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3 CHAIR SADHWANI: All right. Good morning,
4 California. Welcome and thank you for tuning in to the
5 California Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities
6 of Interest Input Meeting. I'm Commissioner Sara
7 Sadhwani, and I'll be co-chairing today's meeting with
8 Commissioner Linda Akutagawa.

9 First we'll begin by taking roll call.

10 Alvaro?

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, Chair. We'll start the roll
12 call now.

13 Commissioner Ahmad?

14 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa?

16 CO-CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Here.

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?

18 Commissioner Fernandez?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

21 Commissioner Kennedy?

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

24 Commissioner Sadhwani?

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: Here.

1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

4 Commissioner Taylor?

5 Commissioner Toledo? I see you there, Commissioner
6 Toledo. So I will go ahead and put you down as present.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Present. Sorry, I was having
8 issues with my audio.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: No worries.

10 Commissioner Turner?

11 Commissioner Vazquez?

12 And Commissioner Yee?

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

15 Roll call is complete, Chair.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thanks so much, Alvaro.

17 I'll start by sharing a little bit about the
18 Commission. Every 10 years, after the Federal Government
19 publishes updated Census information, California must
20 redraw the boundaries of its Congressional, State Senate,
21 State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts
22 so that the districts correctly reflect the State's
23 population.

24 In 2008, California voters authorized the creation
25 of the Commission when they passed the Voters FIRST Act.

1 It authorized the Commission to draw the new district
2 lines for the State Assembly, State Senate, and State
3 Board of Equalization districts.

4 In 2010, the Congressional Voters FIRST Act added
5 the responsibility of drawing congressional districts to
6 the Commission. The fourteen-member Commission is made
7 up of five Republicans, five Democrats, and four not
8 affiliated with either of those two parties. The
9 Commission must draw the district lines in conformity
10 with strict, nonpartisan rules designed to create
11 districts of relatively equal population that will
12 provide fair representation for all Californians.

13 When we receive the Census data, the Commission
14 begins drawing maps using six line-drawing criteria as
15 outlined in the California Constitution. One of these is
16 minimizing the division of counties, cities,
17 neighborhoods, and communities of interest to the extent
18 possible.

19 We can obtain the city and county information from
20 those jurisdictions. But we need the neighborhood and
21 community of interest information from Californians
22 directly. That's why we have launched these communities
23 of interest input sessions, to get that valuable
24 information from you directly. We encourage all
25 Californians to participate in this process.



1 If you would rather submit community of interest
2 input over the internet, you can do so from our website
3 or by visiting drawmycacommunity.org. Skip the line, go
4 online.

5 Now I will call on all Commissioners to introduce
6 themselves and to say hello. To see the biographies for
7 all fourteen Commissioners, for additional information,
8 or to sign up for our emails, please visit our website at
9 wedrawthelinesca.org.

10 Please also follow the California Citizens
11 Redistricting Commission on social media. You can find
12 us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube
13 @wedrawthelinesca, is our handle for most of those.
14 Again, @wedrawthelinesca. There, you will find a lot of
15 useful information about redistricting and updates from
16 the California Commission.

17 We'll begin with my co-Chair, Commissioner
18 Akutagawa.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you.
20 Welcome, California. We're glad that you're joining us.
21 We're looking forward to hearing more communities of
22 interest input from all of you, and particularly for
23 those of you from Orange County, my current hometown,
24 really definitely looking forward to hearing what you all
25 have to say about the county. So thank you, and we look

1 forward to hearing from you again.

2 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great, thank you.

3 And Commissioner Ahmad.

4 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Good morning, everyone. I'm
5 very excited to hear about your communities down in
6 Orange County, and I look forward to a great meeting.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

8 Commissioner Andersen. I think she is not here,
9 actually, today.

10 Commissioner Fernandez.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: (Introduction in Spanish
12 language.)

13 Good morning, California. I'm Alicia Fernandez from
14 Yolo County, and I'm very excited to hear about all of
15 your communities, especially those from Orange County.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great, thank you.

17 Commissioner Kennedy.

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Good morning, California.
19 I'm Ray Kennedy, joining the meeting from my home in
20 Morongo Valley. We are one of the rural Joshua Tree
21 Gateway communities in southern San Bernadino County.
22 I'm happy to be here, and I look forward to hearing about
23 your community and what makes it special to you. Thank
24 you.

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

1 Commissioner Le Mons. I don't know if he is here
2 today. I think not. Okay.

3 Commissioner Toledo.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: (Introduction in Spanish
5 language.)

6 Good morning, California. I'm Pedro Toledo. I'm
7 currently living in Petaluma, California, in Sonoma
8 County, which is wine country. I'm looking forward to
9 hearing all of your community of interest testimony and
10 information, and learning all about your communities, and
11 sharing this lovely morning with you. Thank you.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

13 Commissioner Sinay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you, Chair.

15 (Introduction in Spanish language.)

16 Hi, hello from one of -- it's fun to say hello to
17 one of the four counties that I consider having been a
18 home here in California. It's an honor to serve you from
19 San Diego. I'm Patricia Sinay.

20 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

21 Commissioner Turner. Oh, Commissioner Turner is not
22 with us this morning. My apologies.

23 Commissioner Vazquez. Is she joining us today? We
24 have a lot of people that are either joining late or are
25 unable to be with us.

1 And finally, Commissioner Yee.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: Good morning, California. Good
3 morning, Orange County. I'm Russell Yee, here in my
4 hometown of Oakland. And one thing Oakland lacks is a 99
5 Ranch Market, and it says that Orange County is the
6 birthplace of the 99 Ranch Market. Anyone connected to
7 that, please, please come to Oakland. I will shop there
8 all the time if you do. I'm looking forward to hearing
9 about your communities today. Thank you.

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect, thank you.

11 And myself, Sara Sadhwani. I'm calling in today
12 from my home in La Canada, right in the foothills of the
13 Angeles National Forest. And over the years I've spent a
14 lot of time in various parts of Orange County. So
15 looking forward to hearing more about your communities of
16 interest.

17 A few housekeeping rules. This meeting is primarily
18 for communities of interest testimony focused on Orange
19 County and surrounding areas. However, anyone in
20 California can call in to provide input. General public
21 comment will take place at the end of the meeting.

22 Although the Commission has divided up California
23 into 11 zones, that in no way is related to or reflective
24 of redistricting lines or boundaries. The Commission
25 created the zones to assist Commissioners and staff in

1 their outreach efforts only, not as an indication of any
2 planned boundaries.

3 Today we're joined by our Line Drawing Team, Haystaq
4 DNA, and Q2 Data & Research, LLC, who will be displaying
5 a map of the area that attendees describe.

6 Please start with the area you would like to
7 discuss, and be as specific as possible about the
8 boundaries of where your community is located. It's our
9 goal is to find the area on the map you would like to
10 discuss prior to your testimony. If you are within a
11 specific neighborhood of a large city, please mention it
12 by name. Once we are able to locate your area, your
13 three-minute timer will begin. Attendees will not be
14 able to share their screen.

15 We are also joined by Katy, our comment moderator,
16 who will be introducing attendees when it is their turn
17 to speak.

18 When you join the meeting, please use the Raise Hand
19 button at the bottom of your screen to enter the queue.
20 If you have registered for a timeslot, we encourage you
21 to call in during your appointment timeslot. When it's
22 your turn to speak, Katy, our comment moderator, will be
23 identifying you by your assigned unique ID number. You
24 will be reconnected to the session with the ability to
25 enable your video and/or audio.



1 The comment moderator will assign you a speaker
2 order number before you begin speaking. And please make
3 a note of this for future reference. You will be able to
4 use this number to identify your COI testimony on our
5 website at a future date.

6 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time
7 limit. There will be a warning at thirty seconds and at
8 fifteen seconds remaining.

9 At the beginning of your input you will see a map on
10 the screen. Please remind the mapper what area you would
11 like to see on the screen, and be as specific as possible
12 about the boundaries of where your community is located.

13 Registration is not required to participate in this
14 public input meeting. The public has the option of
15 calling in during this meeting to get into the queue to
16 speak. The call-in information and access code is listed
17 on the livestream.

18 Communities of interest tool. While there are no
19 clear rules on how to define a community of interest,
20 we've identified ways for you to describe your community.
21 Begin with your county or city. Mention the street names
22 and significant locations in your neighborhood to help us
23 identify the parameters of your community. What are your
24 shared interests? What brings you together? What's
25 important to your community?

1 Are there nearby areas you want to be in a district
2 with? Are there nearby areas you don't want to be in a
3 district with? Why or why not? Has your community come
4 together to advocate for important services, better
5 schools, roads, or health centers in your neighborhood?
6 Also, we invite you to use the communities of interest
7 tool to draw a map and describe your community by
8 visiting drawmycommunity.org. Skip the line, go
9 online. Submit your COI input today.

10 We will now begin the public input sessions, and I
11 will pass this over to Katy, our comment moderator. We
12 will start with people who are registered, and then open
13 the phone lines if there is time before the next session.

14 Katy?

15 COMMENT MODERATOR: Good morning, Chair.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: Good morning.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Welcome to the public input
18 session. Please use the Raise your Hand button at the
19 bottom of your screen to enter the queue. When it is
20 your turn to speak, you will be identified by your
21 assigned unique ID number, which you were emailed
22 yesterday. You will be reconnected to the session with
23 the ability to enable your own video and/or audio. You
24 will then be assigned a speaker order number before you
25 begin speaking. Please make a note of your speaker order

1 number for future reference.

2 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time
3 limit. There will be a warning at thirty seconds and
4 fifteen seconds remaining.

5 It is the Commission's goal to find the area on the
6 map you would like to discuss prior to your testimony.
7 If you are within a specific neighborhood of a large
8 city, please mention it by name. Once we are able to
9 locate your area, your three-minute testimony will begin.
10 Attendees will not be able to share their screen.

11 At the end of your public input or at the end of
12 your time, you will be reconnected in a listen and view-
13 only mode. At the beginning of your input, please remind
14 the mapper what area you would like to see on the screen.

15 And at this time, we do have lots of raised hands.
16 Right now, will be 0-0-5, and then up next will be 0-0-4.

17 0-0-5, I will be promoting you now. 0-0-5, your
18 speaker order number is number 1. If you'll please make
19 note of that for future reference. You can now enable to
20 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your
21 screen. If you will please remind the mapper of what
22 area you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

23 MS. SPARKS: Okay. Can you hear me?

24 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can.

25 MS. SPARKS: Okay. Yeah, I think what you have up



1 there, Orange County, is perfect.

2 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead please.

3 MS. SPARKS: Okay. So I'm Lisa Sparks. I'm the
4 founding Dean of the School of Communication at Chapman
5 University, which is in the heart of Orange County. And
6 I've lived in Irvine and Newport Beach for the past
7 fifteen years. I have a Ph.D. in communication with a
8 focus on healthcare communication and aging, with
9 particular foci on health disparities for underserved
10 populations. I'm here to talk about Orange County
11 healthcare.

12 For healthcare purposes, I'm going to divide the
13 county into two groups. First, those who typically have
14 employer-provided healthcare and have sufficient
15 resources to take care of their families. These folks
16 are those who care very deeply about their plans, but are
17 not reliant on the public healthcare system, other than
18 Medicare supplements. These citizens typically have
19 solid SES, socioeconomic status or incomes.

20 In Orange County they tend to live on the coast in
21 cities like Seal Beach, Huntington Beach, Newport, and
22 Laguna; or in places such as Yorba Linda, Anaheim Hills,
23 Lake Forest, Rancho Santa Margarita, and Mission Viejo,
24 in or near the foothills.

25 Residents of cities like Santa Ana, the flatlands

1 portion of Anaheim, south and western Fullerton, Buena
2 Park, and La Habra have very different needs. A higher
3 percentage of residents in these regions rely on Medicaid
4 and public healthcare. They often have inferior
5 preventative health programs, and this is critical and
6 obvious in terms of communication, as many are immigrants
7 whose families primarily speak Spanish.

8 For instance, sadly, Santa Ana and Anaheim accounted
9 for thirty-six percent of Orange County COVID cases, yet
10 had only twenty percent of the population. Many of these
11 people were essential workers. Others just had poor care
12 or were outside of our communication efforts for too
13 long.

14 Healthcare is perhaps the most critical human need,
15 and if our representatives can't effectively communicate
16 with their constituents, then we can't address their
17 needs adequately, and disaster often strikes. COVID is
18 only the latest example that we've all been dealing with,
19 of course. It's no secret that people with higher
20 incomes have greater access to care, and in Orange County
21 that means folks living near the coast or near the
22 foothills.

23 There, of course, are exceptions to that like Brea,
24 Placentia, and parts of Fullerton. And certainly Irvine
25 has vastly different needs and issues on the UC Irvine

1 campus than residents in the foothill areas.

2 But for healthcare reasons I suggest you look at
3 Orange County as a giant, sort of V-shape. And what I
4 mean by that is, those living along the I-5 corridor,
5 north of Irvine, need representatives who focus on public
6 health access and care, while those on the coast and
7 foothills need representatives who are focused on
8 ensuring private --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MS. SPARKS: -- work for their constituents.

11 And that is all I have. Thank you for your time.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

13 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

14 And now we have 0-0-4, and up next will be 0-0-1.

15 0-0-4, I will be promoting you now. 0-0-4, your
16 speaker order number is number 2. If you'll please make
17 note of that for future reference. And if you'll please
18 remind the mapper what area you would like to discuss
19 today, the floor is yours.

20 MR. BRANDON: Thank you, and good morning. And
21 thank you to all the Commissioners for your service to
22 this important function that you're undertaking.

23 The map that is currently pictured is appropriate
24 for my comments. So I'll introduce myself. I'm Patrick
25 Brandon (ph.). I'm a former Huntington Beach City

1 Councilman, currently serving as the CEO for an
2 environmental organization that's dedicated to the
3 protection and restoration of coastal wetlands in Orange
4 County.

5 I believe that the 48th Congressional District
6 should include every coastal community from San Clemente
7 to Seal Beach. It makes no sense to exclude San
8 Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, and Dana Point from the
9 48th District.

10 Our coastal communities need to be unified so that
11 our congressional representative is able to focus on the
12 unique issues affecting coastal Orange County, such as
13 beach erosion, flood control, tourism, and coastal
14 property protection related to sea level rise. Our
15 Orange County coastal communities are dependent on
16 tourism, more so than many of our inland neighbors of the
17 current 48th Congressional District.

18 Unifying the coastal cities into a single district
19 will not only benefit the constituents of the 48th, but
20 it will equally benefit our inland neighbors, because
21 their representative will be able to focus on the unique
22 issues that they face, free from the distraction and
23 time-consuming burden of dealing with the dynamic,
24 everchanging, and urgent issues we face along the coast.

25 There is a long history of forming districts that

1 reflect common interests of the constituents within those
2 districts. And I believe there is no place where such
3 precedent is more important than along the coast of
4 Orange County.

5 For the benefit of the residents of coastal Orange
6 County and our inland neighbors, I urge you to redraw the
7 48th Congressional District to include all Orange County
8 coastal cities from Seal Beach to San Clemente.

9 Thank you for your time.

10 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

12 Right now we have 0-0-1, and up next will be 0-0-2.

13 0-0-1, I will be promoting you now. 0-0-1, your
14 speaker order number is number 3. If you'll please make
15 note of that for future reference. You can now enable
16 your audio and video, If you'll please remind the mapper
17 of what area you would like to discuss today, the floor
18 is yours.

19 MR. RAMNAY: Thank you very much. This is Art
20 Ramnay (ph.). I need Rossmoor, which is in the far
21 western part of the county. There we go, Rossmoor, Seal
22 Beach, Los Alamitos, that's the area that I'll be
23 addressing today.

24 Rossmoor, as you see there in the pink, is an
25 unincorporated area of Orange County. So that means that

1 we have no local government. Our government is really
2 the supervisorial districts. So we present a little bit
3 of a unique situation.

4 The Los Alamitos School District, which includes Los
5 Alamitos and Seal Beach, is our geographical
6 neighborhood, if you will. The school district has six
7 elementary schools, four of which are in Rossmoor. So
8 most all of the city's schools -- or most all of the
9 students in the three areas go to schools that are within
10 Rossmoor.

11 So geographically and representation wise we
12 function very much as one community. Our Congressional
13 District is actually mostly in Long Beach, so that's a
14 challenge for us in CD-47. We would be much better
15 represented, I guess, if we were part of the same
16 district as Seal Beach as well as Los Alamitos. The same
17 goes for both the State Representative, State Senator,
18 State Assembly Districts. If we could have the same
19 representative for all three areas, it would enhance the
20 value of the representation for our area.

21 And that's all I have for you today. Thank you very
22 much for your time. And good luck with the rest of your
23 input.

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

25 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

1 Right now we have 0-0-2, and up next will be 0-1-0.

2 0-0-2, I will be promoting you now. 0-0-2, your
3 speaker order number is number 4. If you'll please make
4 note of that for future reference. You can now enable
5 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your
6 screen. If you will please remind the mapper of what
7 area you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

8 MS. MICHELLE: Good morning. My name is Michelle,
9 and I'm calling from Irvine, California. You see Irvine
10 there in the central area. I have lived here in Irvine
11 for thirty-one years, in the same home, just off the 405
12 Freeway near Culver Boulevard. I raised my children
13 here, and I've been a member of Mariners Church, which is
14 on the Irvine/Newport border, extending closer there to
15 the coast and Laguna Beach. I'd like to talk about the
16 regional level and then the more local.

17 Irvine is literally in the center of the area known
18 as central Orange County. It's really the basis of where
19 we, you know, live most of our lives, right in the
20 center, and we have ties to the communities around the
21 region.

22 Even though Irvine doesn't touch the coast, we have
23 strong connections to our coastal communities like Laguna
24 and Newport. For example, Crystal Cove State Park is
25 sandwiched right between Laguna Beach, Newport, and

1 Irvine. It's a wonderful natural resource, enjoyed by
2 all three cities. I hike there all the time, and usually
3 I'm there early on a Saturday to make sure I get a
4 parking space. I'm happy to be here with you guys today.

5 On the other side of central Orange County to the
6 northeast, I'm next to communities like Tustin and
7 Orange. They've become aligned with Irvine with shopping
8 and recreation areas and workplaces. When I moved here,
9 the Marine Air Station was dominant, based in Tustin
10 there. Now, those military hangars remain, but the air
11 station is gone and been replaced with a major shopping
12 district, my nearby Whole Foods, and lots of new housing.

13 On the other side of central Orange County, a few
14 minutes from where I live, you know, going now a little
15 bit more to the coast, where I live is UC Irvine. And
16 it's been a big part of our communities. It's exploded
17 in growth; just the last ten years enrollment has jumped,
18 you know, nearly 9,000 students. And so you can imagine,
19 the university is a big part of our local community, both
20 at the beach and around the campus.

21 So the communities of Laguna, Irvine, and Newport
22 have a lot in common. But these commonalities identify
23 as our central region. They do not -- those
24 commonalities don't stretch north along the coast, and
25 they don't stretch south. Irvine's core issues are not

1 the same as places like Huntington Beach or San Clemente.

2 Now, I want to shift to a little bit more local
3 level. You may know that Irvine is a master planned
4 community. It was designed that way with housing
5 villages to be distinct and also connected. We often
6 associate with these villages as much as we do our
7 cities.

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 MS. MICHELLE: I live in Woodbridge; nearby are
10 Westpark, Turtle Rock, University Park. Our schools are
11 named after these villages. And you know, these villages
12 really are --

13 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

14 MS. MICHELLE: -- our normal boundaries. So I urge
15 you to keep central Orange County communities together
16 for our commonalities. Thank you.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 Right now we have 0-1-0, and then up next we will
20 have 0-0-8. I would like to invite those who have joined
21 us to please use the Raise your Hand button at the bottom
22 of your screen, indicating you wish to comment.

23 Right now, we will go to 0-1-0, I will be promoting
24 you now. 0-1-0, your speaker order number is number 5.
25 If you'll please make note of that for future reference.

1 And if you will please let the mapper know what area you
2 would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

3 MS. AZIZ: Hi, good morning. Thank you,
4 Commissioners. My name is Peter Aziz (ph.). I am here
5 advocating on behalf of the Arab American community,
6 specifically looking at the northwest Anaheim area and up
7 until, I would say, Chapman, just north of Chapman, down
8 Brookhurst; between the 5 and the 39.

9 This particular area is an undesignated business
10 corridor known as the Little Arabia District.
11 Unfortunately, due to the Census, our community does not
12 have accurate representation on who our population is.
13 We are not just a population of Arab Americans, but we
14 are adjacent to the Hispanic and Little Saigon area as
15 well. This particular area in Brookhurst is a business
16 corridor that we would like to continue to keep within
17 one district.

18 The 46th, I believe, District of the Congressional
19 Member, Lou Correa, in my opinion accurately demonstrates
20 the appropriate districting for this particular region.
21 However, the State Senate 29 and Assembly District 65, I
22 believe, unfortunately does not encompass this particular
23 area and corridor for the Arab American community
24 specific to our district.

25 Now many of the participants have mentioned a lot of

1 the issues concerning their communities that properly
2 reflect their community. Ours equally does not
3 accurately represent our community, in the sense that a
4 lot of our nonprofits are having to pick up the tab
5 particular to the services demonstrated by this
6 community.

7 Again, we have a lot of places of worship that are
8 overlapping, and a lot of nonprofits that work within
9 this particular region that provide a service for our
10 immigrant and migrant population. Unfortunately, as I
11 mention again, the Census does not provide an accurate
12 depiction on the Arab American community. So we do not
13 have appropriate data and numbers that reflect the amount
14 of population that either reside in this particular
15 community, nor travel to this community.

16 It is a central hub for many Arab Americans and
17 Middle Eastern diaspora; however, it is only reflective
18 of a business corridor that we would like to continue to
19 highlight, and I amplify, in the future become
20 opportunities for future districting.

21 So please consider this when mapping. This is an
22 important region. Politically, there is a lot of civic
23 engagement that is being done. And this is a community
24 that works adjacent to other communities like Little
25 Saigon and the Hispanic American community.

1 So thank you for your time, and I do appreciate it,
2 and please consider when mapping.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much, caller. Can you
4 be a little bit more specific about the key areas that
5 you would like to see kept together?

6 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment, Chair.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh sure.

8 COMMENT MODERATOR: You can now enable your audio
9 and video in the lower left corner of your screen,
10 caller. The Chair has some clarifying questions.

11 CHAIR SADHWANI: Yes. Thank you so much for staying
12 on. We just wanted to make sure that we have
13 specifically the areas that you would like to have kept
14 together. Could you run through exactly those regions
15 that you would want to have kept together?

16 MR. AZIZ: Let me look at a map specifically for
17 you. So we have northeast Anaheim, just off of La Palma.

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay.

19 MR. AZIZ: And the corridor, it's right next to the
20 Disneyland Convention Center in Anaheim, I would say
21 right before Adventure City, off of Ball, which is where
22 it expands to; following down Brookhurst just before
23 Chapman Avenue, right before Garden Grove. And to the
24 further east, if you follow down West Ball Road, just
25 before the 5 and near Katella parallel.

1 This specific area is adjacent to the Anaheim Resort
2 Area. There is a number of businesses in this area that
3 are not just Arab American, as well as Little Saigon, as
4 well as Hispanic adjacent communities. There has been
5 specific studies by UC San Diego Center of Immigrant
6 Studies that we have been working with in the past year
7 to produce an appropriate survey and population data and
8 projections reflective of this community.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much. I think we've
10 got it.

11 MR. AZIZ: Thank you.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Have a great day.

13 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 0-0-8,
14 and then up next we will have 0-0-6.

15 0-0-8, I will be promoting you now. 0-0-8, your
16 speaker order number is number 6. If you'll please make
17 note of that for future reference. You can now enable
18 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your
19 screen. If you will please remind the mapper of what
20 area you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

21 MR. KRISS: Hello?

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, hello. The floor is yours.

23 MR. KRISS: Thank you very much. I'm speaking about
24 the area -- the beach area, the coastline from Seal Beach
25 down to Newport Beach, Laguna.

1 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead please.

2 MR. KRISS: Okay. Well, thank you. Thank you for
3 inviting me to join the meeting. My name is John Kriss.
4 I've been a resident of Seal Beach, California, since
5 1977. I live in the community of Surfside. And I'm the
6 Director of the Surfside Storm Water Protection Tax
7 District, one of twenty-seven tax districts in Orange
8 County. I am the President of that District at this
9 time.

10 I'm here to talk to you about a commonly shared
11 asset and major concern, the beach, which for the beach
12 communities is a treasure.

13 The Orange County beaches, we have a problem. And
14 it's a unique problem, and I don't say that just as a
15 matter of opinion; it's a study fact. Erosion has been a
16 major concern since the 1930s and 1940s. In 1960, the
17 concern was so big that the U.S. Congress directed the
18 U.S. Corps of Army Engineers to research the problem, see
19 if they could find the causes, and provide a solution, if
20 possible.

21 In 1962 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers came up with a
22 study, in which they said that the problem at the Orange
23 County beaches is totally unique, and it's unique because
24 the problem is caused one hundred percent by government
25 actions that have been taken in the past. The damming of

1 the rivers to provide flood control, the construction of
2 the jetties to build the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor,
3 and then finally the construction of the jetties to
4 create the Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station.

5 The construction projects cut off almost all sand
6 flowing from the inland to the sea, and it caused a
7 complete cessation of sand moving down-beach from Seal
8 Beach, Surfside, down the coastline to Newport and
9 Laguna.

10 Congressional investigators passed a law, in which
11 they directed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide
12 periodic beach nourishments approximately every five
13 years of 1.7 million cubic yards of sand. That was to
14 make up for the natural loss of 350,000 cubic yards of
15 sand. In any event, they directed the Corps to do that
16 every five years periodically indefinitely --

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 MR. KRISS: -- because the problem would be here
19 continuous and had to be continued indefinitely.

20 We have been fighting this fight for twenty-five
21 years, since 1995, because the Army Corps of Engineers
22 stepped away from the project --

23 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

24 MR. KRISS: -- since it was no longer funded. And
25 at that point, the project has pretty much ceased. We

1 have had one or two projects performed.

2 What we need is a unified approach to this, a
3 unified message, a unified presentation. The Orange
4 County, City, beach cities --

5 MR. MANOFF: Time.

6 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right now,
7 we have 0-0-6, and up next we will have 0-0-7. I'd like
8 to invite 0-1-1 to use your Raise your Hand button at the
9 bottom of your screen to join the comment queue line, if
10 you're ready to give comment. I do see your hand at this
11 time. So right now we will have 0-0-6. Up next will be
12 0-0-7.

13 0-0-6, I will be promoting you now. 0-0-6, your
14 speaker order number is number 7. If you'll please make
15 note of that for future reference. You can now enable
16 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your
17 screen. If you will please remind the mapper of what
18 area you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

19 MR. AMITZEN: Hello, this is Pete Amitzen (ph.).
20 I'd like to look at the map from Seal Beach to Newport
21 Beach. Thank you.

22 So I'm calling in to try and keep as much as
23 possible. Currently, the California Congressional
24 District 48 includes most of the beach community here in
25 Orange County. I would like to see that kept together as

1 much as possible. We have a lot of shared concerns,
2 especially going on right now, as you heard it with an
3 earlier caller, with beach erosion, bike paths, water
4 quality. We share a lot of the same concerns and values,
5 and we want to know if we can keep that together as much
6 as possible.

7 I'm a volunteer in Seal Beach, involved with
8 different communities. I'm not going to say their names
9 because I'm not here speaking on behalf of any of them.
10 But as a volunteer, as long as you're involved in the
11 community, I know there is a lot of aspects, especially
12 in the north end of Orange County.

13 We want to keep those beaches together, because we
14 have a lot of common issues and a lot of common concerns
15 from the beach erosions. And these beach erosions don't
16 just erode and stay in Seal Beach. It erodes the sand
17 away in Seal Beach that goes down through Sunset,
18 Huntington, and Newport, even other parts of Orange
19 County.

20 So I want to know if we can keep those beaches
21 together in one Congressional Orange County District, if
22 possible.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: All right. Thank you so much.

24 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have 0-0-7, and
25 then up next will be 0-0-3.

1 0-0-7, I will be promoting you now. 0-0-7, your
2 speaker order number will be number 8. If you'll please
3 make note of that for future reference. You can now
4 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
5 your screen. If you will please remind the mapper of
6 what area you would like to discuss today, the floor is
7 yours.

8 MR. HO: Hi, can you hear me?

9 COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

10 MR. HO: Yes, hi. My name is David Ho (ph.). I
11 have lived in Seal Beach for over ten years. More
12 specifically, I live a few hundred feet away from the
13 beach, in Old Towne Seal Beach.

14 First, let me tell you what I have learned about
15 Seal Beach during its Centennial celebration in 2015.
16 While Seal Beach is currently known affectionately as
17 Mayberry by the Sea, that was not always the case, when
18 Seal Beach was known as Joy Zone and Sin City due to its
19 gambling hall, prostitution brothel, and rum-running.

20 Fast forward to the present, Seal Beach serves a
21 community of interest from a few perspectives with Los
22 Alamitos, the unincorporated area of Rossmoor, and the
23 other communities along coastal Orange County all the way
24 to San Clemente. Some of these perspectives include
25 national security, education, and the environment.

1 As to national security, Seal Beach is home to the
2 Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station. Its neighbor to the
3 north, Los Alamitos, is home to the Joint Forces Training
4 Base.

5 As to public education, children in Seal Beach
6 attend schools in the Los Alamitos Unified School
7 District from K through 12, along with students in
8 Rossmoor and Los Alamitos.

9 As to the environment, coastal Orange County
10 including Seal Beach, face issues not faced by more-
11 inland communities. We need to be able to address the
12 issues faced by the coastal communities with one voice.
13 Some of these issues include flooding, beach erosion.

14 For example, in Seal Beach every November, Seal
15 Beach builds its berm of about a half a mile long, nine
16 feet high, to prevent flooding and more soil erosion.
17 Each April, they take it down. But sometimes the city
18 still gets flooded. You can ask the local residents who
19 live there or have businesses there.

20 And also, Seal Beach is also home to the Seal Beach
21 National Wildlife Refuge, which is within the Naval
22 Weapons Station. I have visited that on a tour, and I
23 have also visited the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, and
24 I've seen the importance of preserving the wildlife at
25 the wildlife preserves.

1 That's all I have. Thank you.

2 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

3 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have 0-0-3, and
4 then up next will be 0-1-1.

5 Right now, 0-0-3, I will be promoting you now. 0-0-
6 3, your speaker order number is number 9. If you'll
7 please make note of that for future reference. And if
8 you will please let the mapper know what area you would
9 like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

10 MR. MALEKI: Hello?

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. Go ahead.

12 MR. MALEKI: Hi. My name is Daryn Maleki (ph.).
13 I'm here to speak on behalf of small businesses in the
14 northwest Orange. The cities in that region include La
15 Habra, Buena Park, Cypress, Stanton, south and west
16 Fullerton, plus Anaheim, and La Palma.

17 With the exception of Anaheim and Stanton, all these
18 cities touch the L.A. County border, but they are very
19 different from L.A. cities.

20 L.A. County residents look to their county
21 government for healthcare, transportation, public safety,
22 and other means. The two counties deal with small
23 businesses and restaurant regulations very differently,
24 and we've seen that over the past year during this
25 pandemic. Naturally, Orange cities look to our county

1 government in Santa Ana and not downtown L.A.

2 The Orange County economy is also different from
3 L.A. County. The hospitality, tourism, food service are
4 all important in northwest Orange County. Because of the
5 Disney Resort, various entertainment businesses in Buena
6 Park like Knott's Berry Farm, Medieval Times Dinner &
7 Tournament, the Teatro Martini Comedy Show, the Pirates
8 Dinner Adventure Theater, employ thousands in this
9 district. Beach Boulevard connects the Buena Park
10 Entertainment District with the Disney Resort.

11 We are a community proud of immigrants, second-
12 generation immigrants, and as a matter of fact, thirty-
13 four percent of La Palma, thirty-seven percent of
14 Anaheim, thirty-seven percent of Buena Park, forty-four
15 percent of Stanton, twenty-seven percent of Cypress,
16 thirty percent of Fullerton, and twenty-nine percent of
17 La Habra residents are all foreign born. That sets us
18 apart from the OC coast and the foothills, as most of
19 their communities don't share that kind of history.

20 Most important, please don't take a small part of
21 Orange County and attach it to Los Angeles County like
22 the last Commission did, with part of Buena Park in the
23 State Senate. Those residents and small business owners
24 will not receive the same level of attention. And as a
25 small business owner I believe fully that keeping Orange

1 County cities in the Orange County area is important, and
2 not attach it to L.A. Thank you.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

4 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 Right now we have 0-1-1, and up next we will have 0-
6 1-2.

7 0-1-1, I will be promoting you now. 0-1-1, speaker
8 order number is number 10. If you'll please make note of
9 that for future reference. You can now enable your audio
10 and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If
11 you will please remind the mapper of what area you would
12 like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

13 MS. TRISTOVAR: Good morning. If I may please have
14 the map of the city of Irvine on the screen?

15 My name is Elisia Tristovar (ph.). I'm an over-
16 twenty-year resident of Irvine. I'm also as, I guess, a
17 contractor, working in the area; I'm a realtor. And on
18 an everyday basis I deal with local residents and see the
19 issues that are coming up.

20 What I would like to speak today to is to please
21 keep the integrity of the district and this community.
22 Even though Irvine grew over two times over the last
23 twenty years, and we are considered to be a very, very
24 diverse community, I just would like to stress that we
25 are one unique community. And there are many

1 conversations about owners, residents, and tenants in the
2 area.

3 Irvine can be considered as really just one unique
4 place where everything is integrated together. We have a
5 unique, diverse demographic landscape, and the overall
6 setup of the city with the residential, commercial, and
7 open spaces balance is really something that the whole
8 country is looking up to.

9 It would be very, very important to keep our
10 integrity together. Because what is happening in the
11 south is also an issue for the north of Irvine residents.
12 We have seen some local issues about rezoning, about
13 putting some properties in the open spaces coming up in
14 the past few years, and I cannot stress enough how
15 important it was that the whole community of the whole
16 city of Irvine came together to this.

17 And this will conclude my request to the Commission.
18 Thank you very much.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

20 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 0-1-2.

21 And then, we will be going on to the callers in the
22 queue. And thank you for your patience and
23 participation. For those that have joined by phone, and
24 that have not given comment today, if you wish to get in
25 the comment queue line, please press star 9 on your

1 telephone keypad.

2 0-1-2 will be right now. And then up next will be
3 caller 8-3-9-2. That is caller with the last four digits
4 8-3-9-2.

5 0-1-2, I will be promoting you now. 0-1-2, your
6 speaker order number is number 11. If you'll please make
7 note of that for future reference. You can now enable
8 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your
9 screen. If you will please remind the mapper of what
10 area you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

11 MR. KUO: Good morning, Commissioners. If I could
12 ask the mapper to show us Irvine again. My name is
13 Anthony Kuo. I'm an elected member of the Irvine City
14 Council. And I also serve on the Board of Directors of
15 the Orange County Fire Authority, which is a joint powers
16 agency, representing a significant amount of Orange
17 County with regard to fire protection.

18 In the fall, the Silverado Fire roared through our
19 community, burning over 13,000 acres, threatening over
20 69,000 structures, and forcing the evacuation of 70,000
21 of my city's residents; it was about a third of the city,
22 as well as nearly 10,000 more residents from Lake Forest
23 and other neighborhood. Over 12,000 personnel were
24 assigned and fought the fire. The 241 Toll Road was shut
25 down. Residents were out of their homes for many days,

1 and the air quality was awful.

2 The 241 Toll Road was shut down because of the fire,
3 and the evacuated were out of their homes for days. And
4 the lucky ones breathed smoke for several days.

5 Wildfires are a deadly problem in Orange County cities
6 like Irvine, Lake Forrest, Rancho Santa Margarita, and
7 Anaheim Hills that back up to the Cleveland National
8 Forest.

9 It's imperative that our state legislative
10 representatives focus on this critical issue. Without
11 better preventative measures, good planning, and strong
12 firefighting capacities this will happen again and again.
13 In fact, the 2007 Santiago Fire burned over 28,000 acres
14 in some of the same areas. Climate change makes this
15 situation even more precarious.

16 Having a representative focus on this issue would
17 help Irvine, Lake Forest, Anaheim Hills, Rancho Santa
18 Margarita, and other Orange County cities address
19 firefighting concerns, forest management, evacuation
20 routes, and other aspects of dealing with this kind of
21 emergency.

22 And I'll be working to submit to your staff a map of
23 the fire stations in Irvine, which will have a radius of
24 about a five-minute response time, that helps show the
25 areas that each of our fire stations cover. Thank you.

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

2 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 Right now we have caller 8-3-9-2, and up next will
4 be caller 5-5-2-1.

5 Caller 8-3-9-2, if you will please follow the
6 prompts to unmute. Caller with the last four digits 8-3-
7 9-2, if you'll please press star 6 on your telephone
8 keypad to unmute. Caller 8-3-9-2, you are unmuted. I
9 have a couple of brief instructions for you. Your
10 speaker order number will be number 12. If you'll please
11 make note of that for future reference. And if you will
12 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
13 discuss today, the floor is yours.

14 MS. CHRISTY: Fountain Valley, Westminster, and
15 Huntington Beach.

16 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead please.

17 MS. CHRISTY: Hello?

18 MR. MANOFF: Yes, go ahead please. We can hear you.

19 MS. CHRISTY: Hi, my name is Christy (ph.) So the
20 2010 redistricting process (indiscernible) the Vietnamese
21 residents by splitting Westminster into two separate
22 congressional districts. This dilutes our voice at the
23 federal level.

24 Today, I am urging the Commission to keep
25 Westminster intact in one assembly, State, Senate and

1 Congressional Districts.

2 COMMENT MODERATOR: I believe, our caller is done --
3 hung up? Okay? I apologize. Thank you so much. I
4 believe they're gone.

5 Caller 5-5-2-1, you'll be next. And then caller 6-
6 6-5-9, you will be up next in the queue.

7 Caller 5-5-2-1, if you will please follow the
8 prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 5-5-2-1, you are
9 unmuted. I have a couple of brief instructions for you.
10 Your speaker order number will be 13. If you'll please
11 make note of that for future reference. And if you will
12 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
13 discuss today, the floor is yours.

14 Hello? Can you hear me? Caller 5-5-2-1, can you
15 hear me? It sounds like there may be some reception
16 issues. Caller 5-5-2-1, can you hear me?

17 MS. MILEY: Hello? Can you hear me?

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Hello.

19 MS. MILEY: Hi. I want to talk about Fountain
20 Valley, Huntington Beach, and Westminster.

21 COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Your speaker order
22 number is 13, if you can make note of that. And go
23 ahead, the floor is yours.

24 MS. MILEY: Yes. All right. Speaker number 13. My
25 name is Miley (ph.).

1 West Little Saigon is a natural economy whose cities
2 are all relying on each other for commerce and
3 prosperity. This makes Fountain Valley, Midway City,
4 Westminster, Huntington Beach crucial communities of
5 interest for each other.

6 Today, Garden Grove, Santa Ana, Midway City,
7 Fountain Valley, and Westminster are all split up between
8 three different congressional districts, CA-46, CA-47,
9 and CA-48. The fact that these places are divided
10 amongst three different congressional districts makes
11 little sense, considering how connected each of their
12 economies are to each other.

13 Westminster, Midway City, and Fountain Valley should
14 be grouped with Huntington Beach into one single
15 district. It is vital that the business community's
16 voice isn't spread too thin. The small businesses that
17 support the region deserve to have their voting power
18 consolidated and unified, not divided.

19 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

20 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 Right now we have caller 6-6-5-9, and then up next
22 we will have 0-1-5.

23 Caller 6-6-5-9, if you'll please follow the prompts
24 to unmute. Caller 6-6-5-9, you are unmuted. I have a
25 couple of brief instructions for you. Your speaker order

1 number will be 14. If you will please make note of that
2 for future reference. And if you will please let the
3 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the
4 floor is yours.

5 MR. CHAN: Okay, thank you. Hi. So my name is
6 Henry Chan (ph.), and I'd like to discuss Westminster,
7 Fountain Valley, and Huntington Beach.

8 MR. MANOFF: Thank you, go ahead.

9 MR. CHAN: Okay. Under the current district lines
10 the Vietnamese population is divided into three
11 congressional districts. This division disempowers our
12 closeknit community and our leaders from defending our
13 many unique interests such as cultural, political,
14 economic, and religious.

15 The Redistricting Commission should consolidate the
16 Vietnamese population from three congressional districts
17 into two. In doing so, they will ensure that the
18 Vietnamese population will have their interests properly
19 represented in the Federal Government.

20 So for example, the city of Westminster, which has
21 the highest percentage of Vietnamese Americans, is
22 divided into two congressional districts. We urge the
23 Commission to keep all of Westminster in one
24 congressional district.

25 Thank you.

1 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 Right now we will have 0-1-5. And I invite those in
3 the queue that have called in and have not given comment
4 today, to please press star 9 on their telephone keypad.
5 And I also invite 0-2-0, if you would like to give
6 comment during this session, to please use the Raise your
7 Hand button at the bottom of your screen.

8 And 0-1-5, I will be promoting you now. 0-1-5, your
9 speaker order number is number is 15. If you'll please
10 make note of that for future reference. You can now
11 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
12 your screen. If you will please remind the mapper of
13 what area you would like to discuss today, the floor is
14 yours.

15 MR. PEQUENO: Yes, I'd like to speak about Lake
16 Forest. Hello, I'm Robert Pequeno, and I serve on the
17 Lake Forest City Council.

18 Lake Forest is a city of about 85,000 residents on
19 the southside of Orange County. While the Commission
20 might be tempted to lump all of south Orange County
21 together, reality is, our community is very different
22 from a place like Laguna Beach or Newport Beach. Our
23 major transportation corridors run north/south; either
24 the 241 Toll Road or Interstate 5.

25 We look first to the mountains for recreation as

1 they are in our backyards, and then to the beach. We
2 share our concerns about wildfires with the communities
3 to the north of us, like Irvine, Anaheim Hills, and to
4 the south, like Rancho Santa Margarita. And we breathe
5 the same bad air and get stuck in the same roads when the
6 fires get out of control. We certainly share an intense
7 interest in policies that will better prevent future
8 fires.

9 In terms of community colleges, we look at
10 Saddleback and Mission Bay or UC Irvine rather than
11 Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, which is a wonderful
12 school, but not as close to home.

13 Like Irvine, Tustin, and the City of Orange, we
14 enjoy a diverse population. Incomes in the community
15 that back up to the Cleveland National Forest tend to be
16 above average. Goggling some Census data, I see that
17 Tustin has a median household income of about 84,000.
18 Rancho Santa Margarita is 121,000, Lake Forest is
19 109,000, and Irvine's is 105,000.

20 In short, I encourage you to link Lake Forest to the
21 communities north and south of it, rather than connect it
22 with the coastal districts and coastal communities that
23 have different transportation patterns and economies that
24 are geared to tourism. Thank you.

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

1 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have caller 7-6-1-
2 8. And then up next we will have 0-2-0.

3 Caller 7-6-1-8, if you will please follow the
4 prompts to unmute. Caller 7-6-1-8, you are unmuted. I
5 have a couple of brief instructions for you. Your
6 speaker order number will be 16. If you'll please make
7 note of that for future reference. And if you will
8 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
9 discuss today, the floor is yours.

10 Hello? Hello, caller 7-6-1-8, can you hear me?

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi.

12 COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. The floor is yours.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) Westminster.
14 I just want a moment of your time today. So I would like
15 to see Fountain Valley, Westminster, and Huntington
16 Beach.

17 All of west Little Saigon is physically connected by
18 the I-405 corridor. The 405 is currently undergoing a
19 major improvement project that will have huge
20 implications on transportation in the region. With some
21 of these renovations being up to a ten-year project, our
22 region needs a unified voice to ensure this work is not
23 only completed in a timely manner, but done in a way that
24 inflicts minimal disruption to a lot of the residents who
25 rely so heavily on it.

1 Today, despite relying on the same roads and
2 infrastructures, Fountain Valley, Midway City, and
3 Westminster have sizeable Vietnamese populations in our
4 community of interest along Huntington Beach. In this
5 redistricting process, with respect to Westminster,
6 Midway City, and Fountain Valley should be grouped with
7 Huntington Beach in one similar district.

8 The Redistricting Commission must ensure that these
9 communities are united with one congressional district,
10 not divided, which will ensure that our local leaders are
11 able to assess representation in Washington, D.C.

12 Thank you for your time.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you for calling in.

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have 0-2-0, I will
15 be promoting you now. 0-2-0, your speaker order number
16 is 17. If you'll please make note of that for future
17 reference. You can now enable to audio and video in the
18 lower left corner of your screen. If you will please let
19 the mapper of what area you would like to discuss today,
20 the floor is yours.

21 MR. THORPE: Am I unmuted? This is 0-2-0.

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: You are unmuted. And your
23 speaker order number is 17. If you'll please make note
24 of that. And the floor is yours.

25 MR. THORPE: Okay, thank you. My name is Jim Thorpe

1 (ph.). I'm a former Rancho Santa Margarita Council
2 Member and Mayor, and I'm former Director of the 241 Toll
3 Road Board.

4 For those of you that don't know the 241, it is a
5 toll road that runs from Rancho Santa Margarita and Coto
6 de Caza, the Anaheim Hills, and also connects the
7 northeastern part of Irvine, a portion of Tustin, and the
8 City of Orange, (indiscernible) foothills, and Rancho
9 Santa Margarita.

10 The 241 is a beautiful road that was intended to
11 connect these communities with a toll road from Riverside
12 County to south Orange County. It was intended to reduce
13 congestion on the I-5, where too many commuters and
14 truckers had preferred to sit in traffic and think tolls
15 are considered too high. The toll road is scheduled to
16 become state property when the bonds are paid off. But
17 when that will be is unclear.

18 Having a single representative focus on solutions
19 for the problems facing the 241 Toll Road would be very
20 useful to all the communities. And finding a way to
21 finish construction to territories south of Rancho Santa
22 Margarita and Coto de Caza would stop traffic from being
23 dumped into these communities, and take traffic off the
24 I-5 as originally intended.

25 I understand, it may not be possible to have a

1 smaller district like an assembly seat, but population
2 equally is of paramount. Please try to keep in mind all
3 of these cities -- please try to keep in mind that all
4 these cities are the same districts, so that we can get a
5 focus on making this asset of a greater value to the
6 communities of Coto de Caza, Rancho Santa Margarita,
7 Irvine, City of Orange, and Anaheim Hills.

8 And thank you for your time today.

9 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

10 COMMENT MODERATOR: And that is all of our callers
11 at this time, Chair.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay, great. Katy, could I ask you
13 to read the long instructions for folks that might want
14 to call in. And just so everyone knows, we are up
15 against a break coming up at 11:30. So if you're looking
16 to call in, please try to do so now.

17 Katy?

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely.

19 In order to maximize transparency and public
20 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
21 taking community of interest input by phone. To call in,
22 dial the telephone number provided on the livestream
23 feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted, enter the
24 meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed. It is
25 81732902077 for this meeting. When prompted to enter the

1 participant ID, simply press the pound key.

2 Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a
3 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press
4 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.

5 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a
6 message that says, the host would like you to talk, and
7 to press star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your
8 name, please state and spell it for the record. You are
9 not required to provide your name to give public comment.

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

15 And we do not have any callers at this time, Chair.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: No problem.

17 Well, while we wait for the livestream to catch up a
18 little bit here, and perhaps have a few more callers, let
19 me share a little bit more, and just provide a reminder
20 for folks to visit our website at wedrawthelinesca.org.
21 And remember, ca stands for California, but it's just the
22 abbreviation.

23 You can also sign up for our emails to learn more
24 about Commission meetings, updates, and announcements.
25 Please connect with us on social media. We are on

1 Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube with
2 the handle @wedrawthelinesca.

3 There are numerous ways to provide public input to
4 the Commission. COI Public Input Meetings take place
5 throughout the summer. You can visit our website to get
6 more information at wedrawthelinesca.org. And there,
7 you'll find a calendar of upcoming input meetings.

8 You can also use the communities of interest mapping
9 tool, both available from our website or at
10 drawmycacommunity.org. The online tool is available in
11 English, Spanish, simplified Chinese, traditional
12 Chinese, Tagalog, Korean, Armenian, Farsi, Arabic,
13 Russian, Japanese, Punjabi, Khmer, Hmong, and Thai.
14 Tutorials are also available in those languages.

15 On our website www.wedrawthelinesca.org, you can
16 click on drawmycacommunity icon. You can also email us
17 or send us information through snail mail.

18 I see that we don't have any callers at this time.
19 Could we go ahead and do the five-minute video, and then
20 after that we'll come back. If we don't have any callers
21 at that point, then we'll probably go to break.

22 (Media played)

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Thank you so much, and
24 welcome back to the Community Of Interest Input Meeting
25 for the California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

1 Katy, I see that we don't have any callers in our
2 queue at this time. Could we go ahead and just read the
3 short instructions one last time, and if we don't get any
4 callers, we'll begin our 11:30 break a little early.

5 COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.

6 The Commission is now taking community of interest
7 input by phone. To give comment, please call 877-853-
8 5247, and enter the meeting ID number 81732902077. Once
9 you have dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the
10 comment queue. The full call-in instructions have been
11 read previously in this session, and are provided in full
12 on the livestream landing page.

13 And we do not have any callers at this time, Chair.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great, we'll stand at ease just for
15 a minute so the livestream can catch up. If we don't end
16 up having any additional callers, then we'll head to our
17 break, which was scheduled for 11:30. And at that time
18 we'll return for our second session today at 11:45. So
19 if you can just let me know once the livestream has
20 caught up.

21 COMMENT MODERATOR: Will do, Chair.

22 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

23 COMMENT MODERATOR: And the stream has caught up,
24 Chair. And we do not have any additional callers at this
25 time.

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Perfect. Thanks so much, Katy.

2 So at this time we're going to go to our short
3 break, and we will be back at 11:45. We look forward to
4 seeing folks then.

5 (Break)

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Welcome back to the
7 California Citizens Redistricting Commission COI Input
8 Meeting. We encourage you to visit the communities of
9 interest tool to draw a map and describe your community
10 by visiting drawmycacomunity.org.

11 I'll go ahead and pass this over to Katy, our
12 comment moderator, to continue with public input. We'll
13 start with people who are registered, and then open the
14 phone lines if there is time before the next session.

15 Katy?

16 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

17 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the
18 Raise your Hand button at the bottom of your screen to
19 enter the queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will
20 be identified by your assigned unique ID number, which
21 you were emailed yesterday. You will be reconnected to
22 the session with the ability to enable your own video
23 and/or audio. You will then be assigned a speaker order
24 number before you begin speaking. Please make a note of
25 your speaker order number for future reference.

1 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time
2 limit. There will be a warning at thirty seconds and
3 fifteen seconds remaining.

4 It is the Commission's goal to find the area on the
5 map you would like to discuss prior to your testimony.
6 If you are within a specific neighborhood of a large
7 city, please mention it by name. Once we are able to
8 locate your area, your three-minute testimony will begin.
9 Attendees will not be able to share their screen. At the
10 end of your public input or at the end of your time, you
11 will be reconnected in a listen and view-only mode.

12 At the beginning of your input, please remind the
13 mapper of what area you would like to see.

14 And right now, we do have a raised hand from 0-2-4.
15 I do invite 0-2-3, if you are ready to give comment at
16 this time, to please use the Raise your Hand button at
17 the bottom of your screen.

18 But 0-2-4, I will be promoting you now. 0-2-4, your
19 speaker order number is number 18. If you'll please make
20 note of that for future reference. You can now enable
21 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your
22 screen. If you will please remind the mapper of what
23 area you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

24 MS. HINES: Hi. This is India Hines (ph.). And the
25 point that I would like to make why I think the district

1 should be all the way from Seal Beach down to San
2 Clemente, is I am part of the Marine Mammal Center; and I
3 volunteer actually. And when I look at the coastal
4 communities, we are very much aligned as far as, you
5 know, the mammals coming in from the Seal Beach all the
6 way down to San Clemente. And the Mammal Center of
7 Orange County is all of Orange County.

8 So I do not understand why part of the San Clemente
9 areas, I believe north San Diego -- that makes no sense
10 to me. So I do think that the whole area should be under
11 one bucket. It just makes a lot more sense. They are
12 very much aligned -- all the coastal cities in Orange
13 County are very much aligned together.

14 Also, like just the police departments all kind of
15 work together along the coast on PCH. So that's my take
16 as to why I think it needs to be all together.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

19 I would like to invite 0-2-3 to use the Raise your
20 Hand button at the bottom of your screen. I do see your
21 raised hand.

22 And I would also like to invite caller 4-1-4-2,
23 unique ID number 0-1-8, to please press star 9 to raise
24 your hand as you have called in, if you are ready to give
25 comment.

1 0-2-3, I will be promoting you now. There appears
2 to be some connectivity issues for 0-2-3. We'll try a
3 couple more times. 0-2-3, your speaker order number is
4 number will be 19. If you'll please make note of that
5 for future reference. And if you'll please let the
6 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today,
7 the floor is yours.

8 MR. DAY: Thank you. Can you hear me now?

9 COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

10 MR. DAY: Great. My name is Brandon Day (ph.), and
11 I want to specifically target the boundary in Monarch
12 Beach, California, between 49 and 48. And I live in
13 Monarch Beach on Camino -- on the corner of Camino Del
14 Avion and Niguel Road, which is the boundary of the
15 district. And I also work in Newport Beach, which is in
16 the 48th District, and that's what I'd like to talk
17 about.

18 As someone who straddles two congressional
19 boundaries, I see the negative effects of not having a
20 common voice represent the beach communities of Orange
21 County. And Orange County ocean and coastline
22 conservation is of the highest priority and importance to
23 all residents, regardless of their political party.

24 The only way to truly protect these voices is to
25 ensure that they are united in one congressional

1 district, not split in two as is now the case.
2 California's 48th Congressional District should move
3 further south and encompass the cities of Dana Point, San
4 Juan Capistrano, and San Clemente for the beach
5 communities to get the most effective representation as
6 possible. There are three key reasons for this.

7 First and foremost is tourism. As the number one
8 industry in Orange County, the protection of our
9 beautiful coastline deserves one voice who will fight for
10 clean beaches and protect tourism jobs. In CD-38, travel
11 and tourism employs close to 29,000 people, and generates
12 close to 4.5 billion dollars in spending. This is vital.
13 The coastline-driven industry needs to be unified and
14 protected by members of Congress.

15 Also, Orange County beaches face serious erosion
16 issues with sand. Sand replenishment usually happens
17 every five to seven years, but lately hasn't occurred
18 since 2010. The impact of this delay is really -- could
19 seriously harm our tourism industry.

20 The second major reason is infrastructure. Coastal
21 Orange County communities and cities have infrastructure
22 and housing issues that are unique to the coast, due to
23 housing density issues as well as congestion issues.
24 Highway 1, which starts in Orange County, winds its ways
25 through all of these communities. It's neglected and has

1 specific issues that are currently not being looked at
2 due to the split congressional district. We need a
3 representative that understands these issues, and can
4 work with local and state leaders to keep our quality of
5 life high.

6 Right now, being a member of Congressional District
7 49, I notice that our roads and infrastructure are not
8 being focused on by my current representative, because
9 his main focus is Veterans Affairs, which is great. But
10 again, only three cities in Orange County are represented
11 by him in Orange County. His main focus is mainly in
12 north San Diego County.

13 The other infrastructure issue is John Wayne
14 Airport. It is a world class airport and really unique
15 to Orange County. We need a strong representative in
16 D.C. that works with the FAA to ensure all of our
17 interests for --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 MR. DAY: -- the coastal communities is met.

20 Last thing is climate change. As we can all kind of
21 figure out, the seas are rising. So we need one voice to
22 help us fight on that. We have distinctive issues, and
23 we work with specifically the --

24 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

25 MR. DAY: -- Army Corps of Engineers and the Coastal

1 Commission. And we need a representative who can work
2 with both of those groups.

3 So for these three matters, I respectfully request
4 that Dana Point, San Juan Capistrano, and San Clemente be
5 included into CD-48.

6 MR. MANOFF: Time.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much for calling.

8 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 Caller 4-1-4-2, unique ID number 0-1-8, if you'll
10 please press star 9 on your telephone keypad to raise
11 your hand, indicating you wish to comment at this time.

12 And caller 9-5-3-4, if you'll please star 9 to raise
13 your hand, indicating you wish to comment as speaker
14 order number 21.

15 And 0-1-9, if you'll please use the Raise your Hand
16 button at the bottom of your screen to raise your hand,
17 indicating you wish to comment.

18 Right now we have caller 4-1-4-2, speaker order
19 number 0-1-8 -- no, unique ID number 0-1-8. I apologize.
20 Please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 4-1-4-2,
21 your speaker order number will be 20. If you'll please
22 make note of that for future reference. And if you will
23 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
24 discuss today, the floor is yours. Hello, can you hear
25 me?

1 MR. BEAVER: I can.

2 COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. The floor is yours.
3 If you will please let the mapper know what area you
4 would like to discuss today.

5 MR. BEAVER: Yes.

6 COMMENT MODERATOR: And your speaker order number is
7 number 20; if you'll please make note of that.

8 MR. BEAVER: Thank you. Do I speak now?

9 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, you do. Go ahead.

10 MR. BEAVER: Thank you. My name is Jim Beaver
11 (ph.). I'm a fifteen-year resident of San Clemente.
12 Before that, I lived in Huntington Beach. But more
13 importantly, I grew up in the Midwest. I never saw the
14 ocean until I was seventeen, and when I saw it, my jaw
15 hit the floor. There was nothing between me and Japan
16 except this vast ocean.

17 And over the years while I lived here, I would tell
18 people, I'm going to the ocean. And people would correct
19 me, and they would say no, you're going to the beach.
20 And I was referring to this when discussing what it's
21 like living on the coast.

22 For many people outside it's the ocean or it's
23 something. But when you live on the coast you have a
24 shared vision of the beach, beach culture, beach life.
25 And it's something that unifies people that make, you

1 know, a sacrifice to live and move, and live in a
2 community by the beach, and it's important to us.

3 And over the course of several summers, I wished I
4 could take my daughter to the beach locally, and frolic
5 and play in the sand, and surf, but there's rocks. And
6 it's kind of a key thing of explaining to her why we
7 don't have a beach. I said well, we have to have
8 actually the Federal Government come in and dump sand,
9 and we have to talk to our congressman. And we had a
10 great congressman several years ago, who was Ken Calvert,
11 a great guy, but he was a Riverside guy, and you can only
12 do so much.

13 Getting back to a specific quality of life issue,
14 and it seems but it's important, it's just sand on the
15 beach. And I would like to have one representative who
16 is devoted to being mindful of the coast, being mindful
17 of the people who have made an effort to live by the
18 ocean, specifically by the beach, and enjoy it. It makes
19 sense.

20 The second lesson that I taught my kids, is
21 gerrymandering, and what it's about, and we're all kind
22 of dancing around it. But there is a logic to having one
23 representative that I can speak to, to improve the
24 quality of my life in a place that I've chosen to live.

25 And for that reason it's just simply logical that we

1 just put one congressional member as a watchdog for
2 people who live on the coast. And I appreciate your time,
3 and I hope you do the right thing.

4 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

5 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have 0-1-9. If you
6 wish to give comment at this time, if you will please use
7 the Raise your Hand button at the bottom of your screen.
8 Perfect, 0-1-9, I will be promoting you now. 0-1-9, your
9 speaker order number is number 21. If you'll please make
10 note of that for future reference. You can now enable
11 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your
12 screen. And if you will please remind the mapper of what
13 area you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

14 MS. GEORGE: Good day. My name is Barbie George
15 (ph.), and I live in Newport Beach, California.

16 Costal Orange County faces unique infrastructural
17 changes, and in order to keep the economy moving, we need
18 a representative that will fight for investment in our
19 roads, airports, and beaches, and housing.

20 Orange County beaches face serious questions,
21 whether they'll receive federal funding for sand
22 replenishment on our beaches, and other important
23 infrastructure projects. The impact of the failure to
24 execute these projects will be obvious and painful, from
25 flooded neighborhoods and ports to shrinking beaches, and

1 inaccessible roads and bridges.

2 Separating the coastal communities diminishes their
3 ability to fight for the infrastructure needed to support
4 their economy. They deserve one representative that
5 understands the needs of John Wayne Airport, housing,
6 affordability, and modern infrastructure. Coastal cities
7 are facing a one-in-a-lifetime fight against climate
8 change, and deserve to be represented by one member of
9 Congress, so they can properly address how the changing
10 climate is affecting their communities.

11 The current separation of these cities minimizes
12 their ability to have a unified voice fighting for their
13 interests in Congress. Coastal Orange County cities face
14 unique challenges that their inland counterparts do not.
15 Rising sea levels are threatening the economy that fuels
16 coastal communities, and needs to be addressed by
17 Congress.

18 The California coast is the nation's largest green
19 energy-producing economy, and California leads the nation
20 in solar, geothermal, wind, and solar energy production.
21 We need one representative that can fight for modern
22 green energy for these communities. And that's why we
23 need one representative to represent these communities.
24 Thank you so much for your time.

25 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much for calling in.

1 COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all of our callers
2 at this time, Chair.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Well, can we go ahead and
4 read the short instructions briefly? Just in case.

5 COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely.

6 The Commission is now taking community of interest
7 input by phone. Please call 877-853-5247. Enter the
8 meeting ID number 81732902077 for this meeting. Once you
9 have dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the comment
10 queue. The full call-in instructions have been read
11 previously in the meeting, and are provided in full on
12 the livestream landing page.

13 And we do not have any callers at this time, Chair.

14 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay, great. I do know that there
15 were folks that had more appointments. I see someone
16 just popped in.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: We do. That is an appointment,
18 0-1-7.

19 0-1-7, if you are ready to give comment at this
20 time, if you'll please use the Raise your Hand button at
21 the bottom of your screen, you will be going right now.
22 There we go, we do have a raised hand.

23 0-1-7, I will be promoting you now. 0-1-7, your
24 speaker order number will be 22. If you will please make
25 note of that for future reference. You can now enable

1 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your
2 screen. And if you'll please remind the mapper of what
3 area you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

4 MR. CHOU: Hello. My name is John Chou (ph.), and
5 I'm here to discuss Dana Point, California. Thank you
6 very much to Honorable Commissioners, and I know it's a
7 lot of hard work to sift through all the data testimony,
8 and I appreciate it very much.

9 In the past, Dana Point was in California 48, and
10 Dana Point got redistricted because of California's
11 steady population increase over the years. But now that
12 the California population is decreasing, I believe that
13 it's quite reasonable and a good idea to at least
14 seriously consider redistricting Dana Point back to
15 California 48, especially because Newport Beach and Dana
16 Point share harbor-related concerns, and not only the
17 traditional beach issues and cliff, and bluff, and beach
18 erosion issues.

19 Second, redistricting Dana Point back to California
20 48 would certainly help with the harmonization of county,
21 local ordinances, and with federal statutes. I think
22 it's important for the community to have that
23 harmonization, and that's difficult to do, or at least
24 more challenging to do, if you have the beach
25 communities, and importantly the harbor communities split

1 either between or amongst counties, different counties.

2 And then finally, it's very important for our
3 federal representative to have expertise in the concerns
4 that other members of the public have mentioned with
5 respect to beach communities, and as I've mentioned,
6 beach and harbor communities. Because there are many
7 federal agencies which could exert their jurisdiction,
8 and their priorities depend on congressional budget
9 allocation.

10 So for example, Congressman McCarthy in Bakersfield,
11 and Congresswoman Judy Chu in San Gabriel, they're both
12 very smart and experienced congresspeople, but to be
13 frank, in their constituency they just don't have the
14 same incentive to gain expertise on beach and harbor
15 issues, because that's not what affects them the most.

16 And they don't have the same expertise that somebody
17 such as Congresswoman Michelle Steel or Congressman Jimmy
18 Panetta up in beautiful Santa Cruz, that they would have,
19 and I think it's important for our federal
20 representatives to have that knowledge, to have that
21 expertise, and then more importantly can exert it --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MR. CHOU: -- can exert it effectively during the
24 budget and allocation process.

25 Thank you very much.

1 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

2 COMMENT MODERATOR: And we do have another
3 appointment. 0-1-4, if you are ready to give comment at
4 this time, if you will please use the Raise your Hand
5 button at the bottom of your screen, indicating you are
6 ready, you will be going right now.

7 Perfect, 0-1-4, I will be promoting you now. 0-1-4,
8 0-1-4, your speaker order number will be 23. If you will
9 please make note of that for future reference. You can
10 now enable your audio and video in the lower left corner
11 of your screen. If you will please let the mapper know
12 what area you would like to discuss today, the floor is
13 yours. Go ahead, the floor is yours.

14 MR. MURRAY: All right. Good afternoon. Can you
15 hear me?

16 COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

17 MR. MURRAY: All right. Good afternoon, Chair and
18 Commissioners. My name is Al Murray. I'm former Mayor
19 and Council Member for the City of Tustin, and a retired
20 thirty-five-year police officer for the City of Irvine.

21 As a former police lieutenant in Irvine, I am very
22 familiar with the unique challenges that the City of
23 Irvine faces, and some of the natural geographical
24 divisions within it. Irvine has experienced
25 unprecedented growth in the last decade, and will

1 continue to develop new neighborhoods in the near future.

2 The Irvine Police Department has planned for this
3 growth and divides the city into three distinguished
4 geographic areas: University Area, Crossroads Area, and
5 Portola Area for providing police services. From the
6 south to the north they are University, which includes
7 the UCI campus. It has a heavy concentration of
8 apartments and is very different from the rest of Irvine,
9 and also includes an area of mixed commercial and
10 residential zones known as the Irvine Business Complex.

11 Crossroads encompasses residential communities as
12 well as Irvine Valley College, Verizon Amphitheatre,
13 Irvine Spectrum, and several other major shopping
14 centers.

15 The University Area and Crossroads are more
16 connected to Costa Mesa and Newport Beach in large part,
17 because of their proximity to John Wayne Airport.

18 Portola is dominated by single family homes, and is
19 above the I-5 Freeway. Portola is a bit more like north
20 Tustin and Lake Forest.

21 Irvine is a planned community, and these three
22 geographic areas reflect the thoughtful mix of both
23 commercial and residential development within.

24 Thank you for the opportunity to share some thoughts
25 about the geographical nature of this community, and I

1 hope this is helpful when considering your redistricting
2 decisions. Thank you very much.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you.

4 COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all of our callers
5 at this time, Chair.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay, great. I believe we still
7 have folks that had registered but haven't had a chance
8 to come in yet.

9 So I wanted to take this opportunity to open it up,
10 as we have done in other COI input sessions, just to hear
11 a little bit more from Commissioners about their
12 experiences in Orange County. I remember the last time
13 we were talking with folks from OC, there were a lot of
14 Disneyland stories. I'm curious if anyone has any
15 additional memories or experiences from Orange County
16 that they might like to share.

17 Commissioner Fernandez, thank you so much.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Just more general, in terms of
19 workwise. I think one of my favorite airports to fly
20 into is the John Wayne Airport, and I heard many of the
21 callers have talked about it. And the reason I like it,
22 is because it is smaller, everything is there, the rental
23 cars, and everyone's very sweet and makes you feel
24 welcome. Plus, the area is just absolutely beautiful.
25 It kind of has that little small town feel to it, but

1 it's not a small town feel.

2 So I hear you on the issues of John Wayne Airport,
3 but it's my favorite so far. So hopefully, whatever
4 issues there are, they get resolved.

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: As a frequent flyer of the Burbank
6 Airport, I'm going to have to beg to differ with you on
7 that one. But both are wonderful, and I'm sure we're
8 going to get someone calling from Long Beach, telling us
9 the Long Beach Airport is even better.

10 Anybody else have any other stories or fun facts
11 that they might want to share about Orange County?

12 Okay, I am not seeing any raised hands. So with
13 that, Katy, I'm not seeing any additional callers, could
14 we go to the 20-minute video, and when we come back we'll
15 check in and see if we have additional callers.

16 COMMENT MODERATOR: Will do, Chair.

17 (Media played)

18 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great, thank you, and welcome back
19 to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
20 Communities of Input Session, focusing on Orange County.

21 Katy, I believe we have a caller in the queue.

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: We do, Chair. We've got our
23 appointment with unique ID number 0-1-6. If you are
24 ready to give comment at this time, if you could please
25 use the Raise your Hand button at the bottom of your

1 screen, indicating you are there and ready to give
2 comment, you will be going right now. Perfect, we have a
3 raised hand. I will be promoting you now.

4 0-1-6, there you are. 0-1-6, your speaker order
5 number will be 24. If you will please make note of that
6 for future reference. You can now enable your audio and
7 video in the lower left corner of your screen. And if
8 you'll please remind the mapper of what area you would
9 like discuss today, the floor is yours.

10 MR. WIM: Great. Hi. Thank you for the
11 Redistricting Commission doing the important work for our
12 state. I am Chris Wim (ph.). I'm a policy analyst for
13 the Anaheim Chamber of Commerce. And I'm going to be
14 talking about the area around Santa Ana, Orange, Anaheim,
15 Fullerton, and Buena Park. So it's going to be central
16 northern part of Orange County along the 5.

17 Not only do I work for the Anaheim Chamber, but I
18 was born and raised in Orange County, and I've lived in
19 Anaheim for over three decades. The Disneyland Resort,
20 Angels Baseball, and the Honda Center where the Ducks
21 play, are major employers in the Anaheim area. And we
22 have thousands of small businesses in the area that also
23 rely on the visitors to these venues as customers.

24 It will come as no surprise, that Anaheim's multi-
25 billion-dollar entertainment economy impacts more than

1 just Anaheim. The fact is, Buena Park, southern
2 Fullerton, even Cypress, and the western part of the city
3 of Orange and Santa Ana, all suffered higher than normal
4 COVID-related job losses. And that's because a
5 substantial number of residents of these cities are
6 employed in the hospitality, food services, arts and
7 entertainment, and other tourism jobs associated in our
8 city, as well as in Buena Park, which is linked to us by
9 Harbor Boulevard, Beach Boulevard, and the 5 Freeway.

10 Transportation is critical to both the customers and
11 employees who use the Freeways and public transportation
12 in our area to get to all of these venues. The 5 Freeway
13 is the single most critical mode of travel in our area.
14 So we urge the Redistricting Commission to consider the 5
15 Freeway corridor, which stretches from Santa Ana to
16 western Orange, to Anaheim, to Buena Park as one
17 community of interest. The Metrolink and the Amtrak
18 follow the same path through Orange County as well before
19 going on up to Los Angeles.

20 Now reducing congestion on the 5 Freeway is
21 critical, and data shows that residents know this. Due
22 to the cost savings they can achieve, as well as the
23 congestion on our area to begin with, the residents of
24 Anaheim, even Stanton, Buena Park, and Santa Ana are
25 shown to be three times more likely to carpool than

1 residents of farther away cities like Newport Beach or
2 Yorba Linda.

3 And finally, Beach Boulevard links Buena Park's
4 tourism attractions like Knott's Berry Farm, Medieval
5 Times Dinner and Entertainment, the Pirates Dinner
6 Adventure Dinner Theater, links those with Anaheim's
7 Disney Resort, Angels Stadium, and the Honda Center where
8 the Ducks play, but we also have numerous concerts as
9 well. And many people come to our area and visit the
10 attractions in both of these cities.

11 As we begin to reopen from COVID-19, as we hope to
12 move on as vaccination increases, and as these areas
13 slowly increase their vaccination rates, it is imperative
14 that our representatives begin to continue to deal with
15 our longer-term issues, dealing very specifically with
16 transportation, and whether that's --

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 MR. WIM: -- (indiscernible) to reflect the 5,
19 Metrolink, Amtrak, carpool, or bus routes, it's essential
20 that we have a representative who is focused on the
21 issues impacting northern and central Orange County, that
22 will help both employees and employers as we focus on the
23 important transportation --

24 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

25 MR. WIM: -- and economic issues in our region.

1 So I'd like to again thank the Redistricting
2 Commission for its important work, and I hope you will
3 consider this as a key community of interest in northern
4 and central Orange County. Thank you.

5 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

6 COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all of our callers
7 at this time, Chair.

8 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Oh I think I saw someone
9 just pop in.

10 COMMENT MODERATOR: No, that's actually the
11 appointment that just went back.

12 CHAIR SADHWANI: Oh, got it. Okay, got you. Okay.

13 So while we wait for a couple other callers
14 potentially, let me remind those watching that we again
15 have a very busy upcoming week. We have three community
16 of interest public input meetings including next
17 Thursday, July 29th, at 4:00 p.m., which will be focused
18 on Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San
19 Mateo, Santa Clara, and Solano counties and their
20 surrounding areas. Registration closes Tuesday at 5:00
21 p.m.

22 That will be followed by a COI Input Meeting on
23 Friday, July 30th, at 4:00 p.m., focused on Los Angeles
24 County and its surrounding areas. Registration closes
25 this Wednesday at 5:0 p.m. for that session.

1 We have a third COI Input Meeting on Saturday, July
2 31st, at 10:00 a.m., focused on San Bernadino and
3 Riverside counties and their surrounding public areas,
4 with registration closing Thursday evening at 5:00 p.m.

5 This week, we also have a Public Input Design
6 Committee meeting on Monday, July 26th, at 5:00 p.m., and
7 a business meeting on Wednesday, July 28th, at 9:30 in
8 the morning. You're not required to make an appointment
9 to provide input at the COI meetings; however, it is
10 recommended.

11 You can also call in the day of the meeting. At
12 this time our meetings are still held virtually, so
13 anyone in California can provide input. Just go to our
14 website at wedrawthelinesca.org for meeting information.

15 And I'm seeing that we still don't have anyone in
16 our queue. However, I understand that we do still have a
17 couple of folks that have registered for this timeslot.

18 What I'm going to ask is, that we play the Spanish
19 language video for folks who are at home and watching.
20 But I would ask Commissioners, please stay nearby. If
21 folks jump in the queue during the video, we'll cut away
22 from the video and come back.

23 (Media played)

24 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Welcome back to the
25 California Citizens Redistricting Commission Community Of

1 Interest Input Session focused on Orange County.

2 Katy, I believe we have a caller in the queue.

3 COMMENT MODERATOR: We do.

4 Caller with the last four digits 2-0-1-6, if you
5 will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
6 pressing star 6 on your telephone keypad. Caller 2-0-1-
7 6, you are unmuted. I have a couple of brief
8 instructions for you. Your speaker order number will be
9 25. If you'll please make note of that for future
10 reference. And if you will please let the mapper know
11 what area you would like to discuss today, the floor is
12 yours.

13 MR. CORTEZ: Yes, I do. Can you hear me?

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Go ahead.

15 MR. CORTEZ: Excellent. I appreciate the
16 opportunity to speak. My name is Matt Cortez. I'm a
17 realtor in Orange County. And I'd like to talk to you
18 today about the south Irvine area, as well as the city of
19 Costa Mesa.

20 Now, the city of Costa Mesa and the southwest
21 portion of Irvine, they both have quite a lot in common.
22 They are very economically and socially interdependent,
23 and they also share a lot of the same issues that need to
24 be addressed. And by keeping them in the same district,
25 that will allow such representation so that these can be

1 taken care of and addressed.

2 So the two cities, they border on John Wayne
3 Airport, both of them share the same economic benefits
4 and convenience of having an airport there. But they
5 also share some of the same issues such as traffic
6 congestion, noise coming from the airport, et cetera.
7 Both cities also share the 55 and 405 Freeways, and they
8 also share the 73 Toll Road. Traffic congestion is a
9 major concern in Costa Mesa and that portion of Irvine.
10 And the residents need a bold field to address that
11 collectively as a district to solve these kinds of
12 issues.

13 UC Irvine campus is also within the region that
14 encompasses it. They have tens of thousands of graduate
15 and undergraduate students that have graduated, and they
16 have made an enormous impact on the housing market in
17 both cities. And that's a major reason why they have an
18 exceedingly high number of renters in the area.

19 So only forty-eight percent of Irvine residents are
20 homeowners, and the percentage is a lot lower if you
21 exclude the area north of the I-5, which are largely
22 single family homes. Only thirty-eight percent of Costa
23 Mesa residents are homeowners, and that has a major
24 impact on the quality of life and economic stability and
25 future economic planning for residents in the area. That

1 is a local issue that also needs to be addressed within
2 the district.

3 Both cities have a high number of people who also
4 speak a language other than English. There is a lot of
5 diversity in this area, and splitting it up would not be
6 the best benefit for the diversity within the district.

7 Retail also plays a major role in the economy of
8 both areas of Costa Mesa and south Irvine. Costa Mesa --
9 between the two areas of south (indiscernible) the Irvine
10 Spectrum Center, that is a major economic center, and we
11 have a flow of people traveling to both from both
12 regions.

13 And finally, neither one of these have the same type
14 of economic area as, like the coastal cities.

15 But what I want to do --

16 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

17 MR. CORTEZ: -- is, I'm going to submit a map
18 online -- excuse me?

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds, please continue.

20 MR. CORTEZ: Okay, yes. I'm going to go ahead and
21 submit a map online. But the zip codes in Irvine that
22 fit this description are 92617, 92603, 92604, 92606,
23 925612, 92617, and 92618. They all live within that same
24 region and share those same issues.

25 MR. MANOFF: Time.

1 MR. CORTEZ: So thank you for the opportunity to
2 address.

3 CHAIR SADHWANI: Thank you so much.

4 COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all of our callers
5 at this time, Chair.

6 CHAIR SADHWANI: Great. Well, we have a little bit
7 of time before our 1:15 break. And I believe there were
8 still a couple more folks that have registered for this
9 session.

10 Katy, could you go ahead and read the short-form
11 instructions at this time?

12 COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair. We do have
13 three more appointments for this session.

14 The Commission will now take public comment -- no.

15 The Commission is now taking community of interest
16 input by phone at this time. To give input, please call
17 877-853-5247, and enter the meeting ID number 81732902077
18 for this meeting. Once you have dialed in, please press
19 star 9 to enter the comment queue. The full call-in
20 instructions have been read previously in this session,
21 and are provided in full on the livestream landing page.

22 And we do not have any callers at this time, Chair.

23 CHAIR SADHWANI: Okay. Well, while we wait for the
24 livestream to catch up, and just in case any of those
25 registered were trying to get in before our break at

1 1:15, let me share a little bit of additional information
2 about the Commission.

3 And just as a little reminder, you can visit our
4 website at wederawthelinesca.org. You can also sign up
5 for our emails to learn more about Commission meetings,
6 updates, and announcements.

7 Please connect with us on social media. We are on
8 Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube. And
9 you can find us @wedrawthelinesca. Again, that handle is
10 @wedrawthelinesca.

11 There are numerous ways to provide public input to
12 the Commission if you miss our on your opportunity to do
13 so today. Communities of interest public input meetings
14 are taking place throughout the summer. You can visit
15 our website at wedrawthelinesca.org to get a calendar of
16 all of those scheduled input sessions.

17 In addition, we have a communities of interest
18 mapping tool, which is available both from our website or
19 at drawmycacommunity.org. The online COI tool is
20 available in English, Spanish, simplified Chinese,
21 traditional Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean,
22 Armenian, Farsi, Arabic, Russian, Japanese, Punjabi,
23 Khmer, Hmong, and Thai. Tutorials are also available in
24 all of those languages.

25 You can also email us at votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov,

1 or send a snail mail to our address at 721 Capitol Mall,
2 Suite 260, Sacramento, California 95814.

3 In addition, as a reminder, requests for
4 interpretation must be submitted at least five days prior
5 to the meeting. You can submit your request via email to
6 interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov, on the COI meeting
7 appointment form, or call our office to set up that
8 appointment.

9 We again have a very busy week in front of us. We
10 have three community of interest input meetings scheduled
11 in the next week.

12 Let's see, our next meeting will be held on
13 Thursday, July 29th, at 4:00 p.m., focused on Alameda,
14 Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa
15 Clara, and Solano counties and their surrounding areas.
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22 31st -- it will be a busy week next week, at that's going
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8 meeting.

9 At this time, all of our meetings are still being
10 held virtually. So anyone in California can provide
11 input. Please go to our website at wedrawthelinesca.org
12 for meeting information.

13 And Katy, I'm still not seeing anyone in the queue.

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: That's correct, Chair. We do
15 not have any callers at this time.

16 CHAIR SADHWANI: All right.

17 Any Commissioners -- we have about five more minutes
18 before we are going to go to break. We're going to wait
19 since we did have some folks who were registered for this
20 input session, who haven't arrived yet, just to provide
21 them the full access to time in case they want to call
22 in.

23 Do any Commissioners have any fun facts, history,
24 experiences in Orange County that they might like to
25 share?

1 Commissioner Yee, thank you so much.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: And Commissioner Sinay also.

3 So I have only been to one Presidential Library, and
4 that is the Richard Nixon Library, which is also his
5 birthplace and also his gravesite, all together there in
6 Yorba Linda. And he was the first President I remember
7 growing up. I was a little young to understand what
8 Watergate was all about, but I do remember going through
9 that. And although he does leave a mixed legacy, history
10 is still assessing what it all amounted to. Still, first
11 native-born Californian to become President, and resting
12 in peace there right in Orange County.

13 CHAIR SADHWANI: That is so true. And I believe
14 after he left the White House, he returned to his home in
15 San Clemente, where he had a residence. I'm also aware
16 that President Nixon was an alumni of Whittier College,
17 which is not in Orange County, but in one of those
18 cities -- I suppose it would be a gateway city into
19 Orange County, in Los Angeles County.

20 So thank you so much for that tip. That's so true,
21 and so helpful to kind of remember the presidential
22 history that resides here in California.

23 Commission Sinay, I saw you had something to share
24 as well.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, mine is more fun. But

1 when they were talking about Buena Park and Medieval
2 Times -- I don't know if any of you have ever gone to
3 Medieval Times, but it's definitely an experience. And I
4 remember, we took our -- we've gone a few times. I was
5 surprised how much more my niece and my daughter got into
6 it than my nephew and my son.

7 But we went for my son's third birthday. And the
8 reason it's so special is, the whole family was there,
9 and they take a picture. And usually we're like, we
10 don't need a picture. It's just -- I think it's one of
11 our few family pictures where it's got my parents and all
12 the grandkids, and the kids and stuff, and a king.

13 So it's just kind of funny if you think about that,
14 yeah, your one family picture. So I guess we need
15 another family picture. But it is a fun experience, even
16 for adults.

17 CHAIR SADHWANI: Sounds like it's time for you to go
18 back and do another family picture.

19 I've also heard several callers mention the Pirates
20 Dinner Theater, which I have never been to. But I have
21 to admit, I looked it up and I am really interested to
22 take my kids and family. It looks like a whole lot of
23 fun.

24 So we just have a couple of minutes more left here.
25 Did any other Commissioners have additional input that

1 they wanted to share about Orange County?

2 Yeah, Commissioner Akutagawa.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I don't know if this came
4 up, but since Commissioner Yee brought up 99 Ranch
5 Market, the question was brought up about where it
6 started. And just a fun fact, it was -- the very first
7 store was in Westminster, California. It's no longer
8 there, but they do have a number of stores in 10 states.
9 Apparently, I didn't realize that they had grown so much.
10 But they are at least quite present throughout southern
11 California, and I do believe in a number of places
12 throughout norther California as well, too. Just not in
13 Oakland, unfortunately.

14 I will also make a comment about Bueno Park. It
15 was, like as a kid growing up in southern California,
16 Bueno Park was very much a place that I knew well because
17 it was, like an expectation. We would go to Knott's
18 Berry Farm.

19 And I don't know -- now I know I'm really going to
20 date myself. But I don't know if anybody remembers if
21 you grew up in the area there was this, like -- I think I
22 might have brought this up before, but this deer park
23 where you can go in like, you know, it's kind of like an
24 animal farm where you go pet the animals. It was just
25 all deer. And I forgot what they called it.

1 But it was in Bueno Park, and it just, you know, as
2 they talked about the entertainment district, you know,
3 it is very much that around Bueno Park. And so, yes, a
4 lot of what people are saying about, the Beach Boulevard
5 being the kind of the connector between the entertainment
6 areas, makes a lot of sense. I drive that a lot.

7 CHAIR SADHWANI: So lots of fun entertainment to
8 explore in Orange County. Hopefully, one day we'll have
9 a meeting in Orange County. Even if it's not this year,
10 maybe it will be over the next ten years, we can go check
11 some of that out.

12 Thank you so much, everyone.

13 We are up against our 1:15 break, and the conclusion
14 of this session. I'll let folks know we will be back at
15 1:30. And at that time, we will be taking public
16 comment. So if folks have an interest to call in and
17 provide additional input, please plan to do so at 1:30.

18 (Break)

19 CO-CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Welcome back,
20 California, to the Citizens Redistricting Commission
21 Communities Of Interest Public Input Meeting. This
22 session is specifically dedicated to those that did not
23 have an appointment.

24 However, if you did have an appointment and were
25 unable to call in during your time block, we do encourage

1 you to call in now. We will continue to take public
2 input at this time. And we also invite public comment at
3 this time as well.

4 The phone line for public input and public comment
5 will close at 2:00 p.m. So any callers that are in the
6 queue at that time, if we need to go beyond 2:00 p.m., we
7 will. But to make sure you get in the queue, you do need
8 to call in now so that you're ensured to be able to make
9 either your public comment or your public input
10 testimony.

11 I'm going to go ahead and pass this over to Katy,
12 our comment moderator.

13 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 In order to maximize transparency and public
15 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
16 taking community of interest input and general public
17 comment for items not on the agenda at this time.

18 To call in dial the telephone number provided on the
19 livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted to
20 enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream
21 feed, it is 81732902077 for this meeting. When prompted
22 to enter a participant ID, simply press the pound key.

23 Once you have dialed in you will be placed in a
24 queue. To indicate your wish to comment, please press
25 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.



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

6 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream
7 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
8 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
9 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn
10 down the livestream volume.

11 And at this time, Chair, we do not have any callers.

12 CO-CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Well, let's see. I just
13 want to see if there's -- well, we'll continue on with
14 our vacation and other visit stories.

15 I know some of you do also live in southern
16 California, and if you do, you might have some stories
17 about some of the things that you've done in Orange
18 County. For those of you who may be in other neighboring
19 counties like Riverside, San Bernadino, San Diego,
20 Imperial Valley, if you have any stories, please share
21 those too with us.

22 And then, if you're from northern California or
23 central California, I think our central California
24 representatives are not here. But if you are, please
25 share stories -- any other stories that you haven't yet

1 shared.

2 And hopefully, if you are watching our livestream, I
3 just want to encourage you to please call in. We do
4 definitely want to hear from you. We do enjoy it, and
5 it's very helpful and insightful for us as we go through
6 this ongoing process of redistricting. And your stories
7 and telling us about your communities is part of that
8 process.

9 All right. Oh, Commissioner Fernandez. Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay reminded
11 me of the Medieval Times. We did go twice. And the
12 first time we went, I want to say my boys were probably
13 under ten. And I had no idea what it was about. We
14 just, you know, got tickets to go. And so we get there,
15 and they start serving us. And I'm, like where's the
16 utensils, you know, how are we supposed to eat this,
17 right? And I start looking around and I'm, like oh, I
18 get it.

19 So I have to admit, I was probably the worst one in
20 terms of getting into it. The worst with the, you know,
21 slamming on the desk and eating with your fingers. And
22 my boys kept looking over at me going, I think that it's
23 okay, we can eat with our fingers this time, right?

24 But it was so much fun, I have to tell you. It was
25 so much fun. And the jousting and the yelling. And

1 yeah, I'm pretty sure, I was probably the embarrassment
2 of my family, but that's what I'm here for. It was so
3 much fun. I advise anyone that has kids and hasn't gone,
4 you have to check it out. It was great.

5 CO-CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I actually went with -- I think
6 I was in college when I went. And it was with a group of
7 friends. Just to say, even if you're not a parent with
8 small children, you could still go. You know, it is
9 rather fun, and the whole eating with your hands and
10 everything that's going on. It was, you know, it was
11 such a different kind of experience, it was really just a
12 lot of fun to participate in that.

13 So I know we've talked a lot about the -- we've
14 heard a lot about the beaches as well, too. And it's
15 interesting, even though we all share a coastline for the
16 beach cities in Orange County, there are slight
17 differences along each of those beach cities in terms of
18 the coastline itself. You know, some are higher cliffs,
19 some are just like in Huntington Beach, definitely Seal
20 Beach -- well, I should say Sunset Beach and Huntington
21 Beach, much more easier to access areas to the beaches
22 versus, like along Laguna and also along Newport Beach,
23 some more cliffs and, you know, really beautiful places
24 to see.

25 Commissioner Sinay, did that jog a memory for you?

1 All right.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I have a lot. Yes, I did
3 live in Irvine when I was young, as I shared before. But
4 you just -- so a friend of mine, all the way from South
5 Bay, L.A., well, her dad actually -- her parents were
6 divorced. I think her dad lived even further north, in
7 the Valley, all places we've heard of during our listen
8 sessions.

9 But he had a -- his sailboat was parked outside of
10 the Rusty Pelican in Newport Beach. And we used to just
11 go and hang out on the sailboat. And every once in a
12 while he would come down, and he would actually take us
13 out. But in high school, that was just really fun just
14 to hang out on a sailboat and -- I don't know.

15 But one time we went, and it was my two good
16 friends, and then the one whose dad owned it, and her
17 boyfriend. The four of us went, and we went in a Karmann
18 Ghia. So two people drove down in a Karmann Ghia, two of
19 us drove down in, like, this car that's almost as small
20 as a Karmann Ghia. And she dropped her keys to the
21 boat -- oh, we went in, we got all of our stuff, and then
22 we said, hey, let's go to the beach. And as she is
23 locking up the sailboat, she drops her keys into the
24 water, and it didn't have a floatie on it.

25 So we had to -- and this is pre-cellphones

1 obviously, right? So we had to call our -- figure out
2 how many coins we could find to call our parents and tell
3 them, we're going to be late. Because we had to wait
4 until someone came down all the way from the Valley to
5 Newport to open up the sailboat. And then -- yeah, we
6 were looking for money so that we could figure out how to
7 get lunch.

8 Basically, it was the most hysterical fun memory.
9 But just kind of hanging out all day in Newport until
10 someone came at 9:00 p.m., and we could get our stuff
11 out.

12 CO-CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Wow, that's quite a memory.
13 Just imagining, you're trying -- what the look on all of
14 your faces must have been when the keys went into the
15 water and you're realizing, oh no.

16 All right. Maybe that spurred on somebody else,
17 because I see a caller, Katy.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we do have someone in the
19 queue. I will ask them to please press star 9 to raise
20 your hand, indicating you do wish to comment at this
21 time.

22 We do have a raised hand. Caller 8-0-5-7, if you'll
23 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.
24 Caller 8-0-5-7, you are unmuted. I have a couple of brief
25 instructions for you. Your speaker order number will be

1 number 26. If you'll please make note of that for future
2 reference. And if you have an area you would like to
3 discuss, please let the mapper know what that is. And if
4 you have general comment, that is allowed, too. The
5 floor is yours.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, I'd like to discuss
7 Irvine, Tustin, Newport Beach, and Costa Mesa.

8 I completely agree with the speaker who spoke right
9 before the break that we had here. And these communities
10 really value their open space. They value the
11 affordability of housing, the quality of life, the
12 mobility of traffic in this region. I'm just extremely
13 passionate about some of these issues, and I think that
14 each of these cities have it as a priority for each of
15 these areas to succeed and exceed in those capacities.

16 And I think that having a leader, a representative
17 tackle those issues in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.
18 would be extremely advantageous to our state, our county,
19 and our region. And so that's why I think that that
20 community is very fitting.

21 And I just wanted to thank all of you for sharing
22 your time today, and sharing your thoughts and
23 experiences. This has been a great experience, and very
24 unique to see and hear what your ties to this region and
25 county are. So thank you.

1 COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all of our callers
2 at this time, Chair.

3 CO-CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you for
4 calling in.

5 And for anyone else who is listening in please, you
6 know, hopefully hearing some of the stories, and as this
7 last caller just mentioned, perhaps some of our stories
8 may inspire you to call in and tell us about your
9 community as well, too. As has been mentioned, the
10 traffic is quite extensive down here in Orange County as
11 well, too.

12 I grew up hearing often about the El Toro Y. If
13 anybody is familiar with the interchanges up where the 5
14 and the 405 meet, down by Irvine Spectrum and near
15 Tustin. Definitely, you know, a bottleneck area. And so
16 I feel like -- I think some people have mentioned about
17 the way we call, at least down here in southern
18 California, the ways in which we call our freeways,
19 "the".

20 And part of it is, I think, because for many of us
21 our lives are spent on these freeways. And that's one of
22 the ways in which we can, you know, just really, I guess
23 express ourselves about our commutes.

24 I know, when I describe my commute, when the
25 occasional times that I over this past year-and-a-half

1 that I've been driving up to my office. And I recently
2 drove up there and I was reminded why I just really hate
3 the traffic here.

4 But when I describe my commute, it's usually a
5 series of multiple freeway numbers that I have to explain
6 versus -- it's not just one, it is multiple freeways that
7 I take to get up to L.A. And part of it is, I've become
8 quite creative about how to get from one place to the
9 other, as have, I'm sure, anyone who is living near, you
10 know, urban areas, but particularly down here in the
11 L.A./San Diego -- Orange County/San Diego areas as well,
12 too.

13 But I'm just thinking about, you know, just some of
14 the communities. I know that we've talked about trying
15 to, hopefully at some point, be able to meet together in
16 person. My hope is that if we can meet here in Orange
17 County, I would love to be able to have the Commissioners
18 all take a tour of just the various communities that are
19 here, and seeing for yourself the -- not only the
20 different ethnic communities and the kind of geographical
21 regional communities even within this local Orange County
22 area that has been spoken about, but I feel like food is
23 a theme for all of us.

24 And so I know that when I talk to people about
25 coming and visiting Orange County, I usually just center

1 my recommendations about where can we go and get the best
2 kind of foods from the Filipino -- even though this is
3 technically L.A. County sometimes because of the borders,
4 Cerritos, there is Little India and, you know, a Filipino
5 community there. In Westminster, there is Little Saigon
6 that's been mentioned.

7 And then, in the Anaheim area there is the Little
8 Arabia areas. There is definitely many places, Santa
9 Ana, but throughout Orange County, places to get some
10 fantastic Mexican food. And also, you're going to find
11 some other historic businesses as well, too. There are
12 some areas in which you'll get definitely fantastic,
13 especially in Irvine, Korean and Chinese foods.

14 You know, there is Fountain Valley, and throughout,
15 I would say, different parts of Orange County you will
16 definitely get some really good Japanese foods. And I'm
17 just also thinking about an Italian market that I know of
18 in Anaheim as well, too, that has some really fantastic
19 food there as well, too.

20 So hopefully, I'm making you all really hungry, and
21 I'm sure there is going to be someone who is going to be
22 inspired to call in. If anything, just to say, you
23 forgot to mention this food or that restaurant. And so
24 if that gets you to call in and, you know, give us your
25 communities of interest testimony, I am happy to invite

1 you to do so. If you want to call in and make public
2 input, please do so.

3 We're at about 1:45, so we have about fifteen more
4 minutes.

5 Oh, Commissioner Sinay.

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I was just -- yeah, one of the
7 callers called in about how Tustin, you know, there used
8 to be a huge military base. And when you brought up El
9 Toro, that was another big base.

10 And our neighbors, when we lived in Irvine, he was
11 stationed in El Toro, and I remember the first time we
12 saw the Blue Angels with an invitation from him to go see
13 them. But it's interesting how much Orange County has
14 changed from active military bases, and what's being
15 created by those bases -- yeah, and being able to be so
16 close and see how huge some of those hangars are. And
17 how it's -- yeah, it's recreating the Tustin area, you
18 know, I guess it's the north Tustin area. But also the
19 El Toro area.

20 And there is a huge -- as you all know, I've worked
21 with the Veterans community in Orange County. And so
22 there are a lot of veterans in Orange County and a lot of
23 Reserve. And it would be great to hear from those folks
24 from the communities, just to understand, you know, how
25 they see the area and how districts can affect their

1 issues as well.

2 But yeah, I think it just reminded me when you said
3 El Toro, what a great memory of the Blue Angels. Now
4 I've gotten to see them in San Diego several times, in
5 San Francisco. But every time, I just think of El Toro
6 when I see them.

7 CO-CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: And actually, because of where
8 we are, every once in a while we will get the flyover
9 from some of the jets, and so -- I guess because it's
10 only occasional, it's kind of fun to hear them -- I mean
11 literally just zip by. I live near Seal Beach, so you
12 know, I do pass by occasionally the Naval Weapons Station
13 as well, too. And you know, as you have said, it would
14 be great to hear from some of the veterans and even, you
15 know, anyone who is affiliated with any of the military
16 installations in that area.

17 Another caller had called in about Los Alamitos and
18 the base that's there. So I'm sure that there are a
19 number of veterans that also live in that neighboring
20 area, even though, I believe, I think that is still
21 considered Orange County. I think that's around the
22 lines where, you know, L.A. and Orange County become a
23 little blurred. But I do believe that Los Alamitos is
24 still considered part of Orange County, so that we have
25 that presence as well too.

1 Also what's been really interesting, and speaking
2 about some of the growth in Orange County, I think the
3 last time we talked about, you know, probably twenty-
4 five, thirty years ago we would have been able to drive
5 around and see the actual orange trees that made up
6 Orange County. And it was a wonderful scent in the air
7 when they were flowering and, you know, you could smell
8 those orange groves.

9 But there have also been callers that have called in
10 about the foothills as well, too. And those have been
11 some areas where we have seen a lot of growth in Orange
12 County as well, too. And connecting in closer to some of
13 the Riverside/San Bernadino county, you know communities
14 around there as well, too, as there has been greater
15 buildouts further inland as well, too.

16 So just really interesting to year, you know, what
17 people have been saying about the different communities
18 in the area. Laguna Woods, if you're not familiar, is
19 also a very large Leisure World community. And there is
20 also another Leisure World community up in Seal Beach as
21 well, too. So just kind of another fun fact there.

22 And then, of course, shopping.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes, and Commissioner
24 Akutagawa, if I may. I shouldn't read things off the
25 internet, because especially as a professor that probably

1 goes against the code of ethics. But I'm just looking up
2 some fun facts about Orange County.

3 And you mentioned the Laguna Woods area. I used to
4 spend -- we used to go to Laguna Beach quite often.
5 Again, very different, like I think all the beach
6 communities while certainly having shared interests, they
7 all have a different feel to them. But I'm reading this
8 little fun fact that I no idea about. And again, this is
9 off the internet so I don't know if it's true or not.

10 But in 1933, an amateur archeologist who was only
11 seventeen years old, found in Laguna Beach a chipped
12 skull on the beach, and the skull was found -- was
13 considered to be over 17,000 years old. And at that
14 point in time that was the oldest remnant that had been
15 found in the western hemisphere. So a really
16 important -- it sounds like a really important historical
17 find, right there, in Laguna Beach.

18 So who would know, who would have thought that under
19 all the beautiful sand you might find a 17,000-year-old
20 skull. It doesn't sound like something I would
21 particularly want to do while I'm on the beach, but
22 really, you know, exciting to read that.

23 CO-CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Okay. Well, we're winding
24 down, and at this point, I guess I do appreciate
25 everybody hanging in there. I guess, if you don't mind

1 hanging in there for nine more minutes, we'll just go
2 ahead and we'll give one more last call to anybody who
3 wants to call in.

4 We will be closing the phone lines at 2:00 p.m.
5 Please make sure that you get in the queue so that we can
6 listen to your input before we adjourn for the day. And
7 we hope that we will be hearing from all of you who might
8 be listening in.

9 And again, just a reminder, even if you're not from
10 Orange County, you can still call in and give us public
11 input about any region within California. You do not
12 have to limit yourself to Orange County. Or if you're
13 from Orange County please, if you have not yet submitted
14 testimony to us, please feel free to call in. We're not
15 scary. Don't be nervous about calling in and talking to
16 us. That's okay, we really want to hear from you.

17 And, you know, we'd like to know what you would feel
18 is important for us to keep in mind as we just continue
19 on this process of redistricting. We just want to
20 encourage you all to call in.

21 So I don't know if you all know, San Juan Capistrano
22 is well known for its, you know, its Mission. You know,
23 I'll be honest, I mean for all --

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Its ghost.

25 CO-CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I'm sorry?

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Its headless horseman ghost.

2 CO-CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Really? I didn't know about
3 that.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Oh, we camped there. I
5 remember going there with Campfire Girls. We camped
6 there and they told us all about it right before they
7 sent us to our tents to sleep.

8 CO-CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I didn't realize that that was
9 part of their lure down there. All I know is, you know,
10 in all the years that I've lived in Orange County, and
11 also, you know, having, you know, been born and raised
12 here, I've never actually gone, you know, I've heard
13 about the swallows, you know, the migration of the
14 swallows to San Juan Capistrano. I have never though
15 actually made an effort to go down there to go see it.

16 And I am kind of curious now that we're focusing on
17 all these cities. I don't know if any of you have seen
18 it, done it.

19 And Commissioner Sinay, I think you said that they
20 fly up from Argentina, so --

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I used to work for Partners of
22 the Americas, and we'd partner U.S. cities, and states,
23 and regions with Latin American countries' states and
24 regions. And we had partnered southern California and
25 Argentina because of the swallows. And the swallows did

1 the trip back and forth.

2 CO-CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: I don't know if this will
3 qualify as a fun fact or -- and I will say, my caveat is
4 that this isn't from the internet, but this is how rumors
5 do get started, I will admit to this. But I do believe
6 that when I think of places like Mission Viejo, and
7 (indiscernible) and some of these areas, you know,
8 southern California but specifically Orange County is
9 actually quite well known for their swimming programs.

10 And I do believe that Mission Viejo has a pretty
11 competitive swim club, and that they've actually sent
12 several Olympians from their clubs to, you know, swim on
13 behalf of the U.S. And I think several have actually
14 medaled in the Olympics. Since we're in that Olympic
15 moment, I thought I'd just mention that as well, too.

16 And actually this year, surfing is part of the
17 Olympics. So that's actually kind of interesting. I
18 haven't watched any of it. But it's interesting to hear
19 that surfing is also part of the Olympics this year. And
20 being from Surf City, U.S.A., it's something that I took
21 note of with interest.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm curious, Commissioner
23 Akutagawa, if you know anything about, like is there a
24 competition between the surfers of which beach is a
25 better beach to surf on.

1 CO-CHAIR AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I think -- I don't think
2 it's quite as bad as what you'll hear about, like in
3 Malibu and some of those other places where you've heard
4 rumors of you know, locals try to claim spaces for
5 themselves. And same, I think, also in the Rancho Palos
6 Verdes area.

7 I've heard rumors, but I'll be honest, I mean, I'm
8 not a surfer myself but from what I understand, most
9 people are pretty welcoming. There's also a lot of
10 standup paddle, you know, enthusiasts in this area all
11 along the coast. My brother-in-law particular, he and my
12 niece, they compete in standup paddle competition. So
13 that's really quite popular, especially down towards
14 south county, like in Dana Point, San Clemente, around
15 that area, there is quite a bit of that as well going on,
16 so.

17 And then, if you come up to, like around the Sunset
18 Beach, Huntington Beach, and probably, you know, parts of
19 Newport Beach, some of the callers mentioned some of the
20 tourism activities that are going on. So I see a lot of
21 people trying out surfing and standup paddling, you know.
22 Kayaking is also another one that I see quite a bit of
23 things, you know, people would just taking an either a
24 one- or two-person boat out and just kayaking around the
25 harbor. If they're in the harbor or -- I think just even

1 down by the beach it's more just, you know, people who
2 are surfing.

3 Maybe another -- I'll just speak about this. So I'm
4 a dog person, so I am a -- I guess I call myself a fur
5 mom. And so down in Huntington Beach, there is a dog
6 beach, an unofficial -- it's kind of an
7 unofficial/official dog beach. So unofficially dogs are
8 not supposed to -- or officially dogs are not supposed to
9 be off-leash on the beach.

10 But unofficially, because you have to go down a
11 number of steps and stairs to get down to the beach from
12 up top where people would park, it's a somewhat semi-
13 protected area where dogs are allowed or dog owners have,
14 you know, taken their dogs off leash and allow them to
15 play around on the beach and on the water. So if you are
16 curious as to seeing dog beach over by the Huntington
17 Beach pier, there's some fun times to be seen there as
18 well, too.

19 Or if you drive down with your dogs, I think as with
20 anything, well-behaved pets are welcome. And so that's
21 another little fun fact around that area as well, too.

22 Okay. Well, we are one minute from closing up here.
23 We don't have anybody in the queue. You do have a few
24 seconds to get in the queue. Otherwise, what I'm going
25 to just say is, I just want to thank everyone who called

1 in, and who are listening in on the livestream, for
2 joining our communities of interest input meeting today.

3 We do have three upcoming public input meetings
4 coming up. The first is next Thursday, July 29th, at
5 4:00 p.m. It's focused on the Bay Area counties of
6 Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo,
7 Santa Clara, and Solano counties and their surrounding
8 areas.

9 The next one follows that one, it's going to be on
10 Friday, July 30th at 4:00 p.m., focused on L.A. County
11 and surrounding areas.

12 And then on Saturday, July 31st, we will have
13 beginning at 10:00 a.m. a communities of interest public
14 input meeting focused on Riverside and San Bernadino
15 counties and their surrounding areas.

16 This week we do also have our Public Input Design
17 Committee meeting, this Monday, July 26th, at 5:00 p.m.,
18 and our business meeting on Wednesday, July 28th, at 9:30
19 a.m.

20 So callers at these meetings -- communities of
21 interest meetings are not limited to those specific
22 counties. You can visit the meetings page at our website
23 to see a list of additional upcoming COI input meetings
24 at www.wedrawthelinesca.org/meetings.

25 With that, I want to say thank you to everyone for



1 joining us. This meeting is adjourned.

2 (Meeting adjourned)

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