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1 August 21, 2021 9:00 a.m.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Good morning, everyone. Welcome,
3 and thank you for tuning into this California Citizens
4 Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest input
5 meeting. I am Commissioner Alicia Fernandez. Today we
6 are offering a language line in Spanish, so Spanish
7 language speakers can listen to the meeting in their
8 native language.
9

10 Could I please have our interpreters provide our
11 call-in numbers. Can I have you read the Spanish
12 language line instructions? That would be Johanna or
13 Margarita.

14 INTERPRETER JOHANNA: Good morning. This is
15 Johanna. Thank you, Chair.

16 (Spanish translation provided)

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Gracias, Johanna, thank you. Now
18 we'll go to Alvaro for roll call.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Good morning, Chair. We'll begin
20 the roll call.

21 Commissioner Fornaciari.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I am here.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

24 Commissioner Kennedy.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

2 Commissioner Sadhwani.

3 Commissioner Sinay.

4 Commissioner Taylor.

5 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: I am here.

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you.

7 Commissioner Toledo.

8 Commissioner Turner.

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vazquez.

11 Commissioner Yee.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Ahmad.

14 Commissioner Akutagawa.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen.

17 And Commissioner Fernandez.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Here.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Roll call is complete.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Alvaro.

21 Before we begin, we want to acknowledge all those
22 who have been impacted by the Caldor, the Dixie, the
23 Monument, and the McFarland fires, and other wildfires
24 burning now in California. Know that we are thinking of
25 you, your families, and your communities. We understand

1 that you may not be able to participate today, but we
2 encourage you to do so later. Your voice and the voice
3 of Californians is important to ensure fair and
4 representative maps.

5 I will start by sharing a little bit about the
6 Commission. Every 10 years, after the Federal Government
7 publishes updated census information, California must
8 redraw the boundaries of its Congressional, State Senate,
9 State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts
10 so that the districts correctly reflect the State's
11 population.

12 In 2008, California voters authorized the creation
13 of the Commission when they passed the Voters FIRST Act.
14 It authorized the Commission to draw the new district
15 lines for the State Senate, State Assembly, and State
16 Board of Equalization districts.

17 In 2010, the Congressional Voters FIRST Act added
18 the responsibility of drawing congressional districts to
19 the Commission. The 14-member Commission is made up of
20 five Republicans, five Democrats, and four not affiliated
21 with either of those two parties. The Commission must
22 draw the district lines in conformity with strict,
23 nonpartisan rules designed to create districts of
24 relatively equal population that will provide fair
25 representation for all Californians.

1 The census redistricting data was released the week
2 of August 9th. When the official California
3 redistricting base is available in late September, the
4 Commission begins drawing maps using six line-drawing
5 criteria as outlined in the California Constitution. One
6 of these criteria is minimizing the division of cities,
7 counties, neighborhoods, and communities of interest to
8 the extent possible.

9 We can obtain the city and county information from
10 those jurisdictions. But we need the neighborhood and
11 communities of interest information from Californians
12 directly. That's why we have launched these communities
13 of interest input sessions, to get that valuable
14 information from you directly. We encourage all
15 Californians to participate in this process.

16 If you would rather submit the communities of
17 interest input over the internet, you can do so from our
18 website by visiting drawmycacommunity.org. Skip the
19 line, go online.

20 Now, I will call on all commissioners to introduce
21 themselves and to say hello. To see the biography for
22 our 14 commissioners, for additional information, or to
23 sign up for our emails, please visit our website at
24 wedrawthelinesca.org.

25 And we will begin with Commissioner Isra Ahmad. I

1 believe she is not here yet.

2 Commissioner Linda Akutagawa.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes, hi. Good morning,
4 California. I'm looking forward to hearing from all of
5 you about your communities of interest. These sessions
6 have been incredibly helpful in helping us to understand
7 the nuances of your communities. So I want to just
8 encourage you to either call in, or please provide your
9 input via the online tool.

10 Coming to you from Southern California. So again, I
11 also just wanted to reiterate our best wishes for all of
12 you. We know that there's a lot of tough times ahead
13 right now. So thank you.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa.
15 Commissioner Jane Andersen.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Good morning, California,
17 and especially to all of those in the greater Sacramento
18 area. I'm coming to you from Berkeley, California, this
19 morning. And again, I'm also really looking forward to
20 hearing about your communities of interest.

21 And I understand many, many of you who might be
22 interested in getting us information, are otherwise
23 extremely busy dealing with life and death issues. The
24 Commission is -- our hearts are with you. We'd
25 appreciate any information that you can give us at a

1 later date. Please just go on to our website if you
2 can't give us any information here today. And for those
3 who are able to, thank you very much.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
5 Commissioner Neal Fornaciari.

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, good morning,
7 California. I'm Neal Fornaciari coming to you from
8 Tracy, California, a little bit south of you all. And I
9 am looking forward to hearing about your communities of
10 interest and what's important to you. And I just want to
11 also reiterate, you know, our thoughts and prayers are
12 with you all, all of you who are affected by the fires
13 throughout the state.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner
15 Fornaciari.

16 Commissioner Ray Kennedy.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Good morning, California.
18 I'm joining the meeting from my home in Morongo Valley,
19 which is a Joshua Tree gateway community in the desert of
20 southern San Bernadino County. Wishing all of you the
21 best, and looking forward to hearing from you about what
22 makes your community special to you. Thank you so much.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

24 Commissioner Sara Sadhwani.

25 Commissioner Patricia Sinay.

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Good morning, California.
2 Thank you, for being with us. We're with you all. We
3 know you have a lot on your minds with the fires
4 happening. If you can participate today, please do. If
5 you can't, there is a lot of other ways to participate,
6 and we do want to hear from you. And later on, the Chair
7 will let you know how you can participate.

8 I'm serving you from San Diego.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Sinai.
10 Commissioner Derric Taylor.

11 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner
12 Fernandez.

13 Good morning, California. I hope everyone is well.
14 I echo the sentiments of my fellow Commissioners, given
15 the gravity of the situation and the wildfires going on
16 throughout northern California and other regions.

17 I'm coming to you from Los Angeles, California, L.A.
18 County. A somewhat gloomy day, but our thoughts and
19 prayers are with you all. And we look forward to your
20 input whenever you can participate in the process. Thank
21 you.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.
23 Commissioner Trena Turner.

24 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Good morning, Californians.
25 I'm Commissioner Trena Turner, and I come to you from the

1 San Joaquin Central Valley. And in spite of all that's
2 going on, I am excited about hearing about your hopes,
3 dreams, and aspirations for the area that you're in. I'd
4 love for you to tell us all about it. And we're here for
5 the time that you're here to just focus on this and what
6 your dreams are for your area. Thank you.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.
8 Commissioner Pedro Toledo.

9 Commissioner Angela Vazquez.
10 Commissioner Russell Yee.

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Good morning, California and
12 those in the Sacramento Valley area and the Lake Tahoe
13 area. While we were certainly expecting to spend a lot
14 of time, especially in Sacramento County, on this
15 mission, but here we are on Zoom once again.

16 This year is actually the 30th anniversary of the
17 Oakland firestorm, where we lost over 3,000 homes and 25
18 lives. So we have some sense of what you're going
19 through in other parts of the state with active fires
20 now, and our hearts do go out to you.

21 Certainly, a fire hazard is one of the things that
22 define some communities of interest. And so that and
23 other cares and concepts of your communities of interest,
24 we certainly look forward to hearing from you today,
25 those of you who are able to participate.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

2 And myself.

3 Good morning, fellow Californians, and welcome to my
4 neighborhood. I'm Alicia Fernandez from Yolo County.
5 I've lived in Yolo and Sacramento counties my entire
6 life, so welcome to my community. Normally I have a
7 background of tomato field, and that's where my father
8 and my family worked. This is my community, and I'm
9 looking forward to hearing more about your communities;
10 what unites you and what makes it special.

11 We are active on social media, so please also follow
12 the California Citizens Redistricting Commission on
13 social media. You can find us on Facebook, Instagram,
14 Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube at wedrawthelinesca.
15 Again, that's wedrawthelinesca. Following us on social
16 media is another way to get useful information about
17 redistricting and updates from the California Commission.

18 Before we continue, can I please have our
19 interpreters provide our language line numbers one more
20 time? And can you please read the Spanish language line
21 instructions?

22 INTERPRETER JOHANNA: Hi Chair, this is Johanna.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

24 (Spanish translation provided)

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Johanna.



1 This meeting is primarily for the communities of
2 interest testimony focused on El Dorado, Nevada, Placer,
3 Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba counties, and
4 their surrounding areas. However, anyone in California
5 can call in to provide input. General public comment
6 will take place at the end of the meeting.

7 Although the Commission has divided up California
8 into 11 zones, that in no way is related to or reflective
9 of redistricting lines or boundaries. The Commission
10 created the zones to assist the Commissioners and staff
11 in their outreach efforts only, not as an indication of
12 planned boundaries.

13 Today, we are joined by our Line Drawing team,
14 HaystaqDNA, and Q2 Data & Research, LLC, who will be
15 displaying a map of the area that attendees describe.
16 Please start with the area you would like to discuss, and
17 be as specific as possible about the boundaries of where
18 your community is located. It is our goal to find the
19 area on the map you would like to discuss prior to your
20 testimony.

21 If you are within a specific neighborhood of a large
22 city, please mention that by name. Once we are able to
23 locate your area, your timer will begin. Attendees will
24 not be able to share their screen.

25 We are also joined by Spanish interpreters and Katy,



1 our comment moderator who will be introducing attendees
2 when it is their turn to speak.

3 When you join the meeting, please use the Raise Hand
4 button at the bottom of your screen to enter the queue.
5 If you have registered for a timeslot, we encourage you
6 to call in during your appointment timeslot. When it is
7 your turn to speak, Katy, our comment moderator, will be
8 identifying you by your assigned unique ID number. You
9 will be reconnected to the session with the ability to
10 enable your own video and/or audio.

11 Registration is not required to participate in this
12 public input meeting. The public has the option of
13 calling in during this meeting to get in the queue to
14 speak. If you do not have an appointment and wish to
15 call in to provide public input, the number is 877-853-
16 5247. Again, the number to provide input is 877-853-
17 5247. You will need to enter meeting ID number
18 85693526823.

19 The call-in information and access code is also
20 listed on the livestream. You will need to dial this
21 number in order to give public input. Today, there will
22 be Spanish interpreters available to interpret non-
23 English input at this caller number. The comment
24 moderator will assign you a speaker order number before
25 you begin speaking. And please make a note of this for

1 future reference. You will be able to use this number to
2 identify your community of interest testimony on our
3 website at a future date.

4 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time
5 limit for English speakers, and a six-minute time limit
6 for those with an interpreter. There will be a warning
7 at 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining.

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

12 If, at the conclusion of the meeting, there is still
13 a need to allow for members of the public in the queue to
14 speak, we'll continue this communities of input meeting
15 at a new date in time, and we'll attempt to schedule the
16 remaining members of the public to speak for the allotted
17 three minutes. Please monitor the website as we expect
18 to post a continuation of the meeting within 24 hours.

19 While there are no clear rules on how to define a
20 community of interest, we've identified ways for you to
21 describe your community. Begin with your county or city.
22 Mention the street names and significant locations in
23 your neighborhood to help us identify the perimeters of
24 your community.

25 What are your shared interests? What brings you

1 together? What is important to your community? Are
2 there nearby areas you want to be in district with? Are
3 there nearby areas you do not want to be in the district
4 with? Why or why not? Has your community come together
5 to advocate for important services, better schools,
6 roads, or health centers in your neighborhood, or some
7 other issue?

8 Also, we invite you to use the community of interest
9 tool to draw a map and describe your community by
10 visiting drawmycommunity.org. This website is
11 available in 16 languages.

12 Skip the line, go online. Submit your communities
13 of interest input today. And please encourage at least
14 three -- no, at least 10 -- at least 10 other people to
15 do the same. I think we're high achievers. We're going
16 to go with 10 today. As a reminder, even though we are
17 focusing on specific counties, Californians from anywhere
18 in the state are welcome to provide input.

19 We will now begin the public input sessions, and
20 we'll start with people who are registered, and then open
21 the phone lines if there is time before the next session.
22 If you are calling in without an appointment, please do
23 not hang up. Because if you do, you'll lose your place
24 in line.

25 And also, I just want to make sure that you are



1 specific in your areas. If you say south Sacramento,
2 please describe what those boundaries are, either east,
3 west, north, or south. Or if you're me, that's
4 directionally challenged, I go left, right, front, or
5 back. So whatever way, just let us know what your
6 boundaries are.

7 And at this point I will pass it over to Katy, our
8 comment moderator.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

10 Good morning. Welcome to the public input session.
11 Please use the Raise Hand button at the bottom of your
12 screen to enter the queue. When it is your turn, I will
13 identify you by your assigned unique ID number from your
14 invite. You will be reconnected to the session with the
15 ability to enable your own video and/or audio. You will
16 then be assigned a speaker order number before you begin
17 speaking. Please make a note of your speaker order
18 number for future reference.

19 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time
20 limit for those -- for English speakers, and six minutes
21 for those with an interpreter. There will be a warning
22 at 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining.

23 It is the Commission's goal to find the area on the
24 map you would like to discuss prior to your testimony.
25 If you are within a specific neighborhood of a large

1 city, please mention it by name. Once we are able to
2 locate your area, your three- or six-minute testimony
3 will begin. Attendees will not be able to share their
4 screen. At the end of your public input or at the end of
5 your time, you will be reconnected in a listen and view-
6 only mode. At the beginning of your input, please remind
7 the mapper of what area you would like to see on the
8 screen.

9 At this time, we will have 0-1-0, and then up next
10 will be 0-1-2.

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

17 MR. LAMERA: Yeah, of course. So the area I would
18 like to discuss is the Sacramento River Delta, which
19 consists of the communities of Clarksburg, Hood,
20 Courtland, Locke, Walnut Grove, Ryde, Birds Landing,
21 Isleton, and Rio Vista. It actually spans across three
22 counties, Yolo, Sacramento, and Solano. Yup, that looks
23 perfect. Thank you.

24 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

25 MR. LAMERA: Good morning, esteemed Commissioners.

1 My name is Marcial Lamera, and I currently serve as the
2 Trustee Area 5 Board Member for the River Delta Unified
3 School District, which serves the Sacramento River Delta
4 communities of Clarksburg; Hood; Courtland; Locke; Walnut
5 Grove; Ryde; Birds Landing; and Collinsville; as well as
6 the cities of Isleton, and Rio Vista. It spans across
7 three counties, Yolo, Sacramento, and Solano, and is
8 currently managed by the Sacramento County Office of
9 Education.

10 Our attendance boundary spans around 60 to 70 square
11 miles, and is a purely agricultural area that is one of
12 the leaders in growing fresh produce in the Sacramento
13 area. Although we may be small in size, the Sacramento
14 River Delta is rich in culture, rituals, and traditions
15 that date back to over 150 years.

16 I ask that you keep our school district together
17 when you redraw the Congressional, State Senate, State
18 Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts. As
19 one of the leading agricultural producers, nationally and
20 internationally, the State must value those who
21 contribute to this incredible economic achievement, as
22 our farm workers deserve to have a say in how their state
23 and country's governments are being run.

24 Our student population is approximately 50 percent
25 Hispanic, and their parents worked long hours in the

1 field without complaint, just like my Abuelito did. And
2 they have all earned their right to engage in civic
3 processes.

4 Should you make the decision to divide our
5 communities, it will dilute the impacts that rural
6 citizens have in many important democratic processes, and
7 will reduce the power they have to make their voices
8 heard. This will ultimately result in a domino effect,
9 where citizens living in these areas may become
10 discouraged from participating in important governmental
11 processes, which will reduce public participation
12 overall.

13 Even now, there is a huge disparity in the amount of
14 civic engagement we see in urban areas versus rural
15 areas. Many rural citizens are apprehensive about voting
16 or performing their civic duty, as they don't believe
17 they have the power to create change.

18 Breaking up our school district will set a dangerous
19 precedent that the Commission values its citizens living
20 in urban areas more than those who live in rural
21 communities.

22 While I am a representative from the Sacramento
23 River Delta, I also bring up this matter for you to
24 consider when you redistrict other agricultural areas
25 throughout California, in an effort to empower these

1 communities and keep them civically engaged.

2 I want to thank you for your time and allowing
3 myself and other California citizens to speak on behalf
4 of their communities. And I have faith that you will all
5 do an excellent job of redrawing new and fair political
6 boundaries. Thank you for your time.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr. Lamera.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 0-
10 1-2, and up next will be 0-0-6.

11 And I'd like to invite those that have joined to use
12 the Raise Hand button at the bottom of your screen. This
13 will raise your hand and put you in line to enter your
14 comments.

15 So right now will be 0-1-2. 0-1-2, your speaker
16 order number is number 2. If you'll please make note of
17 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the
18 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The
19 floor is yours.

20 MR. ANODON: Yes, actually the same area, Sacramento
21 area.

22 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

23 MR. ANODON: I'm actually not -- one second. So my
24 name is Michael Anodon (ph.). First, I want to thank you
25 for having this meeting today, to allow so many of us to

1 talk about our communities, and establish such an open
2 and transparent process to redraw California's district
3 lines.

4 I'm calling today to talk about Sacramento. I've
5 lived in Sacramento for over 20 years. I've raised my
6 family here, and I lived all over the city. I know from
7 the Sacramento's overall population that it is too big to
8 be kept into one whole Assembly district. So it's
9 important to talk to where we should split Sacramento.

10 I think the best place to divide Sacramento is along
11 Fruitridge Boulevard, or somewhere close to that line,
12 because of the Asian and AAPI community that has grown
13 between south Sacramento and Elk Grove. Our community
14 should be kept together so we have a strong voice in the
15 State Assembly. Little Saigon has blossomed along
16 Stockton Boulevard, growing from Fruitridge south to
17 northern Elk Grove. Little Saigon is a neighborhood many
18 of us in the AAPI community flock to for restaurants,
19 grocery stores, and small businesses serving our
20 community.

21 Also located in the area is the Asian Resources, a
22 local nonprofit that's converted an old elementary school
23 into a campus to serve our community with English
24 classes, youth programs, and other social services.

25 Please keep the AAPI community in south Sacramento



1 and northern Elk Grove together in one Assembly district.
2 I know you'll have to split Sacramento, so please split
3 along Fruitridge Boulevard to keep our community
4 together.

5 Thank you so much for your time.

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Mr. Anodon, can I just ask for --
7 can you just hang on for just a little bit?

8 MR. ANODON: Absolutely.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. In terms of the
10 Fruitridge area, are you talking about just Fruitridge
11 and -- you're just talking about Sacramento, right?
12 South Sacramento Fruitridge? I just want to make sure I
13 have the boundaries correct. Oh, you're on mute. You're
14 on mute, Mr. Anodon.

15 MR. ANODON: Has to happen at least once, right?

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Happens to me all the time.

17 MR. ANODON: Yes, Fruitridge Boulevard south.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. Thank you so much.
19 And you also mentioned north Elk Grove.

20 MR. ANODON: Yeah, well the --

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So to like what -- right. And I
22 am familiar with the area, so I just want to make sure I
23 get the right boundaries for you.

24 MR. ANODON: Yeah, the exact location -- I mean,
25 just when you're splitting Sacramento, just that

1 Fruitridge Boulevard is the dividing line.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. Thank you so much.

3 MR. ANODON: Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And next will be 0-0-6.

5 And then after that will be 0-0-1.

6 And again, I'd like to invite those that have joined
7 to use the Raise Hand button at the bottom of your screen
8 to enter the comment queue line.

9 0-0-6, I will be promoting you now. 0-0-6, your
10 speaker order number --

11 (Audio interference)

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: One moment, one moment.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. One moment. I'm
14 going to have to mute you for just one moment. Your
15 speaker order number is number 6. If you'll please
16 make -- I'm sorry, your speaker order number is number 3.
17 If you'll please make note of that for future reference.
18 If you please let the mapper know what area you would
19 like to discuss. And now the floor is yours. Please use
20 the unmute again.

21 MR. SINGH: Hi, Commissioner. I would like to
22 discuss the Roseville/Antelope area.

23 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

24 MR. SINGH: Thank you.

25 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead.

1 MR. SINGH: Thank you to the Commission for the
2 great work that you're doing on behalf of Californians.
3 My name is Mandeep Singh, and I'm a community organizer
4 with the Jakara Movement. And we work with the youth and
5 the wider community to empower and educate ourselves and
6 those around us.

7 I would like to submit this comment on behalf of the
8 Sikh and Punjabi community. We have a vibrant industry,
9 you know, going all the way back to the late 1800s in
10 California and in Sacramento. We work in all different
11 sectors of California, from farm workers to teachers, to
12 factory workers, to truck drivers, to doctors, to
13 engineers, lawyers, and many more that I'm missing out.

14 But we have a footprint here in our communities, so
15 it is important that we have that voice. There is
16 actually even a recent park in Elk Grove that was named
17 after these two gentlemen that were killed in 2011.
18 Their murders still hasn't been solved yet, right?

19 So we -- this community -- this immigrant community,
20 this hardworking community deserves a voice. And right
21 now you see Antelope and Roseville are sort of like split
22 in half. I would request the Commission to try to keep
23 Antelope and Roseville together as much as possible.

24 And there is also some district lines currently that
25 divide Elk Grove down 99. And our community in Elk Grove

1 is also very much -- you know, it covers all the way from
2 Highway 5 all the way to Bradshaw. I'm actually, after
3 this call, headed to a power lifting meet where all the
4 whole Elk Grove Punjabi-Sikh communities come together at
5 the Bradshaw Gurdwara, and it's an all-day event. And if
6 anybody is listening today, you're more than welcome to
7 come to that.

8 But yeah, thank you to the Commission for, you know,
9 hearing us out and doing this incredible work on behalf
10 of Californians. And you know, we look forward to
11 bringing this information to our communities, and
12 empowering our communities to have that voice. Thank
13 you.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr. Singh. And good
15 luck with your event. It sounds like it will be a great
16 time.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have
18 0-0-1. And then up next will be 0-0-4.

19 0-0-1, I will be promoting you now. 0-0-1, your
20 speaker order number will be number 4. If you'll please
21 make note of that for future reference. And if you
22 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
23 discuss. The floor is yours.

24 MS. ORR: Thank you so much. I'm going to be
25 speaking on behalf of some broader communities of

1 interest. So actually, the way the map is right now
2 works just fine. Thank you.

3 My name is Adria Orr, and I'm a senior program
4 coordinator on the Voting Rights Team at Asian Americans
5 Advancing Justice, Asian Law Caucus. We're working with
6 our colleagues at Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Los
7 Angeles, to lead the efforts of the AAPI and AMEMSA
8 Redistricting Collaborative.

9 Our organizations, respectively, are San Francisco
10 and Los Angeles-based legal and civil rights nonprofits
11 serving the Asian American Pacific Islander communities
12 through a combination of legal services, educational
13 programs, advocacy, and community organizing.

14 I'm calling in today to provide a brief introduction
15 to our (indiscernible) wonderful partners calling to
16 share information about their specific communities of
17 interest in the Sacramento area. Our collaborative
18 partners work with many underrepresented communities, and
19 are rooted in areas of California, where they're the
20 highest concentrations of AAPI and AMEMSA communities,
21 including Sacramento, the Northern Central Valley, the
22 Bay Area, Orange County, Los Angeles, and San Diego.

23 Over the last few months, we held over 30
24 redistricting workshops to raise awareness of
25 redistricting, and encourage community members to



1 advocate for the communities of interest before the
2 California Citizens Redistricting Commission.
3 Communities of interest are especially important for our
4 communities to be represented in the redistricting
5 process.

6 Recent census data shows us that Asians are the
7 fastest growing racial group in this state, making up
8 17.8 percent of the population, and that Native Hawaiian
9 Pacific Islander Californians are almost 1 percent of the
10 state, with 18 percent growth in the last decade.

11 However, the diversity, size, and dispersion of
12 individual AAPI and AMEMSA communities mean that it's
13 often a struggle to achieve fair and equal representation
14 when it's based solely on the available data or through
15 the sheer force of numbers when the lines are drawn.

16 For example, in the Sacramento area, there are
17 significant Asian communities that are not large enough
18 to make up the majority of a district's population, who
19 will depend on the Commission's respect for their
20 communities of interest to preserve their ability to seek
21 fair representation. Another example is the Muslim
22 communities who our partners work with, who will only be
23 represented as communities of interest within this
24 process, as they are not captured by census data.

25 We are grateful to the Commission for holding these

1 hearings for communities, community leaders, and
2 organizations to shine light on their communities, many
3 of whom would not otherwise be seen in this process.
4 Communities leaders and residents across the state from
5 our collaborative will be testifying at upcoming regional
6 communities of interest input hearings for their
7 respective regions.

8 We hope that this information will help ensure the
9 voices of these historically underrepresented communities
10 will be protected as you start the line-drawing process.

11 Thank you so much for your time today.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Ms. Orr. I just have a
13 quick question for you. You mentioned the Sacramento
14 area. Is there a specific area in Sacramento?

15 MS. ORR: Yeah, we're going to have some of our
16 partners call in to speak about some of the different
17 areas, like in Elk Grove, south Sacramento, Greenhaven,
18 Arden-Arcade, Lemon Hill, and a few more. I want to let
19 them get into the specifics of that.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Well, thank you so much.

21 MS. ORR: Yeah, thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have
23 0-0-4, and then up next will be 0-0-2.

24 And I would like to invite those with appointments
25 during this session to please use the Raise your Hand

1 button at the bottom of your screen to join the comment
2 queue line. Thank you so much.

3 And we still need 0-0-1, 0-0-8, and 0-1 -- oh, I'm
4 sorry. 0-0-8 and 0-1-3. 0-0-1 just spoke. I apologize.

5 0-0-4 you will be right now. 0-0-4, your speaker
6 order number will be number 5. If you will please make
7 note of that for future reference. You can now enable to
8 audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen.
9 If you'll please let the mapper know what area you would
10 like to discuss. The floor is yours.

11 MS. VANG: Good morning, Commissioners. My name is
12 Cha Vang, and I'm Deputy Director at AAPIs For Civic
13 Empowerment Education Fund. And I am a member of the
14 AAPI and AMEMSA State Redistricting Collaborative. And
15 today we'll provide an introduction to some of our
16 collaborative work, and also provide input on the Del
17 Paso Heights neighborhood in north Sacramento.

18 Since the beginning of the year, AAPI FORCE has
19 worked with other regions and partnered with AAPI and
20 AMEMSA State Redistricting Collaborative in the greater
21 Sacramento region. Four community workshops were held to
22 engage the greater Sacramento AAPI and AMEMSA community
23 members in redistricting.

24 The first workshops were held to educate communities
25 about redistricting, and what the state process was for

1 the year. The following workshops helped educate
2 community members about what communities of interests
3 are, and to help them start identifying communities of
4 interest in Sacramento.

5 This work was done in hopes of helping communities
6 engage with the redistricting process, as well as help
7 the Commission better understand the diverse AAPI and
8 AMEMSA communities in the greater Sacramento community.

9 There were seven different community-based
10 organizations who participated in these workshops. And
11 just to go into the north Sacramento, Del Paso Heights
12 area, this is actually a historically underinvested,
13 disenfranchised area. And the Del Paso Heights
14 neighborhood in north Sacramento is one of the most
15 diverse in the city.

16 While there is a large number of Latino and Black
17 communities in the area, the Hmong and Southeast Asian
18 communities also have a rich history in the area. Since
19 settling in Sacramento, the Hmong and Southeast Asian
20 communities have raised their children, opened small
21 businesses and organizations to serve the community.

22 The Hmong and Southeast Asian community that live in
23 Del Paso Heights shares similar socioeconomic status with
24 the Black and Latino communities in the area. Many are
25 limited English proficient, who are refugees and

1 immigrants. And other similarities include families who
2 rely on safety net programs.

3 The area has high numbers of renters. Therefore,
4 issues that impact the Hmong and Southeast Asian
5 communities are tenant protections and rent control. In
6 addition, there is a high need for quality healthcare and
7 mental health programs. Also, for decades the Del Paso
8 Heights area has always been a food desert. So access to
9 healthy food is always an issue for residents.

10 The core of Del Paso Heights runs from Northgate
11 Boulevard to Bell Avenue, from Bell Avenue to Winters, and
12 down to El Camino in the south. To allow for Southeast
13 Asian communities to have strong voices for the next 10
14 years, I am urging the Commission to keep the Del Paso
15 Heights neighborhood whole when considering maps for the
16 greater Sacramento area.

17 Thank you for your time. And the rest of the AAPI
18 and AMEMSA State Redistricting Collaborative will
19 continue to update you about other areas in Sacramento.
20 Thank you.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Vang.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now will be 0-0-5,
23 and then up next will be 0-0-2.

24 0-0-5, I will be promoting you now. 0-0-5, your
25 speaker order number will be number 6. If you'll please

1 make note of that for future reference. And if you'll
2 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
3 discuss. The floor is yours.

4 MR. KOHAIA: Hi. Can you please zoom in onto
5 Greenhaven but also with a view of Elk Grove in it? Yes,
6 perfect. Okay.

7 Good morning, Commissioners. My name is Brian
8 Kohaia (ph.). I was born and raised in the Greenhaven
9 Pocket area of Sacramento, California. And I'm a member
10 of the AAPI and AMEMSA Redistricting Collaborative. I'm
11 speaking before the Commission today to advocate for my
12 community and support a map drawn by the AAPI and AMEMSA
13 Redistricting Collaborative.

14 As previously stated in the earlier testimony,
15 Sacramento is too large to be held into one Assembly
16 district. So I urge the Commission, while making
17 decisions, of where to draw the lines within the city of
18 Sacramento, to keep the community of Greenhaven Pocket
19 whole. The boundary is northwest -- the boundary to the
20 north, west, and south is the Sacramento River. And the
21 boundary to the east is I-5.

22 Greenhaven ideally should be continued to be drawn
23 with Elk Grove, as both of our communities have large
24 middle-class Asian populations. According to a recent
25 census data, both our communities are 28 percent Asian

1 American and have a medium income above the California
2 average. Additionally, our communities are invested in
3 maintaining high standards of our infrastructure, as we
4 are deeply impacted by the structural integrity of our
5 levee system.

6 Sacramento has an illustrious history of electing
7 AAPI leaders, including Robert and Doris Matsui, Dr.
8 Richard Pan, and our current councilwoman, Mai Vang. Our
9 current AAPI community deserves to be represented by
10 those who have our best interests in mind, as well as
11 other communities of Color.

12 I believe that keeping the current northern Assembly
13 boundaries of the Assembly District 9, will allow our
14 communities to have our candidate of choice represent us.

15 Finally, I want to thank the Commission for your
16 time today and your service to the great State of
17 California. Thank you.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr. Kohaia.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we'll have 0-
20 0-2, and then up next will be 0-1-6.

21 0-0-2, I'll be promoting you now. 0-0-2, your
22 speaker order number will be number 7. If you'll please
23 make note of that for future reference. And if you'll
24 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
25 discuss. The floor is yours.

1 MR. MOHADEM: I'll be discussing the Arden-
2 Arcade/Carmichael area. Thank you very much.

3 And good morning, Commissioners. My name is Usama
4 Mohadem (ph.), and I currently serve as the Policy and
5 Advocacy Manager for the Sacramento Valley and Central
6 California Office of the Council on American-Islamic
7 Relations, which is the nation's largest Muslim civil
8 rights organization.

9 I am also here representing the AAPI and AMEMSA
10 Redistricting Collaborative. And today I will be talking
11 about the Arden-Arcade and Carmichael neighborhoods,
12 particularly defined by the Howe Avenue boundary to the
13 west; the Auburn Boulevard to Winding Way boundary to the
14 north; the Manzanita Avenue boundary to the east; the
15 Hurley Way between Howe and Watt Avenues; El Camino
16 Avenue between Watt and Walnut Avenues; and Marconi
17 Avenue between Walnut and Manzanita Avenues boundary to
18 the south.

19 I know it's a bit complicated. I wanted to be very
20 particular. As an organization that provides free civil
21 rights, immigration, and community education services to
22 underserved Muslim communities in the region, this region
23 has stood out as one with the highest number of Afghan
24 and Syrian refugees in Sacramento since heavy
25 resettlement started in 2016.

1 Many service organizations and resettlement agencies
2 have their local offices located within this community of
3 interest to be able to reach refugees in the city. Many
4 refugees in the area are low-income and have limited
5 English proficiency, which is shared across several
6 immigrant and working class communities residing in the
7 area, meaning that accessibility to resources and
8 services is essential to them.

9 Moreover, a majority of Afghan and Syrian refugee
10 families are of the Muslim faith, and the community of
11 interest is home to seven mosques, the highest
12 concentration in a single area across all of Sacramento
13 County.

14 Many of these families rely upon education policies
15 that exist in the San Juan Unified School District, as
16 well as the progress that is being made in relation to
17 cultural sensitivity to receive quality education for
18 their children.

19 Over the last five years, CAIR as well as other
20 service organizations routinely conduct trainings on how
21 to best address the needs of refugee children and
22 families in schools. Additionally, we have contributed
23 to many significant policy implementations aimed at
24 protecting civil rights in the increasingly Muslim
25 student population within the school district.

1 We hope, that the Commission will consider and
2 continue to recognize this community of interest in its
3 entirety and keep it whole, so that we can continue to
4 build the progress that has been made since these
5 families have settled in the area.

6 And I'd like to wrap up by thanking you for your
7 time and your consideration throughout this process.
8 Thank you so much.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr. Mohadem. And I
10 really appreciate your specificity in all of your roads
11 and streets. They're all familiar to me, and hopefully
12 they'll become familiar to my fellow Commissioners.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And now we have 0-1-6,
14 and then up next will be 0-0-3.

15 0-1-6, I'll be promoting you now. 0-1-6, your
16 speaker order number will be number 8. If you'll please
17 make note of that for future reference. And if you'll
18 please let the mapper know the area you would like to
19 discuss. The floor is yours.

20 MS. RIVERA: Good morning. I'm here today as an
21 advocate for several years in the south area. I'm a
22 trusted member and a multicultural Latina.

23 I am here to say that the Latino community should
24 stay in the same district as it is now, which includes
25 south of Franklin and north Elk Grove. It is vital to

1 our community to have someone that is focused on
2 servicing our needs, such as better schools, access to
3 quality healthcare, and the one community center that
4 really services both the Elk Grove Latinos and the south
5 Sacramento Latinos is the La Familia Center.

6 Our community is very vibrant, has very vibrant
7 restaurants, grocery stores, and small businesses along
8 the Franklin Boulevard and the Stockton Boulevard,
9 please -- serving both the south Sacramento and North Elk
10 Grove Latino and Asian communities. So we would really
11 like to stay together.

12 That's it. I want to thank you very much for your
13 time.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Ms. Rivera. I do have
15 a question for you.

16 MS. RIVERA: Sure.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: You mentioned North Elk Grove.
18 What would the boundaries be for that?

19 MS. RIVERA: It would be what it is now.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Do you have specific streets? And
21 you mentioned in this district, do you have a specific
22 district that you -- was it an Assembly, a Senate,
23 Congressional?

24 MS. RIVERA: This would be for the Assembly.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Assembly district. And so you

1 would just like that Assembly district to remain as is?

2 MS. RIVERA: Yes. Because we have a lot of Latinos
3 that live in Elk Grove, and they come down to south
4 Sacramento, like to La Familia Community Center. And
5 this is like a safety net for a lot of the Latinos that
6 need this service in the area.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay, great. Thank you so much.

8 MS. RIVERA: Thank you. Take care.

9 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: You too.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we'll have 0-0-
11 3, and then up next will be 0-1-3. I would like to
12 invite 0-0-8 to please use the Raise your Hand button at
13 the bottom of your screen to enter the comment queue
14 line.

15 0-0-3, I'll be promoting you now. 0-0-3, your
16 speaker order number will be number 9. If you'll please
17 make note of that for future reference. If you'll please
18 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss.
19 The floor is yours.

20 SPEAKER 0-0-3: Hi Commissioners. Yeah, I would
21 like to pull up the south Sacramento, specifically the
22 Lemon Hill and Meadowview area. Alrighty, fine. Thank
23 you very much.

24 My name is Dale. I am the Sacramento Field
25 Organizer for Hmong Innovating Politics, a local

1 grassroots organization based in Sacramento and Fresno,
2 committed to mobilizing two of the largest Hmong American
3 population in the state and nation.

4 Since 2012, HIP been working closely with Hmong and
5 other disenfranchised communities in the Meadowview and
6 Lemon Hill area. We engage with our voters annually
7 through culturally and linguistically appropriate voter
8 education materials, phone banking, door-to-door
9 canvassing, and linguistically appropriate voter
10 education materials with phone banking, door-to-door
11 canvassing, and empower Hmong and Southeast Asian young
12 people to realize their power in leadership.

13 HIP also serves as a member of the AAPI and AMEMSA
14 Redistricting Collaborative, which focuses on empowering
15 Asian American, Pacific Islander, Middle Eastern, and
16 South Asian communities. Our communities sit next to the
17 major highways, the I-5 and the 99, and south of the
18 Fruitridge Road. Specifically, the Meadowview community
19 is centered at both I-5 and the Light Rail. The I-5 sits
20 towards the west, while the Light Rail tracks are located
21 towards the east.

22 All businesses are also located in the south. The
23 99 neighbors the Lemon Hill area to the west, along with
24 Fruitridge Road to the north. Train tracks and Florin
25 Road are located respectively to the east and south at

1 the Lemon Hill area as well.

2 Our communities are made of a first generation
3 immigrants who fought war in the early 1980s and 1990s.
4 They were settled in a lower-income and affordable areas
5 of Sacramento. Due to a lack of access for financial
6 capital and literacy, our community are mostly renters in
7 the area. To financially support themselves, some
8 families established small businesses in the farm
9 industry, and creative clothing outlets. We also have
10 community members working in service and manufacturing
11 industries.

12 As community members obtain more financial capital,
13 most have moved to the suburban areas such as Elk Grove,
14 north (indiscernible), and Roseville. Our community has
15 been in the United States for over 45 years, with the
16 current median age for our community being 23 years old,
17 with a huge proportion of them being American born.
18 There is still a population of community members who are
19 60 years and over that are limited English proficient.

20 Our community members tend to graduate from high
21 school but have low rates of college attendance and job
22 security. In addition, our community has low rates of
23 civic participation due to a long history of
24 disenfranchisement. Due to intergenerational trauma and
25 post-traumatic stress disorder, or PTSD, from fleeing the

1 Vietnam War, our communities have higher rates of social,
2 economic, and health disparities, which has been
3 exacerbated even more by the pandemic.

4 Lastly, our area still remains one of the least
5 vaccinated areas in the county. This (indiscernible) in
6 our community has many shared concerns including the need
7 for tenant protections, language access, adequate health,
8 and mental health services, and more.

9 Thus, we ask the Commission to consider these shared
10 characteristics and concerns, and respect our communities
11 of interests by keeping the Lemon Hill and Meadowview
12 areas whole.

13 Thank you for your consideration.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Dale.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have 0-
16 1-3. And then up next will be 0-0-8.

17 0-1-3, I'll be promoting you now. 0-1-3, your
18 speaker order number will be number 10. If you'll please
19 make note of that for future reference. You can now
20 enable your audio and video in the lower left corner of
21 your screen. If you'll please let the mapper know what
22 area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

23 MS. RIVERA: Okay. It will be Elk Grove and south
24 Sacramento. Okay. I don't know where I can get
25 myself --

1 Good morning. My name is Lilia Rivera (ph.), past
2 president of the Filipino Community of Sacramento and
3 Vicinity. Current President of the Filipino Fiesta of
4 Sacramento, an organization in which seven major Filipino
5 organizations formed a core steering committee, and also
6 currently manager of (indiscernible), the activity center
7 for the Filipino community since 2007. All these
8 organizations are all volunteer entities in the
9 community. I am also working with AAPI and AMEMSA
10 Redistricting Collaborative.

11 The area around 57th Avenue of south Sacramento is
12 historically recognized as where the pioneer Filipino
13 families bought their houses. Because at that time, real
14 estate agents directed them to the south of downtown
15 Sacramento, and the Caucasian to north of Sacramento.

16 My family has lived in south Sacramento for over 40
17 years now. Our friends and our children have gone to
18 schools here, and feel comfortable living in the area
19 near Pocket Road. The majority of different
20 organizations, their memberships from either Sacramento
21 or Elk Grove, although a small percentage comes from
22 outside the area as far as Roseville or Rancho Cordova.

23 The area boundaries are Fruitridge Boulevard in the
24 north, Hood Franklin Road to the south, and the area west
25 of I-5 and Elk Grove Florin Road to the east.

1 In the early 1920s, Filipino males were recruited to
2 work in the farms of Sacramento and Stockton. It was
3 around the 1960s when the next immigration of Filipinos
4 occurred. Professionals consisting of nurses, doctors,
5 and other professionals such as teachers, accountants,
6 and engineers arrived. There is now a large presence of
7 third generation Filipinos in south Sacramento and Elk
8 Grove.

9 The community is near Little Saigon to the north.
10 It is also home to the Hmong and Pacific Islanders.
11 Generally, it is primarily immigrants from the Pacific
12 countries, limited English proficiency, and low income.
13 The proximity and similarity makes it seem like one big
14 neighborhood. Residents of both sides see this, share
15 the same social group, and commercial services.

16 Social problems such as gangs, hate crimes go beyond
17 its outer boundaries and must be addressed by both
18 communities.

19 Please keep south Sacramento and Elk Grove in the
20 same District 9.

21 Thank you for your consideration.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Ms. Rivera.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have
24 0-0-8, and then up next will be caller 0-0-4-7. And I'd
25 like to invite those that have called in to please press

1 star nine to raise your hand.

2 0-0-8, I will be promoting you now. 0-0-8, your
3 speaker order number will be number 11. If you please
4 make note of that for future reference. And if you'll
5 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
6 discuss. The floor is yours.

7 MS. LIM: Good morning. The greater Sacramento
8 area, please.

9 Good morning, Commissioners. My name is June Lim,
10 and I'm the Demographic Research Project Director at
11 Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Los Angeles.

12 Advancing Justice, Los Angeles, is a census
13 information center, meaning we are a part of an official
14 program of the US Census Bureau, designed to promote the
15 dissemination of census data to underserved populations.

16 I am joining you today to present data supporting
17 the community of interest testimony you've heard from our
18 partners representing the AAPI and AMEMSA Redistricting
19 Collaborative. We did include COIs in the Sacramento
20 areas of Del Paso Heights, Greenhaven, Elk Grove,
21 Meadowview, Lemon Hill, Arden-Arcade, Carmichael,
22 Antelope, and Roseville communities.

23 The Asian American Pacific Islander and AMEMSA
24 community is a large and fast growing part of Sacramento
25 County. For example, the latest census data show, that

1 while the population in said county grew by 12 percent
2 between 2010 and 2020, the Asian American population in
3 the county grew by 41 percent, and the Pacific Islander
4 community grew by 38 percent. Asian Americans now
5 comprise 34 percent of Sacramento County.

6 The Asian American in the AAPI communities have
7 grown considerably in places in which the COIs described
8 are located, especially in Arden-Arcade and Carmichael,
9 where our communities grew by 137 percent and 134
10 percent, respectively, over the last decade.

11 The Pacific Islander community grew by 230 percent
12 in Lemon Hill, and also grew by over 79 percent in
13 Roseville. Thirty-five percent of Elk Grove and 21
14 percent of both Sacramento and Lemon Hill are now Asian
15 American. And while the Native Hawaiian and Pacific
16 Islanders were 1 percent of Lemon Hill's community in
17 2010, they now make up 4 percent of that community.

18 I would also like to share some demographic
19 characteristics that help to describe the communities of
20 interest shared with you today. Only 14 percent of
21 Sacramento County population is limited English
22 proficient. However, the LEP rate in the Asian American
23 community is 32 percent, and 18 percent for Pacific
24 Islanders.

25 In the cities and communities in which the COIs

1 described are located, the LEP rate is disproportionately
2 higher. For example, over 46 percent of Asian Americans
3 in Lemon Hill and Meadowview do not speak English very
4 well. And the rates are even higher among older adult
5 community members. Over 91 percent of Hmong elders, and
6 63 percent of PI elders in Sacramento are limited English
7 proficient.

8 Twenty percent of Sacramento County is foreign born.
9 When we look at some of the specific cases where the COIs
10 described by community members are located, the
11 proportion of immigrant communities is much higher. For
12 example, although 23 percent of the city of Sacramento is
13 foreign born. Nearly 50 percent of Asian American and PI
14 communities that reside there are foreign born.

15 In closing, the AAPI and AMEMSA Redistricting
16 Collaborative ask the Commission to respect the integrity
17 of the communities of interest presented today. I will
18 submit to the Commission data maps and shapefiles of
19 these communities of interest with my --

20 MR. MANOFF: Time.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Ms. Lim.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 Right now, we'll have caller 0-0-4-7, and then up
24 next will be caller 7-1-7-5.

25 Caller 0-0-4-7, if you'll please follow the prompts

1 to unmute at this time. Caller 0-0-4-7, your speaker
2 order number will be number 12. If you'll please make
3 note of that for future reference. And if you'll please
4 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss.
5 The floor is yours.

6 MS. HAMMOND: Can you hear me?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello? Caller 0-0-4-7,
8 you are unmuted. The floor is yours. Can you hear me?

9 MS. HAMMOND: You can hear me.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

11 MS. HAMMOND: Okay. Great. My name is Lauren
12 Hammond. I'm a former State Commissioner and former
13 Sacramento City Council Member. And I like to think that
14 I know Sacramento County pretty well.

15 From Broadway to Meadowview, or Marysville, down to
16 Meadowview Parkway, Florine, 24th Street, we have African
17 Americans throughout the area. Whether it's the Height,
18 Oak Park, where there is serious gentrification, or the
19 neighborhoods in south Sacramento, Black people have
20 increased our numbers, even though we are a smaller
21 percentage.

22 I don't want us to be forgotten. Our Black
23 communities lead in social justice issues, whether it's
24 civil rights or being able to walk down the street
25 without being harassed.

1 The last set of maps done for the Assembly and the
2 Senate weren't bad, but they did split Oak Park from
3 south Sacramento. You did add Elverta and Rio Linda, so
4 it's simply District 7. Out of that we actually got two
5 African American Assembly members. That will probably
6 never happen again.

7 I just want you to consider not making Sacramento
8 the city, the hub of all the rest of the other districts
9 that we have nothing in common with. Roseville needs to
10 be with Roseville. We need to keep as much of Sacramento
11 together as is possible.

12 Thank you.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Ms. Hammond, are you still there?

14 MS. HAMMOND: Yes.

15 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh yes. I just wanted to make
16 sure that we captured your boundaries correctly. I
17 believe you mentioned Broadway to Meadowview, and then
18 Florin and 24th; is that correct?

19 MS. HAMMOND: Yes. I'm going in both directions,
20 north and south, east and west.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That's perfect. I appreciate
22 that. Thank you so much.

23 MS. HAMMOND: And --

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes.

25 MS. HAMMOND: -- yes, there is also a lot of African

1 Americans in south Natomas. So I just wanted us to be
2 (indiscernible). I understand that there has not been a
3 lot of African American testimony. Well, we are here and
4 we are listening.

5 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And then you also
6 mentioned that Assembly districts and Senate districts
7 split Oak Park. Could you tell us which areas you would
8 want to be in the district -- in the same district?

9 MS. HAMMOND: Well, I'll be honest with you. I
10 would love to see Oak Park and Assembly District 9 in the
11 southern district. But that's just me. I haven't gotten
12 permission from the greater Sacramento NAACP to say that.
13 This is me, my own personal opinion.

14 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: And that's what we appreciate.
15 That's what we hope every Californian does, give us their
16 opinion. All right, thank you so much.

17 MS. HAMMOND: Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we'll have
19 caller 7-1-7-5. And up next, we'll have caller 3-5-3-9.

20 Caller 7-1-7-5, if you will please follow the prompt
21 to unmute at this time. Caller 7-1-7-5, your speaker
22 order number will be 13, if you'll please make note of
23 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the
24 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The
25 floor is yours.

1 MR. PAYNE: Thank you so much. I will be talking
2 about the city of Sacramento, specifically the greater
3 downtown area, that extends a little bit into east
4 Sacramento and some of the surrounding area, south of
5 downtown.

6 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead, please.

7 MR. PAYNE: All right. Thank you so much.

8 My name is Jerry Payne (ph.) with Equality
9 California. It is so good to hear from all of you again
10 this week.

11 Again, Equality California is the nation's largest
12 statewide LGBTQ-plus civil rights organization. And of
13 course, I'm calling because redistricting always impacts
14 the policy goals that are specific to our LGBTQ-plus
15 community struggle for equality. And fair redistricting
16 will impact that we are here to ensure that we have fair
17 representation for the LGBTQ-plus community.

18 I am calling today because we identified a
19 significant geographically specific LGBTQ-plus community
20 of interest in the city of Sacramento area against the
21 greater downtown area that has been east -- into east
22 Sacramento, and then southern downtown Sacramento.

23 Starting with the downtown area, the neighborhood or
24 the areas of Mansion Flats, New Era Park, Boulevard Park,
25 of course, downtown Sacramento, midtown, Newton Booth;

1 and then, starting to head east now, Alhambra Triangle,
2 east Sacramento; a little bit south now, Med Center,
3 Curtis Park, Land Park, Tahoe Park; and of course West
4 Tahoe Park.

5 All of these neighborhoods have significant
6 concentrations of LGBTQ-plus people, and I can explain
7 how this has developed in Sacramento. But of course,
8 these neighborhoods, as I always want to mention, are
9 major building blocks of Sacramento's LGBTQ-plus
10 community. And the reason why it has the kind of, I
11 guess, expanding area is because this area also is home
12 to our Lavender Heights, which is Sacramento's LGBTQ-plus
13 district.

14 This is home to the Sacramento LGBT Community
15 Center, the Lavender Library, and many other LGBTQ-plus
16 establishments and places of gathering. And of course,
17 our residents kind of live in the surrounding area around
18 that Lavender Heights area in midtown.

19 Currently, this area is represented by the 6th
20 Congressional District, the 6th Senate District, and the
21 7th Assembly District. And the LGBTQ-plus community of
22 interest has been very active in these elections, voting
23 for representatives that have shown evidence of them
24 voting (indiscernible) to our candidates of choice. This
25 has included both members of the LGBTQ-plus community

1 locally, but on statewide level (indiscernible) with
2 consistently more responses of the LGBTQ-plus community's
3 needs.

4 That's why we're asking that the Sacramento LGBTQ-
5 plus community of interest in the greater downtown area,
6 east of Sacramento, and the southern region --

7 MR. MANOFF: 30 seconds.

8 MR. PAYNE: -- be kept together as much as possible,
9 and not separated from one another, diluting the
10 community's power and their kind of historic touch with
11 the midtown Lavender Heights.

12 That's all I'm going to share about the LGBTQ-plus
13 community here. Thank you for your time --

14 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

15 MR. PAYNE: -- as always. I look forward to future
16 conversations. Thank you.

17 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr. Payne. Thank you,
18 for calling in again. I do have a couple questions for
19 you, if you have a minute?

20 MR. PAYNE: Yeah.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: You're still on? Okay, great.
22 Could we get the boundaries again for east Sacramento?
23 And then you also mentioned southern Sacramento.

24 MR. PAYNE: Yes. So it's actually -- so east
25 Sacramento is everything essentially east of the 80 that

1 follows all that eastern -- actual east Sacramento
2 neighborhood that's bordered by the American River
3 nicely, and the CSU Sacramento.

4 So there are a few neighborhoods or kind of just
5 homes in this area that are a little bit more
6 residential, where folks are living in outside of that
7 downtown area. And then, in terms of some of the
8 southern downtown areas, it's not so much south
9 Sacramento, but more of just below the 80 and 50. There
10 is Curtis Park, Land Park, which is right near Sacramento
11 City College. And then on the east side of the 99, there
12 is the Med Center, which is where the hospital is, but
13 there is also Alhambra Triangle.

14 There is Elmhurst, Tahoe Park, and West Tahoe Park,
15 which are also more kind of suburban residential areas
16 that have a lot of LGBTQ-plus families looking for a kind
17 of more suburban area.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thanks. Okay, perfect. Thank you
19 so much.

20 MR. PAYNE: You're welcome. Thank you so much.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have
22 caller 3-5-3-9. I would like to invite unique ID 0-1-5
23 to use the Raise your Hand button at the bottom of your
24 screen, indicating you are ready to give comment during
25 this session.

1 At this time, we'll have caller 3-5-3-9. If you
2 will please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 3-5-3-
3 9, your speaker order number will be number 14. If you
4 will please make note of that for future reference. And
5 if you will please let the mapper know what area you
6 would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

7 MR. FRIEDRICH: Good morning, Commissioners. You
8 can hear me?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

10 MR. FRIEDRICH: Great. Yeah, thank you for your
11 service and this opportunity to provide public input. My
12 name is John Friedrich. I serve on the South Lake Tahoe
13 City Council, part of the current District 4.

14 And my primary message would be (indiscernible) I
15 believe our shared community of interest in the larger
16 district is more east/west than north/south. The Caldor
17 Fire burning up the American River Canyon, which comes
18 very close to South Lake Tahoe, illustrates this.
19 Prevailing winds, fire behavior is certainly a shared
20 interest these days.

21 We have many folks in Tahoe that regularly commute
22 to the west part of El Dorado County, or even the
23 Sacramento area. And of course, Tahoe has top visitation
24 from the same areas, more so than from points further
25 south, for example.

1 And I think this is true throughout the spine of the
2 Sierra. My experience living in Mariposa County, the
3 southern end of the district, with more connected to
4 points inland, such as Merced or Fresno, than it was to
5 the Tahoe. And there is much more visitation in those
6 (indiscernible).

7 I would say we have, you know, a lot of, you know,
8 connection with people moving back and forth, and
9 communication between our communities in the region such
10 as Truckee, Grass Valley, Nevada City as well. So I go
11 east/west, and a bit north.

12 And then another perspective I wanted to bring from
13 Tahoe, is our Latino population is about 30 percent of
14 our South Lake Tahoe population. Yet, it is a much
15 smaller percentage of Latinos in the full 4th District,
16 which is disempowering for our local Latino population.
17 So to the extent to which a district could be drawn that
18 has a demographic profile more in mind without Lake Tahoe
19 would certainly, I believe, elevate the, you know, the
20 voices and the perspective of folks in our community, who
21 right now are a much smaller percentage of the total
22 District 4 demographic numbers.

23 And I just would -- you know, I guess another nearby
24 rural community, Alpine County, is very much connected to
25 South Lake Tahoe as well. So I would advocate for a

1 connection there as well.

2 So that's my -- that's the input I wanted to share
3 this morning.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 Right now, we will have 0-1-5. I will be promoting
7 you. 0-1-5, your speaker order number will be 15. If
8 you'll please make note of that for future reference.

9 SPEAKER 0-1-5: Yes.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And if you'll please let
11 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The
12 floor is yours.

13 SPEAKER 0-1-5: I would like to discuss El Dorado,
14 Placer, Nevada counties, and then that would also lead to
15 inclusion of Amador and Alpine counties.

16 And I live in the greater Lake Tahoe/Truckee area.
17 I lived in Placer County in CD 4 for 10 years, and then I
18 lived -- and that was on the lake -- near the lake. Now,
19 I live in Nevada County, and just because I'm a mile
20 north of Truckee, I'm now in CD 1. And I find -- I
21 believe very strongly that you can look at many different
22 metrics, and see that our communities relate to each
23 other in an east/west direction.

24 You can look at the way the county lines were drawn
25 originally, which reflects much more accurately than the

1 current legislative districts. What the natural flow of
2 the environment, and the humans, and the commerce, and
3 the economy are here. One example would be when, you
4 know, I go to work in Truckee. I used to go to work in
5 Tahoe City.

6 I drive from CD 1 into CD 4 every single day,
7 multiple times a day. Then, if I call my health
8 insurance company and I want treatment that's not
9 available at Tahoe First Hospital, they send me to Grass
10 Valley.

11 So I go from my primary care physicians, who are in
12 CD 4 in the town of Truckee, down to Grass Valley, where
13 there is more healthcare resources available through Blue
14 Cross Blue Shield than there are up here, because one
15 major factor for local people is that Blue Cross Blue
16 Shield stopped covering out of state services. So we
17 can't go to Reno anymore. So now we're being directed
18 down to Grass Valley.

19 That's just one example of the way in which our
20 lives are bound to an east/west constant flow, down I-80,
21 down I -- sorry, Route 50, the rivers, the environmental
22 concerns flow that way, the economy. If you look at many
23 different business association websites, they define Gold
24 Country as Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Alpine, Amador
25 counties. They define them that way, because the

1 commerce and the marketing concerns are very naturally
2 centered there.

3 And you know, I'm not holding a position of any
4 political import in my personal life, but I feel very
5 strongly that this is our community of interest. And
6 everyone who lives here knows that we have nothing in
7 common with our neighbors far to the north or far to the
8 south.

9 Thank you so much for your time.

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for your input.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all of our
12 callers this time, Chair.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Katy. And could you
14 please read the instructions again.

15 And then also, if I could have them read in Spanish.
16 Johanna, if you could do that after the English. Thank
17 you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: In order to maximize
19 transparency and public participation in our process, the
20 Commissioners will be taking community of interest input
21 by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided
22 on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When
23 prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided on our
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3 queue. To indicate your wish to comment, please press
4 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.
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6 that says, the host would like you to talk, and to press
7 star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your name,
8 please state and spell it for the record. You are not
9 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 Johanna, or Margarita?

16 INTERPRETER MARGARITA: Hi. This is the Spanish
17 interpreter, Margarita. And you would like me to read
18 the full call-in instructions. Is that right?

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, please.

20 INTERPRETER MARGARITA:

21 (Spanish translation provided)

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Katy and Margarita.

23 And I know that many of our communities cannot call
24 in today, either due to the fires, which, as we noted
25 earlier, our prayers are with you, and we're praying for

1 your health and your safety.

2 I just want to remind everyone of other ways to
3 participate to provide your input to the Commission.
4 There are many other meetings that will be having public
5 input. Please check our website at wedrawthelinesca.org
6 for more information.

7 And also, we have a Communities of Interest mapping
8 tool at drawmycacommunity.org. This tool is available in
9 English, Spanish, simplified Chinese, traditional
10 Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean, Armenian, Farsi,
11 Arabic, Russian, Japanese, Punjabi, Khmer, Hmong, and
12 Thai. Tutorials are also available in those languages.

13 Also, you can submit your input on our website at
14 www.wedrawthelinesca.org, and click on the
15 [drawmycacommunity](http://drawmycacommunity.org) icon.

16 You can also email us at votersfirsttact@crc.ca.gov,
17 and you can also mail us your input to the California
18 Citizens Redistricting Commission at 721 Capitol Mall,
19 Suite 260, Sacramento, California 95814.

20 And at this time, I do not see anyone queue. And we
21 are targeted for break at 10:30; is that correct? Yes,
22 I'm getting thumbs up, so I'm thinking that's correct.
23 We can --

24 I'm just going to read one more thing about our
25 upcoming meetings. And if we don't have any callers,

1 we'll go to break a little bit early.

2 So in the coming weeks we have four community of
3 interest input meetings. The first is Monday, August
4 23rd, at 3:00 p.m., focusing on Del Norte, Humboldt,
5 Mendocino, Lake, Napa, Sonoma, and Trinity counties, and
6 their surrounding areas. And we will have a Spanish
7 listening line and Spanish interpreter available.

8 The second meeting is on Tuesday, August 24th, at
9 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be focused on Alameda, Contra
10 Costa, Marin County, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa
11 Clara, and Solano counties, and their surrounding areas.
12 We will have Spanish, Mandarin, Russian, and Cantonese
13 listening lines and interpreters available.

14 On Wednesday, August 25th, at 3:00 p.m., we will
15 have a community of interest input meeting focusing on
16 Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin,
17 Stanislaus, and Tulare counties, and their surrounding
18 areas. This meeting will have a Spanish listening line
19 and Spanish interpreters available.

20 And on Friday, August 27th, we will have a
21 communities of interest input meeting focused on
22 Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara,
23 Santa Cruz, and Ventura counties, and their surrounding
24 areas. And we will have a Spanish listening line and
25 Spanish interpreters available.

1 Registration for each meeting closes two calendar
2 days before the meeting at 5:00 p.m. The next Commission
3 business meeting will be held on August 31st, at 9:30
4 a.m. You are not required to make an appointment to
5 provide input at our community of interest meetings.
6 However, it is recommended. You can also call in the day
7 of the meeting.

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

12 Okay. Katy?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And for those that have
14 just called in, if you'll please press star 9 to raise
15 your hand, indicating you wish to comment at this time.

16 As for caller with the last four 1-5-2-0, if you
17 wish to give community of interest input at this time,
18 please press star 9 on your telephone keypad to raise
19 your hand.

20 Well, as we are coming up on a break, oh -- well --
21 they hung up. All right.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you, Katy.

23 And you can always call back when we return from
24 break at 10:45. So at this point, since we don't have
25 anyone in queue, we will break early, and we will return

1 at 10:45. And when we return from break, we we'll start
2 with individuals who are registered for an appointment
3 time slot, and then open the phone lines, if there is
4 time. Thank you.

5 (Break)

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome back to the California
7 Citizens Redistricting Commission communities of interest
8 input meeting. We also encourage you to visit the
9 communities of interest tool to draw a map and describe
10 your community by visiting drawmycacomunity.org.

11 For anyone who has joined us recently, we are
12 offering language lines for Spanish language speakers to
13 listen to the meeting in their native language; and a
14 separate line for those who wish to provide public
15 comment or public input.

16 Can I please have our interpreters provide our
17 language line numbers, and the information to provide
18 public input? If you could please read the site
19 translation of full call-in instructions, please.

20 INTERPRETER JOHANNA: Hi, Chair. This is the
21 interpreter.

22 (Spanish translation provided)

23 INTERPRETER JOHANNA: Thank you, Chair.

24 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Johanna.

25 As a reminder, even though we are focusing on

1 specific counties, Californians from anywhere in the
2 state are welcome to provide input.

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

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

8 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the
9 Raise Hand button at the bottom of the screen to enter
10 the queue. When it is your turn, I will identify you by
11 your assigned unique ID number from your invite. You
12 will be reconnected to the session with the ability to
13 enable your own video and/or audio. You will then be
14 assigned a speaker order number before you begin
15 speaking. Please make a note of your speaker order
16 number for future reference.

17 The Commission will be enforcing a 3-minute time
18 limit for English speakers, and a 6-minute time limit for
19 those with an interpreter. There will be a warning at 30
20 seconds and 15 seconds remaining.

21 It is the Commission's goal to find the area on the
22 map you would like to discuss prior to your testimony.
23 If you are within a specific neighborhood of a large
24 city, please mention it by name. Once we are able to
25 locate your area, your 3 or 6-minute testimony will

1 begin. Attendees will not be able to share their screen.

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

7 And at this time, we do have unique ID number 0-1-4.
8 And I will be promoting you now. 0-1-4, your speaker
9 order number is number 16. If you'll please make note of
10 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the
11 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The
12 floor is yours.

13 MR. ADAMS: Good morning. If the mapper could just
14 focus on the general Sacramento metropolitan area. That
15 would be great.

16 Good morning, and thank you very much for your
17 service, Commissioners. My name is Jim Adams, and I live
18 in Sacramento. I wanted to discuss my larger community
19 of interest, the Sacramento metropolitan area. So I
20 consider this to run from Roseville to Folsom, down to
21 Elk Grove, west Sacramento, and up through Natomas in
22 north Sacramento.

23 This region is tied through employment,
24 transportation, recreation, food and water
25 infrastructure, and culture. The current Assembly and

1 Congressional District maps are really great. They
2 provide roughly three representatives each for the area.

3 However, I did want to bring up that the State
4 Senate maps only provide roughly one district that
5 represents our area. And that's because much of the area
6 is split across five districts, which really dilutes our
7 voice in the legislature.

8 There is a lot less in common, I feel, between
9 Sacramento's suburban areas and the vast rural stretches
10 of California that they share districts with, than those
11 rural areas share with each other. And I understand that
12 population distribution makes the State Senate maps some
13 of the most difficult to draw, particularly in northern
14 and eastern California.

15 But I just wanted to ask this Commission to please
16 be maybe considerate of this area, and try to create some
17 State Senate maps that reflect our larger community of
18 interest, and provide better representation in the State
19 Legislature.

20 And that's all the comments I have. And thank you
21 again, for your time.

22 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Mr. Adams. I did have
23 quick question for you. You mentioned, in terms of the
24 suburban areas, Roseville, Folsom, Elk Grove, and what
25 other areas?

1 MR. ADAMS: So I think that the map that you have up
2 currently is a really good representation of what I would
3 consider the core Sacramento metropolitan area. So
4 that's like down towards Elk Grove and through west
5 Sacramento. Does that answer your question?

6 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, it does. Thank you.

7 MR. ADAMS: Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And as that is our only
9 caller at this time, I will be reading the call-in
10 instructions.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

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

9 And at this time, Chair, we do not have anyone in
10 the queue.

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Katy.

12 So at this time, I was actually trying to think of
13 some prompts. I was thinking of animal encounters, but I
14 don't think we want to go there right now.

15 But this is the second and last Zone D meeting. And
16 I don't believe the first time we actually talked about
17 stories, in terms if you have any stories regarding the
18 wonderful counties of Sacramento, El Dorado, Nevada,
19 Placer, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba.

20 Of course, I have lived here my whole life, so I
21 probably have more stories, some that I can't say here in
22 the public. So if any of my fellow Commissioners would
23 like to share, or are open for that?

24 Oh, wait a minute, we have a caller. We're going to
25 have to hold on for that.

1 Katy?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

3 Caller 7-0-4-2, I see that raised hand. If you will
4 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. Hi,
5 caller 7-0-4-2, your speaker order number will be number
6 17. If you'll please make note of that for future
7 reference. And if you will please let the mapper know
8 what area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

9 SPEAKER 7-0-4-2: I would like to discuss the
10 communities around Folsom Lake that are in Sacramento,
11 Placer, and El Dorado counties, so including Folsom, El
12 Dorado Hills, Granite Bay. And then the surrounding
13 areas, including Roseville, Rocklin, and Plymouth.

14 MR. MANOFF: Thank you, go ahead please.

15 SPEAKER 7-0-4-2: Hello, Commissioners. Thank you
16 for taking my comment today. My name is Beverly, and I'm
17 a resident of Folsom.

18 Like many people in Folsom, El Dorado Hills, Granite
19 Bay, and the surrounding communities, I moved to this
20 area because of the beautiful outdoor spaces and the
21 recreational activities they have to offer, while also
22 still being in commutable distance to downtown
23 Sacramento.

24 The communities in this area have a lot in common
25 despite the artificial county lines on the map. Tourists

1 flock to our communities to boat or enjoy family days at
2 the beach of Folsom Lake, and to enjoy our beautiful
3 walking, hiking, and biking trails.

4 Sacramento, Placer, and El Dorado counties come
5 together in the middle of Folsom Lake. You can be on a
6 boat on the lake and simultaneously be in all three
7 counties. Every weekend I go on bike rides to go through
8 all three counties, my routes going through El Dorado
9 Hills, Folsom, Granite Bay, Plymouth, Rocklin, and
10 Roseville.

11 Our communities are also commuter communities. We
12 are all in the same traffic as we make our way up and
13 down the hill. And our communities are also growing
14 rapidly. Folsom, El Dorado Hills, and north Roseville
15 have grown by 11 percent, 20 percent, and 24 percent,
16 respectively, in the last 10 years. Dealing with the
17 effects of rapid growth is part of our daily lives.

18 While there are areas of the state where focusing on
19 county lines makes sense, it does not make sense in my
20 area.

21 Please keep our communities together. Thank you
22 again for your time today.

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Beverly.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all our
25 callers at this time, Chair.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. Let me get back
2 to -- okay. So do we have any Commissioners that would
3 like to share stories of the greater Sacramento area?

4 I will say that, whenever we had visitors -- and the
5 visitors would be from Mexico, so please understand that
6 when the visitors came they did not speak English. But
7 my mom would always take them to the State Capitol. So I
8 always thought that was kind of funny, because everything
9 was in English and as a, you know, 8- or 9-year-old, the
10 State Capitol wasn't the most exciting place to go.

11 But looking back now as I go, I kind of get it. I
12 mean, she was very proud of it and coming into this
13 country. So I guess I have to, like be a little
14 sensitive to that. But --

15 Any Commissioners wanting to share stories?

16 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Motion to adjourn. I'm saying
17 buddy, you look like you wanted to say it. All right.
18 This meeting is adjourned.

19 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Was that Commissioner Taylor?
20 That was interesting, Commissioner Taylor. Was that --
21 were we supposed to try to guess what was going on in the
22 background? Hey, that would be a good prompt.

23 Okay. So I think what we'll do -- oh, Commissioner
24 Yee. Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'll share a quick story from

1 childhood. So growing up in Oakland, a big field trip to
2 Sacramento, of course, all kids up to see the Capitol --
3 all California kids have to see the Capitol sometime.
4 And we went out -- I don't whether that fourth or the
5 sixth grade.

6 The one very cool thing in the Capitol that I had
7 not known about, was all the displays from the different
8 counties. I don't know if they're still there. Every
9 county gets a little display window and, you know, there
10 was Alameda County, my county. I don't remember what was
11 displayed, but I thought it was super cool, you know, 58
12 counties.

13 And I would love to see what's there nowadays. And
14 especially as -- on the Commission, we're concerned so
15 much with all the different counties here in the state.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

17 Commissioner Fornaciari.

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, I remember as a
19 school kid taking a field trip up to Sutter's Fort, in a
20 tour there. And in fact, my wife, she's a teacher, and
21 she earned her classwork, like work there, they, like,
22 hosted the day. So the kids had to learn, you know, all
23 the displays and how to present them, and dressed in
24 costume and that stuff, so. So the kids had a lot of fun
25 doing that.

1 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah, I have heard of that. The
2 teachers actually have to go there for training, like one
3 or two days, to make sure there were in the appropriate
4 clothing and everything else that goes with this. So
5 that's pretty neat. I do remember going to Sutter's
6 Fort, but we didn't get to do the overnight.

7 One thing that my family likes to do is, the week
8 between Christmas and New Year, we like to rent a house
9 up in Lake Tahoe. And fortunately, we've been able to
10 rent the same house. And they have this nice little hill
11 area, so we would set up our own little sledding in the
12 back, which was really quite a bit of fun. Great
13 memories there. I love going there in the summer, too.
14 It's just such a beautiful, beautiful area right there by
15 Lake Tahoe.

16 And then another thing we like to do is raft on the
17 American River, which was fun. And I live right off of
18 Sacramento River. So I'm there every single day, driving
19 by. So for me, obviously, it's home.

20 Anyone else? Commissioner Andersen.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So the talk about going
22 downtown for the school field trips. I've been around
23 Sacramento and that entire area many, many, many times.
24 And finally did the school trip up to the Capitol. And
25 unfortunately, it was one of those days, it was hot, and

1 windy, and dry. And all the children were just -- they
2 melted -- they were from the Bay Area, they just
3 literally melted.

4 I don't think I remember anything, except that we
5 eventually said -- we came up with the idea, well, let's
6 go and look at the Train Museum, which is right there on
7 the river. And well, it was air conditioned. But it
8 really perked up everybody. And then, they were actually
9 all game to, let's go outside. And then, at that point,
10 they could, you know, ride. There is a wonderful little
11 train trip right there, and we were able to get all --
12 get everybody on it. And it was just a total success.

13 And so it went from -- it actually sort of cooled
14 off a little bit, and we got to go back down to review
15 some of the things in the, you know, in the Capitol.

16 But -- and I really would like to say it was the
17 trains that really saved the entire day, because they
18 literally just melted. And so here is a good shout-out
19 to the California, the State Railroad Museum, right
20 there, which is a -- if you haven't been recently, or if
21 it's been a long, long time, it's always a great place to
22 go.

23 And then, of course, you can do many, many different
24 train trips all through the entire area. Even on
25 Amtrak -- it has a good station -- everything up there

1 too. So that's one of those memories. Thank you.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.

3 We also -- speaking of the trains, they had -- it
4 was Thomas The Train, so they had Thomas The Train. So I
5 took my son when he was probably like four, and so he
6 actually got to go on a train ride, like up a few miles
7 and back.

8 But in terms of dry and heat, that's been our
9 summer. And I just read that it has been, I think, the
10 driest summer that we've had. And it does get hot. But
11 it does cool down eventually for that delta breeze
12 normally. But -- yeah, it's super-hot.

13 Anyone else? Okay. So -- oh, Commissioner Sinay.
14 Commissioner Sinay, we were actually hoping that you were
15 going to come up a few weeks ago.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah, I know. But yes,
17 Sacramento is -- I probably hadn't been there until I was
18 part of the HOPE Leadership Program, the (indiscernible)
19 organized for political equality. And then we were up
20 there several times.

21 But my favorite memory was, they have a leadership
22 program for high school girls, as well as for college, as
23 well as for professional women. And then we kind of
24 intermixed at different times. And so we are working
25 with the high school group. And the girls, they had to

1 come up kind of with their own little saying. And the
2 girls in our group were from Compton.

3 And they were like, you know, I want people to know
4 that Compton is okay. And you know, they were sharing
5 their whole vision. And when they went up to do their
6 presentation, they had asked me where I was from. And I
7 said I was from the South Bay part of Los Angeles. And
8 so we were all, yeah, I grew up in that part. And so we
9 had kind of bonded on the Los Angeles thing. There was
10 girls from all over California.

11 And when they did their speech, they were like, I
12 don't want you all to judge me because I'm from Compton.
13 I think we deserve the same great schools as they have in
14 places like Palos Verdes. And they listed all these
15 different places. And when they were done, I went up to
16 her and I said, I will never judge you. I ask you to
17 take me to Compton and show me around. And I just want
18 you to know that I grew up in those Palos Verdes schools.

19 And she was like, oh my gosh. Should I've said --

20 I said no, it's quite all right. And that was just
21 a great lesson for both of us about how much people learn
22 from each other. And yeah, it was in Sacramento.

23 And then after that, I think she and I went together
24 as partners to talk to some of our legislators. And so
25 it was just a great memory of what civic engagement

1 means, and how we can all be involved in different ways.
2 And how much we can learn from each other. Because she
3 was so -- I was like, don't judge me because I'm from
4 Palos Verdes, and I won't judge you if you're from
5 Compton. And she was like, okay, I'll show you Compton
6 if you show me the good parts of Palos Verdes.

7 And so it was just kind of fun.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: What a great experience. I mean,
9 then part of it is just that, you know, the biases that
10 we have. And just you realize that we're much more
11 similar than we are different. So I think that's great,
12 whenever you have that chance.

13 And also, I know that Commissioner Toledo has talked
14 about his area is the Wine Country. I just want to say
15 my small little Clarksburg area has converted from tomato
16 fields and corn fields to vineyards. And less than a
17 mile away from my home we have Sugar Mill, that I believe
18 is up to 14 different wineries, all in one place. Right
19 outside of Sacramento. So it's like a mini Little Napa
20 Area. And I know some of the other counties as well are
21 somewhat converting to the vineyards.

22 Oh, Commissioner Toledo, did you want to say
23 something?

24 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm just going to have to go
25 and try some Clarksburg wine.

1 No, no, no -- I was just going to share. I
2 remember -- I don't remember what grade it was, but we
3 did go up to Sacramento, and we did the tour of the
4 Capitol. And then we went up to Sutter's Fort. It was
5 such a long day. And we did the whole thing in one day.
6 But it was my first time up in Sacramento and, you know,
7 just very -- I mean to see the State Capitol when you're
8 that small. It must have been like fourth grade or fifth
9 grade. But it was very impressive and, you know,
10 something you just remember.

11 We just walked around, because we had to get to
12 Sutter's Fort, and it was still, you know, ways away, so.
13 But it was still pretty impressive, and a cool
14 experience, and something that every Californian child
15 should be able to experience.

16 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, I completely agree. I think
17 now as an adult, I'm more appreciative of our history.
18 And I wish I would have paid better attention when I was
19 in school. You know, you kind of do just enough to get
20 through the class. And now I'm like, gosh. I'm thinking
21 that I should probably go back to Sac City and take a
22 history class. But yeah, so much history and information
23 that you can pass on.

24 Any other stories? If not, we can go to a video.
25 Commissioner Yee.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: If I can double dip? Actually,
2 the only other thing I remember about that school trip
3 was our visit to the State Supreme Court Chamber. The
4 same Supreme Court that Commissioner just petitioned
5 yesterday.

6 And what I remember about that, was the tour guide
7 telling us to look at the ceiling. And of course, it was
8 very ornate. And she said to look for a particular spot,
9 where there is a particular -- was it a star -- I don't
10 quite remember. It was some little feature that was
11 purposefully imperfect. It was like half a star, or
12 something, instead of a whole star. So the whole
13 pattern, which was otherwise complete, was imperfect.

14 And just that little spot, if you knew where to look
15 for it. And she said that that was purposefully done to
16 express the truth that anything human is ultimately
17 imperfect, you know, which I -- we aspire to justice and
18 good government, and as high a level -- as close a level
19 to perfection is as we can achieve. But human beings are
20 always imperfect, so.

21 Nevertheless, we hope for a perfectly accommodating
22 response from the Court to the Commission, and in our own
23 word on the Commission, we get as close to perfect as we
24 can be.

25 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

1 I don't see any other hands, so we will go to a --
2 Katy, should we read the instructions before we go on to
3 a video, or should we just go straight to a video?

4 List the instructions first, let them know that
5 we're going -- will be gone for about 20 minutes. And
6 then, when we come back, we will take calls.

7 Can you do that for me, Katy? Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. Sure.

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4 down the livestream volume.

5 And we do not have anyone in the queue at this time,
6 Chair.

7 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

8 Kristian, can we play the 20-minute video please?

9 (Video played)

10 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome back to California
11 Citizens Redistricting Commission community of interest
12 input meeting. We will be combining this -- coming back
13 from this break, combining public input with public
14 comment. So for anyone who has joined us recently, we
15 are offering language lines for Spanish language speakers
16 to listen to the meeting in their native language. And a
17 separate line for those who wish to provide public
18 comment or public input.

19 Could I please have our Spanish interpreter provide
20 our language line numbers and the information to provide
21 public input? I'm not sure if it's Margarita or Johanna.
22 If you please read the site translation for full call-in
23 instructions, please.

24 INTERPRETER MARGARITA: Yes, this is Margarita,
25 Spanish interpreter. I will go ahead and read the

1 Spanish full call-in instructions. Thank you.

2 (Spanish translation provided)

3 INTERPRETER MARGARITA: Thank you.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Margarita.

5 As I noted earlier, the rest of this session is
6 dedicated to those that do have an appointment, don't
7 have an appointment, want to make a public comment, want
8 to call and tell us which restaurant to go to, whatever
9 the reason, go ahead and call.

10 And if you did have an appointment and were unable
11 to call during your time block, we encourage you to call
12 in now. And as a reminder, even though we're focusing on
13 specific counties, Californians from anywhere in the
14 state are welcome to provide input.

15 We will continue to take public input at this time,
16 and also invite public comment.

17 I will pass this over to Katy, our comment
18 moderator.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

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21 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
22 taking community of interest input and general public
23 comment for items not on the agenda by phone at this
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16 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn
17 down the livestream volume.

18 And we do not have any callers in the queue at this
19 time.

20 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Katy. We'll just give
21 it a few more minutes.

22 And I'm trying to think of how I can fill this
23 timeslot, other than I really do -- I am a foodie. So I
24 was trying to think of some of the restaurants that I
25 have gone to in Lake Tahoe. I also love -- I don't want

1 to call it a dive, but I like establishments that have
2 been there for a long time.

3 And there was -- I think it's a hamburger place
4 called, I think it's the Snowball Burger and Fries in
5 South Lake Tahoe, so just a little shout-out to them. I
6 absolutely love your shakes, and your fries, and your
7 hamburgers. Oh, what is it called? Sno-Flake? The Sno-
8 Flake. I absolutely love it.

9 Thank you, Katy. Katy, our moderator is also a food
10 connoisseur. So she knows what we're talking about.

11 So to the rest of our Commissioners, are there any
12 favorite restaurants in the area you have gone to, or
13 favorite memories?

14 You could tell me of animal encounter. I'm sure,
15 Commissioner Andersen probably has a great story of
16 animal encounter. And for myself, living out in the
17 country, we have encounters quite a bit. And yesterday,
18 we had wild turkeys, which were running across my yard,
19 which is okay. It's just not okay when I'm running. I
20 try to run away from them.

21 So do we have any of our Commissioners that would
22 like to share stories of -- I think, I'm just opening it
23 up for whatever is on your mind today. We're open.

24 Commissioner Andersen.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Since I was called

1 out, I actually have a wonderful story about bears. And
2 my nieces and nephews say, tell the one about Auntie Jane
3 and the bears. But it's not -- it was actually in
4 Canada. So I will not tell that one. It's -- that's for
5 another time.

6 But in terms of animal in around this area, I don't
7 have any really good ones except birds, which are, of
8 course, wonderful. And it actually involves -- I had
9 told this before -- driving up through Sutter Yuba, up
10 into Butte.

11 And I was driving, you know, early one morning. And
12 it was -- I came across, actually out of Knights Landing,
13 where you go over this wonderful, sort of fairy thing.
14 It's actually different interesting bridge. And up into
15 that country, early in the morning, and we saw Red Tail
16 Hawks, different couple of Kites, different birds we saw
17 them. And an entire flock of something, which I still
18 don't know what it was. But it had some beautiful
19 coloring on it. And part of it was also the sunrise.

20 So it was just magnificent in that area. So it's
21 one of the really lovely rural memories, driving on small
22 country roads and just amazing, early in the morning. It
23 was beautiful. Crossing foxes and -- it was literally --
24 I mean, everywhere you turn around, it was like -- it was
25 like being in, you know, an animal park or zoo, except it

1 was all wild and natural. So it was really lovely.

2 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That sounds great. As long as I'm
3 in a car and I'm not surrounded by them, I'm good.

4 Commissioner Akutagawa, I believe you had your hand
5 up as well.

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was just going to share a
7 story about, I think, my first time seeing Sacramento.
8 And living in southern California, trips to the Capitol
9 are not our norm down here. So I have to just say that,
10 you know, growing up as a kid, you just imagine when you
11 think about a capital city. It's going to be, like,
12 humongous, like, you know, like we have in L.A., right?
13 I mean, L.A. is just humongous. And you see city hall,
14 and -- it's not that city hall itself is humongous, but
15 it's just the area around it. There is just a lot.

16 And so I can't remember the first time I came to
17 Sacramento. I think I was -- where I can actually
18 remember being in Sacramento. I think I was, like, in my
19 early 20s. And I remember touching down, I was thinking,
20 wow, this is a lot smaller than I thought. And then I
21 just realized it's like, I have this, like, image in my
22 mind, you know, that Sacramento was just like this, like
23 Washington D.C.-ish, you know, huge city. And I thought,
24 wow, this is the capital of our state and it's a lot
25 smaller than I imagined.

1 So I guess I -- it's just that always just, you
2 know, sticks in my mind. I mean, you know. But still,
3 going to the Capitol and, you know, just -- it is a
4 beautiful building actually. And I agree with you,
5 Commissioner Fernandez. I could see why, you know, it's
6 a place that one would want to take visitors, because it
7 still is a very regal, you know, building and so, yeah.
8 I just thought I'd just share that.

9 It's just, you know, from the mind of a child to
10 then actually confronting it or seeing it in adulthood,
11 it doesn't always match up sometimes. But I guess that's
12 my story for Sacramento.

13 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I like that story. I think, and
14 you are absolutely right. Because, you know, the way we
15 imagine things in our heads versus reality, I don't think
16 I've ever gotten it right. So but yes, thank you for
17 sharing.

18 And Commissioner Sinay.

19 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I thought I would share a water
20 animals story, since we keep going into the wild, the
21 desert and mountains, and urban animals. But this is the
22 time of the year, which is one of my favorite times of
23 year, to snorkel in San Diego, especially in the La Jolla
24 Cove area. Because this is when the sharks come in, and
25 you can just snorkel within the sharks.

1 And it's kind of -- it's -- even though you know
2 that they are not going to attack you or anything, it's
3 still pretty eerie. But you know, it reminds you that we
4 are sharing. The ocean is home to many, and we're just
5 visitors. And someone was just posting pictures that
6 they actually saw a turtle in the La Jolla Cove, which is
7 kind of cool that the turtles are back in California.
8 I've heard that they're also -- you're starting to see
9 them more in Santa Monica and the South Bay.

10 So anyone who wants to come down, we can go kayaking
11 and snorkeling, and see the sharks.

12 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Kayaking and sharks. So that
13 would -- they would be bigger than me, right? Is that
14 the case?

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: The babies are smaller. Most
16 of them are smaller. They look bigger, because the water
17 makes them look bigger.

18 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: They would look very big to me,
19 regardless of how big.

20 Commissioner Andersen.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Speaking of animals of the
22 waters, back up to Sacramento. We were there one time in
23 Old Town, and we were walking around, and someone says,
24 what's that in the river there? And I thought well, it's
25 a boat, it's such and such. And all of a sudden we hear,

1 it jumped out of the water. And we swear, like, it was a
2 dolphin. I was like, no, it couldn't have been a
3 dolphin. What is a dolphin doing in the Sacramento
4 River? I was like, no, no, no. But then they were like,
5 what was it? And people are going around, it was a
6 dolphin, it was a dolphin.

7 I still do not know to this day what it was. But
8 then, of course, it brings up the stories of -- I don't
9 know if you remember the whale coming up through, you
10 know, Humphrey the Whale, in the San Francisco Bay.
11 Going up through -- I can't even remember how far he went
12 before they finally got him a way out. He did come back
13 into the Bay.

14 But since that, I have talked to people about
15 animals up in and around the Sacramento River. And
16 someone would say, I think there is a manatee who has
17 been transplanted and put in the river there. And there
18 was a whole discussion about, well, if there was a
19 manatee, it would help, you know, clear the waterways.
20 And so there was a whole ecological discussion. We're
21 all going, yeah, but it's all theoretical. But it was
22 really interesting.

23 So you just never quite know, you know, what might
24 go on in that -- through that whole stretch in the whole
25 delta area. It's very, very interesting. It goes all

1 the way up, you know, through, you know, the tail end of
2 Sacramento County and up. It's very interesting, it's
3 another water animal.

4 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, I think Humphrey came all the
5 way to -- I want to say at least Rio Vista, which is
6 Solano County, I believe, on the river. And then we have
7 seen otters, so yeah, we do on the Sacramento River. We
8 do get an array of different water animals. Again
9 Sacramento River, a place I do not go swimming because I
10 can't see what's on the bottom. I'm a little leery of
11 that.

12 It seems like I'm leery of a lot of things,
13 apparently. That's okay, I've survived.

14 Commissioner Sinay.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I've often said, I rather not
16 see what's in the water versus when I can see, because
17 then I get scared of my own shadow and everything. So I
18 like it when it's murky.

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I'm with Commissioner
20 Fernandez. I need to see what's in the water.

21 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, even like lakes. I just --
22 my boys will get in. I'll just get very nervous because
23 I can't see how deep it is or how when it's going to drop
24 off. And I can swim. I mean, I took lessons since I was
25 little. But nope, I'll take a swimming pool any time, or

1 a clear lake, or Hawaii is good. That's a nice place to
2 swim.

3 Any other stories? And maybe some -- a caller wants
4 to come in because they're tired of our stories. So call
5 in. But if not, we will go to -- we have the Spanish
6 video still, Kristian?

7 MR. MANOFF: We sure do, Chair.

8 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. So with that, let's go to
9 the Spanish video.

10 (Media played)

11 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome back, everyone. And at
12 this point, we still do not have anyone in the queue. I
13 am going to have Katy read the instructions for public
14 input/public comment. And then also if I can have
15 Johanna and Margarita read it in Spanish. And if we
16 still don't have someone, we will go into the adjourn
17 language. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Thank you,
19 Chair.

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15 for when it is your turn to speak. And again, please
16 turn down the livestream volume.

17 And at this time we do not have anyone in the queue.
18 And if we can have a Spanish interpretation of the call-
19 in instructions, please. Thank you.

20 INTERPRETER JOHANNA: Yes, this is the interpreter.
21 Thank you.

22 (Spanish translation provided)

23 CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Katy and Johanna.

24 In the coming week we have four community of
25 interest input meetings.

1 The first is Monday, August 23rd, at 3:00 p.m.,
2 focusing on Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Lake, Napa,
3 Sonoma, and Trinity counties, and their surrounding
4 areas. And we will have a Spanish listening line and a
5 Spanish interpreter available.

6 The second meeting is on Tuesday, August 24th, at
7 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be focused on Alameda, Contra
8 Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and
9 Solano counties and their surrounding areas. We will
10 have Spanish, Mandarin, Russian, and Cantonese listening
11 lines and interpreters available.

12 On Wednesday, August 25th, at 3:00 p.m., we will
13 have a community of interest input meeting focusing on
14 Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin,
15 Stanislaus, Tulare counties, and their surrounding areas.
16 This meeting will have a Spanish listening line and
17 Spanish interpreters available.

18 And on Friday, August 27th, we will have a
19 communities of interest input meeting focused on
20 Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara,
21 Santa Cruz, and Ventura counties, and their surrounding
22 areas. This meeting will have a Spanish listening line
23 and Spanish interpreters available.

24 Registration for each meeting closes two calendar
25 days before, at 5:00 p.m.

1 The next Commission business meeting will be on
2 August 31st, at 9:30 a.m.

3 Callers at the community of interest meetings are
4 not limited to the specifically mentioned counties. You
5 can visit the meetings page at our website to see a list
6 of additional upcoming communities of interest input
7 meetings at wedrawthelineca.org. And then hit the
8 meetings line.

9 Now, do I have anything from our Commissioners
10 before we head -- before we adjourn? I don't see
11 anyone's light or hand up. Okay.

12 So I want to thank everyone for their contributions
13 today. To our wonderful staff that makes sure that
14 everything runs smoothly, I don't know how you do it, but
15 you're absolutely amazing.

16 To our videography dynamic duo of Katy and Kristian,
17 who are dancing back here, quick on their feet and
18 keeping us on track. Thank you so much.

19 To our line drawing team of HaystaqDNA and Q2 Data &
20 Research, LLC, for keeping up with all the input
21 received.

22 To our ASL interpreters, our captioner, our court
23 reporter, and Margarita and Johanna, our Spanish
24 interpreters.

25 To my fellow Commissioners for being so dedicated to

1 our redistricting process. I'm honored to serve with
2 you.

3 And to you, our fellow Californians, for your
4 wonderful input. Without you we would be missing an
5 important part of our redistricting goals of drawing
6 district lines that provide fair representation.

7 I wish you all the best. Be safe. Enjoy the rest
8 of your weekend, and thank you.

9 This meeting is adjourned.

10 (Meeting adjourned)

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