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Gerald Merrill  
Richard Cole, Trinity City Fish & Game Advisory Committee  
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Patty McCleary  
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Chris Rogers, Mayor of Santa Rosa

George Bates

Speaker Number 27

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2 July 1, 2021

12:00 p.m.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Good afternoon California. Buenos  
4 Dias. And welcome and thank you for tuning in to the  
5 California Citizens Redistricting Commission's  
6 Communities of Interest Public Input Forum. I am  
7 Commissioner Pedro Toledo and I will be co-chairing  
8 today's meeting with Commissioner Derrick Henry Taylor.  
9 With that, let's take the role.

10 MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair.

11 Commissioner Turner?

12 Commissioner Vazquez?

13 Commissioner Yee?

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

15 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

17 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

19 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

21 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

25 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?



1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

2 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

3 Commissioner Sadhwani?

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

5 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

7 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: Present.

9 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Toledo?

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Present.

11 MR. SINGH: The roll call is complete.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Ravi. I will start by  
13 sharing a little bit about the Commission. Every ten  
14 years after the Federal government publishes updated  
15 Census information, California must redraw the boundaries  
16 of its Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly, and  
17 State Board of Equalization Districts so that the  
18 districts correctly reflect the state's population.

19 In 2008, California voters authorized the creation  
20 of the commission when they passed the Voter's FIRST Act.  
21 It authorized the Commission to draw the new district  
22 lines for State Senate, State Assembly and State Board of  
23 Equalization Districts. In 2010, the Congressional  
24 Voter's FIRST Act added the responsibility of drawing  
25 Congressional Districts to the Commission. The fourteen-



1 member commission is made up of five Republicans, five  
2 Democrats and four not affiliated with either of those  
3 parties.

4       The Commission must draw the district lines in  
5 conformity with strict nonpartizan rules designed to  
6 create districts of relatively equal proportion and  
7 population that will provide better representation for  
8 all Californians. When we receive Census data, the  
9 Commission begins drawing maps using six line drawing  
10 criteria as outlined in the California Constitution. One  
11 of these is minimizing the division of counties, cities,  
12 neighborhoods and communities of interest to the extent  
13 possible.

14       We can obtain the city and county information from  
15 those jurisdictions but we need neighborhood and  
16 communities of interest information from Californians  
17 directly. That's why we have launched these communities  
18 of interest input forums to get that valuable information  
19 from you directly. We encourage all Californians to  
20 participate in this process.

21       If you would rather submit community of interest  
22 input over the internet, you can do so from our website  
23 or by visiting [drawmycacomunity.org](http://drawmycacomunity.org). Skip the line and  
24 go online.

25       Now I will call on all Commissioners to introduce



1 themselves and to say hello. To see their biographies or  
2 for additional information, or to sign up for our email,  
3 visit our website [wedrawthelinesca.org](http://wedrawthelinesca.org).

4 Please also follow the California Citizen's District  
5 Commission on Social Media. You can find us on Facebook,  
6 Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube. Our handle is  
7 is @wedrawthelinesca. There you will find a lot of  
8 useful information about the -- about redistricting and  
9 updates from the Commission.

10 With that, let's begin with Commissioner Taylor.

11 CHAIR TAYLOR: Good morning, California. My name is  
12 Derric Taylor, as previously stated. I am from Los  
13 Angeles County. Today, specifically, I'm joining you  
14 from Altadena, in the foothills of the San Gabriel Valley  
15 Mountains. I look forward to all of your input regarding  
16 Region A and I look forward to being in your region very  
17 soon. So anxious and look forward to the input. Thank  
18 you.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.

20 Commissioner Ahmad?

21 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Hi, everyone. My name is Isra  
22 Ahmad, and I am so excited to hear all your input today.  
23 Keep it coming, California.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Linda Akutagawa?

25 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Good morning -- or good





1 afternoon, California. We're looking forward to hearing  
2 from all of you. My name is Linda Akutagawa, and I am  
3 coming from the beaches of Southern California in  
4 Huntington Beach and look forward to hearing about your  
5 counties.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Jane Andersen?

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Good afternoon, California.  
8 And particularly the -- those in the counties to our  
9 North Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, Mendocino, Lake,  
10 Sonoma, and Napa. I'm coming to you from the Bay Area,  
11 Berkeley, California, and I'm really looking forward to  
12 hearing from Californians about themselves. Can't wait.  
13 Thank you very much.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.  
15 Commissioner Alicia Fernandez?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: (Speaking Spanish). Good  
17 afternoon, California. I'm from YOLO County and I'm very  
18 excited to hear about our -- from our counties to the  
19 west and north. So yes, please, as Commissioner Ahmad  
20 said, keep them coming and also go to our website and you  
21 can -- there's many ways for you to submit your input.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.  
23 Commissioner Neal Fornaciari?

24 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Good morning, California  
25 in the north coast. Really excited to hear today all



1 about your communities of interest and what's important  
2 to you. Thanks for joining us.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Commissioner Ray Kennedy.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Ray  
5 Kennedy. I live in Morongo Valley, which is a Joshua  
6 Tree Gateway Community in rural San Bernardino County. I  
7 moved here a year ago after living in Palm Springs for  
8 fifteen years. Very much looking forward to hearing  
9 about communities in the northern part of the state.  
10 Thank you so much.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

12 Commissioner Antonio Le Mons?

13 Commissioner Sara Sadhwani?

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Good afternoon, California.  
15 So glad to be here. Looking forward to learning a lot  
16 more about our northern counties today from all of our  
17 callers. I'm calling in today from Pasadena, California.  
18 I'm looking forward to hearing from everyone. Thank you  
19 so much.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

21 Commissioner Patricia Sinay?

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (Speaking Spanish). Good  
23 afternoon, California. It's such an honor to hear from  
24 you about your community. I'm Patricia Sinay from San  
25 Diego. (Speaking Spanish) the San Diego.



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

2 Commissioner Trena Turner?

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Good morning, California. I'm  
4 Commissioner Trena Turner calling in today from Fresno,  
5 California, representing the amazing Central Valley where  
6 it's over 100 degrees today. And all of the rest of our  
7 Californians, looking forward to hearing from you today.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

9 Commissioner Angela Vazquez?

10 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Good afternoon. I'm Angela  
11 Vasquez. I'm coming to you today from Los Angeles,  
12 California. I'm very much looking forward to hearing  
13 your input today. Thanks so much.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

15 Commissioner Russell Mark Yee?

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Greetings, California, and  
17 especially those in the Northwest. I'm Commissioner  
18 Russell Yee here in my hometown in Oakland. And Oakland  
19 in the northwest have something in common that is  
20 redwoods, except that we have only one and only one  
21 virgin of growth, redwood left, old survivor, which you  
22 can see to my right. Whereas you have whole forests and  
23 the greatest forests.

24 It's been way too long since I've been up there to  
25 enjoy those forests. So whether you're on the -- right



1 on the coast there or a little bit further inland, we  
2 look forward to hearing from you today.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

4 And I'm Pedro Toledo. I coming to you from  
5 Petaluma, California. This is home for me. My parents  
6 immigrated here in the 1950s and were prosperous here in  
7 Sonoma County and have had a long -- lifelong connection  
8 to this area. So really happy to be your Chair today and  
9 to learn more about the communities of interest from  
10 across the north coast.

11 With that, this meeting is primarily focused on the  
12 meetings of interest, testimony focused on Del Norte,  
13 Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake, Napa, Sonoma and Trinity  
14 Counties and surrounding areas. However, anyone in  
15 California can call in to provide input. General  
16 comments will take place at the end of the meeting.

17 Today, we're joined by our line drawing team,  
18 HaystaqDNA and Q2 Data and Research. We'll be displaying  
19 a map of the area that attendees describe. Please start  
20 with the area you would like to discuss and be as  
21 specific as possible about the boundaries of where your  
22 community is located.

23 It is our goal to find the area on the map you would  
24 like to discuss prior to your testimony. If you are  
25 within a specific neighborhood or a large city, please



1 mention it by name. Once we're able to locate your area.  
2 Your three-minute testimony will begin. Attendees will  
3 not be able to share their own screen.

4 We also are joined by Katy, our comment moderator,  
5 who will be introducing attendees when it is their turn  
6 to speak. When you join the meeting, please use the  
7 raise and the button at the bottom of your screen to  
8 enter the queue. If you have registered for a timeslot,  
9 we encourage you to call in during your appointment time  
10 block -- time slot.

11 When it is your time -- when it's your turn to  
12 speak, Katy our comment moderator will be identifying you  
13 by your assigned unique ID number. You will be  
14 reconnected to this session with the ability to enable  
15 your own video and/or audio.

16 The comment moderator will sign your speaker order  
17 number before you begin speaking and please make a note  
18 of this for future reference. You will be able to use  
19 this number to identify your community of interest  
20 testimony on our website at a future date. The  
21 commission will be enforcing a three-minute time limit  
22 with a warning at thirty seconds and fifteen seconds  
23 remaining.

24 At the beginning of your input, you will see a map  
25 on the screen. Please remind the mapper what area you



1 would like to see on the screen and be as specific as  
2 possible about the boundaries of where your community is  
3 located.

4 Registration is not required to participate in this  
5 public input meeting. The public has the option of  
6 calling in during this meeting to get to get into the  
7 queue and speak. The call-in Information and Access Code  
8 is listed in the live stream.

9 While there are no clear rules on how to define a  
10 community of interest, we've identified ways for you to  
11 describe your community. Begin with your county or city,  
12 mention the streets, and specific locations in your  
13 neighborhood to help us identify the parameters of your  
14 community.

15 What are your shared interests? What brings you  
16 together? What is important to your community? Are  
17 there nearby areas where that you want to be included in  
18 your district? Are there nearby areas you don't want to  
19 be included in a district with? Why or why not? Has  
20 your community come together to advocate for important  
21 services, better schools, roads, health centers in your  
22 neighborhood?

23 Also, we invite you to use the Community of Interest  
24 Tool to draw a map and describe your community by  
25 visiting [drawmycommunity.org](http://drawmycommunity.org) Skip the line and go



1 online. Submit your COI input today.

2 We will begin the public input session and I will  
3 pass this over to Katy, our comment moderator. We will  
4 start with people who have registered and then open up  
5 the phone lines if there's time before the next session.

6 Katy, would you please open up the phone line?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. Welcome to  
8 the public input session. Please use the raise your hand  
9 button at the bottom of your screen to enter the queue.  
10 When it is your turn to speak, you will be identified by  
11 your assigned unique ID number. You will be reconnected  
12 to this session with the ability to enable your own video  
13 and/or audio.

14 You will then be assigned a speaker order number  
15 before you begin speaking. Please make a note of your  
16 speaker order number for future reference. The  
17 Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time limit  
18 with a warning at thirty seconds and fifteen seconds  
19 remaining. At the end of your public input or at the end  
20 of your time, you'll be reconnected in a listen and view  
21 only mode. At the beginning of your input, please remind  
22 the mapper of what area you would like to see on the  
23 screen.

24 We will be starting right now with 004 and up next  
25 in the queue will be 009. Right now will be 004 and up



1 next will be 009.

2 004, your speaker order number will be Number 1. If  
3 you will please make note of that for future reference.  
4 You can now enable the audio and video in the lower left  
5 corner of your screen. If you will please remind the  
6 mapper what area you would like to see. And with that,  
7 the floor is yours. You are muted still. You can unmute  
8 in the lower left -- there you are.

9 MS. SCOTT: Yeah. Hi.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

11 MS. SCOTT: First of all, this is a wonderful  
12 opportunity and thank you. It's cloudy and cool on the  
13 coast. My name is Barbara Scott and I am in Zone A at  
14 The Sea Ranch, which is in the very northern part of  
15 Sonoma County, bordering right on Mendocino.

16 My husband and I have lived in Sonoma County for  
17 seventeen years since we retired and moved up here from  
18 San Diego. We were drawn to this area for many reasons,  
19 its rural nature, its very strong sense of community,  
20 strong desire to preserve our coast to cite a few.

21 Here at Sea Ranch, we have bluffs, beaches, forests  
22 and abundant wildlife. We protect nature's gifts. We  
23 even have a seal docent program to monitor the harbor  
24 seals during birthing season. We have over forty miles  
25 of hiking trails and a vibrant equestrian center.





1 Neighbors take care of each other here.

2         Volunteers work hundreds of hours preserving our way  
3 of life. There's a community garden, the Posh Squash,  
4 which grows fruit, vegetables and flowers. Your work on  
5 redistricting is critical to meet the needs of all the  
6 constituents. Our very strong wish is that no changes  
7 will be made to our current division.

8         We believe that Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino,  
9 Sonoma, and Marin Counties must remain together. We  
10 share many services -- I lost my voice --that depend on  
11 all remaining connected.

12         These counties are contiguous from Marin all the way  
13 to the Oregon border. Protection of the ocean is  
14 paramount. Mendocino and Sonoma also share health  
15 facilities. The ambulance service, the hospital, and our  
16 local clinic in Molalla.

17         I belong to a group that supports local schools from  
18 Jenner to Elk. We tutor, we mentor students, we help  
19 families, we deliver food to families who qualify on a  
20 federal program.

21         The coast is precious to us. It's a resource. And  
22 through our present connections, we will strive to  
23 protect it, our environment and our way of life. And I  
24 hope you will take this into consideration. And thank  
25 you so much for your time. I'm done.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
2 now we will have 009 and up next in the queue will be  
3 005. So right now will be 009. And up next in the queue  
4 will be 005.

5 009, your speaker order number will be Number 2.  
6 If you will please make note of that for future  
7 reference. You can now enable the audio and video in the  
8 lower left of your screen. If you will please remind the  
9 mapper what area you would like to see, with that, the  
10 floor is yours.

11 MR. BURTLEBOW: Thank you. This is Steve Burtlebow  
12 (ph.). I live in the Rincon Valley, which is in in Santa  
13 Ros a, on the east side of Santa Rosa. I am very  
14 interested in the in the coast. And at the moment, our  
15 county is upgrading its -- or updating its local coastal  
16 plan.

17 So I'm in the area of Santa Rosa. If you can see my  
18 pointer, that is in the upper, right-hand corner. It is  
19 a -- an area that is connected both with the Sonoma  
20 Valley, which goes down toward Kenwood and the city of  
21 Santa Rosa, which is primarily to the west of us.

22 We -- we value the coast as a place that we can  
23 visit frequently. And we want to see that the coastal  
24 areas remain in a single district. As the speaker before  
25 me has said, this district has customarily gone all the



1 way from Marin County to the Oregon border. And -- and  
2 many of the issues along the coast require an  
3 understanding of what's going to the north, what's going  
4 to the south.

5 We also have had a serious issue of wildfires.  
6 And -- and that is something that unites Mendocino and  
7 Sonoma and Lake Counties, all of which have suffered  
8 those -- those experiences. So my -- my thinking about  
9 redistricting is that to the extent you can continue  
10 people in their current district, they become acquainted  
11 with their representatives. And any time you shift  
12 people from one district to another, you're interfering  
13 with that connection.

14 So to the extent that you can maintain the existing  
15 districts from here to the Oregon border, please do so.  
16 Thank you for this opportunity.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
19 now we will have 005 and up next in the queue will be  
20 001. Right now we will 005. And up next in the queue  
21 will be 001.

22 005, your speaker order number will be Number 3. If  
23 you will please make note of that for future reference.  
24 You can now enable audio and video in the lower left of  
25 your screen. If you will please remind the map of what



1 area you would like to see, with that, the floor is  
2 yours.

3 MR. SIMMONS: Hi everyone. Can you focus in on  
4 Humboldt, Del Norte and Trinity Counties? My name is  
5 Matthew Simmons, and I live in Humboldt County in Arcata,  
6 California. And I wanted to talk today about why these  
7 three counties are a community of interest. And the  
8 reason is that they're linked together by rivers and  
9 roads.

10 So first of all, if you look at Trinity County, the  
11 Trinity River, which starts in the mountains and Trinity  
12 County flows into Humboldt County that links up with the  
13 Klamath River and eventually enters the Sea in Del Norte  
14 County. The Trinity River therefore forms a community of  
15 interest that links these three counties together.

16 There's common interests associated with the river,  
17 including fisheries and rafting and water -- water  
18 quality and -- and so that all links those together. And  
19 then the other big thing that links these three  
20 communities together are roads. If you're located in Del  
21 Norte County, all of the major roads head south into  
22 Humboldt County.

23 Even though Del Norte borders Siskiyou to the east,  
24 you actually can't take any major roads into Siskiyou  
25 County. And the vast majority of traffic is heading



1 north to south or south to north between Del Norte and  
2 Humboldt.

3       The same goes for Trinity. Highway 299 links  
4 Trinity and Humboldt again together. And so all of that,  
5 all these connections together form these three counties  
6 into one community of interest that shares a lot of  
7 common cultural interests and you know, common economic  
8 interests.

9       And you know, it goes on more than that. Del Norte  
10 and Humboldt have the Humboldt and Redwood National and  
11 State Parks, which link them together as a community of  
12 interest. And Del Norte and Humboldt are both famous for  
13 being home to some of the largest old growth redwood  
14 groves left in the entire state. Yeah, I think that's  
15 enough for my comments, but thank you for this  
16 opportunity.

17       CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Mr. Simmons.

18       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
19 now we will have 001. I'd like to ask those who have  
20 called in to please press star 9 to raise your hand  
21 indicating you wish to comment. Please press star 9  
22 raising your hand indicating you wish to comment. That  
23 is for those that have called in by telephone. But right  
24 now we have 001.

25       And 001, your speaker order number will be Number 4.

1 If you will please make note of that for future  
2 reference. You can now enable audio and video in the  
3 lower left of your screen. If you will please remind the  
4 mapper of what area you would like to see. And with  
5 that, the floor is yours. Go ahead.

6 MS. CURLEY O'BRIEN: Can we focus on Mendocino,  
7 Lake, Napa and Sonoma, please? Great. Good afternoon.  
8 My name is Molly Curley O'Brien, and I am the director of  
9 grants and government programs at Rebuild North Bay  
10 Foundation, an organization committed to serving Lake,  
11 Mendocino, Napa, and Sonoma Counties in both wildfire  
12 resilience and recovery efforts.

13 We know that in California, 2020 was the state's  
14 worst wildfire season on record. And of the twenty most  
15 destructive wildfires in California's history, six have  
16 occurred in our organization's region in the last five  
17 years, with four of those specific within Sonoma County  
18 where our headquarter quarters are located. Here's the  
19 thing, statewide, forty percent of forested lands are  
20 privately owned. However, the percentage is much higher  
21 here in the North Bay.

22 For example, only eleven percent of the land in  
23 Sonoma County is owned by local, State, or Federal  
24 government, meaning nearly ninety percent is privately  
25 owned. I bring this up because landowners sometimes lack



1 the funds, coordination and expertise to both address  
2 this forest management challenge and make sure their  
3 properties, vegetation management projects, are shovel  
4 ready.

5 They are eager. They want to protect their land and  
6 their neighbors land, but need help doing so and also  
7 need the right representation at the state level to be  
8 supported in these efforts.

9 What are we doing about this in our region now? For  
10 example, the North Bay Forest Improvement Program is an  
11 innovative landowner incentives pilot program funded by a  
12 \$1.5 million from Cal Fire's Wildfire Resiliency and  
13 Forestry Assistance Grant.

14 It supports planning and implementation of projects  
15 on private forested lands to reduce wildfire risk and  
16 also provides financial incentives for landowners to  
17 conduct this critical work with a focus on serving  
18 disadvantaged communities, specifically in Mendocino and  
19 Lake. The project is moving forward, making an impact,  
20 but we could collectively be doing more.

21 So how do these fire needs relate to redistricting?  
22 State representatives partnering with us to successfully  
23 mitigate our fire risk and equip us to take on these  
24 significant challenges will mean a lot.

25 To the Commissioners, I respectfully call on your



1 team to further support landowners in this pursuit by  
2 making sure representation at the State level is both  
3 accurately aware and actively supporting this important  
4 work moving forward.

5 We ask you to ensure California is more fire safe  
6 and resilient by drawing districts that will keep our  
7 fire hazard in areas united. Specifically North and East  
8 Sonoma County with Napa Lake and Mendocino counties. And  
9 if Santa Rosa can't be kept whole, then the northern and  
10 eastern regions of the city with greater fire risk --

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 MS. CURLEY O'BRIEN: -- north and north and eastern  
13 counties who share similar risks and needs for  
14 resilience. This is a sure bet way to build resilience  
15 against the megafires that we have come to accept as  
16 normal. Nothing about this is normal and there is much  
17 more within our --

18 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

19 MS. CURLEY O'BRIEN: -- control to do something  
20 about. Thank you for the opportunity to share what we  
21 are doing to protect our communities and regions and how  
22 our state can play an even more integral role within  
23 these efforts.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
25 I'd like to remind those that have called in with





1 telephones to please press star 9 on their telephone  
2 keypad to raise their hand, indicating they wish to  
3 comment. Please press star 9 on your keypad to raise  
4 your hand indicating you wish to comment.

5 Chair, at this time, we do not have any raised hands  
6 in the queue. I will defer to you.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Let's stand at ease for -- for two  
8 minutes while we wait for - for folks that have signed  
9 and registered to log on.

10 (Pause)

11 MR. MANOFF: That's coming up on two minutes, Chair.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

13 Katy, would you please read the call-in  
14 instructions?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.

16 In order to maximize transparency and public  
17 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be  
18 taking community of interest input by phone. To call in,  
19 dial the telephone number provided on the livestream  
20 feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted, enter the  
21 meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed. It is  
22 93992182349 for this meeting.

23 Once you have -- when you prompt -- when prompted to  
24 enter a participant ID simply press the pound key. Once  
25 you have dialed in, you'll be placed in a queue to



1 indicate you wish to comment. Please press star 9. This  
2 will raise your hand for the moderator. When it is your  
3 turn to speak, you will hear a message that says the host  
4 would like you to talk and to press star 6 to speak.

5 If you would like to give your name, please state  
6 and spell it for the record. You are not required to  
7 provide your name to give public comment. Please make  
8 sure to mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent  
9 any feedback or distortion during your call.

10 Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when  
11 is your turn to speak. And again, please turn down the  
12 livestream volume.

13 And the Commission is taking community of interest  
14 input by phone at this time. And we do not have any --  
15 oh, spoke to you soon.

16 We do have a raised hand in the queue. That will be  
17 caller with the last four 7809. Again, that is caller  
18 with the last four 7809. And for those calling in,  
19 please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you  
20 wish to comment.

21 Caller 7809, if you will please follow the prompts  
22 to unmute. Caller 7809, I have a couple of brief  
23 instructions. Your speaker order number will be Number  
24 5. If you will please make note of that for future  
25 reference. If there's an area you would like brought up



1 on the map to discuss, please, let the mapper know what  
2 that area is. And with that, the floor is yours.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I wanted to speak to the  
4 Smith River and Crescent City area in Del Norte County.  
5 In March of 2011, the tsunami hit the Northern California  
6 coast and wiped out the Crescent City Harbor. At that  
7 time, I was the president of the senior center board, and  
8 as we discovered during the emergency that the senior  
9 center kitchen was the designated FEMA kitchen.

10 The evacuated individuals and families went to the  
11 high school on higher, safer ground, and the kitchen was  
12 not available to feed the evacuees. Working with the Red  
13 Cross, we organized the hot meals to be delivered.

14 The point of this is that I was in the Board of  
15 Supervisors' chambers the next morning with the disaster  
16 relief organizer, local elected officials and two of the  
17 three district representatives, along with Governor  
18 Brown's emergency service person from Sacramento. The  
19 person not there was a representative that only had one  
20 coastal county in their district. The two, including the  
21 representative that traveled during the twenty-four-hour  
22 critical period from Washington, D.C. to Crescent City,  
23 managed to be there because they understood the counties  
24 in the coastal districts.

25 This was before the redistricting that that took the

1 one coastal district out of that inland district in 2012,  
2 the Del Norte to Marin County districts were implemented  
3 and they worked. The example is that when a  
4 representative is so far removed from these large rural  
5 areas, they don't know the challenges about traveling in  
6 a timely manner to get to that area during a disaster.

7 I've been listening to some of the redistricting  
8 commission meetings and testimony from other zones, and I  
9 know that has been stated that people don't want their  
10 current districts changed until you have the Census data  
11 and hear the voices of the residents, we don't know how  
12 the districts will change. But if you're looking -- if  
13 you are finding that the Northern California coastal  
14 districts need to expand, please look at the populated  
15 counties and leave the Marin to Del Norte coastal  
16 districts intact.

17 We have many communities that are tied together.  
18 Highway 101 is the lifeline to the northern counties  
19 from -- from Marin and Sonoma counties. Caltrans, CTA  
20 Board Districts, health care districts, community  
21 college, the area on aging that I worked with that came  
22 out of -- based out of Humboldt County, all run to the  
23 north to south.

24 We need to keep 101 Corridor through these together  
25 and fire districts. And how they work with each other



1 within the different counties is a huge situation --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- when you begin to draw the  
4 lines. So I want to thank you so much for your  
5 consideration of my testimony today. And thank you for  
6 the difficult job that you are tasked to do.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have caller  
10 8334. That is caller 8334. And again, for those in the  
11 queue to please press star 9 to raise your hand  
12 indicating you wish to comment. All right. Now we have  
13 caller 8334. If you will please follow the prompts to  
14 unmute by pressing star 6.

15 Caller 8334, you are currently unmuted. I have a  
16 couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order number  
17 will be Number 6. If you will please make note of that  
18 for future reference. If you will, please, let the  
19 mapper know of what area you would like brought up on the  
20 map to discuss with that, the floor is yours.

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

22 They're ready to hear from me?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, please. Go ahead.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. I live in Marin County  
25 and I would like to assert, as the last caller did, to



1 keep Marin with the North Coast District all the way up  
2 to Del Norte. Our reasons are many. Well, I -- well,  
3 certainly we do share a bay coastline with the East Bay  
4 and with San Francisco.

5 We already have ABAG and BCDC to take care of those  
6 interests around the bay shoreline. But Marin County  
7 shares economic interests as well as its values with the  
8 north coast, we share different values from a heavily  
9 urbanized area. I'd like to say that we are separated by  
10 the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco and the  
11 Richmond San Rafael Bridge from the East Bay.

12 It makes much more sense to keep the 101 Corridor  
13 intact. We have historically shared a State Assemblyman,  
14 a State Senator, and a U.S. Congressional Representative.  
15 We have been well-served in that arrangement for the last  
16 ten years. I see no reason to change it.

17 Marin has agricultural interests that it shares with  
18 the counties going north along the coast. It has a  
19 recreational interest that are broad and diverse, but  
20 very different from those that are in the city -- cities.

21 We are distinctive for a different kind of tourism  
22 than that which is -- attracts people to San Francisco  
23 and the East Bay. Much more natural, use of the park,  
24 uses of open space, high value surrounding open space and  
25 its uses and beauty.

1           Let's see, what else we have here. We also share an  
2 interest in disaster preparedness. We are -- Marin  
3 County has a great risk of wildfires too, so it makes  
4 sense keeping us together with the other counties that  
5 share that -- those threats. Let's see --

6           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- that's about all I have to  
8 say at this time. I would like to be able to come in --  
9 chip in, in the future. And I'm also concerned that  
10 the -- I feel the outreach has been entirely inadequate  
11 to the public. There have been very few --

12          MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

13          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- notices in the press. I'm  
14 very concerned about that. And I'd like to make  
15 people -- make sure people know about the important work  
16 that you're doing. Thank you.

17          CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

18          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
19 again, I'd like to remind those in the queue to please  
20 press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to  
21 comment. And at this time, Chair, we do not have any  
22 raised hands in the queue.

23          CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Let's stand at ease for  
24 two minutes while we wait for -- for individuals to join  
25 the queue.



1 (Pause)

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: For those calling in at  
3 this time, please press star 9 -- oh, there's the raised  
4 hand. Caller with the last four 1301, please follow the  
5 prompts to unmute at this time.

6 Caller 1301, you are unmuted. I have a couple of  
7 brief instructions. Your speaker order number will be  
8 Number 7. If you will please make note of that for  
9 future reference. If there's an area you would like  
10 brought up on the map to discuss, please, let the mapper  
11 know what that area is. And with that, the floor is  
12 yours. Go ahead.

13 MS. ROO: Hello?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Please --

15 MS. ROO: Can you hear me?

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can, but please  
17 mute your livestream audio in the background.

18 MS. ROO: Oh, sorry. Of course. There. Is that  
19 better?

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Go ahead.

21 MS. ROO: Thank you. My name is Roo (ph.), and I  
22 live in the unincorporated area of Sonoma County, north  
23 of Sebastopol, in more of the western coastal area. What  
24 I would like to say, in addition to all of the issues  
25 that have already been raised about maintaining the





1 continuity of the coastal counties, which included, you  
2 know, forests, coasts, our water availability issues,  
3 fires, all those things are critically important to the  
4 counties in the north coast area of California.

5 But in addition to that, there are communities of  
6 interest that include farms and agriculture. Immigrant  
7 services are provided in the north coast area that are  
8 different than what is provided in other parts of the  
9 more urbanized part of the state.

10 The -- the area in the north coast is really  
11 distinct from the -- any of the area south of the Golden  
12 Gate Bridge, where it's more urbanized right up to the  
13 ocean. And we have a much more rural area that really  
14 has a community of interest requirement in order to  
15 maintain the -- the kinds of -- the kinds of amenities  
16 and the open space that are really desirable on the north  
17 coast.

18 We also have transportation issues in common. Many  
19 things have been already listed, but I really want to  
20 encourage you to consider the entire north coast as one  
21 common interest area because of the multitude of  
22 communities of interest that we share. Thank you very  
23 much and thanks so much for your service on this.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I'd

1 remind those calling in, please press star 9 to raise  
2 your hand indicating you wish to comment. For those who  
3 just called in, please press star 9 indicating you wish  
4 to comment.

5 Caller with the last two 7251, you have a raised  
6 hand. Again, that is caller with the last two 7251. If  
7 you will please follow the prompts to unmute at this  
8 time.

9 MS. MURRAY: Hello.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, I have a couple of  
11 brief instructions. One moment.

12 MS. MURRAY: Okay.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number  
14 will be Number 8. If you will, please make note of that  
15 for future reference. Please let the mapper know what  
16 area you'll -- you will be discussing today. And with  
17 that, the floor is yours.

18 MS. MURRAY: Thank you very much. My name is  
19 Kathryn Murray and I live in Crescent City, California,  
20 in Del Norte County. And we -- we would -- I agree with  
21 the last speaker that it's critical that we stay within  
22 the coastal region for representation for a number of  
23 reasons.

24 I was the Mayor of Crescent City in 2011 or 2012 and  
25 president of the Redwood Division of California League of



1 Cities during my tenure as council member and Mayor. And  
2 I was born and raised in Humboldt County.

3 So I've always thought of Del Norte as kind of my  
4 backyard. And over the years, with my experience being  
5 involved with our community, I realize how critical it is  
6 for us to stay with within our current congressional  
7 district.

8 We have a major road issue, which I don't know if  
9 anyone else has brought up, but it is Last Chance Grade  
10 and we have wonderful representatives working because  
11 this is going to probably cost one million dollars to  
12 repair. And right now we have two to four-hour delays on  
13 that road and it's critical for businesses. We have a  
14 lot of dairy and other types of businesses that we work  
15 with Humboldt County on, and that road is the only way to  
16 get from there to here.

17 We also have our identity. We have College of the  
18 Redwoods, which is along the coast. We have a branch  
19 here. We also have our community wellness center, which  
20 was originated in Humboldt County. And -- and we have a  
21 couple of -- several tribes. And we also have the state  
22 and national parks. And one year ago when I was on the  
23 Chamber of Commerce Board, our motto was "Where the  
24 Redwoods Need to See". It's not "Where the Redwoods Meet  
25 I-5".



1           So our identity as a coastal community is critical  
2 to who we are in terms of our -- our pride. We attract  
3 tourists this way. So it's an economic factor for us.  
4 We don't really have anything in common with the counties  
5 east to us. We also are in damming the Klamath River,  
6 and I know that the farmers over to the east of us would  
7 prefer that we have the dams for their farms, which is  
8 understandable, but it's critical to the habitat that we  
9 have them for our fishery to keep the -- get the Klamath  
10 Dams undammed.

11           So I -- I -- I'm really excited that I have an  
12 opportunity --

13           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14           MS. MURRAY: -- to speak, and I hope that you will  
15 take everyone's speaking into consideration. We  
16 appreciate you taking the time to listen to us and share  
17 our values and our concerns. Thank you very much.

18           CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

19           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up  
20 next, we have a caller with the last four 8689. That's  
21 caller 8689. If you will, please follow the prompts to  
22 unmute by pressing star 6.

23           Caller 8689, you are currently unmuted. I have a  
24 couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order number  
25 will be Number 9. If you will please make note of that



1 for future reference. Please let the mapper know what  
2 area you will discuss today. And with that, the floor is  
3 yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. If you could zoom in on  
5 Humboldt, Trinity, and Mendocino Counties. I am a  
6 resident of Humboldt County and I'm calling to talk about  
7 the agricultural interests that bind together this  
8 region. So first, Humboldt, Mendocino, and Trinity  
9 County form what is called the Emerald Triangle.

10 Since the 1960s, cannabis farmers have been growing  
11 cannabis in this region because of the wild and rugged  
12 hills, and the remote rural location made law enforcement  
13 difficult when this was still an illicit industry. And  
14 this has helped influence the culture of this region. So  
15 it is a largely cash-based economy historically, and it  
16 has spurred a notable counterculture -- cultural kind of  
17 resonance between all of these areas.

18 Now that we have a legal cannabis market, all of our  
19 counties are also working together to try to figure out a  
20 way that we can have a cannabis economy and environmental  
21 impact regulations and have these two things coexist. So  
22 it's important for us as -- as a -- as a cannabis  
23 community to have our interests represented together in  
24 Trinity, Humboldt, and Mendocino counties.

25 Additionally, something that binds very together are



1 our Timberlands. We are the largest timber producing  
2 area of The State and the management issues facing  
3 Timberland are generally similar here and more similar  
4 here than they are further inland.

5 So here we have the same sort of resource management  
6 concern, like preservation of our northern spotted owls  
7 and -- and other things like fire regimes are similar  
8 between all of these areas.

9 This region is also starting to grow its small  
10 winery businesses. So Humboldt County in particular is  
11 really growing in interest in wineries. And this invites  
12 us to Mendocino County and Sonoma County to the south of  
13 us. So as climate change is going to affect agriculture  
14 in our region from warmer temperatures to less  
15 precipitation, it's important that we are bound together  
16 because we are better able to mitigate and adapt when we  
17 are together.

18 So this part of Northwest California is very rural.  
19 We are different though, in our ruralness than other  
20 parts of California. We have a strong local  
21 environmental protection. We have about --

22 MT. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and we have a concern  
24 about climate change. And that is something that binds  
25 us together in the northern part of Zone A as one

1 community of interest. Thank you.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
4 I'd like to remind those who just called in, to please  
5 press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to  
6 comment. Please press star 9 indicating you wish to  
7 comment.

8 Caller with the last four 9200, you are up right  
9 now. Caller with the last four 9200, please follow the  
10 prompts to unmute by pressing star 6 on your keypad.

11 Caller 9200, you are unmuted. I have a couple of  
12 brief instructions. Your speaker order number will be  
13 Number 10. If you will please make note of that for  
14 future reference. And if you will, please, let the  
15 mapper know what area you will discuss today. With that,  
16 the floor is yours. Go ahead.

17 MR. ENRIQUE: Thank you. My name is Elliot Enrique  
18 (ph.) and I'm calling -- I'm a lifelong resident of  
19 Sonoma County. And I live in the unincorporated areas of  
20 Sonoma County. And I'm calling to urge the Commission to  
21 do what it can to not split the Latino community when  
22 drawing the new lines.

23 The Latino community, Latinx community people  
24 deserve to have their voices heard. And currently our  
25 communities have been split into multiple State and



1 Federal Districts.

2 If we can keep the Latino community unified, that  
3 we -- would that would greatly help to get our voices  
4 heard and increase the possibility we could elect a  
5 Latino to office within our region. Specifically,  
6 Latinos are concentrated in the Southwest Santa Rosa,  
7 Roseland, Rohnert Park, Windsor and in the City of  
8 Sonoma. Thank you for your time.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
11 again, for those in the queue, please press star 9  
12 indicating you wish to comment. If you wish to comment  
13 at this time. And Chair, we do not have any raised hands  
14 at this time. I will defer to you.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Katy. So at this time,  
16 I'm going to share a little bit about how the community  
17 can engage with the Commission. And it's just a reminder  
18 that you can visit our website at [wedrawthelines@ca.org](mailto:wedrawthelines@ca.org).  
19 You can also sign up for our emails to learn more about  
20 the Commission meetings, updates and announcements on our  
21 website.

22 And please connect with us on social media. We are  
23 on Facebook. We're on Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn,  
24 YouTube. And our handle is @wedrawthelinesca. It's  
25 lines with a plural.





1           And there is -- there are multiple ways to provide  
2 your comment to the Commission. You can certainly go on  
3 our website and give us input through our website. You  
4 can email your comment to votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov. You  
5 can also contact us via phone and our number is 916-323-  
6 0323.

7           And we also can be contacted by mail. You can send  
8 us correspondence at California Citizen's Redistricting  
9 Commission. And our address is 721 Capitol Mall, Suite  
10 260, Sacramento, California, 95814.

11           And as a reminder, interpretation requests must be  
12 submitted at least five business days prior to the  
13 meeting, and you can submit those in writing via email or  
14 contact us at our office at 916-323-0323.

15           With that, I'm going to -- do we have -- Katy do we  
16 have any callers on the line? I know folks are probably  
17 dialing in.

18           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, we do not have any  
19 callers at this time.

20           CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. But that will take a couple of  
21 minutes and I'm going to do something new.

22           I'm going to invite Commissioners to share memories  
23 about the north coast and your experiences at the North  
24 Coast, starting with Commissioner Fernandez. So if you  
25 have memories, of course they shouldn't be around lines



1 and line drawings. They should just be memories from  
2 this area and maybe vacations. I know many of you have  
3 come to this area and -- and if you could just share your  
4 experience or your, you know, your memory, of course,  
5 hopefully positive.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you. I think  
7 my very first memory of the coastals was growing up being  
8 a first generation and a child of immigrants.

9 We didn't -- we didn't have vacations. So this was  
10 the first time we were going to have an overnight because  
11 one of our relatives had rented a house on the coast.  
12 And I want to say it was in Sonoma County because it was  
13 in the Windsor area, and it was the most remarkable  
14 memory that I had -- that I have at that time because I'd  
15 never been to the coast.

16 So it was just so beautiful. It was very cold, I  
17 will say that much, but it was just so beautiful and  
18 clean and just the nature and everything that was just --  
19 just so fresh. So yeah, just great memories. And so  
20 I'll go from that then to my adult life when I actually  
21 took a road trip from Sacramento to Crescent City and one  
22 of our callers is from Crescent City, that was Caller  
23 Number 8. And just the drive up there was so beautiful.

24 And you went through so many different communities  
25 and just the natural -- the forest, and then you had the

1 agriculture. It's just all -- I mean, I'll have to say,  
2 it's God's country and it's beautiful and thank you for  
3 sharing it. Thank you for preserving it. And I will  
4 just let another Commissioner share their stories. Thank  
5 you for this opportunity.

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.  
7 Any other Commissioner want to share their -- their  
8 memories of -- of the North Bay?

9 Commissioner Kennedy?

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Many years  
11 ago, I enjoyed some vacation time in Sonoma County  
12 watching wildlife along the coast and enjoying the river.  
13 And then more recently, I had the opportunity to make the  
14 drive from Santa Rosa up to -- up into Lake County and  
15 back through Mendocino County and down the 101 back to  
16 Santa Rosa.

17 And I really enjoyed my -- I took an afternoon and  
18 just drove all the way around the lake in Lake County.  
19 And just very interesting to see how the different -- or  
20 how the different communities around the lake differed  
21 from each other as you as you drove. I was driving  
22 clockwise around the lake and just great scenery, nice  
23 communities. Thanks.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Oh, and I did -- I did -- on



1 the drive from Lake County over into Mendocino County, I  
2 did, of course, see the damage. So very aware of that as  
3 well.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Certainly.

5 Commissioner Fornaciari?

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Thank you. Yeah, I have a  
7 lot of memories of that area. My earliest memories -- my  
8 uncle's uncle had a -- a house on Clear Lake, and we  
9 spent a number of summers at his house learning how to  
10 fish, learning how to water ski, just having a great  
11 time. My wife and I spent our honeymoon up in Mendocino  
12 at the Hill House. It's also featured in Murder, She  
13 Wrote as the Hill House of Cabot Cove.

14 And so we -- we stayed there. We stayed there a few  
15 times. The River -- The Sea Ranch, my boss had a cabin  
16 up at the Sea Ranch, so we stayed there a number of  
17 times. And we've also spent quite a bit of time in  
18 Sonoma County, and Marin County and Napa County. So  
19 it's -- it's -- we spent an awful lot of time up there  
20 and north coast. It's a great place to visit.

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: Any other Commissioner?

22 Commissioner Sinay?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you for letting us share  
24 our memories. Having lived in the Bay Area, I've  
25 obviously been to Napa Valley and Sonoma for girl's



1 weekends and couple weekends and things like that.

2 But that the -- the north coastal is dear to my  
3 family because my daughter's godmother lives up there and  
4 her godmother daughter is my goddaughter. So we share --  
5 our families are intimately connected and they live in  
6 Santa Rosa.

7 And when Anne got married it was truly special  
8 because she had eight flower girls. She had no -- it was  
9 all flower girls and -- and ring bearers and we their  
10 reception was on the coast. And it was the most fun  
11 these kids have ever had. And the adults had fun, too.  
12 But it was just an amazing, beautiful experience.

13 And we love going up to visit them, going to the  
14 Schulz Museum and the children's museums up there and  
15 just enjoying the nature. They have been evacuated twice  
16 because of fires from their homes. So we -- we feel very  
17 connected to those fears that the community has lived  
18 through as well.

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

20 And Commissioner Andersen?

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Well, you know,  
22 living in Berkeley, I have the chance to go to Marin,  
23 Sonoma, Napa all the time and have many, many, many  
24 memories from a long time ago and currently, you know,  
25 diving off the coast and then, you know, I've also had

1 the pleasure of driving up and down, also taking the  
2 train all the way up and down the coast.

3       And you know, from setting out on the Del Norte  
4 Bluffs to whale watching off Mendocino, camping in Camp  
5 Mendocino Campgrounds, the roads to Rhododendron grove  
6 there, Timber Cove, Sea Ranch. So there's, you know,  
7 many, many, many. But as my very earliest ones is I had  
8 a dear friend who was from Crescent City. And this is  
9 when I did not -- we did not live in California at all  
10 the time.

11       And I heard the stories of the Easter Sunday  
12 earthquake in Alaska and the Crescent City, how it was  
13 badly damaged and had twelve-foot, I think it was twelve  
14 or maybe twenty-foot and change in the water -- in the  
15 tide and how it just destroyed, you know, Crescent City.  
16 And then I've had many earthquake memories of being up  
17 around Mendocino.

18       And so I'm a structural engineer. So those all  
19 pertain, you know, I think of those quite often. But  
20 then my next earlier when I was in my teens and we drove  
21 through the tree -- the redwood -- big redwood tree in  
22 the car, and there was a camper or it was small camper  
23 Volkswagen van in front of us. And the woman with her  
24 children who was driving got stuck and didn't know what  
25 to do. And my father got out and helped her drive

1 through it. And then we all had a picnic together.

2 We didn't know who they were or anything at about  
3 them but we had a picnic together in their marvelous  
4 campgrounds afterwards. So I have many, many wonderful  
5 memories from this area, and it's a pleasure to be able  
6 to hear from people from this area.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for sharing. Anybody else  
8 want to share?

9 Commissioner Yee?

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. So many memories of the  
11 north coast. Like Commissioner Fornaciari, my wife and I  
12 actually spent part of our honeymoon in the north coast  
13 starting off in Bodega Bay going up to Mendocino and  
14 elsewhere.

15 Many trips since then backpacking River. National  
16 Park. Humboldt redwoods. And Staying the Lost Coast.  
17 Wow. That's a way to get far away from everything. And  
18 also having opportunities to run three different  
19 marathons in the area of new the Giants in Humboldt  
20 Redwoods, Santa Rosa Marathon, I ran twice and then most  
21 recently a do-it-yourself marathon I ran and included San  
22 Quinton, San Rafael in and around there.

23 There's so many good memories and I always like to  
24 go to Point Reyes. Oh, my goodness. Wow. Just amazing  
25 and beautiful. But also all the cities and little towns

1 and all the farmland and you know, some urban pockets and  
2 all their concerns. And so we certainly want to keep  
3 hearing from all the different residents of the north  
4 coast and hear what's on your minds. Thank you.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

6 Anyone else want to share?

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Commissioner Toledo, isn't  
8 that the Point Reyes lighthouse in your picture?

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: That is the Point Reyes Lighthouse.  
10 And so I'll share since no one else is -- wants to share  
11 at this time.

12 So I-- I actually came -- you know, my -- my father  
13 came to Sonoma County as a farm worker in the '50s. And  
14 he -- but I wasn't born until the late '70s. And so by  
15 that time they had moved to Alameda, the City of Alameda.  
16 And it wasn't until after -- after I had finished my, you  
17 know, college studies and graduate school that I came up  
18 to Sonoma County and -- and actually my father had passed  
19 away and -- and I wanted to connect with, you know, with  
20 his agrarian past.

21 And so I came up to Sonoma county and started  
22 working for the Redwood Community Health Coalition. But  
23 you know, the first time -- and I remember driving up to  
24 Sonoma County and I certainly had visited prior, but  
25 coming up to move in I remember thinking, oh, my gosh,



1 this is so different than -- than, you know, what I had  
2 been used to in in the Bay Area.

3 And I remember seeing the cows and all of the  
4 cultural land. And -- and this is what's -- this was  
5 going to be home. Right. And so -- and my house was a  
6 little farmhouse. Actually, it's a pretty big farmhouse  
7 with a septic and well and for someone who, you know,  
8 grew up in the city, that was, you know, that was  
9 different. And I had to get used to septic and well  
10 and -- and everything that comes along with country  
11 living, including gophers and wild turkey is everywhere.

12 And the smell of -- we call it Petaluma -- Petaluma  
13 smell. And I think you smell this in Davis too, and  
14 sometimes with, you know, the cow -- it's a cow smell  
15 and -- and so in the evening getting used to this. And  
16 now I don't even smell it because it's -- it's normal.  
17 And it's such a great place. And I've had the  
18 opportunity to go up and down the north coast through my  
19 years here and -- and just love -- love it. It's home.  
20 It feels home.

21 People here are so welcoming. And it's so beautiful  
22 and I feel so fortunate to be -- be able to live and work  
23 in the north coast. And certainly it's an area that has  
24 had a lot of issues in the last couple of years,  
25 including now we've had two, three major fires in the

1 last couple of years in the Sonoma County area. And  
2 having to respond to the thousands upon thousands of  
3 evacuees coming from all over was a challenge.

4 And I remember waking up -- it was at the time when  
5 I used to wake up at 4 o'clock in the morning to go to  
6 the gym. Once upon a time, I used to do that. And I  
7 guess it was a couple of years ago, because I was  
8 seventeen. And so I woke up and there were all these  
9 people driving around and I could smell smoke, but I  
10 didn't quite know what it was. And of course, I was  
11 summoned into the health center because we would we're  
12 going to open up for the evacuees who are, you know, who  
13 were impacted.

14 And -- and I mean, to some extent, we've -- because  
15 we've been we've been very fortunate in Petaluma not to  
16 have fires directly in the city of Petaluma. Most of  
17 them have happened farther north. The evacuations of  
18 them have tended to be in Sonoma and Marin counties.

19 And so this is these are the areas where the  
20 evacuees from -- from up north in lake counties have  
21 tended to come or will go for -- for shelter and for  
22 emergency response. So it's just a lovely place.

23 Anyone else want to share their stories, if they  
24 have any?

25 Oh, Commissioner Fernandez?

1           COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'll share a little. Sorry  
2 about that. I forget that I'm in the office today. So I  
3 did want to share. I know one of the callers was talking  
4 about the Latino communities. And I do -- many of my  
5 tios and tias from Mexico, they immigrated to Windsor,  
6 Petaluma and Santa Rosa.

7           And so we -- we kept those connections. And I would  
8 say at least once a month, you know, my dad would load up  
9 the car with all ten of us and we'd go visit our cousins  
10 in in that area and we'd head to a park or head to  
11 whatever.

12           But for me, it was -- it just brings back good  
13 memories in terms of family and the culture. And yes, I  
14 did have the wonderful smells of the cows, but we also  
15 get those in Yolo County. So it was very familiar sound.  
16 I don't know if I want to call it comforting, but it is a  
17 familiar sound.

18           And we did have one of my uncles and aunts, they  
19 also were on a dairy farm. So that was something  
20 different that I'd never been exposed to. But it was --  
21 it's just -- every time I think of that area, it just  
22 brings back very good memories. So again, just super  
23 happy that I was able to experience that.

24           CHAIR TOLEDO: Sorry, I believe we have a caller  
25 on -- in the queue. I just want to highlight that we

1 will be sharing memories as time permits here in this  
2 session, but also in future sessions as time permits.

3 So with that, Katy, please open up the phone line.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I would like to just  
5 verify that 007 is ready at this time to make their  
6 comment by using the raise your hand option at the bottom  
7 part of your screen.

8 Please use the raise your hand option at the bottom  
9 part of your screen to indicate that you are prepared to  
10 comment. And there is the raised hand.

11 007, I'm promoting you now. 007, your speaker order  
12 number will be Number 11. If you are, please make note  
13 of that for future reference. You can now enable your  
14 audio and video in the lower left of your screen. If  
15 you'll please run the mapper of what area you would like  
16 to see. With that, the floor is yours. Go ahead.

17 MS. GRIFFITH: Hi there. My name is Caroline  
18 Griffith (ph.). I live in Humboldt County in Eureka. So  
19 we're kind of looking at the map area that I want to see.  
20 Yeah, right there.

21 So I guess when -- when describing where I live to  
22 people I think one of the first things that I say is  
23 Humboldt County. We do feel cohesiveness as a county, as  
24 a rural, coastal, and also heavily redwood forested  
25 county.



1 Another way that I would describe our community is  
2 really just the north coast. So I would say that we do  
3 identify with areas to the north and the south, Del Norte  
4 and Mendocino really because of the same rugged  
5 coastline, some of the same industries related to the  
6 coast. Also, similar threats due to climate change. I  
7 guess all of the north coast really has that same threat  
8 there.

9 Another way that I do really describe where I live  
10 to people is the Emerald Triangle. Humboldt, Trinity and  
11 Mendocino Counties where historically where cannabis was  
12 grown -- black market cannabis.

13 The industry has now shifted to being legal, but  
14 it's still a big part of our economy here is that. There  
15 are also areas that were traditionally really heavily  
16 impacted by timber and logging, and now the economies  
17 have really shifted more towards cannabis agriculture in  
18 general.

19 We do have wine growing regions in Trinity County  
20 and also a lot of outdoor recreation. That is a big part  
21 of our economy and our just lifestyle here in Humboldt  
22 County. And I think because of this, there's also a  
23 really heightened awareness of our environment and the  
24 risk to our environment. And much like the state, we're  
25 impacted by drought. But that is definitely a huge issue

1 up here.

2 And with our water, the water that would be coming  
3 especially from Trinity County out into the coastal areas  
4 being funneled to the Central Coast, I think that's a --  
5 that's a really big issue that kind of brings us all  
6 together is water issues here in this region.

7 I think that, you know, when talking about like  
8 areas that we do or do not want to be put together with,  
9 we do have a lot more in common with other coastal north  
10 coast areas versus the more inland counties like  
11 Siskiyou, Shasta, Tehama, different political leanings,  
12 different environments, different culture. So yeah,  
13 right there with that little hand is a very good --

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15 MS. GRIFFITH: -- indicator. And I think also like  
16 there is a big emphasis on small agriculture here and  
17 small farming --

18 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

19 MS. GRIFFITH: -- is something that is important to  
20 our area with cattle grapes, organic produce, farming,  
21 and of course cannabis are also things that define us.  
22 Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
25 with that, Chair, that's all our speakers at this time.



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Great. So with that, let's -- let's  
2 take a fifteen-minute break. We'll be taking it a little  
3 bit earlier. We had it scheduled for 1:30, but let's  
4 just take a fifteen-minute break at this point and come  
5 back at 1:35.

6 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California  
8 Citizens Redistricting Community of Interest Input  
9 Meeting. We also encourage you to visit the Communities  
10 of Interest Tool to draw a map and describe your  
11 community by visiting [drawmycacommunity.org](http://drawmycacommunity.org). With that,  
12 we'll continue with public input.

13 I will pass it over to Katy, our public comment  
14 moderator to continue with opening up the line and giving  
15 instructions for how to how to -- how to join the  
16 session.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.  
18 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the  
19 raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen to  
20 enter the queue. When it's your turn to speak, you'll be  
21 identified by your assigned unique ID number. You will  
22 be reconnected to the session with the ability to enable  
23 your own video and/or audio.

24 You will then be assigned a speaker order number  
25 before you begin speaking. Please make a note of your



1 speaker Order number for future reference. The  
2 Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time limit  
3 with a warning at thirty seconds and fifteen seconds. At  
4 the end of your public input or at the end of your time,  
5 You will be reconnected in a listen and view only mode.

6 At the beginning -- at the beginning of your input,  
7 please remind the mapper of what area you would like to  
8 see on the screen. I would also like to remind those  
9 calling in to please press star 9 to raise your hand,  
10 indicating you wish to comment.

11 And at this time, we do have a raised hand from  
12 caller 4706. That is caller 4706. Please follow the  
13 prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.

14 Caller 4706, you are currently unmuted. I have a  
15 couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order number  
16 will be Number 12. If you will, please make note of that  
17 for future reference. Please let the mapper know what  
18 area you would like to discuss. And with that, the floor  
19 is yours.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. I'm a resident of  
21 Trinity County. I would like to speak on Trinity County.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Go ahead.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Great. Good afternoon,  
24 Commissioners. I am a resident of Trinity County. It is  
25 rugged, mountainous, heavily forested, and lies along the





1 Trinity River within the Salmon and Klamath Mountains.  
2 It should be in a district with Siskiyou, Shasta, Modoc  
3 and Lassen Counties because it has more in common with  
4 them given the type of terrain and extensive wild river  
5 and stream system, heavy rain and snowfall than it does  
6 with the coastal counties that it's currently connected  
7 with.

8       Environmentally speaking, beaches and mountains are  
9 very different and they should be in separate districts,  
10 so the needs of residents are served equally based on  
11 their geography. Thank you for allowing me to speak  
12 about Trinity County today.

13       CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

14       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
15 with that, Chair, we do not have any other callers this  
16 time.

17       CHAIR TOLEDO: Great. With that, let's -- let's  
18 do -- let's wait for two minutes and see. I know folks  
19 are calling in, so -- and we have a couple of people  
20 registered. So let's just wait for two minutes. Stand  
21 at ease.

22                   (Pause)

23       MR. MANOFF: And we're coming up on two minutes  
24 there, Chair.

25       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, we are at two

1 minutes.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So with that, just a  
3 reminder to the public that our next business meeting is  
4 on Wednesday, July 7th at 9:30. And we do have a  
5 Community of Interest Public Input Meeting scheduled for  
6 July -- July 8th at 10 a.m., focused on Orange County  
7 with registration closing on the 6th at 5 p.m.

8 The second Community Interest Forum will be next  
9 week, Saturday, July 10th, at 10 a.m., focused on San  
10 Diego and Imperial County with registration closing on  
11 Thursday at 5 p.m. And you are not required to make an  
12 appointment to provide input at the Community of Interest  
13 meetings, however it is recommended. You can also call  
14 in the day of the meeting.

15 At this time, our meetings are still virtually held  
16 and so that all Californians can provide input. Please  
17 go to our website at [wedrawthelines@ca.org](mailto:wedrawthelines@ca.org) for meeting  
18 information.

19 With that, Katy, do we have any callers in the in  
20 the queue?

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do not have any  
22 callers at this time. I will remind those calling in to  
23 please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you  
24 wish to comment. Please press star 9 to raise your hand  
25 indicating you wish to comment. But Chair, at this time,



1 we do not have any raised hands.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's go to a five-minute  
3 video. Thank you, Kristian.

4 As a reminder to the public, requests for  
5 interpretation must be submitted at least five business  
6 days prior to the meeting, and you can submit your  
7 request via email to [interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov](mailto:interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov) on  
8 the Community of Interest meeting appointment form or  
9 call our office at 916-323-0323. All of this information  
10 is also on our web site.

11 And with that, Katy, do we have any callers in the  
12 queue?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do not have any  
14 callers at this time, Chair.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Would you please read the  
16 instructions on how to call in?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. In order to  
18 maximize transparency and public participation in our  
19 process, the Commissioners will be taking community of  
20 interest by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number  
21 provided on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247.  
22 When prompted to enter the meeting ID number provided on  
23 the livestream feed, it is 93992182349 for this meeting.

24 When prompted to enter a participant ID simply press  
25 the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you'll be placed



1 in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please  
2 press star 9. This will raise your hand for the  
3 moderator. When it is your turn to speak, you will hear  
4 a message that says the host would like you to talk and  
5 to press star 6 to speak.

6 If you would like to give your name, please state,  
7 and spell it for the record. You are not required to  
8 provide your name to give public comment.

9 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream  
10 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your  
11 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for  
12 when it is your turn to speak.

13 And again, please turn down the livestream volume.  
14 And again the Commission is taking community of interest  
15 input by phone at this time.

16 And we do not have anyone in the queue at this time,  
17 Chair.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Katy. With that, I see --  
19 I was just wondering if anyone else had a -- stories to  
20 tell because we were cut off last time around when we had  
21 a caller.

22 So any additional stories of your experiences or  
23 memories here in Sonoma County or your travels or your --  
24 Commissioner Sadhwani?

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure. So thank you, Chair.



1 I so appreciate hearing everyone's stories and memories  
2 of the region.

3       Sadly, I have never traveled north of San Francisco,  
4 so I very much look forward to the opportunity to -- to  
5 travel to the northern coastal counties as well as other  
6 counties up north. But certainly some of your stories of  
7 the scent of cows and well water and septic tanks  
8 definitely struck a nerve with me.

9       Where I grew up was -- I actually did not grow up in  
10 California. I grew up in western New York in in a very  
11 rural area between Buffalo and Rochester, near -- near  
12 Native American reservations, and certainly can identify  
13 with the scent of cows and -- and growing up with, well  
14 water. And we even used to have a natural gas tank on  
15 our -- on our property where we would fill -- fill our  
16 cars with gas.

17       So -- so that definitely reminded me of home. And I  
18 certainly look forward to the chance to, to travel to  
19 some of these places, hopefully in the very near future.  
20 And certainly, I hope before we're -- we have to start  
21 drawing maps. As I've said before, I'm a big proponent  
22 of seeing the places, talking with folks if it's safe to  
23 do so, you know, before we have to start drawing. So I'm  
24 definitely looking forward to that.

25       CHAIR TOLEDO: Absolutely. And thank you for

1 sharing.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, real quick --

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: This is Katy. I'd like  
5 to remind those calling in to please press star 9 to  
6 raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Again,  
7 please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you  
8 wish to comment for those that just called in. And at  
9 this time, we do not have a raised hand, Chair.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate that, Katy.

11 Any other story from the Commissioners on their  
12 experiences in the north coast and the Napa Valley and/or  
13 anywhere else in our region?

14 Commissioner Fornaciari, then Sinay.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I just want to also  
16 comment on the -- on the Charles Schulz Museum in the  
17 gift shop. Just an incredible place to go visit. It's  
18 really cool.

19 He was from Minnesota and he lived in Santa Rosa  
20 after World War II. And he missed ice skating, so he  
21 built an ice rink and had the senior world ice -- ice  
22 hockey championships there for years.

23 And the museum and in the gift shop are adjacent to  
24 the ice rink there, which is around the corner from his  
25 house. But I think his house burned down in the fire,



1 and boy, the neighborhood just north of the museum, was  
2 completely wiped off the map in the fires. It was  
3 incredible to go there and see that.

4 Oh, and I also wanted to -- two other things.  
5 Tomales Bay is just awesome. Beautiful place to go.  
6 They have some oyster places on the side of the bay and  
7 sit out there and eat some oysters and drink a beverage  
8 of your choice. And then there's a Marin Sonoma Cheese  
9 Trail where you can go cruise around different small  
10 cheese manufacturers and eat the product of the Happy  
11 cows.

12 CHAIR TOLEDO: Absolutely. Certainly had oysters  
13 and -- and cheese, lots of cheese and oysters.

14 Commissioner Sinay?

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was just thinking as folks  
16 were talking about the rugged -- you know, how that  
17 rugged coastal area I remember driving, we decided to  
18 drive from San Francisco all the way up to Eureka on the  
19 coast. And I think I was blue most of the way. I mean,  
20 I get carsick and that was just not a good way to go.

21 And once you commit, it's hard to commit because as  
22 people were saying. So that's -- that's one of my -- I  
23 want to say it is a good memory, even though just  
24 remembering it. And then the other is the first time I  
25 went to Petaluma learning that that's the arm-wrestling

1 capital of the world.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Right. I always wondered about that  
3 because I do know that there's a little -- a statute  
4 with -- with folks arm wrestling. And I always wondered  
5 what that was about. So it wasn't until you -- you  
6 mentioned that that I found that out. Thank you.

7 With that, Katy, do we have any other callers in the  
8 queue?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, we do not have any  
10 callers at this time.

11 I would like to remind those who have called in to  
12 please press star 9 raising their hand. Caller 5045, has  
13 chose to raise their hand again. Again, that is caller  
14 with the last four 5045. If you will please follow the  
15 prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.

16 Caller 5045, if you will, press star 6 to unmute  
17 yourself. Again, that is caller with the last four of  
18 5045. If you will please press star 6 on your keypad.  
19 There you are. Caller 5045 --

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You are -- UNIDENTIFIED  
22 SPEAKER: That was tough, star 6.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I apologize.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Do you have -- can you hear  
25 me now?





1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We can. I have a couple  
2 of brief instructions. Your speaker order number will be  
3 Number 13. If you will, please make note of that for  
4 future reference.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If you would please  
7 remind the mapper what area you would like to discuss.  
8 And with that, the floor is yours. Go ahead.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah, great. I'm calling in  
10 from Sonoma County. Petaluma, actually. So this is my  
11 area, the North Bay, I'll call it.

12 I want to make a couple of comments about how I  
13 think the current districts are not quite working out.  
14 And so we have the Sonoma County being split and it's  
15 currently represented by someone from Napa County and  
16 then someone from Marin County, at least at the -- at the  
17 state level.

18 And the problem is that both Marin and Napa are very  
19 wealthy compared to Sonoma County. And so the interests  
20 of Marin County in particular are often the voice of our  
21 representative. And I don't feel that much in common  
22 with Sausalito, Mill Valley, these very wealthy  
23 communities and their diversity problem relative to much  
24 more alignment with the coast, with Mendocino County --  
25 even those are places I visit more often than I go down

1 to Sausalito.

2       And so to me, Sausalito would be better served by  
3 being part of San Francisco than being part of Sonoma  
4 County district just because where there's wealth,  
5 there's power. And that means that there will be --  
6 continue to be representation by those who can afford to,  
7 you know, have people vote for them at the ballot box.  
8 Right. And so same is somewhat true for Napa County.

9       Right?

10       And so we have a split in -- in my particular region  
11 of the North Bay, where we have these wealthier  
12 communities that maybe don't have the same alignment and  
13 interests as ours, you know. And the thing that really  
14 irked me the most was Marin County and our leader there  
15 working very hard to get an exemption for the RHNA  
16 numbers.

17       Right? Our -- our affordable housing numbers and to  
18 classify Marin County as rural, even though it's fifteen  
19 minutes from San Francisco.

20       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21       UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And that doesn't align with  
22 my priorities at all. And so I just -- in thinking about  
23 that, you know, let's have the very wealthy of Marin  
24 County be tied in with the very wealthy of San Francisco  
25 and allow our rural districts to be --

1 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- really speak with one  
3 voice.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I'd  
6 like to remind those calling in to please press star 9 to  
7 raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Please  
8 press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to  
9 comment at this time. That is for those who just called  
10 in.

11 Caller with the last four 1991, if you called in to  
12 make a comment at this time, please press star 9. Looks  
13 like we do not have any raised hand this time, Chair.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thanks. I'd like to give the caller  
15 a couple of minutes to -- to get ready to raise their  
16 hands.

17 In the meantime, do we have any other stories? Any  
18 other stories from the Commission? Going once.

19 Commissioner Yee --

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair --

21 CHAIR TOLEDO: I knew you were going to raise your  
22 hand.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: I had a feeling.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, real quick.



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Um-hum?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Commissioner Yee, yeah, I  
3 want to hear that story. But the public did choose to  
4 raise their hand.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: So would you like to go  
7 to the caller or Commissioner Yee first?

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: So we'll do the caller first, and  
9 then we'll come back to Commissioner Yee next --

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Awesome. Perfect.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- when we have an opportunity.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Caller with  
13 the last four 1991, if you will please follow the prompts  
14 of pressing star 6 to unmute yourself. Caller 1991, you  
15 are currently unmuted.

16 I have a couple of brief instructions. Your speaker  
17 order number will be Number 14. If you will, please make  
18 note of that for future reference. And please let the  
19 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today.  
20 And with that, the floor is yours. Go ahead.

21 MS. BROOKS: Thank you very much. This is  
22 Bernadette Brooks, and I'm from Napa County. And I am  
23 the president of the League of Women Voters of Napa  
24 County. And I am not sure because I haven't been able to  
25 be on the line since noon what other speakers have



1 brought up this point from Napa County. But Napa County  
2 is very concerned about the issue of -- that was brought  
3 up in the last redistricting of possibly separating the  
4 city of American Canyon from Napa County.

5 And the reason we feel is that American Canyon very  
6 much belongs in Napa County is because of so many ties  
7 that we have, including our school districts, our  
8 immigrant communities, the many, many services that  
9 provide for those immigrant communities, health care,  
10 afterschool programs, food programs, training programs,  
11 farm worker, housing, et cetera. And the businesses that  
12 we work in are connected from American Canyon all the way  
13 up to Calistoga.

14 So we just want to make sure that as City of  
15 American Canyons that we consider the gateway to Napa  
16 Valley is kept with all of Napa County, even though the  
17 zip code says it's somewhere else.

18 I know my own zip code here in the City of Napa says  
19 I am somewhere else. The zip codes don't tell the tale.  
20 So we would very much appreciate if you consider that,  
21 and there may be others as well -- that we preserve our  
22 geographic integrity as one whole Napa County. Thank  
23 you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And with that, Chair,  
2 that is all our callers at this time.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: So with that, I'm -- I'm looking  
4 forward to hearing Commissioner Yee's story.

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: And I'm eager to hear how you  
6 knew I had one. Two stories from my childhood when my  
7 very first way -- sleepaway camp, church camp, was on  
8 Clear Lake, little town of Lucerne there on the upper  
9 north corner of Clear Lake, a converted hotel, luxury  
10 hotel, turned into a church campsite. And my first time  
11 away from home in very clear memories that I have to this  
12 day of the week there.

13 And then a little later in life a family trip that  
14 included a ride on the Skunk Train -- Skunk Train between  
15 Willits and Fort Bragg. And I actually don't remember  
16 the Skunk Train ride itself as much as my family looking  
17 for a place to stay overnight, the night before  
18 Christmas, long, long, long before cell phones or  
19 anything like that, so just running down the road looking  
20 for a vacancy sign.

21 And I think we ended up in Ukiah before we found a  
22 place to stay. And as a young boy, I still have memories  
23 of adventure and just enjoy that whole area so much.  
24 Thanks.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Yee. And



1 just a reminder to the public, one of the reasons that  
2 these stories are so important is one, many of us haven't  
3 gotten to meet in person. So with COVID and precautions  
4 around COVID, many of us haven't had the opportunity to  
5 meet in person. So it's great to take any chance we  
6 possibly can to learn a little bit more about each other.

7       Although we've been spending quite a bit of time  
8 over the last almost year now, and I think we know each  
9 other pretty well, at least through Zoom. But it's good  
10 to hear about these stories and the connections and to  
11 learn more about one another.

12       So thank you for everybody who took an opportunity  
13 to share. And certainly as we go across the state  
14 through these public sessions, we will be sharing stories  
15 about other parts of California as well.

16       With that, Katy, do we have any callers on the line?

17       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I would like to remind  
18 those that have called in to please press star 9 to raise  
19 your hand indicating you wish to comment. Please press  
20 star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.

21       And we do have a caller at this time. It is caller  
22 with the last four 3421. If you would, please follow the  
23 prompts to unmute.

24       Caller 3421, you are currently unmuted. I have a  
25 couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order number



1 will be Number 15. If you will, please make note of that  
2 for future reference. And please remind the mapper of  
3 what area you would like to discuss today. And with  
4 that, the floor is yours.

5 MR. ENRIQUEZ: (Speaking Spanish).

6 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments. And  
7 just as a reminder, requests for interpretation must be  
8 submitted at least five days prior to the meeting. And  
9 you can request those through email at  
10 interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov or via our online form or  
11 by calling our office at 916-232-0320.

12 With that, Katy, do we have any additional callers  
13 on the queue?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do not, Chair. That  
15 was all our public comment at this time.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. So let's -- oh,  
17 Commissioner Sinay, you have your hand raised.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I just wanted to add to what  
19 you were saying. Having said that, if you need an  
20 interpreter, you need to -- you need to request, but  
21 any -- any public comment in other languages will be  
22 translated and will be included so that we will be using  
23 that -- what was submitted.

24 CHAIR TOLEDO: Absolutely. And thank you so much  
25 for that reminder as well.





1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair?

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: So with that, let's -- um-hum?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Real quick. I'm sorry.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Go ahead, Katy.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I apologize. Someone  
6 just called in. I would like to remind those that are  
7 called in to please press star 9 to raise your hand  
8 indicating you wish to comment.

9 That is for those that have just called in to please  
10 press star 9 indicating you wish to comment. That is  
11 caller with the last four 4168, if you wish to comment  
12 this time, please press star 9.

13 And Chair, it looks like we do not have any raised  
14 hands at this time.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Katy. With that, let's go  
16 to the five-minute -- do we have a five-minute, Spanish-  
17 speaking video?

18 MR. MANOFF: We have a twenty-, three-minute Spanish  
19 video and --

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, let's do the five-minute video  
21 now and then move to the twenty-minute later in the day.

22 MR. MANOFF: Sounds good.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you very much.  
24 Kristian.

25 Katy, with that, can you please read instructions



1 for how to join the public session?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I can, Chair. I would  
3 like to remind those that have called in to please press  
4 star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.  
5 Please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you  
6 wish to comment.

7 And would you like the long instructions or the  
8 short instructions, Chair?

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: The long instructions are fine.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. In order to  
11 maximize transparency and public participation in our  
12 process, the Commissioners will be taking community of  
13 interest input by phone. To call in, dial the telephone  
14 number provided on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-  
15 5247. When prompted to enter the meeting ID number  
16 provided on the livestream feed, it is 93992182349 for  
17 this meeting.

18 When prompted to enter a participant ID simply press  
19 the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you'll be placed  
20 in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please  
21 press star 9. This will raise your hand for the  
22 moderator. When it is your turn to speak, you will hear  
23 a message that says the host would like you to talk and  
24 to press star 6 to speak.

25 If you would like to give your name, please state,



1 and spell it for the record. You are not required to  
2 provide your name to give public comment. Please make  
3 sure to mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent  
4 any feedback or distortion during your call. Once you  
5 are waiting in the queue, be alert for when it is your  
6 turn to speak. And again, please turn down the  
7 livestream volume. And we do have a caller at this time.

8       Caller with the last four 8412, if you please follow  
9 the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. You are  
10 currently unmuted. We do have a couple of brief  
11 instructions.

12       Your speaker order number will be Number 16, if you  
13 will. If you will, please make note of that for future  
14 reference. And please remind the mapper of what area you  
15 would like to discuss today. And with that, the floor is  
16 yours. Go ahead.

17       MR. MERRILL: Thank you very much. My name is  
18 Gerald Merrill (ph.). I live in Inverness, California,  
19 and I've lived her a long time and have experienced our  
20 district, our county of Marin, being both adjoined to San  
21 Francisco and also to the north coast. And having gone  
22 through about ten years of each, I would say that we're  
23 far better served by being joined to the north coast than  
24 to San Francisco.

25       The San Francisco issues are highly urban. They



1 have a lot of issues that I suppose we share in some  
2 degree, but not many. And we are more interested in  
3 resource issues, open space parks, things like that, and  
4 those are shared very strongly by others in the north  
5 coast. So we've found that our representation by being  
6 joined to the other north coast counties has been much  
7 more effective than when we were during the San  
8 Francisco.

9 And not to denigrate any of the people who  
10 represented us at that time, but really we've had much  
11 more attentive and much more, I think, logical  
12 representation in the current district order when we're  
13 joined to the north coast. I'd be happy to take any  
14 questions, if anyone has any.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Do you want to describe your  
16 community of interest? Any geographical lines that you  
17 want to describe for us?

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment, Chair. We  
19 have to ask, unmute again real quick. Please press star  
20 6 one more time. Oh, there you are.

21 MR. MERRILL: Yeah. The current district -- I think  
22 the question was, are we happy -- was -- was the  
23 question, are we happy with the current district or am  
24 I -- the current district basically includes all the  
25 north coast counties. I'm thinking of the Congressional

1 District in this case and pretty much the State Senate  
2 District, those counties do share a community of  
3 interest, as many of you know.

4 They are, in fact, the members of the Golden Gate  
5 Bridge District, except for one, is with respect to the  
6 Assembly District, which is pretty much Marin and Sonoma,  
7 that's particularly appropriate because Marin and Sonoma  
8 share many issues like agricultural land preservation.  
9 We both have large, open-space districts, which we do not  
10 share in the slightest with San Francisco, so -- or any  
11 of the East Bay counties.

12 Well, we wouldn't be joined, hopefully, to any of  
13 the East Bay counties. So the current pattern, I  
14 understand lines will have to be changed somewhat because  
15 of population growth, but the current pattern of joining  
16 Marin and San Fran -- and Sonoma in an assembly district  
17 in the --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 MR. MERRILL: -- north coastal counties seem very  
20 appropriate for the Senate and the Congressional  
21 district.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And I  
24 would like to remind those calling in to please press  
25 star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.



1 Please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you  
2 wish to comment.

3 And at this time, Chair, we do not have any raised  
4 hands.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Katie. With that,  
6 let's -- just a reminder that -- our next business  
7 meeting is on Wednesday, July 7th at 9:30. We will also  
8 have a Community Oof Interest public forum scheduled for  
9 July 8th. That's Thursday, July 8th at 10 a.m. and that  
10 will be focused on Orange County with registration  
11 closing on Tuesday, the 6th at 5 p.m.

12 The second Community of Interest meeting will be on  
13 Saturday, July 10th at 10 a.m. and that will be focused  
14 on San Diego and Imperial Counties, with registration  
15 closing on Thursday at 5 p.m. And you are not required  
16 to make an appointment to provide public input at those  
17 sessions, however it is recommended and you can also call  
18 in the day of the meeting.

19 At this time, our meetings are still held virtually  
20 so anyone in California can provide input. And please go  
21 to our website at [wedrawthelines@ca.org](mailto:wedrawthelines@ca.org) for meeting  
22 information.

23 With that, Katy, do we have any callers on the line?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, we do not have any  
25 callers at this time.



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So let's go to a five-minute  
2 video. And we'll break during that time.

3 MR. MANOFF: Do you want to go to the five-minute  
4 video or the twenty-minute Spanish video?

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: You're right. Let's go to the  
6 twenty -- because we did the five, so let's do the  
7 twenty. And if we can do the Spanish video, that would  
8 be great.

9 MR. MANOFF: You got it.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

11 Welcome back to the California Citizens  
12 Redistricting Commission's Community of Interest Public  
13 Input Session. With that, I'm going to ask Commissioner  
14 Fernandez to provide some interpretation instructions in  
15 Spanish.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sorry about that. Here I  
17 go. Sorry.

18 (Speaking Spanish).

19 CHAIR TOLEDO: Gracias, Alicia. (Speaking Spanish).

20 With that, Katy, can you please open up the phone  
21 lines?

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: And give instruction on how to join.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. The  
25 commission is now taking community of interest public

1 input by phone. To give comment, please call 877-853-  
2 5247. Enter the meeting ID number 93992182349 for this  
3 meeting.

4 Once you have dialed in, please press star 9 to  
5 enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions  
6 were read previously and are provided on the livestream  
7 landing page.

8 We do have two callers with their hands raised at  
9 this time. Caller with the last four 9918, if you will  
10 please follow the prompts to unmute. And up next will be  
11 caller 0215. Right now, Caller 9918, if you will please  
12 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. Again,  
13 Caller 9918 --

14 MR. COLE: Okay.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- you are unmuted. I  
16 have a couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order  
17 number will be Number 17. If you will, please make note  
18 of that for future reference. And if you will please  
19 remind the mapper what area you would like to discuss.  
20 And with that, the floor is yours. Go ahead.

21 MR. COLE: Hello, my name is Richard Cole. I'm with  
22 the Trinity County Fish and Game Advisory Commission and  
23 I called in to plead that we stay in the same district as  
24 Humboldt County, at least. The reason being the Trinity  
25 Klamath River system. The Trinity is the most important





1 river and most important resource in our county, not just  
2 for fishing, but for water supply, for energy, for lots  
3 of purposes and of course, tourism. And it is  
4 inextricably linked with the Klamath River.

5       Decisions that are made about the Klamath River  
6 affect our river and vice versa. The Trinity flows into  
7 the Klamath River in Humboldt County. So we would like  
8 to stay in the same district as Humboldt so that we don't  
9 have to deal with two separate sets of officials when it  
10 comes to Federal issues and State issues. And there are  
11 a lot of them because they are very regulated rivers and  
12 they have endangered species.

13       So I'm asking that you please consider that when you  
14 are drawing up a district. We have -- work a lot with  
15 Humboldt County and we would like to remain with them.  
16 Again, Richard Cole, Trinity County Fish and Game  
17 Advisory Commission. Thank you.

18       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
19 with that, Chair, that was all of our public comment at  
20 this time.

21       CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Katie. We'll wait two  
22 minutes to see if we get any additional calls. So we'll  
23 stand at ease.

24       MR. MANOFF: That's two minutes, Chair.

25       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And I'd like to remind

1 those calling in to please press star 9 to raise your  
2 hand indicating you wish to comment. And we do have a  
3 caller.

4 Caller with the last four 8571, if you will please  
5 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. Caller  
6 8571, you are currently unmuted.

7 I do have a couple of brief instructions. Your  
8 speaker order number will be Number 18. If you will,  
9 please make note of that for future reference. If you  
10 will please remind the mapper of what area you would like  
11 to discuss. And with that, the floor is yours.

12 MR. BOWMAN: Thank you, Commissioners. I spoke  
13 before the Commission ten years ago when I lived in San  
14 Francisco. My name is Chris Bowman. I'm a transplant to  
15 the Veterans' Home in Yountville in the last two years.

16 So I know a little bit about the North Bay as well  
17 as San Francisco. There was a caller a few calls before  
18 that suggested that basically the rich people in Marin  
19 County should be linked to Marin County -- or San  
20 Francisco. That is complete nonsense.

21 San Franciscans don't want that. The people in  
22 Marin don't want it. And Marin has a lot more in common  
23 with Sonoma County transportation wise and industry wise.

24 The smart, you know, light rail connects basically  
25 Santa Rosa to Larkspur, and it's just not appropriate. I

1 do want to comment on two things like community-on-  
2 community of interest.

3       The first thing is that the Congressional and the  
4 Senate districts that were done by the -- or approved by  
5 the Commission last time were a terrible gerrymander.  
6 They bypassed major population centers to connect  
7 basically Sausalito to Del Norte County by bypassing the  
8 Congressional districts Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Cotati.

9       And I can't find that right now, but in the Senate  
10 district they Bypass Rohnert Park and Pine Grove and  
11 Petaluma. And the Assembly District, they bypassed  
12 Rohnert Park and connected with the upper reaches of Lake  
13 County and parts of the Central Valley. We need to have  
14 North Bay districts, two assembly North Bay districts,  
15 one State Senate North Bay District and one Congressional  
16 North Bay District.

17       I would suggest that you go by watersheds. So you  
18 look at the Russians and you look at the Navarro River as  
19 the northern fringes of the Congressional and the State  
20 Senate District and works south and east.

21       And then for the Assembly District to try to keep  
22 the 101 Corridor intact and then work east. And I would  
23 also say, based on what I've experienced, that there's an  
24 incredible connection between Solano County and Napa  
25 County, both in the standpoint of workers and

1 transportation.

2 If you ever take the Highway 12 or 29 south after 2  
3 o'clock in the afternoon, it's a jam with people that  
4 basically work in Napa but live in Solano County, in  
5 Vallejo or in Fairfield. So those are my recommendations  
6 and I hope that -- to speak at future meetings and  
7 hopefully some of these will be incorporated. Thank you  
8 very much.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
12 with that, Chair, that is all of our callers at this  
13 time.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Katy. And I do know that  
15 we have a lunch break scheduled for 3:15, if I remember,  
16 yes, 3:15. So we have lunch break scheduled for 3:15.  
17 We would, at that point, be coming back at 4 for our  
18 third public input session. And Commissioner Taylor will  
19 be chairing that session.

20 At this point, given that we don't have any callers  
21 on the line -- is that correct, Katy, we don't have any  
22 callers in the queue?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, that is correct,  
24 Chair. Yeah.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Given that we don't have any cards in



1 the queue or break early for lunch and come back for our  
2 4 o'clock session, which will be chaired by Commissioner  
3 Taylor. And I do know that we have some registrants at  
4 that point, so we will -- we will commence at that point.  
5 So at this point, we are going to be on break for lunch  
6 until 4 o'clock.

7 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. I hope everyone had a  
9 restful and good lunch. My name is Derric Taylor. I am  
10 the co-moderator for this Community of Interest meeting  
11 along with Commissioner Pedro Toledo, who I am spelling  
12 for a session. I would like to welcome back everyone to  
13 this California Citizens Redistricting Commission COI  
14 Input Meeting.

15 We encourage our listening public, whether you have  
16 an appointment or not, to call in to provide your  
17 community of interest input. We also encourage you to  
18 visit the Communities of Interest Tool to draw a map and  
19 describe your community by visiting  
20 [drawmycommunity.org](http://drawmycommunity.org). I will repeat that,  
21 [drawmycommunity.org](http://drawmycommunity.org).

22 As we noted at the start of our meeting, every ten  
23 years after the Federal Government publishes updated  
24 Census information, California must redraw the boundaries  
25 of this Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly and



1 State Board of Equalization Districts so that the  
2 districts correctly reflect the state's population.

3 Our fourteen-member independent commission was  
4 authorized by the California voters to draw the new  
5 district lines. We are here today to obtain communities  
6 of interest information from Californians directly. We  
7 encourage all Californians to participate in this  
8 process. While there are no clear rules on how to define  
9 a community of interest, we've identified ways for you to  
10 describe your community.

11 You can begin with your county or your city. You  
12 can mention the street name to significant locations in  
13 your neighborhood to help us identify the parameters of  
14 your community.

15 What are the shared interests of your community?  
16 What brings your community together? What is important  
17 to community? Are there nearby areas you want to be in a  
18 district with? Are the nearby areas you do not want to  
19 be in a district with? And please explain to us why or  
20 why not.

21 Has your community come together to advocate for  
22 important services, for better schools, for better roads  
23 or health centers? What are the things that can improve  
24 your neighborhood? If you'd rather submit COI input over  
25 the internet, you can do so from our website at



1 drawmycacommunity.org. Skip the line and go online.

2 I will pass this over to Katy, our comment  
3 moderator, to config -- to continue with public input.  
4 We will start with the people who are registered and then  
5 open the phone lines if there's time before the next  
6 session.

7 Katy?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.  
9 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the  
10 raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen to  
11 enter the queue.

12 When it is your turn to speak, you will be  
13 identified by your assigned unique ID number. You'll be  
14 reconnected to this session with the ability to enable  
15 your own video and/or audio. You will then be assigned a  
16 speaker order number before you begin speaking. Please  
17 make a note of your speaker order number for future  
18 reference.

19 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time  
20 limit with a warning thirty seconds and fifteen seconds  
21 remaining. At the end of your public input or at the end  
22 of your time, you'll be reconnected in listen and view  
23 only mode. At the beginning of your input, please remind  
24 the mapper of what area you would like to see on the  
25 screen. And we do have 010 at this time. Again, that is



1 010.

2 010, your speaker order number will be Number 19.

3 If you will, please make note of that for future  
4 reference. You can now enable your audio and video in  
5 the lower left corner of your screen.

6 And if you would, please remind the mapper of what  
7 area you would be discussing today. With that, the floor  
8 is yours. Go ahead.

9 MS. MCCLEARY: Well, thank you very much. My name  
10 is Patty McCleary, and I live in Hiouchi, which is ten  
11 miles east of Crescent City, located in Del Norte County.  
12 I believe that our common interest is that Del Norte  
13 County be joined with Humboldt, Mendocino and other  
14 coastal counties in short, known as the North Coast.

15 Del Norte, is tied to Humboldt, for example, because  
16 of Highway 101, our only road to the rest of California.  
17 So one of the activities of interest ongoing is big  
18 repair to Last Chance Grade. And so the two communities  
19 have been working with Caltrans to repair this essential  
20 roadway, which has kind of slid off the it's slid and  
21 it's subject to closures.

22 In addition, Redwood National and State Parks. A  
23 significant component of the donor economy spans Del  
24 Norte and Humboldt County. Redwoods are found only in  
25 coastal counties, and efforts to protect and steward them





1 are shared values with coastal counties.

2 Six Rivers National Forest can be found in Del Norte  
3 and Humboldt, and we host one of the Six Rivers, the  
4 Smith River. Del Norte is home to some of the best  
5 remaining salmon and steelhead populations. And  
6 protecting and restoring wild salmon fisheries and  
7 coastal streams is a common industry and pastime.

8 We want to be with redwood counties. Northwest  
9 Californians share and love public lands. Del Norte and  
10 Humboldt will be affected by climate change in ways  
11 similar as compared to climate effects in Modoc and  
12 Siskiyou counties. Those counties that are around  
13 Highway 5 and well to the east.

14 In addition, because Del Norte County is one of the  
15 smaller counties in the state, I'd like to point out that  
16 because of our small size, we share significant resources  
17 found only in Humboldt. For example, the Humboldt RCD  
18 consults with our RCD residents of Del Norte County seek  
19 hospital and doctor services in Humboldt County. And  
20 then there's Humboldt State University, now at  
21 Polytechnic.

22 And we -- I work for Smith River Alliance. We rely  
23 on the experts and students at Humboldt State to do a lot  
24 of our science and a lot of our work with fisheries. In  
25 addition, the public agencies --



1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MS. MCCLEARLY: -- the public agencies that serve  
3 north coast counties include the CDFW North Coast  
4 Regional Water Quality Control Board. It's a unified  
5 management structure. And finally, I wanted to say Del  
6 Norte should be grouped with north coast counties like --

7 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

8 MS. MCLEARY: -- Humboldt and Mendocino, not with  
9 Tehama, Siskiyou and Shasta County. Transportation,  
10 common economies, shared infrastructure, community  
11 colleges and hospitals are very important and I hope you  
12 consider that. Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
14 with that, Chair, that is all of our public comment at  
15 this time.

16 CHAIR TAYLOR: Excuse me. Forgot to unmute. Thank  
17 you.

18 I just would like to inform our viewing public that  
19 our next Community of Interest Input Meeting will be on  
20 July 8th, which will be Zone J, Orange County. That will  
21 be followed by a community of interest input meeting on  
22 July 10th, Zone K, Imperial and San Diego Counties. And  
23 on July 12th, Zone F, Fresno, Kern Kings County, Madera,  
24 Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare County. Both  
25 of -- all three of those meetings will begin at 10 a.m.



1 Katy, if you can if you don't mind, please, can you  
2 read the long instructions?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.

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5 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be  
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25 down the livestream volume. And the Commission is taking



1 a community of interest input by phone at this time.

2 And we do not have anyone in the queue at this time,  
3 Chair, I will defer to you.

4 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Katy. And again, we  
5 encourage our viewing public, whether they have made an  
6 appointment or not, to call in to provide that community  
7 of interest input.

8 We will rest at ease for a few minutes and hope  
9 to -- hope that we solicited some of that -- that input  
10 information. I think I'll take this time to share some  
11 of my experiences on the north coast.

12 I was holding on to that despite the request by  
13 Commissioner Toledo. I figured I'd take this moment when  
14 I might have the floor. I haven't done a lot of  
15 extension -- extensive travels up north, but I did travel  
16 as a as a young person with my family. We traveled to  
17 San Francisco and then we continued on to the north  
18 coast -- of north coast, of course, to see the redwoods.

19 So there's a picture of me and our family pet, and  
20 I'm standing next to the redwoods. And another picture  
21 that we have, another family photo of us driving through  
22 one of the redwood trees. And so my -- my children, I  
23 often referred to those.

24 Number one, they say, we didn't know you were ever  
25 that young. And then they're fascinated by the size of



1 the redwood trees and -- and the fact that you can drive  
2 through, I guess, monuments I dare say. So it is -- it  
3 is a beautiful, wonderful space.

4 I understand -- I understand our community members  
5 when they say they want to preserve that area, its value,  
6 its importance to -- to the people, to the community  
7 members that are there and to -- to Californians as a  
8 whole. And it's also wonderful to see the -- (audio  
9 interference) remind us we're all in this community  
10 together.

11 So -- so I like hearing the stories. I thank you,  
12 Commissioner Toledo, for -- for providing the space for  
13 us to talk about our experiences there. So thank you.  
14 And Katy, I think we have a caller. Maybe we'll get some  
15 input from them.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. I'd like to  
17 remind those calling in to please press star 9 to raise  
18 your hand, indicating you wish to comment. Please press  
19 star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.  
20 And we do have a raised hand at this time.

21 Caller with the last four 5532, if you will, please  
22 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. Caller  
23 5532, you are unmuted. I do have a couple of brief  
24 instructions. Your speaker order number will be Number  
25 20. If you will, please make note of that for future

1 reference. And if you will please let the mapper know  
2 what area you would like to discuss today. With that,  
3 the floor is yours. Go ahead.

4 MS. HERRMANN: Thank you very much. I'm calling  
5 regarding Humboldt County or the city of Eureka  
6 specifically. My name is Beth Herrmann and I live on  
7 Glenwood Court. And I am very familiar with most of  
8 Humboldt County. I've lived here since 1995 and I  
9 consider it home, and I consider this to be my community.  
10 And I'm really hoping that this Commission will see fit  
11 to keep us located in a greater community that's coastal.

12 I believe that's really important. I think that  
13 there's no downplaying how important the coastal identity  
14 is to Humboldt County and to its community members. And  
15 I believe pairing us up with folks in the east is sort  
16 of -- I don't think that we're on quite the same page. I  
17 think folks in the east tend to align a bit more with  
18 Central California.

19 So I'm really hopeful that this commission will see  
20 to Paris up with folks south and north of us on the  
21 coast. I think that's kind of the area we most closely  
22 aligned with, particularly with sea level rise affecting  
23 us a little stronger on the coast. So I think that tends  
24 to be something that's a little more urgently felt for  
25 people that live on the coast. And that is the main

1 thing. Okay. Thank you so much for your time and I hope  
2 you have a wonderful day.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
4 I'd like to remind those calling in to please press star  
5 9 indicating you wish to comment. At this time, Chair --  
6 we do not have any raised hands at this time, Chair.

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We will rest as ease for  
8 a few minutes.

9 (Pause)

10 CHAIR TAYLOR: Kristian, if you don't have any  
11 callers, can we put you up to a five-minute video,  
12 please?

13 MR. MANOFF: Yes, we can.

14 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Thank you. We appreciate  
15 the opportunity to show you a quick redistricting video.  
16 We encourage our listening public to call in and to  
17 provide community of interest input. We -- we want it.  
18 We need it to be effective.

19 Katy, do we have anyone in the queue?

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do not have any raised  
21 hands at this time. I would like to remind those that  
22 have called in to please press star 9 to raise your hand  
23 indicating you wish to comment.

24 Caller 3520 has chose to raise their hand.

25 Again, that is caller with the last four 3520. If

1 you could please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing  
2 star 6. Caller 3520 --

3 MS. SANDERS: Hello?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- you are unmuted. A  
5 couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order number  
6 will be Number 21. If you will, please make note of that  
7 for future reference. And if you could remind the mapper  
8 of what area you would like to discuss today, with that  
9 the floor is yours.

10 MS. SANDERS: Hello. My name is Karen Sanders and  
11 I'm in Del Norte County. And I just wanted to share a  
12 few shared interests and that would be we're a rural,  
13 small community.

14 We are -- we have conservative values. We do have  
15 higher poverty levels per capita than California or the  
16 nation. We're recreational opportunities with and we  
17 also have logging, fishing industry and tourism and we're  
18 self-reliant.

19 We're a conservation area and reduce taxes. Things  
20 that bring us together are outdoor activities. We're  
21 family oriented and generational. We have good communal  
22 support, community engagement.

23 We're patriots. We are local autonomy. We share  
24 patriotism, self-governance. We are a small-town  
25 relationships, friendships and we respect each other





1 regardless of our political affiliation. And we do also  
2 share that we have the lack of health care in this  
3 community.

4       So what is important to our community is being  
5 represented by a Legislature that is sensitive to the  
6 real values and needs self-reliance, strong economy, free  
7 society and then security, both financial and emotional.  
8 So there are -- the nearby areas that we believe that we  
9 should be linked with would be the Siskiyou-Shasta area.  
10 We're similar rural life experiences. We have more in  
11 common, I think, than some of the more southern coastal  
12 communities.

13       And specifically with Shasta, we do a lot with the  
14 medical, with Mercy Hospital. We -- we have a lot of  
15 kids that go from here to Shasta college. And then in  
16 the construction industry, we have a lot of companies  
17 that actually come out of Shasta County. So the others  
18 would be the Lassen, Modoc, Tehama, Sierra, and Humboldt  
19 and all our significantly rural areas and are dependent  
20 on renewable resources to support our economy.

21       And we also enjoy a rural economy that results in --  
22 against a one size fits all and basically Sacramento  
23 telling us what to do and -- and really has no clue to  
24 the -- where the rural significance that we have. There  
25 are also some areas that are -- we don't want to be

1 paired with --

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MS. SANDERS: -- would be Sonoma and Marin County.

4 There's no shared values. We have very economic -- our

5 economy is very different as far as -- our geographical

6 also would be --

7 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

8 MS. SANDERS: -- we're about six hours apart. We're

9 rural versus urban and we don't have the representation

10 that can spread and our national resources are very

11 different. So -- and then as far as what we've come

12 together --

13 MR. MANOFF: Time.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And

15 again, I'd like to remind those in the queue that have

16 not spoke today, to please press star 9 indicating you

17 wish to comment. And with that, Chair, we do not have

18 any raised hands.

19 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. And -- and caller for

20 anyone whose time runs out or if you get cut off or if

21 you feel you don't get your complete statement out, you

22 can always contact the Commission in a variety of ways.

23 You can email us at [votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov](mailto:votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov). You can

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5 California 95814.

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8 interest input at [drawmycacommunity.org](http://drawmycacommunity.org). Again, that's  
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10          And Katy, if I can get you to read the short form  
11 instructions. I would appreciate it. Thank you.

12          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair. The  
13 Commission will now be taking community of interest input  
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15 enter a meeting ID number 93992182349.

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17 enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions  
18 have been read previously and are provided in full on the  
19 live stream landing page.

20          And we do not have any callers in the queue at this  
21 time, Chair.

22          CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We'll rest at ease for  
23 two minutes. And Kristian, if we have no callers after  
24 that, we'll move to the twenty-minute video in English.  
25 Thank you.



1 (Pause)

2 MR. MANOFF: That's two minutes, Chair. And there  
3 are no callers in the queue at this time.

4 CHAIR TAYLOR: All right. Then let's move to the  
5 twenty-minute video in English. Welcome back,  
6 California. We hope that you found our video on  
7 redistricting both helpful and informative. We encourage  
8 our listening public to call in to provide community of  
9 interest input.

10 I believe that we have callers in the queue, so Katy  
11 can please invite them.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I can, Chair. Caller  
13 6274 will be right now. I would like to remind those  
14 calling in to please press star 9 to raise your hand  
15 indicating you wish to comment. Please press star 9 to  
16 raise your hand. Right now we do have Caller 6274.

17 If you will please follow the prompts to unmute by  
18 pressing star 6. Caller 6274, you are unmuted. I have a  
19 couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order number  
20 will be Number 22. If you will, please make note of that  
21 for future reference.

22 And if you will please let the mapper know what area  
23 you would like to discuss today, with that, the floor is  
24 yours. Go ahead.

25 MR. SHORT: Thank you very much. My name is Darrin



1 Short. I am calling from Del Norte County. I would just  
2 like to voice my opinion in our redistricting discussion  
3 here.

4 I believe that it would be best for Del Norte County  
5 that -- if we could revert back to being in District 1  
6 again. We -- a previous caller spoke about our coastal  
7 fisheries and our redwoods and how we are compatible with  
8 other coastal counties. But I do have a slight rebuttal  
9 to that.

10 We do enjoy a rural lifestyle up here in the very  
11 northernmost corner of California. And we enjoy an  
12 economy based on renewable resources in addition to our  
13 fisheries. And up here being in the northwest corner, we  
14 are pretty much left out in District 1 the way the lines  
15 are presently drawn. We are at the very top of the  
16 district with very little representation. However, I  
17 should I should say that Mike McGuire, as our  
18 representative does, does a commendable job.

19 But our -- however, we are at the very top of the  
20 district, the way it is presently drawn and are largely  
21 well in, in my opinion, are largely kind of forgotten up  
22 in this -- this top corner. And few districts in  
23 California experience the isolation as far as  
24 representation goes like we do.

25 The -- the -- the previous presentation spoke to



1 gerrymandering and I kind of wanted to speak to that in  
2 that Delaware County is the single conservative, I guess  
3 you -- if, however you want to say is a red county or  
4 conservative county. However you want to recognize that.  
5 It is the single one on the entire coast of California.  
6 And in my opinion, the attempt to keep Del Norte County  
7 in a large group of --

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 MR. SHORT: -- blue counties or Democrat-controlled  
10 counties is the epitome of gerrymandering. Delaware  
11 County is largely --

12 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

13 MR. SHORT: -- compatible in ways with Siskiyou,  
14 Modoc, Trinity, Shasta, Lassen, Tehama, Plumas, and other  
15 rural counties. And I think we should be partnered with  
16 them in our district. Thank you very much.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And I  
18 would like to remind those calling in to please press  
19 star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.  
20 Please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you  
21 wish to comment.

22 And at this time, Chair, we do not have any raised  
23 hands. I will defer to you.

24 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. And just as a reminder,  
25 please visit our web site at [wedrawthelinesca.org](http://wedrawthelinesca.org),



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2 emails to learn about the Commission meetings, updates,  
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9 taking place throughout the summer. You can visit  
10 wedrawthelinesca.org for more information. You can use  
11 the communities of interest mapping tool at  
12 drawmycacommunity.org.

13 The online COI tool is available in English,  
14 Spanish, simplified Chinese, traditional Chinese,  
15 Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean, Armenian, Farsi, Arabic,  
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6 please, instructions. Thank you.

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15 livestream landing page.

16 And at this time, Chair, we do not have any raised  
17 hands.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We'll pause for a few  
19 minutes. And I would, you know, in the spirit of what  
20 Commissioner Toledo started, I would open the floor to  
21 any Commissioner that would like to statement -- make a  
22 statement or -- or has or have the photographs to prove  
23 they were once young and among the redwood trees.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Looks like Commissioner  
25 Andersen might want to say something. I'm happy to also





1 share after her.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. Commissioner Andersen.  
3 Then Commissioner Akutagawa.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, actually, I have --  
5 Commissioner Akutagawa, I have already said a few things,  
6 so please go ahead, Commissioner Akutagawa.

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Actually, I was realizing  
8 that, Commissioner Taylor, when -- when you were sharing  
9 about once being young and taking the pictures amongst  
10 the redwood trees, it brought back some real great  
11 memories for me too.

12 When I was a kid, one of the things that my dad used  
13 to like to do is we take road trips for our family  
14 vacations. That was all I knew for a long time.

15 And what he would do is he would -- he would have to  
16 travel to different locations across California and then  
17 into Oregon and Washington. So the way he made it work  
18 was we started our family vacations, drive to whatever  
19 location nearby he would be, he would work, and then my  
20 sister and I and my mom, we would just kind of play. And  
21 so a lot of that meant road trips up and down the  
22 California coast.

23 And I remember it just really brought back memories  
24 about, you know, going to see the redwoods and just being  
25 in awe of how not only how tall it was, but the fact

1 that, you know, when you're a eight, nine, even seven-  
2 year-old kid. You know, the fact that you could drive a  
3 car through the redwoods was awe inspiring. And I still  
4 remember to this day, you know, staying in Eureka,  
5 California, I always thought I'd loved the name Eureka.

6 Remember staying there and then driving up into  
7 Oregon and through Washington and just visiting a lot of  
8 the national parks. My dad was a big fan of the national  
9 parks and different state parks as well too.

10 So we did a lot of crisscrossing across the state.  
11 So you know, being up in Humboldt and I'm going to assume  
12 that we also went into Del Norte as well too, because of  
13 the redwoods, going to Shasta, because of the lake and  
14 all that.

15 That was when I was a kid as a -- I would say as a  
16 perhaps as a younger adult, you know, being able to  
17 explore Napa and Sonoma with my family or not my family,  
18 but with my friends, and more recently, spending some  
19 time up in the Sonoma area because my husband -- his  
20 cousins, his late cousin's husband, after her passing,  
21 moved up to Occidental.

22 So if you're from the Sonoma area, you can imagine  
23 Occidental's like this really little town. And it just  
24 really is amazing to see just how much diversity there is  
25 in terms of the kind of landscapes, the places that, you

1 know, is just available, you know, just in our one state.  
2 And so just hearing some of what people are calling in to  
3 tell us about, it -- it really brings back some great  
4 memories of a time up there, even when I was a kid.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.  
6 Commissioner Andersen, do you have a couple other  
7 words?

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, certainly it's a, you  
9 know, huge part of the state and it has, you know, all  
10 sorts of memories through these counties. The couple  
11 ones that come to mind -- we were talking about, you  
12 know, when you're young is my aunt and uncle and cousins  
13 had -- would always go Dylan Beach which is, you know,  
14 it's across from Inverness and Inverness called in.

15 And it's actually -- there's a body of water there  
16 where the -- we do our planning and unfortunately we saw  
17 quite a few of those small, little boats all loaded full  
18 of the guys with their clamming shovels, all their  
19 outfits, but they'd come over, a few more people get in  
20 and then the boat would sink in.

21 Just it's a small -- over to a sandbar. So it's  
22 not -- you know, they're all essentially standing chest  
23 deep in the water going, I know, you know, you shouldn't  
24 have put more people in. And it was marvelous times,  
25 certainly marvelous times. But then we also, again, sort

1 of as we're young, was a couple of weddings, and one was  
2 actually it was in Humboldt, was almost into Trinity.

3 And it was it's very, very different temperature-  
4 wise as you go up over some of the ridges in a swath of  
5 mountains in Humboldt. And this was out in very dry,  
6 dusty, you know, I don't actually remember even where it  
7 was because I was young. But I have no idea who was  
8 getting married.

9 But it was you know, I remember thinking, wow, we've  
10 really gone to different parts -- different terrains even  
11 though it's up north, which, you know, you tend to think,  
12 oh, it's all one area. But just a fun -- few other fun  
13 things.

14 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen. I  
15 appreciate you sharing.

16 Katy, can you read the instructions please?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. In order to  
18 maximize transparency and public participation in our  
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14 not spoken today to press star 9 to raise your hand  
15 indicating you wish to comment.

16           And this time, Chair, we do not have any raised  
17 hands.

18           CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We'll give it a few  
19 minutes. And barring any callers we'll -- we will then  
20 commence our next break to return at 5:45 and back into  
21 the faithful stewardship of Commissioner Toledo.

22           (Pause)

23           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Taylor, if you  
24 want, I could tell you another story. It's not so much a  
25 story, but sharing something.



1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Absolutely, Commissioner Akutagawa.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was just going to say,  
3 you know, I -- at some point, I am planning to get up to  
4 Arcadia, California, because I don't know about all of  
5 you, but there is a -- someone mentioned dairy farms up  
6 there and there's a small cheese maker called Cypress  
7 Grove.

8 And I don't know if any of you are familiar with  
9 Humboldt Fog Cheese, but that is my favorite cheese. And  
10 I am like -- I am making -- I am at one point, I am going  
11 to get up there because I want to visit -- I want to  
12 visit their -- their-- their- dairy farm because I love  
13 that cheese. So I thought I'd just mentioned that just  
14 as a, you know, a side here.

15 CHAIR TAYLOR: It is -- it is -- it is one of my  
16 thoughts that food ties us all together.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: It certainly does.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: So if it's the -- if it's the cheese,  
19 it's the cheese.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I have a slightly different  
21 one. You know, the fire concerns are always, you know,  
22 huge here. And I have some dear friends who were  
23 evacuated in Sonoma and actually up in Lake and thank  
24 goodness their places were saved. But we had -- we  
25 visited at the time and saw, you know, the devastation.

1 But just recently we were back in that area and it  
2 was amazing to see and really wonderful to see how  
3 regrowth has happened and how buildings that were burned  
4 to the ground are now brand new buildings in there. So  
5 it was a very resilient area, which is -- which is great  
6 because, you know, this is a time where it's a huge  
7 concern to all of us. But if we stick together, you  
8 know, we can be resilient. You know, it was a very  
9 heartfelt situation. It's good to see.

10 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. So seeing no callers in  
11 the queue, we're going to take our break. When we come  
12 back, we'll be open to any community of interest input  
13 as -- as well as public comment. So we are to return at  
14 5:45.

15 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: Welcome back to the California  
17 Citizens Redistricting Commission's public input session  
18 on Community of Interest. I will now open it up to both  
19 general public input as well as public comment at this  
20 time. So we will be accepting both general public input  
21 and public comments.

22 And with that, Katy, please open up the lines.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

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3 And caller with the last four 3101 has chose to  
4 raise their hand. Again, that is caller 3101. If you  
5 will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star  
6 6.

7 Caller 3101, if you will press star 6 to unmute  
8 yourself. Again, caller with the last four 3101, if you  
9 will, please press star 6 to unmute yourself.

10 Thank you so much. I have a couple of brief  
11 instructions. You are unmuted. Your speaker order  
12 number will be Number 23. If you will, please make note  
13 of that for future reference. And if there's an area of  
14 the map you would like to discuss, please let the mapper  
15 know what that area is. And with that, the floor is  
16 yours.

17 MR. MIKE: Good evening. Thank you, all of you, for  
18 taking the time and the effort to listen to us spread  
19 over this giant area in far northern California. I'm  
20 calling in -- my name is Mike, and I'm calling you from  
21 Del Norte County. Actually, I live 300 meters from the  
22 Oregon State line.

23 And I wanted to make a comment on any consideration  
24 you have of breaking up the second Congressional District  
25 and as well as the Assembly and the Senate districts.



1 From what I've read and from what -- I've lived in, I  
2 live in Del Norte, I've lived in Humboldt County, I've  
3 lived in Mendocino County. So I have an understanding of  
4 the whole stretch of the -- of the district.

5 You guys did a good job in 2013 in forming the  
6 Second Congressional District as well as the Senate --  
7 the State Senate Districts and the Assembly District.  
8 And I think if we look back in history, you're going to  
9 see that way back in the '40s and the early '50s when  
10 they formed area codes, they wanted to form coherent  
11 communities. And that's why the 707 area code roughly  
12 corresponds with the Congressional District that you guys  
13 formed because this is a coherent community.

14 And to alter what the good work you did in 2010 that  
15 resulted in 2013 in the change would be a big mistake.  
16 And here in Del Norte County, it would take me five or  
17 six hours, conceivably more to go to Siskiyou County. I  
18 have nothing in common. I've never been over there.  
19 It's a long, long, long way. And it is a very, very  
20 different mindset.

21 I heard you before -- I tried from 5 o'clock to call  
22 in and I couldn't get anything to happen. I could hear  
23 you, but I didn't get recognized. I heard you talking  
24 about dairy farms, and that's another thing that pulls us  
25 together. There's extensive dairy farming down in Sonoma



1 County. There's a lot of dairy farming in Humboldt  
2 County and up here in Del Norte County we have a lot of  
3 dairy.

4 Here in Smith River, we have a lot of dairy. And I  
5 commend you when you come to Humboldt and looking for  
6 cheese, come on up to Crescent City and look at Rumiano  
7 Cheese Company. They do some fantastic things. That's  
8 R-U-M-I-A-N-O. We're real tenuous up here right now.  
9 The 101 is falling into the ocean on Last Chance Grade.

10 The -- the wonderful taxpayers are spending millions  
11 and millions and millions of dollars to keep the highway  
12 from completely falling into the ocean. And we all  
13 appreciate it very much. But that's our only connection  
14 to California that goes in the ocean.

15 Our connection is only to Oregon. 101 is our link.  
16 101 links this entire district together, mentally,  
17 psychically, spiritually. This is one district. So I  
18 implore you folks, please --

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 MR. MIKE: -- don't -- don't alter the good stuff  
21 that you did back in 2010 by forming the Second District  
22 and the Senate District and the Assembly Districts as  
23 they are. If you have to cut anything off, maybe a  
24 little bit of the eastern part of Trinity County would be  
25 something that would maybe --

1 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

2 MR. MIKE: -- make more sense. Thank you very much  
3 for your attention. And thank you for your work and  
4 listening to all of us from all over the place.

5 And (speaking Spanish). Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: Gracias. Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we have  
9 Caller 7411. And I'd like to remind those calling in to  
10 please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you  
11 wish to comment.

12 And right now caller with the last four 7411. If  
13 you will please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing  
14 star 6. Caller 7411, you are currently unmuted. I do  
15 have a couple of quick instructions.

16 Your speaker order number will be Number 24. If you  
17 could please make note of that for future reference. And  
18 please let the mapper know what area you would like to  
19 discuss today. And with that, the floor is yours.

20 MR. ADAM: Well, good afternoon and thank you for  
21 taking my call. My name is Adam. I'm a resident of the  
22 city of Sonoma.

23 I'd like to talk about Sonoma County. So I know  
24 that Sonoma County currently has several legislators who  
25 represent different parts of our county, and that -- and



1 that makes sense to us when you consider that we have a  
2 variety of communities in our county.

3       You can almost think about like three -- Sonoma  
4 County makes three different unique places. There's West  
5 County that includes, you know, Sebastopol, Guerneville,  
6 Jenner, places that pop up in the forest or on the Sonoma  
7 coast near Lake Sumner along the Russian River. Many are  
8 more urban areas like Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Rohnert Park,  
9 everything along the 101 corridor.

10       And then third you have the areas of the east and  
11 the southeast, which would be Sonoma, Kenwood, Glen  
12 Ellen, Schellville, all the stuff along Highway 12. It's  
13 really much more like the wine country than, you know,  
14 it's more wine country than the other groups, and they're  
15 all significantly impacted by the wine economy and  
16 tourism in the way that is similar -- more similar to  
17 Napa County, which is why it makes sense that some  
18 districts include the town of Sonoma with Napa County as  
19 well.

20       You could even put a town like Healdsburg in that  
21 third group as the types of businesses you see in Sonoma  
22 Plaza they're nearly identical to the Healdsburg Plaza  
23 with farm to table restaurant tasting rooms, you know,  
24 small boutique storefronts. So anyway, it's fine if  
25 these different parts of Sonoma County are all put

1 together.

2 But I just want to call and say that it makes sense  
3 if the eastern part is peeled off from Santa Rosa and  
4 West County and put in with Napa County. That's really  
5 all I had to say. And I appreciate you taking the time  
6 to listen to me and thank you for holding these hearings.  
7 I appreciate your time.

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: I was just wondering if you could  
9 give a little bit more specificity to the -- when you --  
10 when you're speaking about the eastern part of Sonoma  
11 County, are there any demarcations or streets or -- or  
12 roads that you would highlight as being in the eastern  
13 section that you mentioned?

14 MR. ADAM: Well, so, you know, I would call it  
15 broadly speaking, the Sonoma Valley, the Highway 12  
16 Corridor from, you know, where 121 comes across and hits  
17 Highway 12 in Schellville, then goes up to the City of  
18 Sonoma and then up into Glen Ellen and Kenwood, Rincon  
19 Valley. That's southeast.

20 If you -- if you kind of if you were to if you were  
21 to look at that, I would call it, for lack of a better  
22 phrase, the lower, right quadrant of East County. That's  
23 more wine country. I mean, it's just rolling hills with  
24 vineyards very similar to Napa. So I would say the  
25 Highway 12 Corridor --



1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MR. ADAM: -- the Highway 121 Corridor down Highway  
3 37.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much.

5 MR. ADAM: All right. Thank you. I appreciate it.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
7 with that, I'd like to remind those that have called in  
8 to please press star 9 indicating you wish to comment.

9 And Chair, we do not have any callers with raised  
10 hands at this time.

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Let's rest at ease for two  
12 minutes and -- and see if individuals are able to get  
13 through the call center. Thank you.

14 (Pause)

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And I'd like to invite  
16 those calling in to please press star 9 to raise your  
17 hand indicating you wish to comment. Please press star 9  
18 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment. Thank  
19 you so much. And we do have a caller. That is Caller  
20 7685.

21 Caller 7685, if you will please follow the prompts  
22 of star 7 -- of star 6 to unmute. Thank you so much.  
23 Your speaker order number will be Number 24. If you you  
24 will please let the mapper know what area you would like  
25 to discuss today. With that, the floor is yours.



1 MR. ROGERS: All right. Well, thank you so much.  
2 My name's Chris Rogers. I'm the mayor for the city of  
3 Santa Rosa. I also have a pretty unique perspective on  
4 this, having represented the whole Northern California  
5 working for five different Assembly members, Senators or  
6 Congress members over the last decade prior to my own  
7 public service.

8 First, a special shout out to Commissioner Toledo  
9 and does an incredible job here in Sonoma County,  
10 particularly down in Petaluma. I just wanted to say  
11 thank you for his work. I wanted to call in today --  
12 we've gone through the redistricting process,  
13 decentralize it, and gone through this communities of  
14 interest conversation.

15 So rather than giving you one definitive way to cut  
16 the maps, I really want to give you a couple of options.  
17 I know it's a jigsaw puzzle for the entire state.

18 At first and foremost, I want to punctuate the point  
19 that you've heard from folks who have dealt with the new  
20 district, that it's a coastal district, both the  
21 Congressional and the Senate. That really is a critical  
22 district for our state to make sure that the coastal  
23 communities are adequately represented in Sacramento and  
24 in D.C. Those issues are unique to those communities,  
25 and that representation really matters.





1           Outside of that, one of the other communities of  
2 interest that we see locally is really the topographical  
3 features that lead to fires, where fires start, and where  
4 the fire preparedness needs to be done throughout all of  
5 our communities.

6           And that's really along the Highway 12, that was  
7 pointed out near Oakmont in Santa Rosa and moving over  
8 into the Calistoga and Napa area as well. That's a  
9 pretty significant community of interest when we talk  
10 about how to prepare and respond to emergencies.

11           Outside of that, there are communications and  
12 transportation corridors that I think are critical for  
13 your consideration. One is the Smart Train, which is  
14 Sonoma and Marin County. We have a shared tax measure  
15 that funds that train. A critical connector is the  
16 Highway 37 Corridor, which needs significant funding and  
17 has significant issues and therefore needs to have strong  
18 representation from those communities as well. That's  
19 really four communities -- four counties that feed into  
20 that network.

21           And then the final one is looking at where Sonoma  
22 Clean Power and Marin Clean Energy have their  
23 constituency. Sonoma Clean Power is largely Sonoma  
24 County and Mendocino County. And with Marin County, I  
25 know the reluctance to ever cross the Golden Gate Bridge.



1 A potential fix to that would be to attach it to  
2 Richmond, which is the Marin Clean Energy District down  
3 that way.

4 With that, I just want to thank you for your  
5 service. I know it's been a long day and I've had a  
6 chance to hop on and off and hear people's comments.  
7 Happy to answer any questions about our own community.  
8 But just want to thank you for your time.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 And with that, Chair, we do not have any other -- we  
12 don't have any other callers at this time.

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: While we're waiting for callers since  
14 we've been talking about cheese and dairy, I figure we  
15 can talk about -- and since a couple of the recent  
16 callers have brought up wine, wanted to see if anyone has  
17 their favorite winery or wines from the -- from the north  
18 coast area. So anywhere in the north.

19 And we'll start with Commissioner Kennedy.

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I visited the Korbel Winery  
21 years ago and discovered a red sparkling wine that  
22 apparently is very limited edition. It's very difficult  
23 to find outside of Sonoma County. So if anyone does have  
24 the opportunity, it's -- it really was a wonderful find.  
25 And I always look for it, but I'm always disappointed

1 because I haven't been back to the Korbels Winery since  
2 then.

3 CHAIR TOLEDO: We'll have to find you some Korbels'  
4 sparkling wine.

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Well, it's a very deep --  
6 it's like a sparkling burgundy. It's not, you know, it's  
7 very full bodied. And I've never had anything like it  
8 anywhere else.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Very good. Sounds awesome. Any  
10 other Commissioners have their -- Commissioner Andersen  
11 and then Fornaciari. Then we'll go to Sinay.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Just a -- I do have very fun  
13 stories of -- up in the wine country in areas. But I did  
14 know a fellow who years ago started growing wine in the  
15 Andersen Valley. So Husch Vineyards. He's passed away  
16 many years ago, unfortunately. But some excellent wines.  
17 And it was then -- now it's a -- it's a huge grape-  
18 growing region.

19 But he was one of the very first ones out there  
20 because he said it's got great soil and he would go in to  
21 it like any vintner would, the particulars of the acidity  
22 in the soil and the temperatures and how the fog rolls  
23 through. And it was always a delight to go to go any of  
24 those areas. I highly recommend.

25 CHAIR TOLEDO: Absolutely. Commissioner Fornaciari?

1           COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Well, Commissioner  
2 Andersen kind of beat me to it. I want to make a shout  
3 out to Jamie, the line drawer, from the Andersen Valley.  
4 And up in the Andersen Valley, there are a couple of  
5 really special wineries to us, me and my wife. Roederer  
6 Sparkling Wine and then Navarro Vineyards has been there  
7 for a very long time. A couple of -- of Cal grads  
8 founded it in the '70s when they were one of the first  
9 ones up there to grow wine.

10           And we just happened to stop there on -- on our  
11 honeymoon, on the way to our honeymoon for the first  
12 time. Then, twenty-five years later, I was going to Cal  
13 for graduate school. We went up there and actually  
14 brought a picture and got to meet the owner and his wife.  
15 And so it was a lot of fun for us.

16           CHAIR TOLEDO: That's great. Commissioner Sinay?

17           COMMISSIONER SINAY: You put me on the spot. I  
18 think one of my favorite vineyard stories is a friend of  
19 mine got married in Sonoma. And she planned her whole  
20 wedding from France because her husband was working in  
21 France. And she asked me to be her -- she said, I know  
22 you're not having bridesmaids at your wedding, so I'm not  
23 going to ask you to be a bridesmaids.

24           Will you just be my marriage -- my wedding  
25 coordinator? I was like, what?



1 I finally talked her out of that. I said it was a  
2 bad idea. But luckily I didn't do it because they got  
3 married in this little church and they didn't know where  
4 the lights were or anything. The minister got completely  
5 lost, so by the time he arrived, it was already getting  
6 dark. It was, you know, 100 and something degrees.

7 The groom -- no one told the groom that  
8 everything -- that the minister was lost. So he was in  
9 the back room, stressed out.

10 And -- and that was one of two weddings where the  
11 minister forgot to tell the groom, will you -- will you  
12 take this woman to be your wife? She had -- he has said,  
13 will you take this bride to take this, you know, he said  
14 it one way, but not the other.

15 And it's happened at two different weddings I went  
16 to. Luckily, by the time we got to the Gloria Ferrer  
17 Venue -- Winery for that reception, we had a great time,  
18 but I'll just never forget looking for lights and seeing  
19 the groom like so scared.

20 CHAIR TOLEDO: And this is certainly wedding season  
21 in Sonoma County. Lots of weddings happening. Socially  
22 distanced, of course.

23 Any other stories or anyone else wants to share  
24 about -- it doesn't have to be wine. Also have beer and  
25 craft breweries all over the north coast.

1           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I -- I'll -- I'll share a  
2 couple of things. One, it's been a while since I've been  
3 there, but I just remember it will always stick in my  
4 mind. Cakebread Cellars has this wonderful blanc that is  
5 just the best. I just really loved it. I will also  
6 admit though, my tastes have changed and I've -- I lean  
7 more towards the reds now.

8           I really still have great memories and I just really  
9 like there Sauvignon Blanc. But the other one,  
10 Commissioner Toledo, is in your backyard Hog Island  
11 Oyster Company and over into Wallis Bay. Just a number  
12 of -- a few years ago, my husband and I went and stayed  
13 up in Napa and we just went driving around just all over  
14 Napa and Sonoma.

15           And I just remember we came upon the oysters there  
16 and just how people were walking away and they're just  
17 kind of picnicking, basically wherever they can find a  
18 place to sit and eating oysters and all that kind of good  
19 stuff. And I thought it was just really, you know, a lot  
20 of fun to do that. So that was just another memory of  
21 the region a little further south than when we were  
22 talking about when they -- you mentioned cheese.

23           CHAIR TOLEDO: Absolutely. Oysters are delicious.  
24 I think they have another one in Napa now as well. They  
25 pick their oysters. Probably doing it all over.

1 Certainly, eating oysters on the coast is an experience  
2 and in Marin County.

3 Any other stories while we -- we wait for callers  
4 to -- or while we inspire callers to call in?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I have -- I don't have a  
6 wine stories. I don't drink alcohol. But I think I  
7 might have to start. I don't know. They all sound  
8 great.

9 But I do have -- when we do have a guest that come,  
10 we do go to Napa and we do visit various wineries. But  
11 my one favorite place in Napa is the Culinary Institute  
12 of America. If you haven't gone there, it's absolutely  
13 beautiful, wonderful.

14 They have the best food. When my sons were little,  
15 we would actually make trips just to go specifically  
16 there so we could have lunch there. And it was just  
17 great. Very -- it's beautiful grounds to walk on, have a  
18 great store for you to buy different knickknacks for the  
19 kitchen. That's my downfall is buying kitchen stuff.  
20 But if you're ever in the area, I'm just doing a little  
21 plug for them. But it's wonderful.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

23 With that, Katy, can you please read the  
24 instructions on -- for call-in?

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.



1           Would you like the full-length or the shortened  
2 version?

3           CHAIR TOLEDO: Full length.

4           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right.

5           CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

6           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: In order to maximize  
7 transparency and public participation in our process, the  
8 Commissioners will be taking community of interest and  
9 public input by phone. To call in, dial the telephone  
10 number provided on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-  
11 5247.

12           When prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided  
13 on the livestream feed. It is 93992182349 for this  
14 meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID simply  
15 press the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you'll be  
16 placed in a queue to indicate you wish to comment.  
17 Please press star 9. This or raise your hand for the  
18 moderator.

19           When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a  
20 message that says the host would like you to talk and to  
21 press star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your  
22 name, please state, and spell it for the record. You're  
23 not required to provide your name to give public comment.

24           Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream  
25 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your





1 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for  
2 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn  
3 down the livestream volume. And the Commission is taking  
4 community of interest input at this time and general  
5 public comment.

6 And we do not have any raised hands at this time.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: I want to hear a little bit more from  
8 Commissioner Yee because he said he ran -- I'm putting  
9 him on the spot. I'm interested in his runs up in the  
10 north coast, so. I know he's a runner and he -- I'm  
11 wondering if he is willing to share a little bit about  
12 his runs.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Well, I've just run the Avenue of  
14 the Giants, which is a marathon, right in a remote  
15 Redwood State Park. And it's an out and back in and out  
16 and back again into the redwoods and just gorgeous, you  
17 know.

18 I've run the Santa Rosa marathon twice, which  
19 includes a run through a winery warehouse, right through  
20 the barrels, right around mile six or something. You  
21 know, it's was a lot of fun and then run in San Rafael.

22 But back to food, a shout out to the spaghetti  
23 dinner at the Occidental Union Hotel. Great family run  
24 restaurant. More food than you can possibly eat in one  
25 meal. So definitely recommend that.



1 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for sharing.

2 So any other story from the Sonoma, Marin, Napa,  
3 Yolo, actually, Mendocino, Humboldt, Trinity, Del Norte  
4 areas that we haven't heard already? Last call. Oh,  
5 here we go.

6 Commissioner Kennedy?

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I'm a bit of an explorer. I  
8 think Commissioner Yee and I would get along well in that  
9 regard.

10 I was once on my way to Santa Rosa, you know, I  
11 don't I don't set out to make these difficult treks. But  
12 you know, I'm not necessarily looking to go by the most  
13 expeditious route.

14 So I flew into SFO and took the SFO bus to the  
15 fairgrounds in Petaluma. Got off the bus, walked through  
16 Petaluma. Stopped at the Whole Foods, you know, that  
17 sort of thing until I got to the Smart Train and then  
18 took the Smart Train up to Santa Rosa.

19 So it was a it was a nice relaxing, you know, not  
20 stressful. I didn't have to deal with any traffic and I  
21 got to -- got to see a little bit of Petaluma and ride  
22 the Smart Train.

23 CHAIR TOLEDO: So that was pretty recently then.  
24 About the last five years or so.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. Yeah.

1 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's excellent. Any other stories  
2 any Commissioner wants to share before we go to a five-  
3 minute video?

4 All right with that, Kristian, can we go to a five-  
5 minute video?

6 Welcome back from the break I got a restful break  
7 and/or -- and enjoyed our video if you were watching the  
8 video.

9 Our next business meeting is on Wednesday, July 7th  
10 at 9:30 rather. We will have two Community of Interest  
11 Public Input meetings next week. The first is on  
12 Thursday, July 8th at 10 a.m. and that'll be focused on  
13 Orange County with the registration closing Tuesday, the  
14 6th at 5 p.m.

15 The second Community of Interest meeting is next  
16 week on Saturday, July 10th at 10 a.m. focused on San  
17 Diego and Imperial Counties, with registration closing on  
18 Thursday at 5 p.m. You're not required to make an  
19 appointment to provide input at the Community of Interest  
20 session, however it is recommended. And you can also  
21 call in the day of the meeting.

22 At this time, all of our meetings are still held  
23 virtually so that anyone in California can participate  
24 and provide input. Please go to our website at  
25 [wedrawthelinesca.org](http://wedrawthelinesca.org) for meeting information.



1           In addition to that, I just wanted to share ways  
2 that you can communicate with the Commission. As a  
3 reminder, you can visit our website, you can -- which is  
4 [wedrawthelinesca.org](http://wedrawthelinesca.org).

5           You can also sign up for our emails to learn about  
6 the commission meetings, updates and announcements. And  
7 please connect with us on social media. We are on  
8 Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube. Our  
9 handle is @wedrawthelinesca. And there's numerous ways  
10 to provide public input to the Commission.

11           Certainly, providing testimony at these Community of  
12 Interest sessions is one way. Other ways is to provide  
13 the information through the Community of Interest mapping  
14 tool which is located at [drawmycacommunity.org](http://drawmycacommunity.org).

15           The online Community of Interest tool is available  
16 in English, Spanish, simplified Chinese, traditional  
17 Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean, Armenian, Farsi,  
18 Arabic, Russian, Japanese, Punjabi, Khmer, Hmong, and  
19 Thai. And tutorials are available in those languages.

20           And certainly you can provide feedback through our  
21 website. You can also send us an email at  
22 [votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov](mailto:votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov) and by phone at 916-323-0323.

23           Lastly, as a reminder, requests for interpretation  
24 must be submitted at least five days prior to the  
25 meeting, and that's five business days prior to the



1 meeting. You can submit your request via email to an  
2 interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov on the COI meeting  
3 appointment form on our website or call our office at  
4 916-323-0323.

5 And with that, Katy, do we have any callers on the  
6 line?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I would like to invite  
8 those that have called in to please press star 9 to raise  
9 their hand, indicating they wish to comment. Again, for  
10 those that have called in, please press star 9 to raise  
11 your hand, indicating you wish to comment.

12 And at this time, Chair, we do not have any raised  
13 hands.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So at this point, let's take a  
15 fifteen-minute break. And if we don't have any callers  
16 after that, we will move to adjourn the meeting.

17 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

18 Thank you. And welcome back to the California  
19 Citizens Redistricting Commission's Community of Interest  
20 Input Session. We will continue to take public input at  
21 this time, as well as general comments. The phone line  
22 for public input and public comment will close at 7  
23 o'clock.

24 At this time, Katy, do we have any callers on the  
25 line?



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I would like to ask those  
2 that called in over the break, if they do wish to make  
3 comment to please press star 9 to raise your hand  
4 indicating that you wish to comment. Please press star 9  
5 indicating you wish to comment.

6 And we do have a raised hand at this time, Chair.

7 Caller 0239, please, if you will follow the prompts  
8 to unmute by pressing star 6. Caller 0239, star 6 will  
9 unmute you. Caller 0239, you are unmuted. I do have a  
10 couple of quick instructions.

11 Your speaker order number will be Number 26. If you  
12 will, please make note of that for a future reference.  
13 And please let the mapper know of any -- any area you  
14 would like to discuss. And with that, the floor is  
15 yours.

16 MR. BATES: Good evening. My name is George Bates.  
17 I'm from Trinity County. I wish to talk about our ties  
18 to the coast.

19 Our natural water flows are all to the coast. The  
20 Trinity River, with its many tributaries, provide cold  
21 water that flows through Humboldt County and Hoopa  
22 Reservation, where it enters the ocean at the Klamath  
23 River in Del Norte County.

24 Other Trinity watershed flows into the Mad River and  
25 Eel River that enter the ocean in Humboldt County. We



1 are tied economically through these flows by fishing,  
2 recreation, and tourism -- I hope my peacocks aren't  
3 singing too loud in the background -- along with Highway  
4 to 99 and 36 that run to the coast in Humboldt County. I  
5 was very happy the way we were included with the coast as  
6 the only water ties we have to the valley is water that  
7 is stolen from the Trinity and piped over.

8       They have a much different purpose for our water  
9 than we do and we need to stay with the coast. On the  
10 rare occasion I drive down to Shasta County and see  
11 Whiskeytown Lake full, I am reminded of how it is kept  
12 that way by piped Trinity River water. While the Trinity  
13 Lake looks like a half-grain bathtub, and the fish in the  
14 river suffer the low flow and warm temperature  
15 consequences.

16       We are also tied to Humboldt and Mendocino by our  
17 cannabis agriculture, long known as the Emerald Triangle,  
18 its difficulties, problems, and economic benefit. We  
19 face the same wildfire problems as the coastal counties.  
20 Excluding just last year, the August complex fire coming  
21 out of Mendocino in Southern Trinity County very hard and  
22 we lost 228 homes. And that's really what I had to say.  
23 And I want to thank you guys for holding these hearings.

24       CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comment.

25       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And

1 I'd like to ask those that have called in to please press  
2 star 9 indicating you wish to comment. Please press star  
3 9 indicating you wish to comment. And we do have another  
4 caller.

5 Last four 6360, if you will please follow the  
6 prompts to unmute yourself by pressing star 6. Caller  
7 6360, by pressing star 6, you will please unmute  
8 yourself. Caller 6360, you are currently unmuted. I  
9 have a couple of brief instructions.

10 Your speaker order number will be Number 27. If you  
11 will, please make note of that for future reference. And  
12 if there's an area you would like to discuss, please let  
13 the mapper know what that area is. And with that, the  
14 floor is yours.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I would like to  
16 make the request that our current region, 1W, remain as  
17 it is. The reason I'm making this request is -- let me  
18 tell you a little bit of this story about my living in  
19 Molalla.

20 We moved here 20 years ago from San Francisco. We  
21 bought a home in the redwoods where we can look at the  
22 water across from us.

23 Because the water is clear and it is untamed, it is  
24 peaceful. It's fabulous to be able to view that right  
25 across from my home. We are really wanting to be able to





1 conserve the ocean as it is. And being able to have a  
2 continuous coastline from the Golden Gate Bridge to the  
3 Oregon border has helped us preserve our oceans as it is.

4       Additionally, living in southern Mendocino County,  
5 there is a concern about healthcare. We have a medical  
6 clinic that is really lovely. It closes every night at 6  
7 o'clock and remains closed on the weekend. Now Southern  
8 Mendocino County and northern Sonoma County depend on  
9 that clinic for day-to-day care.

10       But I also would like to share with you an  
11 experience I had some months ago. About 2 o'clock in the  
12 morning, I awoke with a very pounding, rapid heartbeat  
13 that seemed to be skipping a beat.

14       Because of course, our clinic was closed, there was  
15 no hospital in the area, I called 9-1 -- my husband  
16 called 911 and our volunteer fire department came out,  
17 the ambulance came out and that was paramedics medevac me  
18 to Sonoma County to Sutter Hospital, which was the  
19 closest hospital that was able to care for me.

20       So it is really important that Sonoma and Mendocino  
21 County remain together because of the shared medical  
22 experiences. Again, we live in an absolutely fabulous  
23 area that is conserved, is cared for in an environment  
24 that is treasured. And we really find that are being in  
25 our contiguous area along the coast --



1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- of region 1W, has served  
3 us well. This allowed us to conserve. And I thank you  
4 for the time.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
7 with that, Chair, that was all of our callers at this  
8 time.

9 CHAIR TOLEDO: Perfect. So I will share a little  
10 bit in terms of reminders. Just a reminder to visit our  
11 website at [wedrawthelinesca.org](http://wedrawthelinesca.org). You can sign up for our  
12 emails to learn about the Commission meetings, updates,  
13 and announcements.

14 And please connect with us on social media. We are  
15 on Facebook. We're on Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.  
16 Our handle is @wedrawthelinesca.

17 And you can participate in providing input to the  
18 commission in many ways, including through testimony at  
19 our public Community of Interest forums. But you can  
20 also draw maps and submit your maps at  
21 [drawmycacommunity.org](http://drawmycacommunity.org).

22 The online tool is available in English, Spanish,  
23 simplified Chinese, traditional Chinese, Vietnamese,  
24 Tagalog, Korean, Armenian, Farsi, Arabic, Russian,  
25 Japanese, Punjabi, Khmer, Hmong, and Thai. And tutorials

1 are available in those languages. If you want to learn  
2 how to use the tool.

3 On our website, you can send comments about -- about  
4 your districts and -- Community of Interest rather at  
5 [wedrawthelinesca.org](http://wedrawthelinesca.org) and click on my -- [drawmycacommunity](http://drawmycacommunity)  
6 icon. You can also submit your comments via email at  
7 [votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov](mailto:votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov).

8 And you can also call us at 916-323-0323. All of  
9 this information is on our web site.

10 And again, if -- the requests for interpretation,  
11 these request for interpretations must be submitted at  
12 least five business days prior to the meeting. And you  
13 can submit your request via email to  
14 [interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov](mailto:interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov) on the -- the Community of  
15 Interest meeting appointment form or call our office at  
16 916-323-0323.

17 Our next business meeting is on Wednesday, July 7th  
18 at 9:30. We will be hosting two additional Community of  
19 Interest forums next week on Thursday, July 8th, at 10  
20 a.m., focused on Orange County with registration closing  
21 Tuesday the 6th at 5 p.m. The second forum will be on  
22 Saturday, July 10th, at 10 a.m., focused on San Diego  
23 County and Imperial County, with registration closing on  
24 Thursday at 5 p.m.

25 You're not required to make an appointment to



1 provide input at the Community of Interest meetings,  
2 however it is recommended and you can also call in the  
3 day of the meeting. All of our forums and all of our  
4 meetings are held virtually so that anyone in California  
5 can provide input. And please go to our website at  
6 wedrawthelinesca.org for meeting information.

7 With that, Katy, do we have any additional callers  
8 on the line?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do not, Chair.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: So with that, I mean, you have no one  
11 in the queue, is that correct?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: No, Chair, we do not have  
13 anyone in the queue that has chose to raise their hand or  
14 speak again today.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. So with that, we will -- we  
16 will prepare to adjourn the meeting. Thank you for  
17 joining our Community of Interest Input meeting today.

18 Our next three Community of Interest forums -- or  
19 our next two Community of Interest forums are, as I  
20 mentioned earlier, Thursday, July 8th at 10 a.m., focused  
21 on Orange County and then Saturday, July 10th at 10 a.m.,  
22 focused on San Diego and Imperial Counties.

23 You don't have to live in those counties to give  
24 input, although the forums will be focused on those  
25 areas. And we will have a commission -- a business



1 meeting on the 7th at 9:30.

2 Callers at those Community of interest meetings are  
3 not limited to those specific counties as mentioned  
4 earlier. And you can visit the meetings page on our  
5 website to see a list of additional upcoming Community of  
6 Interest Input meetings at  
7 [wedrawthelines.ca.org/meetings](http://wedrawthelines.ca.org/meetings). With that, we'll adjourn  
8 today's meeting.

9 (Whereupon, the COI meeting adjourned at 6:24  
10 p.m.)

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