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P R O C E E D I N G S

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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. 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 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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3 transparency in public participation and our process, the
4 commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To
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7 prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided on the
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9 meeting.

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14 automated message to press star 9. Please do this to
15 raise your hand, indicating you wish to comment.

16 When it is your turn to speak, the moderator will
17 unmute you and you will hear an automated message that
18 says, the host would like you to talk and to press star 6
19 to speak. Providing your name is not required, but if
20 you would like to, please state and spell it for the
21 record. Please make sure to mute your compute or live
22 stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during
23 your call.

24 Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when
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

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7 call.

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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.

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,
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 (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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