you scroll  
19 down to -- there's a section on outreach, you'll see, you  
20 know, there's estimated expenditures for media, social  
21 media, translation, videos, video production materials,  
22 and meetings, and video streaming, and interpreters.  
23 That's where the other half million dollars is going.  
24 It's not going to pay for stuff. So just clarify on  
25 where that money is going if you want to see more detail.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Vazquez.

2 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Thanks for that  
3 clarification, Director Claypool and Commissioner  
4 Fornaciari. I guess my response is that I think that we  
5 should be operating as if we will need as much of the 2  
6 million for granting as possible. And I'm just -- I'm  
7 not sure that I agree with -- so the framing of, if we  
8 need it, we'll move stuff around in the future versus,  
9 like, let's plan to maximize the outreach granting at the  
10 outset. And I don't know that I agree, again, knowing  
11 where this 2 million number came from, which was the  
12 money that was out in the community doing work through  
13 community-based organizations for redistricting to use  
14 half a million of it for things like translation  
15 services, like, all of our internal operations.

16 Just -- it, to me, I just think we should, we should  
17 plan to have that money coming from elsewhere at the  
18 outset to the extent possible. So I get that we have to  
19 do some sort of like budget shifts, et cetera because  
20 we're working across a couple of fiscal years. But it  
21 just, in terms of our internal planning, to me it  
22 concerns me that we assume that half a million is going  
23 to our internal bureaucracy, unless we decide at some  
24 future date otherwise.

25 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Kennedy, then

1 Commissioner Le Mons.

2           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I mean, I  
3 don't see that we are putting half a million or more than  
4 half a million to our, quote/unquote, internal  
5 bureaucracy. I mean, part of the outreach effort is to  
6 be able to provide translated materials to community  
7 partners. And if we don't translate it, then they don't  
8 have votes. I see that as perfectly fine. What I'm --  
9 what I would like to see shifted out of the outreach  
10 budget is, for example, Commissioner per diem. I don't  
11 see that we have to charge Commissioner per diem to the  
12 outreach budget, even if we're doing outreach. I don't  
13 see that we need to charge the posting of these  
14 educational sessions to outreach.

15           That's not part of it, I mean, it's required, I  
16 guess, but that one, I would prefer to see moved  
17 elsewhere. And the interpretation line under educational  
18 redistricting basics, I'm understanding that as if we  
19 need to take our own interpreter or if we need to pay for  
20 a community interpreter at those sessions, that's what  
21 that's for.

22           And, you know, that one, you know, I think that's  
23 reasonable to have under the outreach budget. But  
24 certainly, Commissioner per diem and hosting of those  
25 meetings, that's over \$100,000 that I would like to see

1 moved somewhere else in the budget. Thank you

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Le Mons.

3 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I just wanted to weigh in on  
4 how, at least I'm looking at outreach as not simply the  
5 grants but overall efforts. And so I concur with  
6 Commissioner Kennedy. I don't think that the money  
7 that's not put into the grants is somehow being used for  
8 other than outreach purposes. Particularly as we look at  
9 social media, radio, all those different things that  
10 we're going to be doing are also outreach and require  
11 resources to do.

12 So I think we may have varying opinions on what  
13 actually is in the outreach category and how the overall  
14 budget beyond the -- beyond the 2 million is being used.  
15 Because with the ask, it appears as if we'll have more  
16 than 2 million -- so that's a clarification as well --  
17 with the letter, the spring letter.

18 So the question I guess I would be asking is, are we  
19 asking for enough? Do we have a sufficient outreach  
20 budget more globally? And if we then are talking about  
21 how we want to use that global outreach budget and  
22 potentially increase the granting, that's a different  
23 conversation. But I'm trying not to look at it as a  
24 detrimental thing that we have only assigned 1.5 to  
25 community, because mind under -- at least how grant's

1 committee was looking at this was that the community is a  
2 part of our global outreach effort. So it isn't, we have  
3 an outreach effort and then they have an outreach effort.  
4 But they're an extension of our outreach effort. And  
5 really, we can't really do an outreach effort without  
6 them. Like, in order for us to have an effective and  
7 deep-reaching outreach effort, we have to include the  
8 community. But that doesn't mean that ninety percent of  
9 the budget or seventy-five percent of the budget or  
10 whatever the percentage is has to go directly to the  
11 community. I think that might be a broader discussion  
12 about how we see the utilization of the global outreach  
13 resources.

14 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner VAZQUEZ.

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Thank you for those comments,  
16 Commissioner Le Mons. I think -- at least if I'm  
17 understanding you right, I think we're saying the same  
18 thing. So maybe it's just that I feel like shoehorning  
19 all of our global outreach efforts into a line item  
20 budget of 2,000,000 and some change restricts us from  
21 having, I think, sufficient resources out in the  
22 community, which for me, a baseline for sufficient is  
23 what was out in the community last time around.

24 And so we have 2,000,000 and some change dedicated  
25 for outreach, but there's nothing that precludes us from



1 investing more other than our own overall budget and  
2 priorities. So for me, I don't want to have to be  
3 limited by this 2,000,000 and change number necessarily.  
4 And so would like to have this conversation about  
5 sufficiency about the outreach grants number and come up  
6 with an actual outreach budget that is informed by but  
7 not tied to the restricted outreach number, which is  
8 2,000,000 and some change.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Director Claypool, do you have a  
10 reply?

11 And commissioners, we are up against a break in two  
12 minutes.

13 DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: No, I don't have a response to  
14 that if it's a valid argument. So I will just refer back  
15 to the commission.

16 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Le Mons, then  
17 Commissioner Fernandez.

18 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I feel like the discussion  
19 that Commissioner Sinay mentioned earlier, I don't know  
20 if I -- I'll say I don't know. I don't have specificity  
21 as to what is in the community right now from the  
22 foundation. To me, I'm looking at that a little bit  
23 differently is the Oregon Foundation just did what they  
24 wanted to do with their resources the last time. That  
25 has nothing to do with the commission.

1           And so I don't think it is a fair argument to  
2 compare what they decided to do with what the commission  
3 did because that wasn't the commission's money. So in  
4 essence, we ended up with money to be able to do  
5 something and might've been informed by a lack of  
6 certainty that there would be a foundation or some other  
7 philanthropic approach to getting those resources out  
8 there, but I don't know that we can really stand on. I  
9 think we went from zero in that context. Not zero as an  
10 outreach budget, because there was an outreach budget  
11 last time as well, right.

12           And so it was increased, or \$2,000,000 earmarked for  
13 this community aspect. And so I think what I want to  
14 do -- again, I'm open to a conversation about outreach  
15 and resources, but I think that we may be coming at this  
16 from different perspectives. What Commissioner Sinay  
17 just said a moment ago is that some resources are being  
18 put out in the community to redistricting efforts. They  
19 may not be specific to our work.

20           So I don't know if we have a really good landscape,  
21 or I don't have a really good understanding of what is  
22 out in the community in terms of resources that support  
23 redistricting. And I can only look at it from what we  
24 are trying to do with the resources that we have without  
25 regard to what others are doing. So I would push back on

1 the argument that we can compare what the Irvine  
2 Foundation did, what it is that we're trying to do  
3 because it's a different -- to me, it's a different  
4 equation.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons.

6 We'll pause there with questions. When we return,  
7 we'll have questions from Commissioners Fernandez,  
8 Commissioners Akutagawa. I also would like to ask all  
9 commissioners, did everyone receive that privileged  
10 correspondence and familiarize themselves with that  
11 document so that when we come back, we'll begin to have  
12 that conversation. If not, we can separate some time.  
13 If anyone needs to read that document or wants to review  
14 it, we can build that into our break so that we can have  
15 a robust discussion on those issues.

16 So everyone is prepared to talk about the privileged  
17 document we received?

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'd like to review it again.  
19 Yes.

20 CHAIR TAYLOR: So then respective of what we've  
21 learned from Trina, respective of our break of fifteen  
22 minutes, I would also like to build in an additional  
23 fifteen minutes to review that document. And we'll come  
24 back at 11:30. We'll return with our questions from  
25 Commissioners Fernandez and Akutagawa. Thank you.

1 11:30.

2 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. It is 11:30 a.m.,  
4 February 8th of the meeting for the California Citizens  
5 Redistricting Commission. We are returning from recess  
6 to agenda item number 6, the deputy executive directors  
7 reports, and the discussion of our outreach strategy. I  
8 believe some of the conversation I'm hearing, questions  
9 from the commissioners stems around whether or not our  
10 request will be sufficient to cover some of our outreach  
11 and what components should be drawn from the budget to  
12 represent those figures.

13 I believe we left off with a question from  
14 Commissioner Fernandez.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you, Chair.

16 I just want to make, based on the conversation that  
17 we've been having, and I guess I started it off, so I do  
18 realize that other organizations do have funding or do  
19 have -- raise funding for the redistricting effort. I  
20 don't necessarily think we need to -- we should count on  
21 that. I think we need to be equitable with reaching out  
22 and asking for their help, for their partnership. I do  
23 feel we need to be universal with everyone regardless of  
24 whether they have funding for this effort or not.

25 And then two, I believe Executive Director Claypool

1 mentioned that when they met with the legislative staff,  
2 they asked specifically if the 1.5 was going to be  
3 sufficient. And I think at that point, that would've  
4 been a great opening to maybe consider whether that's  
5 appropriate or not. And when we do projections, every  
6 time you do projections, you do a projection to see what  
7 you're going to spend, not necessarily to stay within  
8 your budget.

9       So I think there's a different mentality set in  
10 terms of I'm going to do the most I can within my budget  
11 versus my projection would be if I could do this, then  
12 this is how much it would be. So I'm just asking that we  
13 need to go back and rethink and take a look at it before  
14 we actually submit a finance letter with a final number.  
15 So thank you. I appreciate the discussion.

16       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

17       Commissioner Akutagawa.

18       COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you. So  
19 what's been said, it got me thinking with this  
20 conversation around the Irvine money that was used  
21 previously, or that they had provided previously.

22       And Director Claypool, I don't know if you could  
23 answer this question, but I think what would be helpful  
24 for us to understand, and I think this is partially maybe  
25 what Commissioner Vazquez was asking about is how much

1 money in total was used in 2010 when you add up all of  
2 the outreach money that the 2010 commission utilized for  
3 outreach. And then if you were to add in at least the  
4 Irvine money where the 3,000,000, there may have been  
5 other funds that were expended by other foundations  
6 towards redistricting, but for the sake of a napkin kind  
7 of estimate, it's 3,000,000 plus what was utilized by  
8 2010.

9       And then I think what would help us then maybe to  
10 understand whether or not we're being at least within the  
11 same range for 2020 is what we know is the roughly 2.2  
12 million plus some change, that we already know that  
13 compared to what Irvine spent that that's less. However,  
14 I do believe to let the (indiscernible) California -- and  
15 Commissioner Sinay, maybe you can help remind us of this  
16 amount -- I think roughly gave out, like, about a million  
17 dollars, I think, for their outreach effort. So -- okay.  
18 So we're roughly around 3,000,000 this round as well too  
19 if we were to add up everything, but I'm hearing what  
20 folks are saying, but I think that clarity would help us  
21 to understand where and how we might need to increase  
22 funds for outreach.

23       CHAIR TAYLOR: Director Claypool, you have a  
24 response?

25       DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: I do. So the first commission

1 didn't spend money on outreach other than the specific  
2 items that you would associate with being in a public  
3 meeting and having interpretation, or sending out email  
4 blasts announcing what they were doing and so forth, but  
5 there was no budget for it. We received a straight  
6 \$3,000,000 budget to do everything.

7       And so we have these groups like the Irvine  
8 Foundation on the side doing what they were doing. They  
9 didn't consult with us about how they spent their money,  
10 but it was clearly in an endeavor to reach out to  
11 communities to make sure that they were aware of what the  
12 commission's mission was and so forth. If I were going  
13 to take a guess as to how much of our budget went into,  
14 and it ultimately ended up being around a \$7,000,000  
15 budget, we probably spent 100,000, maybe \$200,000, in  
16 things that you would call direct outreach. And all the  
17 rest of it were operational expenses.

18       COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So then if I can ask a  
19 follow up then. If you were to do an apples-to-apples  
20 comparison -- because the current budget that you've  
21 presented to us does have some of the what some may say  
22 are "operational costs" like the per diems and other  
23 things like that. If you were to take that same kind of  
24 budget line item from 2010, how would that compare out?

25       DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: For the half million that is

1 considered right now, it's maybe ten times the amount  
2 that was spent the first time around. Well, actually  
3 maybe five times the same amount. So it's not -- this is  
4 so much different. Ours was just a make sure people knew  
5 that they were going to show up at a certain place and  
6 time. Yours is a robust commitment to education and  
7 outreach. And so it's really an apples-and-oranges  
8 comparison, but does that help?

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Any additional questions or comments?  
10 So then commissioners, what I ask as it relates to this  
11 particular item, do we need to have further conversation  
12 regarding whether or not we're asking for a sufficient  
13 amount? Do we want Director Claypool to refigure his  
14 budget items? What is the consensus from the commission?

15 Commissioner Le Mons.

16 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I'd like to recommend that  
17 Deputy Director Hernandez look at the outreach plan that  
18 we've supported, and to make a determination whether he  
19 feels -- he and his team feels like that plan is  
20 sufficiently funded, and if we feel as commissioners that  
21 the plan is not sufficient, like, if we need to expand  
22 the plan, that would affect his analysis of the resources  
23 necessary to support the plan. That might be a focused  
24 way for us to really get to something tangible as opposed  
25 to our various perspectives about the various elements of



1 this if Executive Director Hernandez is open to that, and  
2 fellow commissioners open to the portion or role we would  
3 play in terms of setting him up for a success for that  
4 evaluation.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Director Hernandez.

6 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I am open to that. So I will  
7 take a look at that plan, see if the numbers jive, and  
8 then go from there.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. And, of course, this is  
10 in conjunction with other staff members.

11 Commissioner Le Mons.

12 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: When would you need to hear  
13 from us if we feel like there is some augmentation to  
14 that plan or expansion of the plan that we want to  
15 recommend, or is commissioners even interested in doing  
16 any expansion at this point, or do we want to just go  
17 with the plan as we've supported it? That might be the  
18 discussion for us, Chair.

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: Correct. Do we want to be open to  
20 that, or might we suggest that we send suggestions for  
21 expanded plan to Director Hernandez, and then at our next  
22 meeting, we can go over those budget items?

23 Commissioner Vazquez.

24 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I just -- for me, the  
25 plan is sufficient. We've supported it. We helped to

1 develop the components of it. For me, I think what it  
2 comes down to is that I would like as much of the  
3 2,000,000 restricted outreach funds that we've been given  
4 by the legislature to go out into the community since it  
5 was given to us to supplant whatever happens out in the  
6 community.

7       So I understand that there is philanthropic dollars  
8 going out into the community for various redistricting  
9 efforts, but I feel like the people of California have an  
10 interest through the redistricting commission to have an  
11 outreach budget and to direct those dollars from the  
12 commission independent of anything else private  
13 philanthropy decides to invest in. Like, we have a  
14 mission to engage the community sufficiently for the  
15 purposes of redistricting, and we've been given  
16 \$2,000,000 at minimum in my opinion to do that.

17       And so I would just like to see honestly the budget  
18 reflect a higher grant amount. And that I am totally  
19 comfortable with these additional pieces being included  
20 in an outreach budget, but then those pieces -- the  
21 funding for those pieces come from other revenue sources  
22 or funding sources, however you want to say it. Those  
23 are my thoughts. The plan for me is sufficient.

24       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

25       Commissioner Kennedy.

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

2 I guess my main concern regarding the plan and the  
3 budget is the idea that eighty-two redistricting basics  
4 meetings could possibly be enough to cover the state of  
5 California. I mean, I could even foresee myself doing  
6 eighty-two if there are enough groups that are interested  
7 in a region that has four and a quarter million people in  
8 it. And so when we get to eighty-two, do we have to  
9 stop, or do we keep going as best we can to reach as many  
10 people as we can in this phase of the process? Thank  
11 you.

12 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

13 Any additional questions or comments? So  
14 commissioners, we are left with the thought that this  
15 line item should be removed from that segment of the  
16 outreach budget, and we're left with whether or not this  
17 is a sufficient amount for our outreach efforts.

18 We also thought that we would give Director  
19 Hernandez an opportunity to evaluate this agenda item and  
20 then report back. That's correct? Yeah. A few nods.

21 Commissioner Turner.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. And I'll say again, and  
23 I feel -- I know I'm probably one of the only ones that  
24 think down this path, but tied into the dollar amount  
25 question for me and how we go about it still gets to the

1 question that we're waiting to learn what type of  
2 outreach. The type of outreach will shift the dollar  
3 amount that's required. And we still have not determined  
4 that as far as what are our expectations for  
5 deliverables.

6       So for me, I love the idea. I did believe the plan  
7 we had a sufficient one if we had understanding about  
8 what that plan entailed down to the detail of how these  
9 things were going to be accomplished out in the field,  
10 which will drive the dollar amount that's requested. If  
11 we have that, that's great to make a decision now, even  
12 for Deputy Director Hernandez to make -- to look at it  
13 and to determine if we have enough money to do it. I  
14 don't know how he'll do that without knowing what we're  
15 asking the people to do.

16       And it's important for me -- for us to know that  
17 because it plays into how thorough we think we are  
18 covering outreach in the community, again, if we're doing  
19 presentations that we're hoping people come to, if we're  
20 some kind of way doing outgoing phone banking to explain  
21 it or to doing invites, or to do -- all of that cost  
22 widely different amounts. And so it may impact our total  
23 budget amount. Perhaps it won't.

24       And so that's what I'm just kind of listening to and  
25 waiting for information about that to determine what

1 should be the size of the budget, and if what we have  
2 out --

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Le Mons.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- there is sufficient. Thank  
5 you.

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I want to support --

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Le Mons.

8 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I want to support  
9 Commissioner Turner's position. And that really -- I  
10 think you crystalized what I was saying about the plan.  
11 So what I do know is that Deputy Director Hernandez is  
12 not only outlining the plan, at least from the grant  
13 subcommittee. What we understood is that those resources  
14 intersect the plan. And it intersects it at that  
15 specificity that you're talking about, because it isn't  
16 just oh, here's some money, but it's about here's  
17 resources to support some very specific activities.

18 So I'm imagining, I think to Commissioner Kennedy's  
19 point, and again, if we feel like the plan -- the frame  
20 of the plan I don't think we have any questions about. I  
21 do think there are various commissioners that have  
22 questions or opinions about the specificity, the more  
23 granular details, numbers of meetings, and things like  
24 that. So I think that that's what I was inviting is this  
25 is the opportunity, because there is a cost associated

1 with it.

2       And my imagining is that Director Claypool has  
3 brought to the design his experience, what he knows about  
4 what was spent before, you know, all of those kinds of  
5 things, but we are doing something a little slightly  
6 different. And if commissioners feel like rather than  
7 eighty-two meetings, there ought to be 200 meetings or  
8 whatever the case may be, that's important to put forward  
9 now because that will have a cost association with it.  
10 The same thing with the activities that we're asking  
11 people to apply to get resources to support. What are  
12 those activities? And those are forthcoming. I think we  
13 just haven't got to that point, which is why I think  
14 Deputy Director Hernandez is in the best position. He  
15 probably holds most of that information. And then let us  
16 know from his perspective what gaps in terms of  
17 information does he need from us to get exactly where  
18 Commissioner Turner has described, because that is  
19 critical. It's absolutely critical.

20       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

21       Director Claypool, when was -- that adjustment  
22 letter, when is that due to the legislature?

23       DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: So we were given -- or I asked  
24 for an extension till the end of February. So we have  
25 time to have this conversation. I would also like to

1 just address one thing about the eighty-two meetings or  
2 the number of meetings. As you all look at the number of  
3 meetings that you are contemplating, it's important that  
4 you also contemplate the commitment that's going to come  
5 with 200 meetings versus eighty-two meetings. Because  
6 there are going to be two of you at each of them, that is  
7 going to drive the level at which some of you may  
8 participate or all of you may participate.

9 That was a consideration in the last commission. At  
10 the start of commission, there was one commissioner who  
11 wanted to start with eighty meetings. And we said okay,  
12 eighty meetings, and that was just to meet the public.

13 It was a tremendous commitment to get to thirty-  
14 four, but they were traveling. They were doing a lot of  
15 things that you're not going to have to do, but I just  
16 would just keep that in the back of your mind as you're  
17 thinking about what level of participation is possible  
18 for you. That's all.

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Le Mons.

20 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: The other thing would be to  
21 delineate type of meetings. I'm not sure if Commissioner  
22 Kennedy, what type of meetings he was referring to that  
23 he could do eighty-two of. If those are education and  
24 information meetings, that's one thing, but I think that  
25 the eighty-two meetings, I don't think that those are the

1 education and information meetings. Aren't those the  
2 public input meetings on the maps? I'm just not sure.  
3 So that's a clarification question.

4 And whatever the answer to that question is is  
5 really not what's most important to me. It would be that  
6 those things are delineated. So it's these -- number of  
7 these type of meetings versus these type of meetings,  
8 which I know we have segregated the types of meetings in  
9 the plan.

10 CHAIR TAYLOR: And Director Claypool, I have an  
11 additional question. When we request that additional  
12 amount, the shortfall, that's intended to be an amount to  
13 cover -- there's no thought that you didn't turn three  
14 months later go back and ask for an additional amount?  
15 I'm assuming that that would be frowned upon.

16 DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Yes. The Department of Finance  
17 and the legislature are looking for a -- they're looking  
18 for our best estimate of where we think we're going to  
19 be. However, as Mr. Fitzpatrick pointed out earlier, if  
20 there are other opportunities to ask for additional  
21 funds, but at that point, it would be important for us to  
22 only be asking for things that are extraordinary in  
23 nature and occurred and that we need to cover.

24 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. So again, I think we're  
25 left with we as commissioners, along with Director



1 Hernandez, need to evaluate whether or not this is a  
2 sufficient amount so that we can make our best estimate.  
3 We have a room for -- we have room on our agenda to  
4 continue this. We're back next week, the 18th and the  
5 19th, I believe, and we can continue this conversation.  
6 Any other questions?

7 Commissioner Kennedy.

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

9 Just to clarify, the eighty-two that I was referring  
10 to is clearly set out under outreach in the projected  
11 budget. So that does not include the public input  
12 meetings that are the twenty-nine communities of interest  
13 public input meetings, the four large group presentation  
14 meetings, or the thirteen census public input meetings.  
15 Those are under a separate budget category. I'm just  
16 referring to the eighty-two under outreach. Thank you.

17 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. So again, we over to this next  
18 week. Commissioners can kind of play the manner in which  
19 you want to go about it, our meetings, educational  
20 meetings, methods, and those cost assoc -- (audio  
21 malfunction). Any other questions or comments?

22 All right. We're going to pivot into the second  
23 portion of this conversation about outreach. Everyone  
24 has an opportunity to review the privileged documents.  
25 As we go forward with this -- with the outreach meetings,

1 we need to think about the process by which we will do  
2 so. That's going to include several questions that we,  
3 more than likely, are going to have to vote on.

4 Of those questions, I anticipate we need to answer  
5 whether or not we need to agendize our educational  
6 outreach meetings. And if we have to agendize them,  
7 whether notice is necessary, and how much that notice is.  
8 I think we also need to answer whether or not those  
9 educational meetings need to be held in a public forum as  
10 open meetings. And also, whether or not those  
11 educational meetings need to be video or audio recorded  
12 as it relates to transparency.

13 I'm open to any commissioner to begin the  
14 conversation. Okay.

15 So then, I would ask -- Commissioner Sadhwani?

16 COMMISSIONER SAHDWANI: I supposed I could take a  
17 first shot at this, and I'm curious to hear from everyone  
18 else. You know, I 'm not entirely certain of how we go  
19 about having this conversation. Of course, we're  
20 acknowledging that we received a document under attorney-  
21 client privilege and yet, we are not discussing it  
22 directly.

23 That being said, I did have a chance to review that  
24 document, and I very much appreciate the time that both  
25 Ms. Marshall and Ms. Johnson put into providing their,

1 somewhat, alternate views. My perspective on this is  
2 that I -- you know, I -- in general -- I mean, first,  
3 we've -- we took quite a long time in our last meeting  
4 discussing this issue. And I was under the impression  
5 that it had been resolved. But since we're back here  
6 looking at it again, I will just say, I certainly take  
7 the counsel of our chief counsel. I think that's why we  
8 have her as our chief counsel.

9 I'd like to point out a couple of pieces and I  
10 understand that some of the conflict has to do with, not  
11 so much around Bagley-Keene and whether or not any  
12 outreach would be concerning under Bagley-Keene, but  
13 instead, about a broad concern for transparency. And I  
14 think that we have always, as this commission,  
15 prioritized transparency.

16 I wanted to point to a section of government code  
17 that was alluded to in the -- in that document. And I  
18 looked at Government Code Section 8253, subsection 7, and  
19 I can paraphrase. Our public input process shall be  
20 promoted through a thorough outreach program to solicit  
21 broad public participation in the redistricting process.  
22 We as a -- as the 2020 Commission have gone painstaking  
23 lengths to ensure participation from a broad array of  
24 Californians thus far. We have listened to many panels  
25 and spent many hours -- and I should note, collecting our

1 daily per diems, right -- to ensure that we're hearing  
2 from a broad array of Californians, in particular, those  
3 who are often considered very hard to reach.

4       What I have gleaned from those panels that we've  
5 listened to, and we've thus far seen many of the folks,  
6 and my understanding is we have many more to come, is  
7 that there is a low trust in government for many  
8 Californians that we need to rely on trusted messengers.  
9 And then across the board, there are many communities for  
10 whom we are responsible to that would benefit from having  
11 greater engagement with the Commission or with specific  
12 commissioners in order for them to become involved in  
13 this redistricting process, as the law states.

14       So to that end, I feel like these public education  
15 meetings, as Chief Counsel Marshall has laid out, do fall  
16 within our purview. Yes, it is different from 2010 but  
17 we are also living in extraordinary times. And so I  
18 think any activities that we can engage in to continue to  
19 involve the public are in our best interest.

20       On the notion of the goal of transparency, I take  
21 transparency very seriously. I know that we all do. And  
22 so to that end, I mean, I would also just encourage us to  
23 really find out where the request for us to take on this  
24 issue is coming from. I know that it was raised as  
25 someone in the Legislature has requested that we look at

1 this. I -- it's not clear to me why we're not pushing  
2 for greater transparency on who that individual is.

3 And if they have a concern about our public  
4 education outreach plan, which we have discussed at  
5 length in public session, I would encourage that person  
6 to please submit a comment to the -- to the Commission in  
7 full public view because we do value transparency. And  
8 we're spending a lot of time, now, thinking about these  
9 matters. And I mean -- and I think it would be helpful  
10 to better understand where this concern is coming from.

11 Thank you, very much.

12 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

13 Any other questions or comments?

14 Commissioner Le Mons?

15 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I echo everything  
16 Commissioner Sadhwani just said. So I won't repeat any  
17 of that. There's not one word or syllable I would  
18 change. I think that we do need to decide how to move  
19 forward. I think that that -- at the end of the day,  
20 what is called to question or us is how are we moving  
21 forward. So however we get to that point, I hope this  
22 discussion, however it plays out, gets us to the point  
23 where we make a decision how we're moving forward and  
24 move forward. So that would be what I'd like to see come  
25 out of this process. And if there are any concerns about

1 whichever path we choose to move forward, then those  
2 should probably get raised so they can be a part of our  
3 consideration set as we make a decision on how to move  
4 forward.

5 I, personally, feel like we should move forward  
6 without change. So.

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Kennedy?

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

9 I think, to me, it comes down to whether we require  
10 a group to allow our presentation to be recorded or not.  
11 And thinking about this, you know, I've concluded that  
12 while we might lose a few groups along the way if we  
13 required that our presentations at their meetings be  
14 recorded, whether from their end or our end, the few  
15 groups that we might lose, you know, I think we'd more  
16 than make up for that in the level of transparency that  
17 we would ensure throughout the process. So that's -- you  
18 know, that's where my thinking is.

19 The only clarification that we might require at this  
20 point are -- is that one regarding whether we require  
21 our -- these sessions to be recorded. And obviously,  
22 once they're recorded, we would post them. Notice, all  
23 those others are nice but it doesn't seem that those are  
24 really major issues that we're up against. But the  
25 transparency, as Commissioner Sadhwani has said, you

1 know, we are about transparency. We want to continue to  
2 be about transparency. And if someone wants to engage  
3 with us in a form that's not transparent, then I think we  
4 are well justified to say well, you know, we're sorry but  
5 that's not how we roll on this.

6 Thank you.

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Toledo?

8 VICE-CHAIR TOLEDO: I also would concur with  
9 Commissioner Kennedy, that's where I was headed as well.  
10 I think it's either recording or opening up to the public  
11 for me. So if a -- so that's where I would -- for open  
12 sessions, if groups are willing to have our portion -- it  
13 doesn't have to be the whole thing -- but our portion of  
14 the presentation recorded and/or our portion be made  
15 public -- could be made public so that the public can and  
16 the press can partake and listen to our piece, that  
17 would, I think, reconcile any concern.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Vazquez, then  
19 Commissioner Andersen and Commissioner Le Mons.

20 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah, I guess I'm just a  
21 little confused as to why we're continuing to have this  
22 conversation. I feel like we've gotten -- we've gotten  
23 an opinion from our chief counsel and I agree that, you  
24 know, we are trying to -- we are operating in a -- we are  
25 trying to operate with full transparency to our -- to all

1 of our stakeholders, including the Legislature and the  
2 community. I think we have -- we have a presentation,  
3 you know, we're making -- you know, we have a script for  
4 these presentations. You know, and we're -- I believe  
5 those are going to be made available.

6 My concern is just that, again, like others have  
7 expressed, I'm not sure where this -- why this keeps  
8 cropping up. So would like a bit more specificity  
9 because I -- to me, I thought this was settled last week.  
10 So I'm a bit surprised that we're having this discussion  
11 again.

12 CHAIR TAYLOR: There was a request that our counsels  
13 draw up what they believe the parameters of our meeting  
14 should be and especially as it relates to videotaping or  
15 Bagley-Keene violation. That would speak directly to the  
16 parameters of our meeting. And as a cohesive unit, it's  
17 probably in our best interest that we decide upon those  
18 parameters so that we can go forward. That's my  
19 understanding.

20 Commissioner Andersen, I saw your hand moving. I  
21 didn't know if that specifically was to make a question  
22 or comment.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. I was going to  
24 say something. I wasn't sure if I wanted to now, but I  
25 believe I will. I also concur with Commissioner Kennedy



1 and Commissioner Toledo. It really is the issue of  
2 transparency. And the reason why -- just like -- I was  
3 going to play devil's advocate on it, but I won't go to  
4 that elaborate. If because someone has a question of  
5 wait, why are we doing that, we cannot say you must come  
6 in front of us and present it. Essentially, like almost  
7 grilling them. It's a public comment. We don't  
8 necessarily have to know who it came from.

9 And there is an issue because we can't necessarily  
10 go and see everybody. So you don't -- say someone says,  
11 well, the Commission was more than -- more -- you know,  
12 made lots of time to see this group but not this other  
13 group. And that would give us -- we only have one set of  
14 credibility and we don't want to lose that. And we must,  
15 indeed -- and we all intend to run our meetings in --  
16 very transparently.

17 And there is a few -- there are a few people who say  
18 ugh, I really don't want you to record the educational  
19 thing. In which case we need to say, I'm sorry, we do  
20 need to operate in the public. It doesn't mean recording  
21 what you say, but we're recording what we say. And I do  
22 think that's very important. And it's part of what we've  
23 been following all along and totally consistently.

24 And this would be inconsistently because, while have  
25 the best intentions, who's to say the press can't see

1 what happened -- what happened in that particular time.  
2 They could make up whatever they wanted and we would have  
3 no way to defend ourselves. And so it's a little bit  
4 more like because it's in our best interest to make sure  
5 that we're also recorded.

6 So I totally agree with Commissioner Kennedy and  
7 Commissioner Toledo, who were a little more eloquent than  
8 I was.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Toledo, then  
10 Commissioner Le Mons.

11 VICE-CHAIR TOLEDO: I would -- just building on what  
12 Commissioner Andersen said, I think for me, it's about  
13 transparency and also minimizing our risk with regards to  
14 the challenging of our process or our process leading up  
15 to the maps. And so in the past we've always said we  
16 wanted to be more conservative when it came to process  
17 and potential challenges. So I do see both sides of the  
18 coin and I just think a slightly more conservative  
19 approach might minimize some of the risk. It does also  
20 pose some challenges.

21 But I tend to concur with Commissioner Kennedy in  
22 that the risk of loss, losing a couple of groups who may  
23 not want to be recorded at all, might not -- I -- that  
24 doesn't -- I would -- I think siding on the  
25 transparency -- and siding with minimizing our risk might

1 be the more conservative approach. More -- and might be  
2 able to lead -- lend itself to less risk for the  
3 Commission as a whole.

4 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Le Mons, then  
5 Commissioner Turner.

6 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I guess I have a different  
7 opinion about the recording. I think the recording  
8 should be optional. I think some of the very hurdles --  
9 I'm a little uncomfortable with the idea of well, we  
10 might just lose some group. I think those are the  
11 various -- that's the very reason why certain groups  
12 don't participate. And I'll just stop there with that.  
13 I mean, that just gives me pause. I just don't think  
14 that's the right approach.

15 So then I have to go to, well, what is it that we're  
16 really trying to solve for. I interpreted the various  
17 sightings in the document as referring to input meetings  
18 toward the drawing of the maps. That's the frame I put  
19 around it, right or wrong. And that makes absolute sense  
20 to me. That's for input. But we're not taking input.

21 And we've been very clear that these aren't input  
22 meetings. They're education meetings. And we're sharing  
23 education. So what is the risk? Well, the risk is, we  
24 might, as commissioners through our education process,  
25 somehow, be tainted by the community because they may ask

1 a question. Like, the very fact that they ask us a  
2 question that may be inappropriate, that we're now,  
3 somehow, tainted.

4 Like, I just can't wrap my mind around what it is  
5 that we're really trying to solve for, to be honest with  
6 you. It's like if you want to give input, this is the  
7 mechanism by which you give input. End of story. So I  
8 don't know what it is that we're trying to avoid, other  
9 than the perception of something.

10 And this takes us back to, I think, the comment that  
11 Commissioner Sadhwani raised earlier. If there is a true  
12 concern, what is it? Like, what really is it? Because  
13 I'm still confused by that. And if we're trying to solve  
14 for something we're not really clear about, how do you do  
15 that, right?

16 So I don't support the idea that err on the side --  
17 if we were talking about input towards maps, I would have  
18 a very conservative approach. Absolutely. I take a very  
19 hard stand there. But for us sharing about redistricting  
20 and how to get involved, and why it's important for you  
21 to get involved, if that's the case, then, any of these  
22 subcommittee meetings that we've had with various groups,  
23 I guess they should have been recorded.

24 I mean, I -- it's absurd to me. Like, how many  
25 groups have we talked to? We've talked to counties.

1 We've talked to community members. We've talked to  
2 advocacy groups. We didn't record of those  
3 conversations. So I'm having a really tough time with  
4 trying to reconcile what we're solving for.

5 So if someone could help me, because I could move my  
6 position if I have information that makes sense to me.  
7 But at this point, I feel like we should move forward as  
8 we -- if you -- you know, I don't think recording should  
9 be an issue at all.

10 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Turner, then  
11 Commissioner Sinay.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. And yes, I am in  
13 total agreement with Commissioner Le Mons. What I wanted  
14 to say was that I understand, somewhat, the transparency  
15 and minimized risk for the Commission and all of that. I  
16 wanted to note that we've gone to great pains to ensure  
17 that we reach Californians that typically would not be  
18 reached, and to overcome barriers in language, geography,  
19 access. All of those various pieces. And another  
20 barrier could be fear for whatever the different reason  
21 is. And as long as we're talking education, this is a  
22 time for us to help educate Californians everywhere to  
23 overcome any fear, any hesitancy. Overcome any partial  
24 knowledge, remove disinformation, and ensure they  
25 understand the process so that when it's time for input,

1 they will have the confidence needed to still participate  
2 in that part of the process. So -- and I don't ever want  
3 us to -- and probably not the intent -- I don't want us  
4 to feel like, or it be perceived, that we're dismissive  
5 of any groups and we'd easily lose their voice and their  
6 input. So I definitely believe that we should be able to  
7 move forward with the educational meetings with, or  
8 without, recording. If there's any pause from an  
9 individual who does not want to be recorded for whatever  
10 their reason is, I think that we should honor that in all  
11 the education meetings. And then as we move into input  
12 meetings then, of course, it would be a different story.  
13 Thank you.

14 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Sinay, Commissioner  
15 Fernandez, then Commissioner Kennedy.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I completely agree with  
17 Commissioner Le Mons and Commissioner Sadhwani. I also  
18 don't know why this has come up again. And without -- I  
19 feel like something -- I mean, I understand that we had  
20 asked for a written document, but we had already made our  
21 decisions and we're, kind of, saying the same thing over  
22 and over again.

23 Commissioner Ahmad and I had a very powerful meeting  
24 this last -- this past week when -- well, we'll talk  
25 about it later in the outreach. But it was in Imperial

1 County and Imperial County never feels heard. And they  
2 were just so thankful that we reached out. They were so  
3 in awe, in some ways, that we reached out. They shared  
4 their story. And sometimes in sharing your story, that's  
5 how you build trust and relationships.

6 And some things, you know, we had to keep kind of  
7 putting -- you know, bringing them back and saying we  
8 can't hear your thoughts on redistricting. And they were  
9 respectful of that -- and yes, the pushed a little, but  
10 it was just because they hadn't been heard in the past.  
11 And so I would be really concerned of when we have listed  
12 and listed, and researched on barriers, that all of a  
13 sudden, we're putting the barriers up.

14 This is about education. This about building trust  
15 between communities and their government. We're the  
16 representative of their -- of the government in this  
17 regard. We may not have the power that they all wish we  
18 did. Like when people called us last week and were  
19 asking for interpreters for healthcare and all that, we  
20 don't have that power. But to them it was connecting  
21 with us in a real way.

22 And I was so thankful we didn't cut anybody off and  
23 we let them all speak because they needed to be able to  
24 feel like they could connect to the government. And most  
25 of those people are people who couldn't talk to their

1 government and that's why they're refugees. So I think  
2 we constantly -- we're an experiment in the state of  
3 California, we're an experiment in the country. And I  
4 would hope that we would ask for forgiveness and not  
5 permission.

6 And yes, the Legislature's going to be nervous and  
7 that's a good thing. It's a good thing for the  
8 Legislature to be nervous because we're an independent  
9 redistricting commission, is doing something that hasn't  
10 been done in the past. But yes, it was done, kind of,  
11 but not really bringing people in. And they're going to  
12 want to learn from us and we're all going to be contacted  
13 by people running for office and all sorts of things to  
14 know how we did some of this stuff.

15 So I would just encourage us to continue to be s  
16 citizen redistricting commission, independent of the  
17 Legislature.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

19 Commissioner Fernandez?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. I agree with the last  
21 few commissioners and what they said. And we've heard  
22 time and time again in terms of the mistrust of the  
23 government. And I think that's probably even worse now  
24 than it was when we started this journey in August. And  
25 for us to say we're going to require you to record us, I



1 think that just adds to the mistrust. Just reinforces  
2 their feelings and also gives them more credence not to  
3 participate.

4 And again, I say we offer it and if they're not  
5 comfortable. But also going forward, I just feel like if  
6 we feel we have to record, then that means they're not  
7 trusting me, they're not trusting my fellow commissioners  
8 to do the right thing. If someone starts to give input  
9 and they're very aggressive about it, we just, you know,  
10 leave the meeting the meeting, or whatever the case may  
11 be, you know, professionally and with respect.

12 But I just -- we're really trying to conduct  
13 outreach to all of Californians and really trying to get  
14 to those hard to reach places. And if we tell those hard  
15 to reach places that they need to be recorded, we're just  
16 going to lose a lot of people. And that's not what we  
17 want. So thank you all for this discussion.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Kennedy?

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

20 Two things. One, you know, if there's anything that  
21 I've learned in 30 years of election-related work around  
22 the world, it's that perceptions matter. A lot of times,  
23 elections are more about perception than reality. The  
24 credibility and legitimacy of any election process -- and  
25 I've been very consistent in saying that the work that we

1 are doing is election work -- it comes down to  
2 perception.

3       And so, you know, this is part of the reason that,  
4 you know, I think Commissioner Toledo and I are along  
5 this line. You know, let's minimize risk. The maps are  
6 our number one objective. And as far as, you know -- I  
7 don't want anyone to go without an educational session,  
8 but I think we're assuming that we are the only ones that  
9 can deliver this. And we're not. The presentation and  
10 the script are going to be available, widely available.  
11 We can work further to make them even more widely  
12 available.

13       One of the things I had in the first version of the  
14 Gantt chart was training of trainers. We can train the  
15 trusted messengers to make sure that this presentation  
16 with this script gets out to anyone that is not willing  
17 for a session to be recorded if we're giving it. I don't  
18 see that as a 100 percent barrier to them receiving the  
19 information. We just have to be creative.

20       If it requires us to train trainers, train some of  
21 these trusted messengers to ensure that the message gets  
22 to people that might not want to operate on the -- in the  
23 manner that we need to operate. Then I say, we train the  
24 trainer. Thank you.

25       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

1 Any additional question or comment?

2 Commissioner Yee?

3 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, everyone, for  
4 wrestling with this. I think I do understand the tension  
5 and I'm feeling it. I do fall on the side of not  
6 requiring a recording just because I think it is  
7 chilling, as well as cumbersome. And goes against the  
8 spirit of what we're here to do, you know -- reach out  
9 widely, reach hard to reach people and so forth.

10 I'm wondering if there are alternatives to recording  
11 that would help mitigate risk. For instance, if we were  
12 to document all of our educational sessions  
13 contemporaneously, making any notes of things that were  
14 said outside of, you know, that -- things that were said  
15 that could have touched on redistricting matters that  
16 we -- and how we responded. I supposed the worst case is  
17 somebody down the line decides to try to (indiscernible)  
18 by accusing us of improperly receiving input and they  
19 claim it happened at a certain place, at a certain time.

20 And we have notes that refer to that and show that  
21 that was not the case. I supposed they would come back  
22 with some kind of other -- maybe their own recording, who  
23 knows. But the fact of the conversation could have  
24 happened before something was recorded, after something  
25 was recorded, I really -- yeah, I don't know how that --

1 I mean, it does -- it does reduce risk to have a  
2 recording of the session itself, but not all risk, you  
3 know. So I'm just not sure how far that gets us, besides  
4 being cumbersome and chilling, I think.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Akutagawa?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I want to -- I think I'm  
7 going to just put myself out there in agreement with what  
8 Commissioner Yee and Commissioner Sadhwani and Le Mons  
9 and Fernandez and Sinay has also expressed. I have a few  
10 questions.

11 One is, I want to go back to the earlier question  
12 that Commissioner Le Mons asked, which is -- and maybe  
13 even goes back to Commissioner Sadhwani -- one, who  
14 raised this initial concern -- I'm trying to remember if  
15 it was actually from within our body, the Commission, or  
16 was it from a -- was the impetus from outside of the  
17 Commission? I know Commissioner Sadhwani mentioned the  
18 Legislature. I think that would be helpful to  
19 understand, perhaps, motivations. Perhaps, also, you  
20 know, was it just a question of clarification versus  
21 something else.

22 And I hate to say that but I think, you know, I  
23 think being clear about that would be helpful. I think  
24 to Commissioner Le Mons's earlier question, also in terms  
25 of what are we trying to solve for. I think that that's

1 a really valid question that we should be asking  
2 ourselves because we may be trying to create a solution  
3 for something that isn't really the problem at hand. And  
4 I think if we understand what the root is then we may be  
5 able to have a different kind of conversation and to  
6 ensure that we're actually solving for the right problem,  
7 rather than creating, you know, our own problem because I  
8 think there's -- as Commissioner Yee also mentioned, too,  
9 the tension is there, you know.

10 I hate to just say, well, you know, if we can't --  
11 you know, if we can't record then, well, sorry, too bad.  
12 I just don't like the tone of that, to be honest. And I  
13 think that we have a responsibility to the people of  
14 California to try to, you know, provide as broad of  
15 education -- I think there's -- you know, as much as I do  
16 like the idea of a train the trainer as brought up by  
17 Commissioner Kennedy, I think there's also a -- you know,  
18 there's a different kind -- there's a different kind of,  
19 I guess, maybe gravitas that is given when it's done by  
20 one of the commissioners.

21 I think to, you know, Director Hernandez's point  
22 earlier, that it should be the commissioners doing the  
23 presentations. I think that that's also important for us  
24 to consider. And I am concerned that -- well, you know,  
25 would this be chilling for some groups.

1           Last two questions that I also want to ask is, one,  
2 if we were not all on Zoom, if we were doing these public  
3 education meetings in person, you know, what would then  
4 we be -- if we're having this conversation, one, would we  
5 debated whether or not we would be trying to record every  
6 single in-person public meeting. I can't see that  
7 happening -- public education meeting, let me be clear.

8           I can't see that happening because I mean, we're  
9 already debating just the cost of the meetings that we  
10 would host. I can't see that we would be able to take on  
11 the cost of recording and streaming every single public  
12 education meeting, you know, where we present the  
13 redistricting base -- basics presentation because we get  
14 an invitation from a group that wants us to come and you  
15 know, present at their -- maybe their monthly meeting or  
16 something like that. So that would be another question  
17 and consideration that I just want to pose to everybody.

18           And lastly, my question is where are we going to go  
19 from here? What is the process? Are we asking everybody  
20 to vote? Are we just going to take an informal, kind of,  
21 like, pulse of where people want to go? Do we need to  
22 formalize it -- going back to the question about the  
23 vote -- do we need to formalize in a vote? Or are we  
24 just going to say, you know, look, let's just agree  
25 informally to operate in this way?

1 Thank you.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Any other questions or comments?

3 Commissioner Andersen?

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I will say one last thing.

5 And the issue we're grappling with, I believe, is we're  
6 trying our best to reach the underserved and those who  
7 are not able to participate, and who are, indeed, afraid  
8 of government. The other side of the coin is, political  
9 groups who do not want us to succeed because they would  
10 really like it to go back to the Legislature, where big  
11 money can decide how this all happens.

12 And I think that's the issue that we're not  
13 addressing here. And it's a fine line because you want  
14 to reach out and to get the underserved but we don't want  
15 to be subverted. And how do we do that? It's like, how  
16 do we -- when we get maps, how do we look at them from  
17 these are genuine maps from individual people versus  
18 these -- it's a group that has created a name, pretends  
19 to be someone who isn't. And these are issues that we're  
20 always going to have to grapple with.

21 And it's a just a little bit we need to be heads up  
22 and aware. Being that we are all very good intentioned  
23 doesn't meant that everybody else is. And we have to be  
24 a little bit more aware of how could this perceived, say,  
25 a -- you know, what if it's a business group that says

1 why aren't you coming in and talking to us. You're going  
2 to go out and talk to other underserved groups, well,  
3 what about us. You know, that kind of an issue.

4 So you know, do we -- are we open to everybody?

5 Yes, we are open to everybody. And it's kind of -- you  
6 know, where I think Commissioner Kennedy's idea of if a  
7 group of -- also, if it's all on Zoom, all we have to do  
8 is hit record. We're recording it so this idea that we  
9 have to, then, go in and bring video services in, that is  
10 a little scary, I can -- I must admit. But if it's all  
11 on Zoom anyway, recording is not a big deal. We just  
12 record it. So it's just a question, do you have to have  
13 permission.

14 So I'm a little bit more like where I don't want us  
15 to back into a corner and then open ourselves up when we  
16 really didn't need to be. And if we want to train the  
17 trainers, which I know many groups would prefer that  
18 because I'm thinking of a group in Oakland who don't have  
19 its -- the women aren't supposed to come talk in meetings  
20 and the men go and bring the message back to the women.  
21 And that would have to train them because we can't do  
22 that. And it's not a written language. I can't remember  
23 the name of the group right now. But there are certain  
24 circumstances where we definitely want to be training  
25 some trainers.



1           So I think we should really give credence to what  
2 Commissioner Kennedy is saying.

3           CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

4           Director Claypool, then Commissioner Le Mons.

5           DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: I just wanted to address the  
6 first question from Commissioner Akutagawa, not the  
7 second two. The question came when we were in budget --  
8 when we were in our budget hearings. And the question  
9 was specifically, are they -- were these meetings going  
10 to be recording and agendized. How were we -- they --  
11 individuals going to know what was said in those  
12 meetings.

13           It wasn't a directive. It was simply a question as  
14 to what the level of transparency would be so that they  
15 could be aware of what was being said when you are out in  
16 those public meetings, not necessarily your message, but  
17 what was being said to you and what you were saying to  
18 others.

19           CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Le Mons?

20           COMMISSIONER LE MONS: I guess I'll -- first, I'll  
21 say to Director Claypool, the who -- who raised that  
22 question? I think that that is something that we are  
23 wanting to know. My other point was, I think  
24 Commissioner Andersen is raising a very different  
25 point -- or an additional point in the parity or equity

1 in who we talk to. I don't think we're trying to solve  
2 for that in this particular discussion.

3 When you say one group could say, well, the  
4 commissioners spent a lot of time talking to this group  
5 and didn't talk to this group, I think that's a very  
6 different issue than what we're talking about right now.  
7 What we're talking about right now is what we're saying  
8 in these meetings that people have questions about their  
9 ability to know what was said.

10 And again, I'll just compare it to any other  
11 subcommittee meetings, which are very similar. It's the  
12 closest thing to our actual experience and behavior, for  
13 me, is the subcommittee meetings. And this level of  
14 questioning whether or not those meetings needed to be  
15 recorded, I would think the same argument would be made.  
16 So I'm not quite sure where the differential is, because  
17 we're talking to the public, we're talking to California  
18 citizens. Sometimes we're talking to a group of  
19 citizens.

20 I know that Commissioner Fernandez and I were on a  
21 call with multiple people and we're just talking about  
22 the process. We're talking about outreach and what we're  
23 going to be wanting from the community. We -- not one  
24 time did we talk about redistricting in the sense of  
25 redistricting. We haven't talked about maps. We haven't

1 talked about any of that stuff.

2       And so I don't see these meetings suddenly -- any of  
3 us allowing a meeting to suddenly be turned into an input  
4 meeting on us. And we're going to be so shocked and awe  
5 that we won't be able to do anything about it. Like,  
6 I -- that's the part I'm getting lost on. You never can  
7 control the behavior of another. But you certainly can  
8 control your own behavior. And this is a strong group of  
9 people here.

10       So I think -- unless there's somebody -- a  
11 commissioner wants to raise their hand and say, well, I  
12 don't fully understand the nuances and then I say some  
13 training or maybe that person shouldn't get  
14 presentations. But other than that, I'm just not getting  
15 it. So I just wanted to reiterate that. Underscore the  
16 who because I think we thought it was a Legislature  
17 member and then Director Claypool clarified in our last  
18 meeting it was staff that raised that question. And so I  
19 just like him to clarify that so we're all very clear on  
20 that question.

21       And I think last time we talked about this we were  
22 pretty explicit that a response to that person is, here's  
23 the deck, here's the script, this is what we're going to  
24 be saying and that's it. We're not -- we're only  
25 entertaining Q and A on the clarity of the deck. End of

1 story. For me, end of story.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Vazquez?

3 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Just wanted to add that I  
4 know it doesn't seem like an administrative burden to  
5 just -- since everything is on Zoom to record but it's,  
6 you know, an additional effort that we, you know,  
7 presenters would have to be making. And then getting  
8 that over to whatever archival process, point person, we  
9 wanted to do.

10 And just wanted to say also that just as, sort of,  
11 in-person meetings, there will be witnesses. So should a  
12 question come up as to what, exactly, happened at said  
13 meeting and who said what, and blah, blah, blah -- I  
14 mean, just like an in-person meeting that isn't recorded,  
15 we will have people who will be able to testify to  
16 behavior in which we conducted ourselves. And I don't  
17 think we need to record every community education  
18 meeting, especially if we're all working from the same  
19 deck and the same scripts.

20 There shouldn't be too much variance such that we  
21 need to have a recorded play-by-play of each person's  
22 presentation. That seems like overkill. And I think the  
23 tradeoff of the chilling effects could be detrimental to  
24 our overall efforts.

25 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Turner?

1 Commissioner Fernandez, I see you.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

3 Just one other quick thought to kind -- because I  
4 still feel that we should not be recording the  
5 educational meetings. But maybe an afterthought would be  
6 to -- and maybe this is a little bit different than  
7 Commissioner Yee, but maybe an added thought is to take  
8 no notes outside of who you're meeting with. And now you  
9 don't have to worry about carrying anything that we've  
10 already -- there's the notes specifically tell us, thank  
11 you Fredy and Company for the slide. You know, specific  
12 statement for what we bid.

13 And as a Commission, taking any public input, we're  
14 going to stay and do all of that. That's already in the  
15 script. And then on top of that, if somebody tries to  
16 make suggestion, we will, at first, let them know that we  
17 won't be taking any public input during these meetings.  
18 These are informational, etcetera. And if we're not  
19 get -- capturing anything from those meetings, we're not  
20 taking anything with us, other than who we met with,  
21 date, time and what did we talk about, we talked about we  
22 said we were going to talk about, the presentation, there  
23 would be no benefit or gain.

24 And there should be no later impact from anything  
25 that was said, regardless, in those meetings, as opposed

1 to me keeping a whole list of files of and oh yeah, I  
2 remember when I spoke with a group in this area. You  
3 know, it wasn't really on the records yet, but I'm  
4 holding in my mind that they said maybe we shouldn't be  
5 taking a lot of notes, either, from those education  
6 meetings, as well, is another thought.

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Fernandez. And then, I  
8 think I would like to open up this conversation to public  
9 comment.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Chair.

11 I just wanted to go back to what Commissioner  
12 Akutagawa, she was asking. Is this -- do we -- are we  
13 going to make a motion? I mean, I guess -- or kind of  
14 like an agreement? I guess, what's the end game to this  
15 conversation? Just so that if there has to be a motion  
16 we can be prepared to do that or thumbs up, whatever the  
17 case may be. I'm just directing it back to you, Chair.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: What I would think is that, absent a  
19 motion, we would have to rely on what we've already  
20 agreed upon. And in the last -- in our last meeting, we  
21 accepted the outreach plan as a concept. Does that sound  
22 correct?

23 I would like to open this up for public comment.

24 Jesse (ph.), if you can read the invitation and  
25 we're accepting public comment as it relates to Agenda

1 Item 6, the Deputy Director's outreach strategy.

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15 raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment.

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22 stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during  
23 your call.

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25 it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn down

1 the live stream volume. These instructions are also  
2 located on the website. The Commission is taking public  
3 comment on the Deputy Executive Director's report on  
4 preliminary outreach strategy at this time.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Jesse. And if we get a  
6 caller, please invite them in to pause for two minutes as  
7 the feed catches up to us.

8 (Pause)

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Callers, as a reminder,  
10 please press star 9 when it is your turn to speak.

11 Good afternoon, caller. If you would like to give  
12 your name, please state and spell it. The floor is  
13 yours.

14 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Yes, this is Renee Westa-Lusk, and  
15 I have a question regarding the recording of the  
16 educational presentations. If you're presenting it when  
17 the two commissioners are -- whoever is presenting, the  
18 two commissioners, would they -- would -- anyway, what  
19 I'm trying to ask is, the group that you're presenting  
20 to -- the two commissioners are presenting the  
21 educational presentation -- what if they're -- the  
22 community or the group wants to record the meeting  
23 because maybe, there's members of their community that  
24 cannot attend the virtual educational presentation, will  
25 that be prohibited?



1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Ms. Westa-Lusk, can you repeat your  
2 question, please?

3 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Yes. What if the group that the  
4 two commissioners -- this is regarding the educational  
5 presentation meeting -- the group they're presenting to,  
6 whether it's the community or some other entity, what if  
7 they want to record the educational meeting; will that be  
8 prohibited?

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: No, I think we would require no  
10 prohibition of a meeting. If that particular group  
11 decided to record, then that is fine.

12 MS. WESTA-LUSK: That would be all right?

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Correct.

14 MS. WESTA-LUSK: I don't see, personally, a big  
15 deal. I live in a small area and a lot of our government  
16 meetings are recorded just so people can go back who  
17 couldn't attend the meetings, and rewatch them and hear  
18 what was discussed. So I don't think it's going to be a  
19 big problem recording the meetings, personally.

20 That's my comment. Thank you.

21 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. As always, we appreciate  
22 your comments.

23 Jesse, is there anyone else in the queue?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There are currently no  
25 more callers in the queue, Chair.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

2 All right. Commissioners, so I would say, absent  
3 any motion on the floor, we proceed as is. Any other  
4 question or comment?

5 And let me just add -- Commissioner Andersen?

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I just want to clarify. So  
7 what is being -- are we not supposed to ask if they want  
8 to record or, I mean, where -- what is what is?

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Director Hernandez?

10 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: So part of what I sent out  
11 earlier last week was the process. We are going to be  
12 asking if it's -- if we're able to record. And we'll do  
13 so if they're able to record. Not a requirement, which  
14 is what we were trying to decide here. It's an option  
15 and we have made arrangements to do so. In fact, I also  
16 sent out instructions in how to do so in Zoom. It's  
17 fairly easy. We would do the -- the file would be sent  
18 to us, or if you record it, send to us. If we record it,  
19 we'll go ahead and get it posted up on the website.

20 So nothing really has changed from that perspective.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. I actually  
22 forgot about that. Now, that was actually a wonderful  
23 presentation. I do apologize. You were very explicit on  
24 that. Thank you, very much, Director.

25 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

1 Any other questions or comments?

2 Commissioner Fornaciari?

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I don't have a comment on  
4 this topic, I just -- I wanted to go back to a question I  
5 asked earlier, just if I can -- I'm asking your  
6 permission if I can close the loop on a question I asked  
7 Karin.

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: Neil, please, close the loop on  
9 something. Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I asked Karin, you  
11 know, when the drop-dead date is for us to have our lines  
12 drawn. And it seems that the Legislature has modified  
13 the date of the primary for 2022, explicitly because of  
14 the redistricting and the late date -- and the expected  
15 lateness of the Census. So they changed it from the  
16 first Tuesday in March to the first Tuesday in June. So  
17 just to let you know.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

19 Any other questions or comments?

20 All right.

21 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I think Commissioner  
22 Sinay.

23 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Sinay, oh man, I see  
24 you.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: That's okay.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Go ahead.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted to add to what  
3 Commissioner Fornaciari said is California's primaries  
4 are going to be changing now, depending if it's a  
5 presidential primary or not. If it's a presidential, we  
6 want to be early in on the conversation. And if it's  
7 not, it will be later in June. So it's not necessarily  
8 associated to the Census.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

10 Any other questions or comments?

11 Let -- I would like to say that, you know, I  
12 appreciate the conversation, especially, that we had  
13 regarding this issue on transparency. There was an  
14 obvious difference of opinions from some of the  
15 commissioners about how we should go about that. It  
16 doesn't mean that we can't reach a consensus.

17 I think it's important that we safeguard our  
18 process. It's a -- I think it's important that we ensure  
19 2030 is presented with the best mechanism possible. So  
20 again, I appreciate the conversation and I think it  
21 was -- it was needed.

22 So with that, we are at 12:50. Let's take a hour  
23 and let some of the tension leave the room. Although  
24 it's just spirited debate, which I enjoy. And I'll see  
25 everyone in an hour. I'll see you back at 1:50.

1 Thank you, Commissioners. I appreciate it.

2 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, it is 1:50 p.m., February  
4 8th of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
5 Meeting.

6 We left off at Agenda Item -- we just completed  
7 Agenda Item Number 6. Prior to continuing with our  
8 agenda, I would like to open up for public comment.

9 Jesse, if you can read -- or Jesse, could you invite  
10 the public in, I'd appreciate it. Thank you.

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24 hand, indicating you wish to comment. When it is your  
25 turn to speak, the moderator will unmute you and you will

1 hear an automated message that says, the host would like  
2 you to talk and to press star 6 to speak.

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9 it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn down the  
10 livestream volume. These instructions are also located  
11 on the website. The commission is taking general public  
12 comment at this time.

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We'll pause as we wait  
14 for someone to call or for the livestream to catch up to  
15 us.

16 (Pause)

17 CHAIR TAYLOR: All right, commissioners, it appears  
18 we have waited an abundance of our obligatory time. Any  
19 questions or comments from commissioners or staff  
20 regarding where we are to this point? If not, we'll move  
21 on to agenda item number 7.

22 All right. All right. Chief counsel, the floor is  
23 yours.

24 MS. MARSHALL: Good afternoon, everyone. As usual,  
25 I'll keep it short and sweet. I had to prioritize my

1 work load and in regards to the cheat sheet that I was  
2 trying to get out today, actually won't be able to get  
3 that to you until next week. It was a cheat sheet  
4 regarding Bagley-Keene.

5 Outside of that, any other additional updates or  
6 reports would be by the subcommittees. Thank you.

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Any questions or comments  
8 for chief counsel? Thank you.

9 Seeing none, we'll move on to agenda item number 8.  
10 The communications director's report.

11 MR. CEJA: Thank you so much, Mr. Chair.

12 So I wanted to start off by sharing that we did have  
13 a few interviews this past week. The first one I think  
14 was already shared, was with Amy Walter, public radio out  
15 of New York. And that included Commissioner Sadhwani and  
16 Commissioner Andersen. Great interview I thought. We  
17 sent over the link for that story.

18 And then the Bay Area Reporter interviewed  
19 additionally Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Turner,  
20 and Commissioner Le Mons about why the heck they wanted  
21 to serve on the committee -- or on the commission. So  
22 that will be out I think later this week, so I'll share  
23 it as soon as it's out.

24 Some of the questions that came up in both  
25 interviews surprisingly was the attacks on the Capitol in

1 Washington D.C. So in our media training, we'll actually  
2 be addressing that and several other questions that might  
3 come up from left field that may not apply to the work on  
4 the commission but still have that undertone for the work  
5 that we're doing because it does involve politics.

6 So we'll come up with much -- very similar to our  
7 general counsel, a cheat sheet for questions and how to  
8 get around those. So that we're all speaking with the  
9 same talking points and the same message when we're doing  
10 interviews.

11 I did want to give an update on the website. We  
12 have tried for weeks on end to try to connect  
13 WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov to NationBuilder, which is the  
14 platform that we're using to create a new website. Weeks  
15 of going back and forth between NationBuilder's engineers  
16 and the folks who have been super helpful over at the  
17 department of technology for the State. But we just came  
18 to the conclusion that it's not going to be able to  
19 connect.

20 There's compatibility issues with the two systems  
21 and so we were really left with two options. One was to  
22 go back and try to work with the State to keep the  
23 .ca.gov in our address. But their timeline is not going  
24 to jibe with ours. Getting a new website up and created  
25 takes anywhere from six months to year. We just don't



1 have the luxury of doing that.

2       So the second option was changing the web address  
3 for the new website. So we came up with  
4 WeDrawTheLinesCalifornia.org to keep it very similar to  
5 what we have now. And now WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov is still  
6 going to remain active and the question now is what do we  
7 do with it. Do we keep it for 2010 materials and keep it  
8 separate? Or dissolve it because I believe keeping it is  
9 running us 500 dollars a month administratively.

10       But then that leads to a bigger question, is -- and  
11 this is something that we might want to talk to the  
12 secretary of state about, is will future commissions be  
13 responsible for keeping alive those websites for previous  
14 commissions, because -- so this isn't the 2010 webpage,  
15 the wedrawthelinescalifornia.ca.gov (sic). We might have  
16 to keep that alive. That's an added cost. But then the  
17 2030 commission will have to keep that website alive,  
18 keep our website alive, and still host their own website.

19       So I wanted to open up the conversation to see what  
20 the commission wants to do with the WeDrawTheLines.ca.gov  
21 and if you have any other questions about getting the  
22 WeDrawTheLinesCalifornia.org up and running. It's ready  
23 to go. I just have to hit the on switch. I was just  
24 waiting to port over all the documents from today's  
25 meeting, so the agenda would reflect what's on the ca.gov

1 website.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Questions to (audio interference)  
3 commissioners to -- Commissioner Sinay?

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So on the new website, have we  
5 archived the 2010 meetings and all those documents?

6 MR. CEJA: No, I have -- I have them listed,  
7 everything -- no, I don't have any 2010 materials. I  
8 have 2020 materials. I have not ported over any 2010  
9 materials. But I do have the files.

10 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Turner.

11 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. Director Ceja, can  
12 I -- I just want to confirm the -- the new web address  
13 that you're speaking of when you say wedrawthelines, dot,  
14 california.org, is it dot ca dot org, or spelled out  
15 California dot org?

16 MR. CEJA: Yeah, that's a question Commissioner  
17 Kennedy asked too to see if we can keep the .ca.org. We  
18 could not, so it's -- WeDrawTheLines California, C-A, dot  
19 org.

20 So it's all in one, and then the ending is just dot  
21 org.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: You said -- so you said  
23 spelled out?

24 MR. CEJA: Yeah. So it's wedrawthelinesca.org.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Oh, okay.

1 MR. CEJA: Yeah.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Fornaciari.

4 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Can we just do a redirect  
5 from our current web address to the new web address?

6 MR. CEJA: We can do that, yes.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I guess my reaction is --  
8 to keeping the 2010 stuff alive, I guess my reaction is a  
9 question to Director Claypool. Didn't all of the  
10 pertinent information from the 2010 commission have to be  
11 archived with the State already in some way?

12 MR. CLAYPOOL: It was --

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Director Claypool, if you have a  
14 reply.

15 MR. CLAYPOOL: It was transferred over. Raul and I  
16 transferred it over on the last day that we were together  
17 and it was on one hard drive. My understanding, however,  
18 is that they can be selective in what they -- in what  
19 they keep. So I don't know how much of it was kept, but  
20 I know that everything we did was transferred.

21 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Kennedy and then  
22 Commissioner Turner.

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. My feeling  
24 is that we should look to maintain the .ca.gov website as  
25 a landing page with two options. One, go to the -- all

1 of the material of the 2010 commission then we should --  
2 we should restore that to how it was as of the 30th of  
3 June last year before the -- before the random draw. And  
4 the second option being proceed to the 2020 commission's  
5 website and have that redirect to the new website.

6 I do think it's important for any number of reasons  
7 to keep the 2010 website alive. I think it's worthwhile  
8 approaching the secretary of state's office particularly  
9 with the state archives division of the secretary of  
10 state's office to see if they are willing to take on the  
11 costs or share the cost with us of maintaining that  
12 website as an archive of the 2010 commission's work. But  
13 I do think it's important to keep that very separate but  
14 very much alive. Thank you.

15 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: I don't think that's a good  
16 system. I think the (audio interference).

17 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Turner.

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. And I'm --

19 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: (Audio interference) last updated.

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I think I want to  
21 understand again that -- is it the dot gov that's not  
22 compatible with NationBuilder? I still want to -- I'm  
23 not clear on why or what happened that we didn't know  
24 this before, because we've been communicating this  
25 website out for a bit now.

1 MR. CEJA: Yeah. So -- (indiscernible) respond?

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Yes, you may.

3 MR. CEJA: So what I came to find out is that the  
4 department of technology -- and I -- excuse me for my  
5 lack of IT terminology but they have two ports. One  
6 holds the domain CRC.ca.gov. The other one holds our  
7 emails. So the fact that we have fredy.ceja@crc.ca.gov,  
8 that is ported through the department of technology.

9 In order for them to release the domain and the  
10 address, they would have to transfer it over to  
11 NationBuilder to do an IP address. They would need  
12 NationBuilder's IP address. NationBuilder never gives  
13 out their IP address. They do a redirect. So they do,  
14 like, a fake web address to where you would have to link  
15 up and it just didn't work out.

16 They were -- they did a -- they did at the end say  
17 we can get around it, but you're going to lose your  
18 emails if we port it over to NationBuilder. And so we  
19 brought up these issues to the chair and the vice chair  
20 and also the website subcommittee. And in the end, it  
21 was just -- we can't get rid of our .ca.gov emails  
22 because that's what makes us official.

23 And so we decided to just rename the new website,  
24 because we couldn't get around that -- that  
25 incompatibility between the department of technology and

1 NationBuilder.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Sinay.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I understand the importance of  
4 keeping, you know, what we had before, but I'm not sure  
5 what we have on there that -- on the 2010 site that is  
6 going to be really helpful for folks. I mean, they've  
7 got -- they've got the -- what looks like the links to  
8 the hearings and stuff, but those are -- have been dis --  
9 disconnected. There might be some forms and such, you  
10 know, about redistricting and whatnot, but my concern is  
11 that that's going to make it more confusing for the  
12 public versus less confusing.

13 So whatever we do, I would not recommend that we  
14 start there and then move over to the other one but  
15 actually try to direct all traffic to the newest website.

16 Is -- am I missing something? I mean, what is --  
17 what archives are there on there because I -- I was  
18 surprised how much was not on there.

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Kennedy.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: My suggestion was that the  
21 .ca.gov website go back to what it was as of the 30th of  
22 June. I would imagine that, yes, some stuff has been  
23 removed since then for our convenience with whatever.  
24 But we want it to be where -- I would propose that it be  
25 a complete archive of the 2010 commission's website. So

1 if things are missing, we get them in, we restore them.  
2 Not that, you know -- so that what's there or not there  
3 right now is not the question.

4 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Kennedy, do you sort of  
5 persist that the 2010 website exists as a historical  
6 document?

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Do I want it to?

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: Or is that your -- your thinking?

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

10 CHAIR TAYLOR: Any other questions or comments from  
11 commissioners?

12 Commissioner Andersen.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I do have a question. It is  
14 going to be very confusing and -- because our paper  
15 says -- in, like, our letterhead says .ca.gov. So you  
16 know -- and we've given out .ca.gov. It's going to be  
17 confusing. So we have to make a really big deal and it  
18 has to be a public thing. Wow, look, here it is. And  
19 make exactly what we do publicly known.

20 I like Commissioner Kennedy's idea of restored too.  
21 So it has a clear cutoff date. None of the -- this  
22 modified as we've been modifying it now. Take all that  
23 stuff off. Make it a clean thing.

24 But my real question is, which I did not catch this  
25 until Commissioner -- Ceja said, is there a security

1 issue with our website now bouncing through  
2 NationBuilder? Because this is all the COI tool  
3 information coming in here. And this is I -- you know,  
4 I'm asking the security -- cybersecurity or whatever --  
5 I'm sorry whatever the subcommittee's name is. Have you  
6 been aware of this issue and is it an issue? How does  
7 the department of technology feel about that?

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: Director Ceja?

9 MR. CEJA: So that -- that was a concern. Actually  
10 somebody brought me an email over the weekend and I was  
11 going back and forth about this.

12 We currently do not collect any COI data through our  
13 website. We're not -- we don't plan to. What we're  
14 doing is we're redirecting folks to the COI tool website,  
15 which is managed and has its own security protocols  
16 through the statewide database.

17 And in the case that folks want to go into our  
18 website, they can email us information and we provide it  
19 to VotersFirst@crc.ca.gov link, so that they can send us  
20 info and again, that just -- it never crosses through the  
21 website. But NationBuilder does have its own protocols  
22 for security, much like any other website.

23 So we're -- we're -- actually it would not be a  
24 concern because COI tool data will never be stored on our  
25 website. It's goes through email, which is a state



1 email, or it goes directly to the COI tool website at  
2 which point we then get reports of data per -- upon  
3 request, is what I believe.

4 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Andersen.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: We definitely need to  
6 clarify this because actually the -- the statewide  
7 database plans to deliver it to us. Now what that  
8 actually means, where it's going -- but I'm sure the data  
9 is -- the data management committee is just about to jump  
10 in here. But we need to clear this up because where is  
11 it technically going? Now all of a sudden we have a  
12 whole another place.

13 And again, my -- the lights that are flashing here  
14 are security, security. So that's what I'd like to  
15 have -- I'm going to turn it over and let other people  
16 talk now. Thank you.

17 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Sadhwani.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: So a couple of facts. I  
19 cannot speak to the security component and I will  
20 certainly leave that to Commissioner Fornaciari and take  
21 whatever recommendations he might have, and that  
22 subcommittee.

23 A couple thoughts. So yes, for the COI tool, while  
24 it's not being stored on our -- our website, I do -- my  
25 understanding was that we would need to at least host all

1 at least PDF versions of COI maps that we receive. So I  
2 just wanted to clarify that end of it.

3 And I actually just wanted to bolster and uplift  
4 the -- Commissioner Kennedy's perspective. I agree with  
5 maintaining 2010 website as an archival instrument of  
6 some sort. I'm also -- in addition to reaching out to  
7 the secretary of state, I'm curious if there might be a  
8 university who would be interested in supporting, you  
9 know, whatever it takes to -- to maintain those archives  
10 either on the website directly or in some other digital  
11 format.

12 I do think that the move to independent  
13 redistricting commissions is significant. I do hope that  
14 it's -- it becomes a more widespread activity nationwide  
15 and maintaining these kind of documents I think could  
16 potentially be -- provide useful to researchers in the  
17 future.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Fornaciari.

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes. So I think I'm going  
20 to propose to Derric and I just check in with Fredy and  
21 understand just NationBuilder and what their security  
22 protocols are. And yes, the -- the data does not go from  
23 the statewide database onto our -- onto our website, but  
24 I'll defer to the data management team to explain that to  
25 you all.

1           We do -- there is an issue though, right, because  
2 our -- the platform that our current website is built on  
3 is -- is antiquated and there are a few people who know,  
4 you know, how to do it at this point, how to keep this  
5 thing afloat. So I mean, somehow if we're going to  
6 maintain the 2010 website, we've got to -- got to port it  
7 to a modern platform and keep it maintained. So  
8 that's -- that's additional overhead.

9           CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Kennedy.

10          COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: My proposal at least is not  
11 that we do anything with the 2010 site other than return  
12 it to where it was before we were selected and it sits.  
13 Nobody's going to have to do anything to it once it's  
14 back to where it was. And somebody hopefully has an  
15 archive backup of where it was as of, you know, 30th of  
16 June 2020 or something. And we don't have to do anything  
17 other than restore that backup.

18          CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Yee.

19          COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah, I mean, it's like when I --  
20 when I was still in the application stage for this  
21 commission, you know, I was reading through various  
22 articles of things, and there was also footnotes that  
23 would give the links to the 2010 site, you know, as  
24 references. And if we change anything, those will all be  
25 broken, you know, which of course we all know what broken

1 links are like. It's not the end of the world, but it's  
2 not helpful.

3 So yeah, to maintain the 2010 site as it was, but  
4 going forward then, I mean, really forward thinking, you  
5 know, what -- what should we leave behind that 2030 will  
6 have to archive in place. The bigger picture, I mean,  
7 the whole government must deal with this, right. I mean  
8 there's constitutional or statutory requirements to  
9 maintain records, but beyond that what are just the best  
10 practices for keeping public access, which is actually a  
11 different thing than having the records available in a  
12 box somewhere if somebody, you know, subpoenaed them or  
13 something.

14 So that seems like the bigger question and there  
15 must be others, you know, a lot of others in the  
16 government dealing with this. So I would think there's  
17 some best practices being developed out there. I wonder  
18 how to get to them.

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Ahmad.

20 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. Can I just  
21 ask a quick clarifying question for Fredy?

22 Is ca.gov all on WordPress? Is that what -- okay.  
23 Thank you.

24 CHAIR TAYLOR: Any other questions or comments?

25 Commissioner Akutagawa.

1           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I know a lot of effort went  
2 into creating our very beautiful soon-to-be website. My  
3 question is if we go to another platform altogether and  
4 away from NationBuilder, would it be possible to port  
5 both the current, you know, new design with all the  
6 information over to, like, Squarespace or some other  
7 website and then also still use the -- the ca.gov website  
8 so we don't have to deal with all these questions that  
9 are being asked right now?

10           CHAIR TAYLOR: Director Ceja, do you have a  
11 response?

12           MR. CEJA: Yes. We actually looked at -- at various  
13 website companies aside from NationBuilder and to tell  
14 you the truth, most of them will not take the .gov domain  
15 because it's too much responsibility and they just don't  
16 have the ability to host it. I looked at GoDaddy, I  
17 looked at Google domain. Nobody would take it.

18           CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Kennedy.

19           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Just for colleagues'  
20 reference, on the secretary of state's website under  
21 archives, it says California's first legislature charged  
22 the secretary of state to receive, quote, all public  
23 records, registered maps, books, papers, rolls,  
24 documents, and other writings which appertain to or are  
25 in any way connected with the political history and past

1 administration of the government of California.

2 So they are the ones charged with this. They do  
3 have an electronic records program. This is why I was  
4 suggesting that we touch base with them to see if they  
5 are willing to take on the cost or share the cost of our  
6 maintaining the 2010 Commission's website. We might also  
7 ask them other questions. And I'm sure Commissioner  
8 Ahmad and I will have some questions for them in the  
9 context of our lessons learned subcommittee. Thank you.

10 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Commissioner Anderson?

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: Okay, if this issue is with  
12 many different websites, what are the -- what are the  
13 other commissions do? I mean, the other commissions have  
14 websites that they use dot gov, dot -- what are they  
15 using?

16 CHAIR TAYLOR: Director Ceja, do you have response  
17 and Cecilia, do you have a response?

18 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yeah, I do believe that they're  
19 using Department of Technology to host their site. Much  
20 like our wedrawthelines.CA.gov.

21 CHAIR TAYLOR: Ms. Reyes, do you have a response as  
22 well?

23 MS. REYES: Yes. Sorry, I just wanted --

24 CHAIR TAYLOR: Go ahead.

25 MS. REYES: -- to make sure I wasn't on mute. So

1 just an example of other government entities that --  
2 well, one is a point of clarification and one is an  
3 example. So for point of clarification, and forgive me  
4 if I'm -- some of you already know this, but Nation  
5 Builder is a content management system. So that's how we  
6 update from the back-end or whatever you want to call it.  
7 We are updating the site. So you know, like Commissioner  
8 Ahmad pointed out WordPress, there's many other types of  
9 content management systems that we can use. So that's  
10 just a point of clarification.

11 As far as links and things like that, Nation Builder  
12 isn't capturing any data, it's just redirecting to, like,  
13 the COI tool, for example. It's just redirecting. So  
14 there's other websites, as Director Ceja pointed out,  
15 they're the ones capturing their information and they  
16 have their security protocol. So Nation Builder isn't  
17 actually capturing COI tool information, they're just  
18 redirecting.

19 And then an example of another government site would  
20 actually be the Register Recorder County Clerk in Los  
21 Angeles. They have an LAVote.net website. Some of the  
22 archived materials live on RCC.CA.gov, and are redirected  
23 to different types of programs or forms or whatever is  
24 needed. So it's just a matter of, like Director Ceja  
25 said, it's just a matter of do you want to keep

1 everything and where is it going to live. It's literally  
2 just an address. So if in the future, you know, the 2030  
3 Commission wanted to keep ours and the 2010, it's just  
4 redirecting to the different addresses, if you will. I  
5 hope that helps.

6 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Director Claypool?

7 DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: I also wanted to point out that  
8 the difference between us and all other commissions and  
9 boards is that we're going to -- you are going to go into  
10 kind of a dormant period after 2022, and there will be  
11 very little money to continue -- to continue your website  
12 and update it and so forth. Other commissions and boards  
13 are ongoing and so they're continually updating their  
14 sites and so that they don't run into these same  
15 problems.

16 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Commissioner Turner, then  
17 Commissioner Akutagawa.

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I just wanted to  
19 flag, I think this Nation builder as a redirect only  
20 platform content management system might present an issue  
21 for the data flow as we have talked about it, and the  
22 filter -- and us being able to kind of pull ad hoc  
23 reports, pull reports from it. And so I'm still trying  
24 to sit with Nation Builder and what its constraints are  
25 as it relates to the interaction that we've had already



1 with USDR and all the plan of the flow and where we were  
2 wanting to hold it and then be able -- because  
3 information -- COI tool is great, but the COI tool won't  
4 hold everything. And we also need -- if you look at  
5 the -- I'll go back to the flowchart for non-COI tool  
6 data that was received. Our data management team would  
7 be entering what it could into a COI tool, and then some  
8 of it as well would be, you know, sent off to the line --  
9 you know, you can follow the chart, but the point is, is  
10 at some point we do need to then filter -- have filtered  
11 entries available to the public that I was thinking would  
12 probably be on our website. And I don't know what that  
13 means for Nation Builder. So yeah, we'll need to kind of  
14 think through Nation Builder and kind of explore what its  
15 capabilities are as it relates to the tools that's being  
16 built.

17 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Akutagawa?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. I guess now I  
19 have two questions. One is I wanted to just follow up on  
20 what Ms. Reyes said about redirecting. And it made me  
21 think about in L.A. County, there's a website called  
22 VaccinateLACounty.com or dot something. I forgot what it  
23 was. But basically, it just -- it just takes you to the  
24 Department of Public Health website. And what you see is  
25 actually the Department of Public Health, like, longer

1 website information, but it takes you to the COVID-19  
2 vaccine information site.

3         So I do wonder if there's some value in keeping the  
4 current URL that's used for the 2010 Commission, but  
5 instead of having it that particular website direct to  
6 the 2010 website as it currently stands, have it just  
7 seamlessly go to our current 2020 website. And then  
8 whether or not, you know, we add the 2010 commission  
9 materials, you know, if there's a value in that, I don't  
10 know if that might be better. I just wanted to just, you  
11 know, just state that for maybe something to think about.

12         Just based on what Commissioner Turner also said, my  
13 experience with Nation Builder is, was as it was as a CRM  
14 or a customer relationship management tool. So it's like  
15 a salesforce, if you're familiar with that. So it's  
16 essentially what I called it is a database. And so I do  
17 wonder, since that is how Nation Builder, I think, was  
18 built, I wonder if there's -- if it can do what, you  
19 know, Commissioner Turner, what you're talking about.  
20 I'm not really 100 percent sure of all the technical ins  
21 and outs, but I just wanted to put that out there, too.

22         CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Turner, I ask you, so  
23 then do you think it's better to have the conversation --  
24 the data management conversation before we make a  
25 decision on the website going live?

1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Fornaciari?

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I just want to take off on  
4 what Commissioner Akutagawa said, you know, that this  
5 website is -- the web address is really kind of ingrained  
6 in what we're doing here. And for me, I'd rather see  
7 somebody type in this web address, immediately be  
8 redirected to our new website, and then have the option  
9 of clicking back to the 2010 site, wherever that is. We  
10 can just make it clear, you can find the 2010 archives,  
11 but I'd rather not have them land here and then have to  
12 click again to get to our site.

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Any more questions or comments?  
14 Commissioner Akutagawa?

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I would -- I would -- I  
16 like Commissioner Fornaciari's suggestion. I like that,  
17 going to our site first, and then if somebody wants to go  
18 to 2010, make that the opt-in instead of the other way  
19 around. I think the other way around is a little, maybe,  
20 clunky.

21 CHAIR TAYLOR: Director Ceja?

22 DIRECTOR CEJA: Good thing I didn't go live before  
23 today's meeting. I had a feeling we were going to need  
24 more information. So like I said, the website's ready to  
25 go. The address is live. We just have to turn on the on

1 switch when we're ready. So I'll touch base with  
2 Commissioner Turner and Commissioner Fornaciari to go  
3 over the security protocols for Nation Builder and then  
4 to see what information we need for the data collection.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you Director Ceja. And so that  
6 possibly might happen before the conclusion of our -- of  
7 our meeting tomorrow? Or do you think it would be before  
8 next week's meeting?

9 DIRECTOR CEJA: (Indiscernible) the Commissioner.

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah, I'm thinking next week.

11 CHAIR TAYLOR: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And the only difference would  
13 be is if we reach out and for some reason determine that  
14 it's a non-issue. I'm just not able to, on this call,  
15 think it through quick enough with all of the other calls  
16 and the implication of what it may or may not mean. And  
17 if indeed, you know, USDR is familiar, it's like it's  
18 not -- it's a non-issue, it's another process we still  
19 can move through, then great. We can have that  
20 information as soon as tomorrow, but we may need a few  
21 more conversations.

22 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. So -- Commissioner Sinay?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: This is associated and not  
24 associated. But on social media, people are already  
25 promoting the draw my California community -- the COI

1 tool. And I know that it came up earlier, you know,  
2 someone asked, when is it going to come? When is it  
3 going to be live? So it is live now. It doesn't have  
4 all the different languages that we asked for and all  
5 that, but it's been promoted by the -- yeah, the -- but  
6 we haven't promoted it. So I am not sure what  
7 conversations need to -- we need to have around that.

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Any other questions or  
9 comments?

10 So what I'm hearing from commissioners is that,  
11 number one, we have a website that potentially would --  
12 that's live and potentially is ready to go. We want to  
13 make certain that, from a data management perspective,  
14 that they can interact, they could play friendly. And to  
15 do that, we want to have further conversations with our  
16 data management subcommittee and our partners, USDR.

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: And we should be able to -- we should  
19 be able to have a decision at our upcoming meeting, the  
20 18th and the 19. Okay.

21 All right, Commissioners, if there's no other  
22 question to comment, we'll move on to our next agenda --  
23 Director Ceja?

24 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yeah. I'm so sorry. I didn't mean  
25 to leave out Cecilia. She had a short social media

1 report.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: You got it. Go ahead.

3 MS. REYES: Thank you. Sorry. Okay. So I sent the  
4 Commissioners an email about a media training. So we  
5 developed a curriculum, the Media Basics Workshop is the  
6 first. As Director Ceja mentioned, it includes an  
7 overview of best practices for traditional and new media,  
8 such as podcasts. The second is more of a smaller group  
9 to do some, like, practice questions or scenarios, kind  
10 of have a little bit more interaction on possible  
11 questions that could come up, how to actually divert it  
12 and kind of practice doing that.

13 If you haven't signed up already, please do so. If  
14 you could just, you know, respond to the email to me  
15 directly, that's fine. And I'll will make sure that you  
16 are on there on the schedule. If the dates don't work, I  
17 am definitely going to be recording the Media Basics  
18 Workshop with the best practices, and then we're going to  
19 put it on our YouTube page -- on our YouTube channel,  
20 excuse me.

21 And which brings me up to the second item, which is  
22 our social media accounts. Right now, we now have four,  
23 technically, accounts. So we have our Facebook, which is  
24 WeDrawTheLinesCA, and the address I've sent to the  
25 Commissioners, but the address is @WeDrawTheLinesCA. And

1 on January 13th, which is the day after I started, we had  
2 171 likes. And now currently we're at 700 -- I'm sorry,  
3 430 likes, which is a climb of 251,800 percent (sic) of  
4 people reached. So it's a huge jump.

5 And I appreciate everybody that kind of promoted on  
6 their web -- on their pages, whether it was, you know, a  
7 generated one liked or two likes. I, for example, and I  
8 know Commissioner Ceja went in to our friends lists and  
9 invited about, you know, between the two of us, about  
10 2,000 folks. So you know, it's slowly but surely kind of  
11 climbing. So that's good.

12 Twitter is WeDrawTheLinesCA, which is -- the address  
13 is WeDrawTheLines, and it increased by 56 followers. So  
14 the profile visits went up 1,309 percent. Instagram is a  
15 new platform that we have. It's @WeDrawTheLines, and it  
16 now has 39 followers. LinkedIn is a fairly new profile  
17 that we activated. It actually existed, so I had to  
18 claim it for the commission, and so we were able to post  
19 on it now. And I sent you all the link to that. But  
20 it's under California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
21 and I'm posting on that now. Our followers went up to 26  
22 followers, which is seven -- a growth of 760 percent.

23 And our newest comer to our social media platforms  
24 is YouTube, which it has two followers, Director Ceja and  
25 myself. So I will send you all the link. I encourage

1 you to please subscribe to the YouTube channel. We need  
2 actually 100 subscribers so we can do a little bit more  
3 customization on the channel. However, we will use that  
4 channel to put educational videos, recordings that the  
5 commission wants to put on there and make public. So  
6 there's a lot of opportunity there to educate the  
7 community. So I strongly ask or suggest if you could  
8 please subscribe to it, and that would help us a lot in  
9 our social media reach on YouTube. Again, just share  
10 with your friends, your colleagues, and help us expand  
11 our online presence.

12 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. And also to really  
13 reiterate, when we make a decision regarding the website,  
14 we have to make a decision regarding our redirect and how  
15 we're going to archive the 2010 website.

16 Any other questions or comments before we move on to  
17 the next agenda item?

18 Yes, Commissioner Ahmad?

19 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair. Quick  
20 question for Cecilia. I see we got verified on  
21 Instagram; how did that happen? And also, is that  
22 something that we can do for Twitter, which I know they  
23 don't do that anymore unless, I don't know, some  
24 secretive backdoor thing?

25 MS. REYES: Verification is actually -- it's easier



1 for a government entity just because, you know, we're the  
2 official associated with, you know, a government and  
3 we're the official commission. So it's a little bit  
4 easier for groups like us.

5       Commissioner Sinay actually connected us with the  
6 folks at Facebook. We met with them last week. I just  
7 asked, like, you know, hey, can we get verified? And  
8 they were like, oh, that's an easy -- that's an easy ask.  
9 So they verified -- Facebook owns Instagram. And so they  
10 were able to do it rather quickly. So we're also going  
11 to be verified on Facebook. We're going to be verified  
12 on Instagram.

13       I know some folks over at Google, which I could  
14 reach out to. I know Commissioner Sinay also connected  
15 with some folks. So it's just a matter of you know,  
16 reaching out to those folks and asking, and making sure  
17 that we can get verified. Google owns YouTube so we can  
18 see about that. Twitter might be a little bit more  
19 challenging, but it probably can -- I'm sure it -- they  
20 all can be done.

21       That's definitely a goal of mine, just so people  
22 know that we are the official California redistricting  
23 commission. We also are -- have, I guess it's a small  
24 win that we got WeDrawTheLines first on some of these  
25 platforms before some of the other states. So that's a

1 little -- so we are definitely leading on that effort, I  
2 guess.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Questions or comments?  
4 Commissioner Turner?

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. A little bit  
6 different topic, but for the communications team, we  
7 talked earlier about doing some sort of video from the  
8 commission as a way of education as well. Was there an  
9 update on that or is that no longer on the table?

10 CHAIR TAYLOR: Director Ceja, you have a reply?

11 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yes, that is definitely on the table  
12 and it's a priority, actually. So what we wanted to do,  
13 we did hire a videographer who's on retainer with us, so  
14 he'll be doing a series of videos. The first one and the  
15 most important one is an introductory video saying hey,  
16 we're the commission, this is what we're doing. It's  
17 very similar to the video that 2010 did, but obviously  
18 updated and with our spin to it. And the other thing  
19 that he's going to start working on is scheduling one-on-  
20 ones with the commissioners because we want to do  
21 individual videos. And then he'll be doing a series of  
22 videos for social media, like quick 30 seconds, like,  
23 this is VRA, this is how you get involved, this is  
24 communities of interest and the COI tool and how to use  
25 it, and things of that nature.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, that sounds like good  
2 stuff. Any other questions or comments?

3 All right. Thank you very much, Director Ceja.

4 We will now move on to agenda item number 9, the  
5 subcommittee reports, and we'll start off with 9A, action  
6 on the census, with Commissioner Sadhwani and Toledo.

7 COMMISSION SADHWANI: No real update here. We're  
8 just working on finalizing the letter that was approved  
9 last time, making some adjustments on that since the  
10 timeline has already adjusted. And we'll get that sent  
11 out a.s.a.p.

12 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Any questions or  
13 comments?

14 We will move on to agenda item 9B, Finance and  
15 Administration. Commissioners Fernandez and Fornaciari?

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay, I'll go. A couple  
17 of things. We put together a draft of a process or  
18 protocol for approving communications in the commission.  
19 It's in review right now, so we'll hopefully have that  
20 for next time we get together -- have that completed for  
21 your review. Then we have, as Deputy Director Hernandez  
22 said, he brought forward a candidate for outreach  
23 coordinator. I think that's the correct title for this  
24 person.

25 Director Hernandez?

1 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yes?

2 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Can we share the name of  
3 the person at this point or?

4 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yes. Her name is Patricia  
5 Vazquez Topete, and she has experience -- the last two  
6 and a half to three years working with the census. So  
7 she has a wealth of experience. She's from the Central  
8 Valley. And you know, be happy to share any other  
9 information, if you'd like.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, she was a  
11 coordinator -- a regional program manager for the Central  
12 Coast region for the census. So she's familiar with the  
13 process that they use for outreach and the -- you know,  
14 connected with all the folks that they connected with,  
15 you know, certainly in her region, but -- that she led,  
16 but also, you know, she's got contacts back to the  
17 leaders of the other regions. And I think could be  
18 effective outreach coordinator. So I don't know, did you  
19 have anything to add, Alicia?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Just that also, next week's  
21 meeting will bring forward the evacuation plan. But in  
22 terms of the hire for the outreach coordinator, this  
23 position would be over the analysts that are also be part  
24 of the outreach, and I think we need to vote on that; is  
25 that correct? We voted on prior positions, so I just

1 want to confirm that that's the protocol. And if so,  
2 then that's what Commissioner Fornaciari and I are  
3 recommending at this point, is to move forward and fill  
4 in this position, the outreach coordinator with Patricia  
5 Vazquez Topete.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So is that a motion?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sure.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay, I will second it.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: All right. Any further discussion?  
10 Commissioner Andersen?

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Would you please spell her  
12 name?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So Patricia is  
14 P-A-T-R-I-C-I-A; Vazquez is V-A-Z-Q-U-E-Z; and Topete is  
15 T-O-P-E-T-E.

16 CHAIR TAYLOR: And what is her position title?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry, for Outreach  
18 Coordinator.

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Turner?

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Just really quick, I'm  
21 wondering if you can talk a little bit about that role as  
22 opposed to Marcy's role. Wasn't she outreach  
23 coordinator?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm going to divert it to  
25 Deputy Executive Director.

1           DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: No, actually -- thank you.  
2 Marcy is the outreach manager. She oversees the outreach  
3 coordinator and also the grant side of things. So that's  
4 the split. The outreach coordinator will be the person  
5 in charge of working with the field staff and doing a lot  
6 of the outreach, the actual reaching out to folks, making  
7 contact, scheduling, and also working with the field  
8 staff to coordinate the input meetings -- virtual or if  
9 we ever do in-person, coordinating those as well.

10           CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Any other questions or  
11 comments before we go to public comment?

12           Jesse, can you invite the public in to comment on  
13 agenda item 9B, the vote on the acceptance of the hire of  
14 outreach coordinator Patricia Topete? And I hope I said  
15 that correctly.

16           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: In order to maximize  
17 transparency and public participation in our process, the  
18 Commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To  
19 call in, dial the telephone number provided on the  
20 livestream feed. The telephone number is 877-853-5247.  
21 When prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided on  
22 the livestream feed; it is 95765868432 for this week's  
23 meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID, simply  
24 press pound.

25           Once you have dialed in, you'll be placed in a queue

1 from which a moderator will begin unmuting callers to  
2 submit their comments. You will also hear an automated  
3 message to press star 9. Please do this to raise your  
4 hand, indicating you wish to comment. When it is your  
5 turn to speak, the moderator will unmute you and you will  
6 hear an automated message that says the host would like  
7 you to talk and to press star 6 to speak.

8 Providing your name is not required, but if you  
9 would like to please state and spell it for the record.  
10 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream  
11 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your  
12 call. Once you're waiting in the queue, be alert for  
13 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn  
14 down the livestream volume. These instructions are also  
15 located on the website.

16 The Commission is taking public comment on item 9,  
17 vote on -- sorry.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: The hire of outreach coordinator,  
19 Patricia Topete.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time.

21 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

22 (Pause)

23 CHAIR TAYLOR: All right, Jesse, I see no one in the  
24 queue, correct?

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That is correct, Chair.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: All right, Commissioner. Any  
2 other -- any additional questions or comment before we go  
3 to a vote?

4 Director Claypool, can you call the roll for a vote,  
5 please?

6 DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Yes, Chair. Commissioner  
7 Toledo?

8 Commissioner Turner?

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

10 DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Sinay?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

12 DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Vazquez?

13 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

14 DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Yee?

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

16 DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Ahmad?

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yes.

18 DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Akutagawa?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

20 DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Andersen?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

22 DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

24 DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Fornaciari?

25 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.



1 DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Kennedy?

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

3 DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Le Mons?

4 Commissioner Sadhwani?

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes.

6 DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Commissioner Taylor?

7 CHAIR TURNER: Yes.

8 DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: The motion carries.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. And welcome.

10 Finance Committee, anything else?

11 All right. Thank you.

12 So we'll move on to agenda item number 9c, the GANTT  
13 committee. Commissioner Kennedy?

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I have not  
15 completed updating the Gantt Chart. I've done most of  
16 it, but I want to actually incorporate data management as  
17 a separate workstream. So I'm going to be working off of  
18 the timeline that data management provided us, and I will  
19 have an updated version of the Gantt Chart including data  
20 management as a separate workstream for next week's  
21 meeting.

22 And I would just ask that other subcommittees that  
23 are working with timelines provide those timelines with  
24 me so that I can build that additional detail into the  
25 Gantt Chart. Thank you.

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. And thank you for your  
2 attention to this matter.

3 We'll move on to 9D, the line drawers RFP.  
4 Commissioners Andersen and Sadhwani?

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSON: If you noticed there was a  
6 document posted for the line drawing, and it is a single  
7 page document. And the reason I put that on there is I  
8 want the public, any possible proposers for the line  
9 drawing RFP, and all of us to be familiar with these are  
10 what's called the key action dates. This is actually  
11 directly out of the RFP. It's on page 10 in the RFP.  
12 And it's actually -- it lists the dates of when things  
13 are due, et cetera.

14 And we've already done several steps. The next --  
15 the next item on the list is the proposals are due at 5  
16 p.m. on February -- Friday, February 19. And the opening  
17 of proposals is at 9 a.m. on February 22nd; that's a  
18 Monday. Our evaluation period and notice of intent to  
19 award will be posted on -- those are the 24th and 25th of  
20 February. With the idea the contract award, without  
21 protests, could be executed on March 5th.

22 And the reason I'm saying -- I'm bringing this up to  
23 everyone's attention is if -- please note that, any  
24 proposers, and please note the dates. These are this is  
25 a public notice. Therefore, it's well ahead of anything

1 that could come up as per contract requirements -- per  
2 RFP requirements. So any questions about this -- this  
3 will also be in next meeting's agenda as well, same  
4 thing. Any questions?

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Any questions or comments from  
6 commissioners?

7 All right. Seeing none. Thank you, Commissioner  
8 Andersen.

9 So we'll move on to agenda item number 9E, VRA  
10 Compliance. Commissioners Sadhwani and Yee?

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Nothing really to report  
12 back in terms of VRA compliance. The legal -- we have a  
13 separate legal affairs committee now update, correct?  
14 So --

15 CHAIR TAYLOR: Correct.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Commissioner Yee, did you  
17 have anything else (indiscernible)?

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: No, just legal affairs.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

20 CHAIR TAYLOR: Okay. Thank you. We'll move on now  
21 to agenda item number 9F, Outreach and Engagement.  
22 Commissioners Sinay and Fornaciari?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Great. Neal, do you want me to  
24 start and then you add on? Sorry, Commissioner  
25 Fornaciari. Just a few things. Last meeting we had the

1 Farm Bureau, as well as the Chamber of Commerce --  
2 California Chamber of Commerce, present and promise to  
3 give us contact names for the different, you know, the  
4 different chapters within our zones. We did receive the  
5 Farm Bureau's and what we decided -- what we thought  
6 would work -- and we'll check in with Chamber of Commerce  
7 if that will work with them too -- is to do, kind of,  
8 draft an introductory email from Commissioner Fornaciari  
9 and I, they will send it out to all their members, and  
10 then -- and then we'll send out to you all the contact  
11 names for the members. So when you do your outreach, you  
12 can reach out to those folks as well. So they will have  
13 gotten something ahead of time.

14 We are still planning a lot of different panels, but  
15 I wanted to check one thing. Are we right, Commissioner  
16 Sadhwani, that you're -- that basic -- or well, it's  
17 really the Chairs for the next month, but I think  
18 Commissioner Sadhwani gave us the message and I just  
19 wanted to make sure I was understanding, that we're going  
20 to be pretty busy the rest of February so we won't have  
21 space on the agendas for panels?

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. You know, I don't know  
23 exactly about next week, but my request to the  
24 subcommittee had been for the final week of February 24th  
25 through --

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- the 26th, simply because  
3 we don't know how many people may apply to the line  
4 drawer RFP. If we might keep those days open and free  
5 from panels. If we end up having multiple submissions  
6 that we have to interview, that will take us quite some  
7 time to get through it, as well as all of the discussion.  
8 And we will have the recommendation from the Legal  
9 Affairs Committee for VRA and litigation. So if we only  
10 end up with one submission, then it might be really easy,  
11 but we just simply don't know what that would be. So  
12 that was my request, but --

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- you know, certainly open  
15 to discussion.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No, that sounds great, I  
17 just -- let me -- some of the topics -- I know I brought  
18 them up before but I just want to share the different  
19 panel. And we're -- Commissioner Fornaciari and I are  
20 working on how to put panels together so we're not -- so  
21 when I read this list, don't count it and say, oh, my  
22 gosh, there's going to be 20 more panels. That's not  
23 where we're at. We're still -- we're still working on  
24 it.

25 We were hoping to do transportation as part of the

1 panel tomorrow, but our transportation person dropped out  
2 at the last moment. And then we had a conversation about  
3 it, and that was actually one that we can do a little  
4 broader. And so we're working on that. Education,  
5 Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Vazquez are  
6 working on a panel there. Labor, Commissioner Vazquez  
7 and I are working on that. Housing, Commissioner  
8 Fornaciari and I will work on that. And then we have  
9 military and the veterans --

10 MALE SPEAKER: Excuse me.

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- community. Yeah. Oh. The  
12 LGBT community. Rural. You know, rural, we've had a lot  
13 of representation from rural, but we may want to just  
14 have a very focused conversation and go a little deeper  
15 on that based on all the other communities and sectors  
16 we've talked about.

17 And then on local city and county representation, I  
18 know, Commissioner Kennedy, you brought it up and we  
19 think it's a great idea, but I wanted to confirm, was  
20 that talking to representatives at those different levels  
21 about how to do outreach or talking to them about people  
22 who are doing redistricting at those different levels?

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: The original idea was the  
24 former; the how we can work with them on outreach. I  
25 would certainly see value in getting information about

1 other redistricting efforts. I'm pursuing that  
2 separately in my zone.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. All right. And -- let's  
4 see. And then the last piece for our report was we just  
5 wanted to hear back from all of you just very quickly  
6 regarding zone -- your outreach in your zones. Any aha  
7 moments you've -- mainly aha moments you've had, so that  
8 the outreach team can start thinking through and using  
9 those learnings. Always feel free to email us as well as  
10 the outreach staff if you learn something quickly. Like,  
11 I know several of us who had conversations up in the very  
12 north part of the state, we learned that postcards are  
13 critical to reaching out to individuals. So go ahead and  
14 send us those so that we can start putting them in the  
15 budget if it's something we may not have thought of.

16 And as you give your zone update -- or you can just  
17 do a thumbs up, thumbs down -- we're thinking for if it's  
18 helpful to kind of draft a protocol. I know we've been  
19 doing this for several months, but just what question --  
20 you know, a few questions that might help as you're  
21 talking to the folks in the zones, just to gather the  
22 different information that were -- you know, in case --  
23 in case your brain freezes. But I don't think it does.  
24 We're all very good speakers. Helpful, not helpful?

25 Okay. No one needs a protocol. Perfect. All

1 right. One less thing to do.

2 And so let's just do the zones, and we'll do them in  
3 alphabetical order. So we'll start with Commissioner  
4 Toledo?

5 VICE-CHAIR TOLEDO: Do you just want an update? Is  
6 that it?

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, just any aha moments,  
8 updates, or challenges.

9 VICE-CHAIR TOLEDO: I mean, I think the biggest  
10 challenge has just been our schedule and trying to get  
11 the schedules to coalesce in terms of scheduling further  
12 conversations. Because I've had the initial  
13 conversations -- we had a couple of initial conversations  
14 and then there's follow-ups to figure out how we could  
15 work more closely together. And that's been a challenge.  
16 But I think both on the community organization side and  
17 on our side as well. Just trying to -- I know they've  
18 had some -- a lot of the nonprofit and organizations that  
19 were with, the consensus are the individuals are no  
20 longer with them. But there's other folks that they're  
21 transitioning to, so we're trying to, you know,  
22 coordinate those contacts and work together on them.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Great. Thank you. Zone B,  
24 Russell -- I mean, sorry, Commissioner Yee?

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: All good. You know, I think, so



1 folks, you know, they had the big push at the end of the  
2 census writing their final reports, and they're kind of  
3 getting back to what they were doing before, you know.  
4 So you know, it's been great to just chat again and hear  
5 how things went. I think I'm a little fuzzy still on  
6 kind of how we coordinate with the outreach committee and  
7 outreach staff in terms of what exactly -- what kind of,  
8 you know, concrete asks or what we're putting out there.

9 I know there was some interest in getting  
10 information on language needs that might -- we might not  
11 be aware of. Maybe outreach opportunities. But I'm  
12 still a little fuzzy on exactly what role we play in  
13 between the outreach staff, outreach committee and we  
14 commissioners as zone outreach specialists.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. My thoughts on  
16 that, just as we originally started, we started with the  
17 census, but then we've expanded from there. We have been  
18 offering individuals public education sessions that we're  
19 doing, and if they have groups or meetings that it might  
20 make sense for us to have it. And then really asking in  
21 general, you know, who are your hard to reach communities  
22 and what are the best ways to reach them as well as to  
23 the general -- the general population in your county. So  
24 it's just continually, you know, trying to network in  
25 that way.

1           Zone C. Okay, so now it's Commissioner Yee and  
2 Commissioner Toledo together. The same?

3           VICE-CHAIR TOLEDO: I had a couple of organizations  
4 are just asking in terms of grant funding, grant  
5 opportunities and when that will come out and what the  
6 communication is going to be from that -- from the zone.  
7 And so that you know, I'm just essentially saying we'll  
8 have more information shortly. And as soon as we have  
9 it, we will let organizations know about it.

10          COMMISSIONER SINAY: Great. Thank you.

11          COMMISSIONER YEE: We did get invited to present at  
12 a Zone C census wrap-up, big pow-wow, and it happened to  
13 be on a date that legal affairs was meeting, so  
14 Commissioner Ahmad was kind enough to plan on stepping in  
15 for me to do that.

16          COMMISSIONER SINAY: All right. Thank you.

17          Commissioner Fernandez and Commissioner Le Mons,  
18 Zone D.

19          COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, so I would say that  
20 our challenges right now are that Commissioner Le Mons  
21 and I, we really went out strong initially. And since we  
22 both have been -- subsequently have been on other  
23 subcommittees, it's been difficult to get back to them.  
24 I did hear that maybe someone from the outreach side was  
25 developing an email regarding the educational -- the

1 public educational session so that we could send that  
2 out, in terms of having the same type of information.

3       Again, just like Commissioner Toledo, we did have  
4 one call. We thought it was going to be a discussion  
5 with a community-based organization, and it turned out to  
6 be a so what kind of grant funding do you have? So it  
7 was -- quickly had to switch gears and I want to thank  
8 Marcy for jumping on the call within like a minute of me  
9 reaching out to her. So that was great.

10       And I think that's it. I mean, I would really love  
11 to have more time to spend on this, but I just feel like  
12 my other subcommittees, there seem to be shorter  
13 timeframes. So I think that's probably my challenge  
14 right now. I really wish we had more outreach staff so  
15 they could do some of this research for me. But we did  
16 get -- Commissioner Vazquez and I had a meeting on Friday  
17 for the educational panel, and we did get an invitation  
18 for the Sacramento County Office of Education to conduct  
19 a presentation there.

20       So little by little, but there's as you keep  
21 digging, you just realize there's more and more CPOs.  
22 And if I had an email with the language, I could probably  
23 just shoot that out and it'd so much easier than trying  
24 to contact each one separately. So if somebody is  
25 putting together that language, I don't know if it's --

1 oh, is Commissioner Kennedy putting the language together  
2 or is that -- I see Fredy, I see -- I don't care --

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We'll --

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- whoever is good to me.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- work on that.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: We'll work on that. And then  
8 Commissioner Fornaciari and Commissioner Kennedy, Zone E?

9 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, so I'm kind of in  
10 the same boat a little bit with Commissioner Yee here,  
11 and now I'm on the outreach committee, so I'm going to  
12 hope to provide myself and the rest of you with some  
13 clarity on this. But I did send out to the local the LEO  
14 chapter a request -- an offer to see if we could chat  
15 with them about what we're doing. And I haven't heard  
16 back. And so you know.

17 I think the thing that, you know, I really want to  
18 do with Commissioner Sinay and the outreach folks is  
19 really get some clarity on roles and responsibilities and  
20 expectations and how we're going to move this forward.  
21 And I think this draft email for outreach is a good  
22 start, but it's got to be in the context of the big  
23 picture of what we're doing, right? And what do we  
24 expect of the commissioners? What do we expect of the  
25 staff? Now that we've got Ms. Topete on, or she'll be

1 starting soon, she can hit the ground running in getting  
2 staffed up with the outreach staff. So that's kind of  
3 where I'm at.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, sir. Zone F,  
5 Commissioner Turner and Commissioner VAZQUEZ?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Thank you. So  
7 Commissioner Vazquez and I, we've actually done, between  
8 the two of us, a few presentations. I sent out an email.  
9 I had an opportunity for the zone I'm in, Zone F, many of  
10 the coalition partners, community members, the trusted  
11 messengers are people that I sit at coalition tables  
12 with. So I did send out an email to the whole network of  
13 the folks just saying that, you know, I'm interested in  
14 and sitting on -- I was assigned Zone F with Commissioner  
15 Vazquez and have ability to do presentations for any of  
16 their organizations or if they're hosting something one  
17 way or the other. So they have that.

18 As a result, we were able to do a presentation CV-  
19 UP, which is one coalition group of partners, eight  
20 organizations that -- Central Valley United in Power.  
21 And then also for Mi Familia Vota, we were able to do a  
22 presentation there, Commissioner Vazquez and I. And then  
23 just a -- I guess kind of an advertisement of it to the  
24 Sierra Health Network, which had about 102 folk on, again  
25 telling them how to submit speaker requests and what have

1 you. So I think the sessions were great. I appreciate  
2 all of the material.

3 You were asking initially, though, about any aha  
4 moment. And I think for me the biggest one is that of  
5 the presentations, there's been a good mix of those that  
6 were really familiar with redistricting and some that was  
7 just very grateful for the information. And in one of  
8 the sessions that I had, there was an organization that's  
9 really strong into redistricting that was, you know, very  
10 aware but was also working now in creating their own  
11 platform or kind of tool to gather their communities of  
12 interest so that they then can upload bulk upload to us.

13 Of course, the desire for this commission with our  
14 brand new COI tool is that we have people entering their  
15 information directly. And of course, if they use an  
16 email, they're able to get a copy of their map that  
17 they've drawn, because for two reasons, for nesting  
18 purposes for people that are actually going to also  
19 participate in other local redistricting efforts, they  
20 want to, in many instances, be able to use the same map  
21 that they've already created. That's great.

22 And then the other piece is from the organizations,  
23 they want to be able to track that if we as an  
24 organization have gone out and did a lot of outreach and  
25 we've educated and told our people to participate, we

1 want to know the impact that we're having and we want to  
2 know that our people indeed did submit. And so they're  
3 wanting to be able to identify all of the people from any  
4 one organization, which we're having conversations about  
5 what that looks like.

6       What I learned is that there is perhaps an  
7 organization-wide account that perhaps people can submit  
8 to; I'm learning information about that. And also still  
9 trying to gather information about a statewide  
10 collaborative effort that's going on right now that will  
11 also work towards having people do both, I guess,  
12 submissions. So some of those pieces were things that we  
13 hadn't necessarily thought about before, and I certainly  
14 understand why an organization would want to be able to  
15 track their submissions. It just works a little bit  
16 different than how we were thinking through the  
17 individual submissions into the COI tool.

18       So what it means on our end, if indeed we don't work  
19 out a different coding or something for an organization  
20 to put in, is that we would get that information in a  
21 batch upload and then our data manager would then need to  
22 in turn re-put that information perhaps one by one into  
23 the COI tool. We're working through those elements now,  
24 but that's the bulk of, I think my first takeaway from  
25 the sessions.

1           And I've discussed already with Director Ceja the  
2           desire for people to know upfront a little bit more  
3           detail about the language access piece, what would that  
4           expectation be for people? And so I think we've upgraded  
5           and added some of that information to the presentation as  
6           well. Thank you.

7           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you so much, Commissioner  
8           Turner. Next one, G, Zone G. Commissioner Andersen and  
9           Akutagawa?

10          COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, Linda and I have met  
11          and unfortunately we're a little behind the eight ball in  
12          that most of our census people were -- basically, they  
13          were in Commissioner Turner's zone and we had very, very  
14          little information on ours. And the ones that we have  
15          tried to contact don't exist anymore.

16          COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

17          COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So we're sort of a little  
18          behind the, as I said, behind the eight ball. We have  
19          gotten, I think one or two replies, sure, let's get  
20          together. And basically, we're still looking for  
21          information. You know, the Chamber of Commerce, the  
22          Farm, you know, we would like that information for Zone  
23          G.

24          COMMISSIONER SINAY: That sounds great. And I'll  
25          also try to find community foundations, United Ways,



1 because those have been really helpful to kind of help  
2 identify who the groups may be once the census groups  
3 have kind of disbanded. So I'll get that to you as well.

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: That would be great. But  
5 out of the census context, I think two or three -- in one  
6 case, one person's retired, the other two, they are no  
7 longer there. But we did make -- we were able to make  
8 contact with somebody who was the deputy director of  
9 outreach. So the good thing is, is that he did respond  
10 and there could be actually some good possibilities for  
11 the other regions as well, too, since he oversaw  
12 statewide outreach as well, too. So even though he was  
13 specifically focused on the regions that Commissioner  
14 Anderson and I are, I guess in our Zone G, we hope that  
15 there may be some potential nuggets that will be  
16 applicable to some of the other zones as well, too.

17 I will also say that in a couple cases, in looking  
18 up some of the counties, there may be where, you know,  
19 we'll just -- I was just thinking as we were speaking  
20 about this, we may just look through their county  
21 websites and just look for, you know, a starting place.  
22 You know, sometimes that's just the best place. And I  
23 think that's what Commissioner Fernandez did in her  
24 counties. You know, just start with one and then  
25 hopefully, you know, it'll help spiderweb us out to other

1 places where we'll get connected to other folks, so.

2 We're a little -- yeah. We're off to a little bit  
3 of a slow start but I am not totally worried yet. I'm  
4 hopeful that we'll have some good things to report the  
5 next time we come back together.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Great. If any public out  
7 there who isn't in zone G, please get in touch with us.  
8 We'd love to get some presentations to you.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. We'll keep working on  
10 it. And we'll get -- don't worry. And you all have been  
11 on two subcommittees. So you're very busy. So it's  
12 completely understandable. Zone H, Los Angeles.

13 Chair, that's you.

14 CHAIR TAYLOR: Wow, such excitement in L.A.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's just a big zone.

16 CHAIR TAYLOR: It's huge. So from that stand point,  
17 I've got a quite a bit of extensive list of contacts.

18 While I've sat in the chair, I've tried to sort of  
19 thought it back a little bit. And I have more time in  
20 the next upcoming weeks to attack that zone aggressively.

21 So in some of my small, more informal circles, the  
22 thing that they keep saying is, Derric, exactly what is  
23 it that you want from me? Where do you want me to drive  
24 people to? Are -- you want people to fill out maps and  
25 when can I fill out a map right now?

1           So similar to what some of the other Commissioners  
2 have said, the big thing is what's the ask? And then,  
3 sort of what's the mechanism to get to that ask:  
4 postcards, flyers, or things of that sort?

5           So I think it is becoming a bit more clear and  
6 evident that's what I'm going to do. So it's no great,  
7 aha moment, just ready for the big ask to some of these  
8 networks.

9           COMMISSIONER SINAY: Great. Thank you. And then,  
10 zone I, Riverside, San Bernardino, Commissioner Kennedy  
11 and Le Mons?

12           COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. Well, I have a  
13 speaking engagement arranged for Wednesday of this week  
14 with the Inland Empire Redistricting Hub. Inland Empire  
15 rise is a cross county coordination table that has --  
16 that arose as a result of the census effort and is  
17 consolidating itself as an ongoing organization.

18           They've been extremely helpful with outreach. I  
19 touch base with them regularly, not to schedule anything,  
20 just to get a read of how things are. Through them, I  
21 was able to contact the Inland Empire Media Hub and we  
22 are -- we don't yet have but we are expecting an  
23 invitation to speak to the Inland Empire Media Hub on the  
24 3rd of March, I believe it is.

25           I've also spoken with Mi Familia Vota here in the

1 region and expecting an invite from them to speak here in  
2 our region. I've been working on my county profiles. I  
3 have a profile of Riverside County, a profile of San  
4 Bernardino County. So that includes media.

5       And Fredy has been very helpful with providing a  
6 list of media in the two counties, cities, and towns,  
7 Native American groups, regional organizations,  
8 community-based organizations, including faith based,  
9 civic organizations, social organizations, chambers of  
10 commerce, labor organizations, health delivery  
11 organizations; then community foundations, chambers of  
12 commerce, school districts, higher education, libraries,  
13 and public transportation.

14       So I'm gradually filling those in for both of the  
15 counties and starting to use them. I did draft a letter  
16 for my use. I've shared that with Fredy for possible  
17 distribution to other Commissioners for their use. I  
18 also went through my email last week.

19       I had started sending out a number of emails, even  
20 back in the fall. And I realized I haven't heard back  
21 from people. So I've gone through my emails -- my sent  
22 emails to make a list of who I haven't heard back from  
23 and I will get on the phone and call them to follow up.

24       You know, the email -- maybe the email fell into a  
25 spam box or whatever. But I'll get on the phone and

1 start following up with those.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So Commissioner Kennedy, you  
3 probably know this but I taught this little trick to  
4 Commissioner Fornaciari. So I'll share it with all of  
5 you: That the easiest way, if you get into a spam -- the  
6 easiest way to avoid a spam box is resend the same email  
7 you sent before, just hit reply all. And just say, sorry  
8 to nudge you.

9 And it will do one of two things: One, you were in  
10 the spam box and now you're not because a spam email  
11 can't be resent that way or two, they totally forgot  
12 about you and now they feel guilty because you've nudged  
13 them. So that's my -- that was the trick I shared with  
14 Commissioner Fornaciari.

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Good. Well, I'll also share  
16 and you're aware of that but just for other colleagues, I  
17 had -- through my former staff in Afghanistan, made  
18 contact with a couple key people in the Afghan community  
19 here in California. So I'm trying to facilitate some  
20 contacts. And you know, some of these are just  
21 nationwide organizations that may have people here in  
22 California.

23 And I've also sent a similar email to one of the  
24 Native American tribes that's based out of State but has  
25 members here in State. And to the extent that we

1 discover, you know, their level of interest and where  
2 they are concentrated, then those can be, you know,  
3 shared out with Commissioners for the appropriate zones.  
4 Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Great.

6 Zone J, Orange County, Commissioner Akutagawa and  
7 Commissioner Sadhwani, I know you both have been really  
8 busy --

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, we've been --

10 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- with subcommittees.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Well, luckily some  
12 of that initial work that we had initiated back in the  
13 fall when we were first assigned the various -- or  
14 volunteered for the various zones or regions is  
15 continuing to bear fruit at least in Orange County.

16 We've had a great partner or contact there. They  
17 were the, I guess the ACDO. I guess they're called the  
18 Administrative Community-Based Organization for the  
19 census as part of the California counts. And so they've  
20 been very, very, helpful and we've been keeping in  
21 regular touch with them.

22 The folks that we've been working with there have  
23 been very generous in connecting us to a lot of different  
24 people. Just recently, we also connected with the Orange  
25 County Civic Engagement Table. And so that was really

1 helpful because they are focused specifically on  
2 redistricting. We also did talk to them about setting up  
3 a redistricting basics presentation.

4 They have also -- have contacts with the other  
5 regions, the other similar civic engagement tables, which  
6 I think, Commissioner Sinay, you're aware of.

7 I also want to thank Marcy Kaplan because she joined  
8 us on that meeting. And so it was very helpful. So I do  
9 want to share that, I think there are -- our meetings  
10 that we're being strategic around, where we have asked  
11 staff to join us, partly because of the kind of nature of  
12 the group.

13 And we feel that there may be some value in them  
14 joining us. And we also had a rather interesting  
15 conversation with the Orange County Department of  
16 Education. I'm glad that Marcy was able to join us for  
17 that meeting as well too in the sense of, there's  
18 different ways look at outreach to education. There's  
19 the teacher level and then there's parent level.

20 And so that was one of the different things that we  
21 also understood. She's looking at -- our contact there  
22 is looking at what is going to be the best strategy. She  
23 also mentioned that there may be some, you know,  
24 different school districts and there are at least 27 in  
25 Orange County itself.

1 Different school districts are going to have  
2 different outlooks around redistricting and whether or  
3 not they'll be welcoming of it. We also talked about  
4 including it possibly in the 12th grade curriculum even  
5 in terms of, you know, how they can also be educated  
6 about redistricting since it would be part of their  
7 normal kind of --

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- U.S. Government  
10 curriculum so.

11 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Great. Thank you.

12 Commissioner Ahmad, did you want to --

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Sinay, excuse me. We're  
14 up against a break.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Absolutely.

16 CHAIR TAYLOR: So we have to let staff get a moment.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Take as long as you need.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: We can return and take off right were  
19 we left off. Thank you. Return at 3:40. Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You got it.

21 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

22 CHAIR TAYLOR: Welcome back. It is 3:40 p.m.,  
23 February 8th, of the California Citizens Redistricting  
24 Commission meeting -- business meeting. We left off at  
25 agenda item number 9F, Outreach and Engagement, with



1 Commissioners Sinay and Fornaciari.

2 Go ahead. The floor is yours, Commissioner Sinay.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you.

4 Before we go to the last but not least zone, I just  
5 wanted to say, as you're thinking through how to do  
6 outreach in your zones, if you want to brainstorm, Marcy  
7 is available, as well as I'm available, you know? So  
8 just reach out to Marcy and we'll -- we're here to help.

9 So Commissioner Ahmad, do you want to do the last  
10 zone, San Diego and Imperial Counties?

11 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Sure. So Commissioner Sinay  
12 and I actually are partners for San Diego and Imperial  
13 Counties. We've had a number of meetings over the past  
14 couple of weeks, the most recent one in Imperial County.  
15 Now I just say, I went to Imperial County today and  
16 people are just like, what, how did you get there and get  
17 back?

18 But virtually, I think aha moments you asked for  
19 Commissioner Sinay, for me was with Imperial County since  
20 that's just the most recent meeting that we had. I  
21 hadn't -- I never knew where Imperial was. I didn't even  
22 know that it was, you know, bordering Arizona on one end  
23 and Mexico on the other.

24 The population size is, you know, very different  
25 than where I live in San Jose. And so it was a really

1 good conversation just to hear from people from different  
2 parts of California. I think the biggest takeaway that I  
3 took was the language access pieces and how important it  
4 is for us to be very cognizant of the different language  
5 needs around different parts of California.

6 So you know, we were able to reference our open  
7 public meetings saying, hey, actually we just talked  
8 about this in our meeting and we're able to share that  
9 good news. So it's been a great experience so far and  
10 I'm looking forward to continuing these outreach  
11 meetings.

12 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

13 Any -- oh, go ahead, Commissioner Sinay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was just going to ask  
15 Commissioner Fornaciari if he had anything to add to our  
16 very long report.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: (No audible response)

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

19 Any questions for comments for the Outreach and  
20 Engagement committee?

21 Commissioner Yee, go ahead.

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: I can mention one more aha about  
23 zone B. So during some research about succession  
24 movements there as you know in Southern Oregon and  
25 Northern California, quite a few folks would like to

1 become a separate State, State of Jefferson.

2 And what I did not realize is how officially this  
3 movement as progressed. So zones A, B, and D, include 21  
4 counties where boards of supervisors have passed  
5 resolutions of one kind or another to declare their  
6 intention to secede. These are boards of supervisor --  
7 county boards of supervisors.

8 And so, you know, talk about mistrust of government,  
9 you know? There's just quite a bit there, a lot more  
10 than I realized. And as we go into those zones, I'm sure  
11 keeping that in mind will help.

12 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

13 Any other questions or comments?

14 Thank you, Outreach and Engagement committee.

15 We will now move on to agenda item number 9G,  
16 Language Access with Commissioners Akutagawa and  
17 Commissioners Fernandez.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So on that one, the  
19 update on that, if you call last -- at our last meeting  
20 where we voted what our language access policy was going  
21 to be. So moving right after that, a big shout out to  
22 Raul. He drafted some language for a statement of work  
23 and that has gone out.

24 And he is currently working with two small  
25 businesses to try to have those projects in place by the

1 end of the month. So moving forward and we're very  
2 excited to have some contracts in place to provide  
3 interpreter services as well as translations from some of  
4 our documents.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

6 Any questions --

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: So I do want to just copy  
8 off this by -- Commissioner Fernandez and I have not had  
9 a chance to directly speak about this. We have received  
10 public comment as it pertains to a desire to have  
11 interpretation, simultaneous interpretation or -- maybe  
12 not simultaneous but interpretation of the proceedings of  
13 all the meetings, not just of the public comment.

14 There was some recommendations made in terms of  
15 technology that's available. For example, Google -- not  
16 Google but Zoom, apparently there are -- there's a way in  
17 which people can be put into separate Zoom rooms to be  
18 able to have interpreters interpreting simultaneously.

19 And so I just wanted to acknowledge that we have  
20 received that public comment. And we will be asking  
21 staff to look further into the technology around it and  
22 if there's other technology that people that are aware of  
23 to let us know.

24 I'm aware -- I was made aware that Cisco -- excuse  
25 me -- Cisco also provides some type of closed caption

1 translation as well too, with some limited languages,  
2 some of which include some of the languages that we have  
3 said that we want to make available. We'll look into  
4 that as well.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

6 I think that's just a reminder that we're all in  
7 shared spaces in these different times. And we all have  
8 a bit of patience for one another. I know you all have  
9 heard my kids and just haven't said nothing. That's  
10 cool. I appreciate it.

11 So any other questions or comments for the Language  
12 Access subcommittee?

13 Okay. Thank you. Then we'll move on to agenda item  
14 number 9H, the Material Development committee and that's  
15 Commissioner Kennedy and Fernandez.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. On this one, Chair,  
17 if it's possible if we can discuss it tomorrow because  
18 you just finalized some documents yesterday and they were  
19 just sent out to the Commissioners today, as well as  
20 posted. So we're hoping that everyone can take a look at  
21 it before we discuss it.

22 CHAIR TAYLOR: Absolutely.

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

24 CHAIR TAYLOR: So we will table this until tomorrow.  
25 And we have plenty of room for it. Thank you for your

1 work so far. Thank you.

2       Onto agenda item number 9I, the Data Management with  
3 Commissioners Ahmad and Turner. And we also have room on  
4 this as for the -- as agenda item number 12.

5       Go ahead.

6       COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. I think then we'll wait  
7 for our agenda item number. You said we're on agenda  
8 item number 12?

9       CHAIR TAYLOR: Yeah. We can --

10       COMMISSIONER TURNER: It's getting -- yeah. I think  
11 our -- I think it will take a little bit of time.

12       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We have space for you  
13 there. I appreciate it.

14       And onto -- thank you. Onto agenda item number 9J,  
15 the Grants committee with Commissioners Akutagawa and  
16 Commissioner Le Mons. And we also have space for that  
17 under our agenda item number 11.

18       Commissioner Akutagawa?

19       COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think we could  
20 probably -- we can until the agenda item too.

21       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

22       That takes us to agenda item number 9K, Community of  
23 Interest Tool, Commissioners Akutagawa and Commissioner  
24 Kennedy.

25       COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think Commissioner

1 Kennedy did report on it but I'm going to ask if he has  
2 anything further.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Two things. I have confirmed  
4 that as of today, I'll be -- Communities of Interest Tool  
5 is connected with the 2020 census geography. We have  
6 determined that we wanted to wait until that connection  
7 was made to -- for our official launch of the Communities  
8 of Interest Tool.

9 So I have confirmed with Statewide Database that  
10 that link between the Communities of Interest Tool and  
11 the 2020 census geography is now up and running. So that  
12 brings up the second item, which is we would appreciate  
13 support from Communications to draft appropriate press  
14 release.

15 CHAIR TAYLOR: So Commissioner Kennedy, for further  
16 clarification, that means users can now go to a website  
17 and use that tool? And are we -- do we want to disclose  
18 what that website is? Do we want to wait till it's more  
19 embedded into what we're doing or driving people in that  
20 direction?

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I'm happy to announce that at  
22 this point. You know, that doesn't obviate the need for  
23 the press release. And we will need to make a big splash  
24 with this. But the Communities of Interest Tool is  
25 available and active at [drawmycommunity.org](http://drawmycommunity.org).

1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Can you repeat that one more time,  
2 please?

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: That is draw, D-R-A-W, my, C-  
4 A, community.org.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Akutagawa?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Can I just clarify? I  
7 think, Commissioner Sadhwani, maybe you mentioned that  
8 you saw something publicly announced. Can you tell me  
9 where you saw it?

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure. I saw it on Twitter.  
11 And I think it was redistricting -- The Redistrict  
12 Network, yeah.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: This morning at -- seven  
15 hours ago.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: "California has officially  
18 launched its Community of Interest Mapping Tool."

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. So they must be  
20 following the URL because as far as Commissioner Kennedy  
21 and I knew, we were not -- it was not officially,  
22 actually, out --

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- for that announcement  
25 as of yet. Because we were waiting for the confirmation



1 of the census geography so that it would be done  
2 properly. And so they must've -- I guess the Statewide  
3 Database must've just switched it on and anybody who's  
4 following the redistricting, you know, probably, quickly  
5 realized that it was a live site now open to the public  
6 so.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I was surprised when  
8 I saw it, just at the break and like, oh, I didn't  
9 realize.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Well, thank you. We  
11 will also -- we'll circle back with the Statewide  
12 Database as well too. But I think per Commissioner  
13 Kennedy's request, it would be good to have us also send  
14 something out as soon as possible.

15 CHAIR TAYLOR: Director Ceja?

16 DIRECTOR CEJA: I think Commissioner Sinay told us  
17 last week that it was live, I recall. And I tried it  
18 last week.

19 No?

20 Somebody did at one of our meetings because I went  
21 on, I think Friday and it was live. So yeah, I'll start  
22 working on the press release.

23 CHAIR TAYLOR: Got it. Thank you.

24 So then I'll say, that's pretty exciting. The COI  
25 tool is live. Yay. I'll do it to pretend like just

1 confetti and stuff falling out of the sky. Yay, COI  
2 tool. All right. So thank you.

3 We'll move onto agenda item number 9L, the  
4 Cybersecurity or the renamed, Security subcommittee.  
5 And --

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Do you want me to go?

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Yes, please.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay, sure. Yeah, just  
9 some quick things. We'll follow up with Fredy about the  
10 security questions, about NationBuilder. And then, we  
11 also took a look at the 2010 security plan as a starting  
12 place for a security plan for us, if and when we go and  
13 have public meetings.

14 But at this point, you know it's not -- until we  
15 know what our public meetings are going to look like,  
16 it's a little difficult to design a security plan. So  
17 once we get a little closer to going out and have a  
18 better understanding of what those meetings are going to  
19 look like, then we can work on developing our security  
20 strategy -- a physical security strategy for those  
21 meetings.

22 Anything to add, Commissioner Taylor?

23 CHAIR TAYLOR: I concur exactly. So when we get a  
24 better idea how that will look, we'll be able to frame  
25 that up, plan a little bit better, and more accurately.

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

3 Commissioner Ahmed, did I miss you?

4 COMMISSIONER AHMED: I just had a quick question  
5 about the COI tool -- for the COI tool subcommittee. I  
6 don't know if you want to wait on that.

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: No. Go right ahead.

8 COMMISSIONER AHMED: Sure.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: I didn't mean to overlook you.

10 COMMISSIONER AHMED: Oh, no. No worries, no  
11 worries. It came out -- into my mind at the last second.  
12 But was anyone on the Commission notified that this tool  
13 was going live by the Statewide Database, that includes  
14 staff, Commissioners? Nobody?

15 Okay. Thank you. That's all I needed clarification  
16 on.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I'm checking. We were aware  
18 that the Statewide Database planned to have it live. We  
19 wanted wait on our announcement of it until we had  
20 confirmation that the census geography -- the new census  
21 geography was connected to it. And I sent out an email  
22 to Statewide Database before the break to confirm that  
23 and got a response during the break.

24 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Akutagawa?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I do want to say

1 that, actually, we asked them not to go live with it  
2 until the census geography were aligned because we were  
3 concerned about it not being fully operational until that  
4 point.

5       So I guess I will just say, I don't think anybody,  
6 either on staff or either of us on the subcommittee were  
7 aware that it had actually gone live. Maybe the  
8 assumption was made that since the geographies were --  
9 since the geographies put in, that it was okay to go  
10 live.

11       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

12       Any more questions or comments?

13       Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Andersen?

14       COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

15       Just while we're on the subject, I wanted to make  
16 clear to everyone that the only language that the  
17 Communities of Interest Tool is currently available in is  
18 English. More languages are coming and they will be  
19 implemented progressively as the translations become  
20 available.

21       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

22       Commissioner Andersen?

23       COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That probably might answer  
24 my question. I was going to say, if the COI tool -- the  
25 Statewide Database is done with the COI tool, they're

1 done with the COI tool, does that mean they're going to  
2 start on the redistricting tool? But they clearly are  
3 not done with the COI tool. So thank you.

4 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Akutagawa and then  
5 Commissioner Turner?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I just want to make a quick  
7 clarification. They did say -- I just looked back  
8 through the email thread. They did say that they would  
9 plan to have live by our meeting today, I guess hence the  
10 7 a.m. posting.

11 However, I will confess to say that, I know I made  
12 an assumption that they were going to wait to circle back  
13 with us to make sure that we were ready to go live,  
14 especially because we would want to do a promotion  
15 announcement.

16 So I think there was perhaps a communication  
17 breakdown but they did state they would try -- they were  
18 going to try to have it ready by today. So just for that  
19 clarification.

20 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.  
21 Commissioner Turner?

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair.

23 Brought to mind, just a question. Is it through the  
24 COI tool subcommittee had its intended purpose? And now  
25 that it's almost complete, I do know that there are

1 upgrades that is still being made to the COI tools,  
2 things that sounds to me to be outside of what was  
3 initially rolled out.

4       And I'm wondering what is the process -- the  
5 communication process at this point for us to stay on top  
6 of what it will do? And the connection I'm drawing,  
7 correct or not, the connection I'm drawing is this  
8 organization wide account better available, that will be  
9 available perhaps through the COI tool that I was  
10 recently made aware of and some of the other?

11       It almost seemed like there was going to be some  
12 other upgrades or expansions of the COI tool. And I'm  
13 meaning even before the redistricting tool. So I'm  
14 wondering how are we receiving that information or the  
15 updated information from the COI tool so that as we're  
16 going out and about, we know to speak about that early  
17 before, example, the public does or at least with the  
18 public that we know what they're talking about?

19       Because I learned about -- I responded and then  
20 learned some information later that I think may have been  
21 helpful if we knew ahead of time. So long way around the  
22 mountain, I wondering who on this team owns ongoing  
23 updates in regards to the COI tool, or expansions, or  
24 changes outside of what our initial training allowed or  
25 showed?

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I would expect those --

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Kennedy?

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I would expect those to come  
4 to us. The only thing that I have received is word that  
5 once they get some experience in implementing some of the  
6 other languages, will they be able to provide us with the  
7 costings that we had requested for the two additional  
8 potential languages, Hmong and Thai?

9 I've not heard of any further upgrades or updates to  
10 the COI tool and would assume that as those are made, the  
11 Statewide Database would communicate through -- those to  
12 the subcommittee flow or relay to the Commission.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

14 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

15 Commissioner Turner, additional comments?

16 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I was saying, perhaps  
17 then as a result of this, maybe the changes as I  
18 understood them, sounded like things that were necessary,  
19 that were exciting, and that provided greater flexibility  
20 for the community, all of which were great things.

21 I'm just wanting to ensure that there is a process  
22 where we're notified as the -- changes. And if I  
23 misnamed it, this is the conversation that we were having  
24 where there was a community member wanting to log in lots  
25 of information at one time to be able to track their own

1 information.

2       And so when I brought it up in a subcommittee  
3 meeting, it was like, oh yes, we are working on a process  
4 so that -- we talked about two things: They talked about  
5 working with the Statewide collaborative to ensure that  
6 they can submit batches of information. And they also  
7 talked about how organizations, perhaps would be able to  
8 log into an account -- an organization wide account.

9       And so these are the types of things that I think  
10 that if indeed this is a path we're going down, I'd like  
11 to have more information about so that we can speak  
12 intelligently about them ahead of time.

13       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

14       Commissioner Akutagawa?

15       COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: One, I think that it --  
16 echoing what Commissioner Kennedy just said, I think we  
17 would continue to be the point of contact around the COI  
18 tool, even though a lot of the work may be slowing down.  
19 I do also think that Commissioner Kennedy and I will be  
20 having a conversation with the Statewide Database folks  
21 in terms of the communication and ensuring that there is  
22 a clear communication around these kind of things so that  
23 we're not caught by surprise.

24       I don't think it was intentional on their part. I  
25 think, you know, there was some assumptions that were



1 made and I think we just want to be clear about the  
2 process by which we will be going.

3 I think in terms of the question that you were  
4 asking about in terms of organizations, you know,  
5 creating their own accounts, logging in to create maybe  
6 more of an organizational kind of COI -- Communities of  
7 Interest map, I think if maybe for right now, if you  
8 can -- maybe if there are questions like that that you  
9 have, perhaps if you could send those to Commissioner  
10 Kennedy and I and we can determine, you know, what and  
11 how, you know, A, is there a process we need to create,  
12 or B, if we're the right ones to do so.

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Turner?

14 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. And thank you for that  
15 great reminder, definitely want to do that. On this, the  
16 importance, I think of the communication and ensuring  
17 that there is a flow is that, this was a response to a  
18 question I didn't know I had. I saw it as a concern that  
19 the community has a desire and I understood why the  
20 community wanted to do it.

21 And it was like, oh wow, you know, we need to now  
22 start having conversation about how are we going to  
23 address this and the response was, we are working on this  
24 already. And so it wasn't necessarily a direct question  
25 to, you know, Statewide Database or any of those piece,

1 you know, from that perspective.

2 It was a matter of, this was something that was  
3 uncovered. We're going to have to work on this and it's  
4 like, well yeah, we're already working on that. And so  
5 it's the, we're already working on that part that I'm  
6 wanting to proactively know where are the other pieces  
7 that's being worked on.

8 And I know that it wasn't intentional and it sounds  
9 like some great forward work. It's the communication and  
10 the timing of it. And I'm going to remember as well to  
11 include that subcommittee team in all conversations going  
12 forward.

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

14 Any other additional questions or comments?

15 Commissioner Ahmad?

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I'm just going to think out  
17 loud right now with this. So please bear with me for a  
18 second. I'm kind of uncomfortable that the COI tool is  
19 live but not in its final form. The fact that all  
20 languages are not available on there yet makes me feel  
21 something.

22 I don't know what to do with it in terms of, are we  
23 sharing it wide -- far and wide and saying, hey, but if  
24 you speak these languages, hold on, and come back later  
25 or -- I feel uncomfortable with it being live right now.

1 I would feel differently if, you know, my colleagues  
2 stood up and said, hey, actually you know, we went  
3 through X, Y, Z, process to get to this to get to this  
4 point. But to the earlier conversation that there wasn't  
5 really a clear determination that, hey, this is the  
6 launch date, it makes me feel some type of way. So I'll  
7 stop right there.

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Kennedy?

9 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

10 I will speculate a little bit and I would not  
11 normally do this. But I did at one point inquire if we  
12 can see a full scope of work for the development of the  
13 Communities of Interest Tool that the Statewide Database  
14 had worked out with or received from the legislature and  
15 was told that there was not a comprehensive scope of  
16 work, that it had been developed on the basis of a series  
17 of conversations, rather than a single scope of work. So  
18 you know, I'm guessing that, you know, they had a  
19 delivery date in their agreement with the legislature and  
20 were wanting to ensure that they delivered as promised to  
21 the legislature.

22 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

23 Any additional questions or comments?

24 Commissioner Andersen?

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: One thing I do know in terms

1 of, you know, is it out, is it not out, there was a bit  
2 of a -- it's not really a beta version. But they were  
3 looking for a bit of testing and not announcing just to  
4 try -- have a few people kind of try it, and see, get a  
5 bit of feedback before, you know, they really made a big  
6 deal of it.

7       And they did one kind of random. So I think that  
8 might be going on. But either way, I think we should,  
9 you know, obviously have full communication -- a lot of  
10 communication to a clear lit line. But again, I do  
11 believe and understand that, that it was not a clear cut,  
12 this is what we want, this is you deliver. It's an  
13 evolution.

14       And as the Commission realizes, oh, we need more  
15 things for the public, they're trying to accommodate what  
16 they can. And so I think it is sort of an evolution bit.  
17 But Commissioner Ahmad's point is also very, very good.  
18 Some people can access it now and others can't. That's  
19 an issue. But I would appreciate -- and I know that the  
20 subcommittee will follow through on this.

21       CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

22       Commissioner Akutagawa, then Commissioner Ahmad.

23       COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I think I appreciate  
24 Commissioner Ahmad's point. I think it's a great point.  
25 And I think -- I'd like to propose that Commissioner

1 Kennedy and I do go back to Statewide Database. I think  
2 there's obviously, you know, several conversations that  
3 we're going to have to have.

4 And we may need to also -- this other line of  
5 questioning, I think we'll also need to clarify, instead  
6 of us, you know, speculating on what are the what ifs and  
7 whys. I think what would be helpful though is that, if  
8 there are other concerns, that we should also note that  
9 we need to raise with the Statewide Database, that would  
10 be helpful for us to be aware of so that then we could  
11 have a collected list of questions we'll need to clarify.

12 And then that way then by our next meeting, we can  
13 come back and give an update based on the questions and  
14 this conversation.

15 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

16 Director Ceja?

17 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yes. Just to add, I went on the  
18 website just now and I was looking through their tutorial  
19 language and there are several misspellings. And I know  
20 I'm infamous for that but it's live and it has several  
21 grammatical errors. So that needs to be changed.

22 CHAIR TAYLOR: Any additional questions or comments?

23 So I'm hearing that the COI tool subcommittee would  
24 like input from the Commissioners if there's any  
25 additional concerns regarding the COI tool so that they

1 can take it back for further conversation with them,  
2 correct?

3 That's, yes.

4 Commissioner Akutagawa?

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I guess it may be obvious  
6 but I'll just say it out loud. One is just to the  
7 public. If there's any questions, or concerns, or you  
8 know, anything that anybody might want to bring up, to  
9 please do so during the public comment period. I think  
10 that would be important to just note. And I'm sure  
11 they're also listening --

12 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- the Statewide Database  
14 folks, I'm sure they're also listening and taking note of  
15 some of the concerns and questions that have come up as  
16 well too.

17 CHAIR TAYLOR: I agree. Thank you.

18 Any other questions or comments?

19 Commissioner Ahmad?

20 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I think I just want to add some  
21 clarity to this where like my surprise is coming from  
22 mostly because, you know, Commissioner Turner and I have  
23 been in a number of conversations with USDR about the COI  
24 tool and how it's functioning, and what kinds of pieces  
25 are going in, what are the inputs, what are the outputs,

1 and whatnot.

2 And then, had some back and forth email with  
3 Statewide Database, not probably as extensive as the COI  
4 tool subcommittee. But it never came up over the past  
5 couple of weeks that, hey, we're going to be launching  
6 the tool or that button is going to be turning on.

7 So I'm just like totally in shock right now and this  
8 caught me off guard, where I'm just like, wait, no, we  
9 weren't -- we don't even have a system in place yet to  
10 manage everything that's going to come in through the COI  
11 tool but the COI tool is now out there.

12 So if I'm missing a piece of information, which  
13 could be the case, please let me know and I'm more than  
14 happy to go, and read up, and follow up with whatever I  
15 need to do. But I was just completely thrown off for a  
16 second.

17 CHAIR TAYLOR: I think it's quite understandable.

18 Any other questions or comments?

19 All right. With that, I think we'll close this  
20 agenda item. On to agenda -- Director Ceja?

21 DIRECTOR CEJA: (No audible response)

22 CHAIR TAYLOR: Commissioner Turner?

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, sorry. My mute button  
24 wouldn't get off -- wouldn't come on. I'm wondering in  
25 light of this conversation and Director Ceja says that

1 there is typographical errors on the site. I'm  
2 wondering, are we in position to it to be paused, to take  
3 it down for a second while we fix it? It's not the type  
4 of first impression that I'm sure any of us would want to  
5 make.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'll add that to the  
7 questions.

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.  
9 Any other questions or comments?

10 I know you're going to wait. I know you're going to  
11 wait soon as -- all right.

12 Moving on. Close this agenda topic and moving on to  
13 the next one? And I think we've given the subcommittee a  
14 bit of marching orders. We appreciate it. Thank you.

15 Onto agenda item number 9M, Incarcerated  
16 Populations.

17 Commissioner Fernandez and Sinay?

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So our last -- was  
19 it last year or end of January -- yeah. We brought  
20 together the panel on incarcerated people, specifically  
21 related to those incarcerated in the State facilities, as  
22 well as some of the outreach recommendations.

23 And so what Commissioner Sinay had been working on  
24 since then is, we have reached out to the Chief Probation  
25 Officer Association, who oversees the youth facilities in



1 California that are not State run so it'll be more county  
2 level. And then also the California State Sheriffs'  
3 Association and those would be -- they would coordinate  
4 the county jails.

5 So we want to reach out to both of them because  
6 that's another incarcerated population that we need to  
7 reach out to. And so what our goal will be after we have  
8 talked with everyone -- with these specialists in these  
9 areas, we'll come back, and we'll provide a  
10 recommendation on outreach strategies to the incarcerated  
11 people.

12 Did I miss anything, Commissioner Sinay?

13 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (No audible response)

14 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. You are special.

15 Any additional comments or questions?

16 Thank you. We'll close this and we'll move onto  
17 agenda item number 9N, Lessons Learned with Commissioner  
18 Ahmad and Kennedy.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

20 As always, we continue to compile a list of issues  
21 to be taken up next year. When we get to the point of  
22 sitting down and assessing lessons learned, any  
23 Commissioner that would like to submit anything, please  
24 let us know.

25 Anyone in the public who would like to suggest

1 something for lessons learned and we did have one public  
2 comment that came in that I think is very appropriate for  
3 the lessons learned subcommittee to take a look at and  
4 include in our list of issues to be discuss next year.  
5 So please keep those coming.

6 We have received -- we've been contacted by the  
7 Michigan Redistricting Commission -- Citizens  
8 Redistricting Commission. So we're working on a response  
9 to them. I want to make sure that they know that we're  
10 happy to respond to questions that they might have for  
11 us. And we'll sharing thoughts about our approach to  
12 lessons learned with them in this correspondence. Thank  
13 you.

14 Commissioner Ahmad?

15 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: You said it all. Thank you.

16 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

17 Any other additional questions or comments for the  
18 lessons learned?

19 Wow, I would like to say, Commissioners, that we  
20 have efficiently moved through our agenda. Everything  
21 that we have left now is on the agenda for tomorrow.

22 Any other questions?

23 (Audio malfunction) the floor for public comments.

24 Kristian, is Jesse with us?

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, sir.

1           In order to maximize transparency and public  
2 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be  
3 talking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the  
4 telephone number provided on the livestream feed. The  
5 telephone number is 877-853-5247.

6           When prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided  
7 on the livestream feed. It is 95765868432 for this  
8 week's meeting. When prompted to enter our participant  
9 ID, simply press pound. Once you have dialed in, you'll  
10 be placed in a queue from which a moderator will begin  
11 unmuting callers to submit their comments.

12           You will also hear an automated message to press  
13 star 9. Please do this to raise your hand indicating you  
14 wish to comment. When it is your turn to speak, the  
15 moderator will unmute you and you'll hear an automated  
16 message that says, "the host would like you to talk", and  
17 press star 6 to speak.

18           Providing your name is not required but if you would  
19 like to, please state and spell it for the record.  
20 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream  
21 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your  
22 call.

23           Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when  
24 it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn down  
25 the livestream volume. These instructions are also

1 located on the website. The Commission is taking public  
2 comment at this time.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. When we get a caller,  
4 please invite them in.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Good afternoon, caller.  
6 If you would like to give your name, please state and  
7 spell it. The floor is yours.

8 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Yes. This is Renee Westa-Lusk,  
9 R-E-N-E-E. Last name is W-E-S-T-A. Then, there's a  
10 hyphen, and then it's Lusk, L-U-S-K. I just have a few  
11 comments on the discussion about the changeover that  
12 you're going to have to use a different version of  
13 wedrawthelines.ca.gov and about the 2010 Commission  
14 records.

15 I'm concerned about the 2010 Commission records not  
16 being available to the public because there's a lot of  
17 communities that may, or may have participated, or may  
18 not have participated back in 2011. And they might want  
19 to look at what other communities did in their public  
20 hearing testimony so they can kind of get an idea of what  
21 they should be doing for their communities.

22 Also, there's a changeover when -- from -- from like  
23 ten years ago, each community has new community leaders  
24 and new people coming in. And those people most likely  
25 were not even in the community ten years ago. So they

1 don't know anything about what was done for  
2 redistricting.

3       And I think it's invaluable to preserve everything  
4 the 2010 Commission did. So communities that need to  
5 participate again in Communities of Interest testimony  
6 for the public hearings can go back and see if anything  
7 was said about their -- by their community members,  
8 etcetera.

9       And I think the Commission should do everything they  
10 can to preserve the 2010 records and make them  
11 accessible. I'm worried -- there was talk of archiving  
12 them with the Secretary of State but then, how the heck  
13 are people supposed to find out how to access the  
14 Secretary of State's archived records?

15       I've gone to the Secretary of State's website many  
16 times just to look up election stuff and it takes a while  
17 to find everything. That's one of my biggest concerns.

18       And then I'm worried about changing the address.  
19 Will it be as accessible? I mean, like when you Google  
20 Citizen Redistricting Commission, [wedrawthelines.ca.gov](http://wedrawthelines.ca.gov),  
21 pops right up. Will the new web address pop right up?

22       And I have a question regarding -- there was a  
23 mention of [votersfirst@crc.ca.gov](mailto:votersfirst@crc.ca.gov) (ph.) and they said  
24 this goes -- at one point of the discussion, someone  
25 mentioned that this goes to the COI tool. Well, then

1 you've just had a discussion on the COI tool a few  
2 minutes ago. And it's already, I guess launched on the  
3 internet. And now you have to go to  
4 drawmycacommunity.org. Are there two places to access  
5 the COI tool? That's -- that's my other question. And  
6 I --

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: I think --

8 MS. WESTA-LUSK: -- think -- think that's all my  
9 comments for now. I appreciate some response. Thank  
10 you.

11 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. I think the voters first  
12 was used as example of a redirect, how a web address can  
13 be used to redirect to another web address. The COI  
14 tool, my understanding is just available in one space at  
15 one web address.

16 Does that answer your questions, Ms. Westa-Lusk?

17 MS. WESTA-LUSK: But that -- yeah, I guess. But  
18 the -- is the Commission going to be concerned about  
19 losing the data from the 2010 archive -- 2010 and 2011  
20 Commission that drew the lines because you have to look  
21 at it not from the perspective of Commissioners using the  
22 data. What about the public? The public may need that  
23 data and it needs to be accessible.

24 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, appreciate your question.

25 No. Our goal is to preserve that data. And we're

1 taking everything under consideration to preserve it in  
2 the best way possible. So I think that's more of what  
3 the consideration is, the manner in which to preserve  
4 that data.

5 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Okay. For the public as well,  
6 besides the Commissioners' use, correct?

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Correct.

8 MS. WESTA-LUSK: Okay. Thank you.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, there are no  
11 further callers in the queue.

12 CHAIR TAYLOR: All right. So, Commissioners, I want  
13 to thank you for a good day's work. And I hope everyone  
14 has a good night's rest and I'll see you bright and early  
15 tomorrow, 9:30?

16 4:20, all right.

17 (Whereupon, the CRC Business Meeting adjourned  
18 at 4:20 p.m.)

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