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9:30 a.m.

3 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Good morning, California. My name
4 is Neal Fornaciari, and on behalf of -- of myself and my
5 co-chair Sara Sadhwani, I'd like to welcome you all to the
6 August 31st business meeting and the California Citizens
7 Redirecting Commission. I'm going to call this meeting to
8 order and ask the very capable Ravi to call the roll,
9 please.

10 RAVI SINGH: Thank you, Chair.

11 Commissioner Kennedy?

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I'm here.

13 RAVI SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

14 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

15 RAVI SINGH: Commission Sadhwani? Commissioner
16 Sinay?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

18 RAVI SINGH: Commissioner Taylor? Commissioner
19 Toledo? Commissioner Turner?

20 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

21 RAVI SINGH: Commissioner Vazquez? Commissioner Yee?

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

23 RAVI SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

24 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

25 RAVI SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa? Commissioner

1 Andersen?

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

3 RAVI SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Present.

5 RAVI SINGH: And Commissioner Fornaciari.

6 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Here.

7 RAVI SINGH: You have a quorum, Chair.

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thanks, Ravi.

9 Let's see. Before we take public comment, I just
10 want to, kind of, share what the plan for the day is.
11 This morning we'll -- we'll start with general public
12 comment and then get into Agenda Item No. 3. At ten
13 o'clock, we will jump to a -- we will have some guests
14 join us, jump to Agenda Item 6 and meet the RPV analyst
15 and review what to expect from the -- the racially
16 polarized voting analysis. And that should take us
17 through our first break at 11 to 11:15.

18 Then starting at 11:15, we'll jump into Agenda Item
19 No. 5, and we'll begin with training on our new database
20 that's live on the website and then review the COI
21 submissions for Los Angeles; and that will take us from
22 11:15 to 12:45 at which time we'll break for lunch, 12:45
23 to 1:45. Then at 1:45 we'll come back and continue with
24 Agenda Item 5 if necessary.

25 Then once we've completed Agenda Item 5, we'll go

1 back to Agenda Item 3, the director reports and finish
2 that out. Then we'll start Agenda Item 4 with community
3 reports through 3:15. 3:15 to 3:30 we'll take a break,
4 and then we'll come back at 3:30 and finish up Agenda Item
5 4. We won't have a closed session today, and I think
6 that -- that covers the day.

7 So, with that, I'll ask Katy to open the phone lines
8 for public comment.

9 KATY MANOFF: Good morning, Chair.

10 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Good morning.

11 KATY MANOFF: In order to maximize transparency and
12 public participation in our process, the Commissioners
13 will be taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial
14 the telephone number provided on the live stream feed. It
15 is 877-853-5247. When prompted to enter the meeting ID
16 number provided on the live stream feed, it is 898 1664
17 7345 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a
18 participant ID, simply press the pound key.

19 Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a
20 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press Star
21 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When it
22 is your turn to speak, you will hear a message that says
23 the host would like you to talk and to press Star 6 to
24 speak. If you would like to give your name, please state
25 and spell it for the record. You are not required to

1 provide your name to give public comment.

2 Please make sure to mute your computer or live stream
3 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your
4 call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
5 when it is your turn to speak; and, again, please turn
6 down the live stream volume.

7 And right now we will have a caller with the last
8 four of 6337, and then up next after that will be the
9 caller with the last four of 2448.

10 Caller 6337, if you will please follow the prompts to
11 unmute at this time by pressing Star 6. Caller 6337, the
12 floor is yours.

13 ROSALIND GOLD: Great. Good morning, Commissioners.
14 This is Rosalind Gold with the NALEO Educational Fund.
15 That's R-o-s-a-l-i-n-d, and the last name is Gold,
16 G-o-l-d. And, as always, I wanted to very much thank you
17 for your very hard work and your dedication throughout
18 this process.

19 I wanted to comment on an issue that some
20 commissioners have raised in an earlier discussion, which
21 is the issue of how to answer questions from the public
22 about whether the Commission is going to use the current
23 map of the State as a starting point for your 2021 line
24 drawing. I wanted to note that we continue to urge the
25 Commission to start by drawing districts that comply with

1 the Voting Rights Act -- the federal Voting Rights Act.
2 This is -- this compliance is a top priority set forth in
3 the California Constitution for the lines you draw.

4 And then, second, when questions are raised by the
5 public or stakeholders about how you're going to approach
6 line drawing, I think it's an -- a -- a really good
7 opportunity to educate the public about the fact that
8 there are criteria you have to meet, that your maps have
9 to be drawn to comply with those criteria, and that you
10 can use your leadership position and the respect that the
11 public has for you as a public education --

12 CHAIR FORNACIARI: 30 seconds.

13 ROSALIND GOLD: -- opportunity regarding those
14 criteria. Thank you so much.

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you as always, Ms. Gold, for
16 your feedback and -- and input. We appreciate it.

17 ROSALIND GOLD: Thank you.

18 KATY MANOFF: And right now will be Caller 2448, and
19 then up next after that will be Caller 2829.

20 Caller 2448, if you will please follow the prompts to
21 unmute at this time, the floor is yours.

22 PETER CANNON: Good morning, Commissioners. My name
23 is Peter Cannon (phonetic). Thank you for adding the data
24 tab on your website to share community of interest input
25 from the public. I have several questions.

1 How often will Airtable be updated? What is the
2 expected lag time between when a comment gets submitted
3 and when it is posted? Airtable is currently updated
4 through August 12th. Will the public input section of the
5 website containing COI e-mails and letters continue to be
6 updated? Has all of in information currently posted in
7 public input been added to Airtable? And will all future
8 information posted to public input also be in Airtable?
9 Will the public comment section of the website containing
10 business meeting comments continue to be updated? Will
11 non-geographic information from this section be excluded
12 from Airtable?

13 Thank you again for your commitment to transparency
14 and ensuring the public has access to information.

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you, Mr. Cannon for your
16 questions and -- and your participation. I tried to write
17 down all those questions. I didn't quite catch them all.
18 I -- I'm hoping Alvaro or one of the staff caught them all
19 and we will get -- we will ensure that we get the answers
20 to all of your questions, but I think -- I think the
21 simple answer is yes to most of your questions.

22 I got a note from Alvaro that we will cover a lot of
23 those questions during the training that's coming up. So
24 we're going to do some training on the database today
25 starting at 11:15. So I think a lot of those questions

1 will be answered if you tune in at that time. And, again,
2 thank you.

3 Katy?

4 KATY MANOFF: Thank you, Chair.

5 And up next will Caller 2829. If you will please
6 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing Star
7 6, Caller 2829, the floor is yours.

8 RENEE WESTA-LUSK: Good morning, Commissioners. This
9 is Renee Westa-Lusk. I have two major questions.

10 One is regarding the target population of
11 congressional districts, the new ballpark figure, has that
12 changed because I had access to a website called DRA 2020;
13 and then to get there, there's a link. It's called
14 DAVESREDIRECTING.ORG; and on that website, they were using
15 741,000 -- around that -- as the base, the new population
16 from the 2020 census that was just released on August 12th
17 for 53 congressional districts. But now we're going to be
18 down to 52 congressional districts in California. And so
19 when you make that adjustment, it comes out to 755,410 for
20 the population of each of the CDs. Is -- is that a
21 ballpark target figure that will be used until you get the
22 exact number plus or minus one person for each California
23 CD?

24 And then my second questions are where do I -- if I
25 see mistakes or errors in the Airtable database heat map,

1 where do I send those errors --

2 CHAIR FORNACIARI: 30 seconds.

3 RENEE WESTA-LUSK: -- that the comments -- that
4 something's not right? And there's -- there's some things
5 that are missing in the heat table. They don't match
6 what's on the left side, which is the total database on
7 the Airtable. I -- I need to know --

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: 15.

9 RENEE WESTA-LUSK: -- where I can get help to convey
10 the problems. Thank you.

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you as always,
12 Ms. Westa-Lusk for your participation and your continued
13 involvement in our process.

14 So I don't know off the top of my head what the
15 target population is, but you are correct it has changed.
16 We've gone up in population and down in -- in seats so
17 that target number will have changed, and I'm sure that
18 the -- that our line drawing team coupled with our line
19 drawers are working on figuring out what that exact number
20 will be. And if you have errors -- if you find errors in
21 the Airtable, I would recommend that you send us an e-mail
22 at -- where is our e-mail address -- huh --

23 VOTERSFIRSTACT@CRC.CA.GOV. That's

24 VOTERSFIRSTACT@CRC.CA.GOV. Thank you.

25 KATY MANOFF: And, Chair, that was all of our callers

1 at this time.

2 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Thank you.

3 KATY MANOFF: You're welcome.

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So, with that, we will move on to
5 the directors' reports; and we'll turn is over to Director
6 Hernandez.

7 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair; and good
8 morning, Commissioners. I don't have a whole lot; but I
9 wanted to go ahead and address some of the questions that
10 were brought up just now by Mr. Cannon.

11 In regards to the public comment web page or -- or
12 pages -- not pages -- the page, it will continue to be
13 updated on a regular basis as information comes through.
14 Likewise, with the public input page where we are
15 collecting that information, it would also be updated
16 there so that it's available. We're including that
17 information, the public input information into our
18 Airtable; so you'll find the reference to the document in
19 the Airtable for the public comment.

20 So I know there were some other questions that
21 Mr. Cannon had. We will cover those during the training
22 in regards to the timeframes for updating the lag time and
23 so forth. So very good questions. I really appreciate
24 that; and, again, if you have feedback in regards to the
25 Airtable or database -- the CRC database, send us your

1 feedback.

2 That database officially launched on Friday, so that
3 is a huge milestone. I don't want to minimize that
4 because we're moving into that, you know, review of the
5 database and everything; but that was a huge milestone. I
6 really want to thank our data management team for all
7 their hard work they put in to get that going. As you
8 saw, it's through August 12th. There is some lag time
9 because we're cleaning up the data as it comes in to make
10 sure that it's matching up. So that is taking a little
11 bit of time to get it up to date, so it's going to be
12 about a week lag time roughly that we're looking at.

13 We're going to do the training later today to help
14 everyone navigate through the database, how to search,
15 what that information is that you're looking at on the pin
16 map, and so forth. So please have your questions ready
17 for then, and we'll -- we'll do our best to address those.

18 You'll also find on the website under the handouts,
19 the meeting schedule. I reposted it to include the
20 changes that we made to the CRC meeting schedule, which
21 includes business meetings, line drawing sessions,
22 district map input; and some of those sessions may be
23 changed -- the names of those sessions may be changed at a
24 later date. But the dates are correct at this point.

25 Now, I'll note that the dates in November and

1 December may change due to any possible outcome from the
2 California Supreme Court clarification that we've
3 requested; so although that's -- they're posted, they may
4 change or we may add future dates on there if necessary.

5 Moving on, I also have the outreach and communication
6 plan that I wanted to share with all of you. This is a
7 plan that we have been working on. The communications
8 director, the outreach director, and I are working on a
9 comprehensive outreach and marketing plan for the next --
10 for the remainder of the -- the year. And so this handout
11 only shows three months because December is, kind of, a
12 carryover; and we can adjust or pivot if we need to at
13 that point for anything that needs to be done.

14 Give me one second so I can pull up that document so
15 we can take a look at that. Can you all see that? And,
16 hopefully, you have a copy of the handout as well. So
17 I'll try to resize that a little bit so you can see it
18 better.

19 So in September -- and we'll go over this. And our
20 communication director Fredy Ceja and our outreach
21 director Marcy Kaplan will answer any questions that may
22 come up; but our outreach for September is going to
23 include a COI training with our community-based
24 organizations and different groups. We're also going to
25 be working on a gap analysis to identify areas where we

1 really need to focus more of our outreach efforts, as well
2 as our communication efforts. And then, as has been the
3 case, we are in the phase where we're doing activation of
4 all our stakeholders, not just community groups but all
5 Californians; so we're really pushing that and moving that
6 forward.

7 That ties into the marketing piece of it, which
8 includes media buys. We're finalizing the majority of the
9 contracts. Fredy has been working on it, as well as Raul,
10 to get those contracts in place. Okay. One second,
11 please. Okay. Thank you. Technical difficulties. Thank
12 you, Fredy.

13 And so we're also going to be communicating as part
14 of our marketing that the Commission is going to be
15 drawing the lines, and -- and we still are going to
16 continue to ask for COIs to be submitted through our COI
17 tool. We're also going to be sharing information about
18 the census data when it -- it becomes available, when the
19 Commission receives that from the statewide database. So
20 there will be a press release and more information about
21 that.

22 And then part of the marketing is also going to
23 include line drawing activities, what the Commission is
24 going to be doing just to let people know where we are
25 with things. From the administration and data side in

1 September, you know, we're looking at staffing. As we're
2 receiving many more COIs and COI input via input or mail,
3 making sure that we have the staffing to put that
4 information into our Airtable, into our database. Note
5 taking is going to be another piece of it that we're
6 making sure that for the different line drawing sessions
7 and for any other activities that we have, that we have
8 note taking by staff, be it our outreach staff or
9 additional staff that we'll be bringing on board.

10 COI uploads, we're going to be hearing a little bit
11 more about that, how often we're going to have the COI
12 uploads from the statewide database. Right now it's
13 through August 12th; but moving forward we're hoping to
14 have it on a very regular basis, be it daily or, you know,
15 sooner than that. And then in-person meeting schedule and
16 logistics -- so we're going to be working on that. Staff
17 is going to be working on trying to get locations. As you
18 know, possibly in October we're going to be doing
19 in-person meetings; and so we're going to be looking for
20 locations. There will be some challenges, as has been the
21 case. The last time that we went through this exercise to
22 find locations, not everybody had venues available. So we
23 do have some challenges there.

24 But that's what's happening in October from -- from
25 our outreach and marketing and also part of our

1 administration related to those two activities. In
2 October you'll see that we continue with the COI
3 trainings; but we're also going to incorporate the map
4 training because the statewide database will be
5 releasing -- once the census data is available, they're
6 going to be releasing the map tool where people can go in
7 and create their own district maps. So we'll be promoting
8 that with them, also going to be promoting meetings and
9 working on logistics. The staff will be working on
10 logistics for those meetings in those different areas.
11 We're doing Northern California and Southern California.
12 We haven't designated specific locations yet. That's what
13 they'll be working on. Once they're there, they have to
14 work on the logistics. We'll have to have staff there to
15 make sure that we have, you know, coordinating of people
16 coming in to the meeting and -- and so forth. So a lot of
17 activities going on there by the different field staff.

18 Again, stakeholder activation and -- now we'll be
19 moving into the gap outreach. We've done the analysis in
20 September. We're doing the gap outreach and really
21 focused outreach activities there for the team. From the
22 marketing side, we'll be doing the meeting promotions,
23 letting people know we're meeting. We'll be discussing
24 line drawing. We'll have PSAs going on. The advertising
25 is going to be more of a COI blitz trying to get people to

1 provide their COI input. You know, it's still going on.
2 We're still going to need that information. The more we
3 get the better. We're -- you know, we're trying to meet
4 our goal of 40,000 COIs or -- or input -- public input I
5 should say, not just COIs, working on line drawing and --
6 and how the COIs tie into that -- we'll be talking about
7 that later -- marketing the mapping tools, what else is
8 available, the access centers that we have out there with
9 the statewide database and working with them, marketing
10 online drawing activities.

11 We'll be doing ethnic media buys or briefings, I
12 should say, at that point as well to make sure that
13 everyone is hearing about what we're doing. And hopefully
14 by then we'll have a more concrete CRC timeline and when
15 the due date for the final maps will be. So that will be
16 part of the marketing effort.

17 From the administrative and data side, coordinating
18 and the logistics of the in-person meetings at the site,
19 district map input meetings and appointments. You know,
20 we have to set up the appointment schedule for those
21 district map input meetings and all the coordination that
22 goes behind the scenes for those and the staff data input
23 as we receive e-mails and letters. As I had mentioned
24 before, we have been seeing an increase in the number of
25 letters and e-mails that we're receiving from individuals;

1 so, California, please keep on sending those. We really
2 appreciate it. But we're making sure that we have
3 staffing available to do the input necessary for that to
4 address the concern that Mr. Cannon brought up about how
5 long the lag time will be. So we're trying to minimize
6 that lag time. And then there will also be some note
7 taking that is required during those meetings.

8 And then, finally, in November -- and, like I said
9 earlier, November, there may be some changes to the
10 timeframes given whatever the California Supreme Court
11 decides as the final dates for the California maps. So we
12 have the map tool training that will continue; stakeholder
13 activation; we'll be promoting map input at that point;
14 and then also promoting the CRC timeline as part of our
15 outreach activities just to let people know this is what
16 the timeline looks like, this is when we need your
17 information, and keep them up to date on what's going on
18 with the Commission's timeframe.

19 For marketing, we're doing the map input, marketing
20 PSAs, continue those, continue the promoting of the CRC
21 meetings, draw line COI, and the map tool that are out
22 there -- that will be out there. We'll continue the media
23 briefings with the ethnic media and also promote the CRC
24 timeline letting people know what we're doing and when
25 things are due.

1 And then, finally, the in-person meetings and site
2 logistics will continue through November and then the
3 input as well. So this is a very high-level overview of
4 the activities that our outreach, marketing, and -- and
5 the admin side are working on. I wanted to, kind of, give
6 you that framework so that you know we have a plan moving
7 forward. And I will open it up to any questions or
8 comments that you may have. Thank you.

9 I'm sorry. I -- I was handed a note by Commissioner
10 Fernandez that I should elaborate what PSAs are -- public
11 service announcements. And COIs -- I referenced that
12 earlier -- those are communities of interest; and then CRC
13 is a reference to the California Redirecting commission.
14 Thank you.

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So I have Commissioner Vazquez and
16 then Kennedy.

17 MS. VAZQUEZ: Thanks so much for presenting this. I
18 think I need still a bit more time to digest and process;
19 but one of the things that I wanted to raise here, you
20 know, either for discussion or consideration is that we --
21 I'm -- I'm glad we've got the dates finalized so at least
22 we can hold them on our calendars and have a sense of,
23 sort of, where we're going and the cadence of our meetings
24 going forward.

25 I did want to say that particularly for the line

1 drawing sessions, I really want to urge us to consider
2 pushing those to later in the day. I -- it -- it concerns
3 me that currently they're -- they're held on our calendars
4 as 9:30 to 4:30 like our business meetings; and it -- it
5 does concern me that the vast majority of the line drawing
6 will happen, sort of, during business hours. And I think
7 we've had really good success when our community of
8 interest input meetings having been, sort of, later in the
9 day. So I just really wanted to put a pin in that, that
10 I'm hoping that the times are up for discussion and
11 movement. Thank you.

12 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Mr. Kennedy?

13 MR KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I'm looking at ethnic
14 media briefings starting in October and just wanted to, I
15 guess, put a question on the table. I mean, have any
16 media briefings been done to date? And, second, I mean,
17 we have been speaking fairly regularly about the -- the
18 low level of uptake on our language support services and
19 so forth. And we've identified the need for more presence
20 in ethnic media, so I'm wondering if those shouldn't start
21 sooner. Thanks.

22 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Director Ceja?

23 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yes. Thank you so much. Yes. If it
24 were up to us, I think all of these services and contracts
25 would have happened months ago; but, unfortunately, the

1 contract for ethnic media buys or -- or to work with
2 ethnic media communities around California are over with
3 OLS at the moment. So I did get word from Raul that they
4 should be approved this week, at which point we would be
5 able to start with those media briefings. We do want to
6 start them as soon as possible, but we also want to give
7 the contractor enough time to put those together. We do
8 see those happening within the next two weeks, not
9 necessarily in October; but they will continue through
10 October.

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So I'm -- I'm -- okay.
12 Commissioner Kennedy and then we have to switch gears
13 to -- to the -- to the VRA RPV. I'm going to --
14 Commissioner Kennedy?

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. Thank you for
16 that. Thank you for that, Director Ceja; but I'm -- I'm
17 talking about briefings, not -- not placement of ads.

18 And my recollection is that there were going -- there
19 was going to be a series of briefings to editors just to
20 particularize themselves -- familiarize them with the
21 redirecting process, the Commission, and so forth and, you
22 know, seeing -- seeing this and seeing, you know, well,
23 the idea seems to be that there could also be briefings of
24 ethnic media. So I'm -- I'm talking specifically about
25 briefings, not advertising, through those medias that

1 would require a contract. I mean, if you're going to
2 brief editors, that doesn't require a contract, just
3 schedule it and brief it. Thank you.

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So if I -- if I could ask Director
5 Ceja if we're going to -- we're going to get back to you
6 in your -- your part of the director briefing; and so if
7 we can circle back to this topic when we get there, I'm
8 sure -- you know, I have a number of questions and
9 comments; and I have an opportunity to continue with
10 questions directly to the directors as they give their
11 briefings.

12 So thank you all. It's ten o'clock, so I'm going to
13 turn it over to Commissioner Yee at this point for the RPV
14 analysis. I guess it's number -- Agenda Item 6, which is
15 the VRA --

16 MR. YEE: Thank you, Chair.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: -- the VRA team. And is there --
18 at this point is -- is there any -- do we want to give an
19 update on Supreme Court?

20 MR. YEE: Yes. Yes.

21 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. So that would be 4L in here
22 too. So thank you.

23 MR. YEE: Yes. Thank you, Chair. So I'll turn it
24 right over to our VRA counsel; and -- Mr. Fred Woocher,
25 who will be telling us about our -- our RPV analyst coming

1 on board as well as an update on the Supreme Court.

2 So to you, Fred.

3 MR. WOOCHEER: All right. Thanks so much and good
4 morning to all of you. Let me start with the update on
5 the Supreme Court filing and motion. As you may remember,
6 we were uncertain as to when the legacy data would be --
7 actually be provided. It did come down on August 12th.
8 The folks at the statewide database worked very quickly to
9 try and turn that around, analyze it, reformat it, test
10 it, and verify it. And then on the afternoon of August
11 18th, they completed that initial task and posted it on
12 the -- it was verified and posted on the statewide
13 database website. And then two days later on August 20th,
14 Friday August 20th, we filed our motion with the Supreme
15 Court.

16 We asked the Court for the date for the first display
17 of the preliminary maps to be moved by an additional 18
18 days to November 19th due to the 18-day delay from July
19 31st to August 18th in getting us -- in getting the
20 reformatted data; and we requested that the court set the
21 final date for final approval and certification of the
22 maps on Friday January 14, 2022, which was the date that
23 the Commission had asked for and requested to ask for.

24 As I said, we filed that on Friday August 20th; and,
25 fortunately, on Monday August 23rd, the Supreme Court

1 clerk issued a notice to the existing parties from that
2 case requesting any response to our motion be filed by
3 September 7th. That went to the legislature and to the
4 Secretary of State's Office in particular and then
5 inviting any amicus briefs by any other interested parties
6 to be filed no later than noon on September 13th and also
7 gave the Commission the opportunity to file a reply by
8 that same timeframe if we thought there was anything in
9 the legislatures or Secretary of State's responses that
10 warranted a reply by the Commission. We take that as a
11 good sign that the Court has recognized the urgency of the
12 matter at least.

13 You know, we never -- don't ever want to predict as
14 attorneys what it means; but it does at least mean that
15 the court received and considered that the motion needed
16 to be ruled upon quickly and to consider the views of the
17 other parties. I do note that the court meets in
18 conference on Wednesday. That's when the full court meets
19 to discuss various matters relating to petitions for
20 review and motions. So they do have a conference
21 scheduled for Wednesday the 15th, and they also have
22 another one scheduled for Wednesday the 22nd. And the
23 hope might be that given the calendar that they've set for
24 these pretty quick turnaround times on the responses that
25 they will get some decision out by one of those dates; and

1 it would be certainly within that timeframe that would be
2 consistent with the September 20th date that is now
3 anticipated for the statewide database to complete and
4 provide to the Commission the legislature, the statewide
5 redistricting data base that's necessary for you all to
6 begin the start of the line drawing process. We don't
7 anticipate anything further happening other than the
8 receipt of those. We will pass them on when we get them
9 to your chief counsel and then presumably they will pass
10 them on to the commissioners. And we'll just take it from
11 there and -- and see how it goes, but so far we are on
12 track to at least get a decision from the court in short
13 order that will allow you to know what the -- the
14 timeframe is for filing any -- for beginning the map
15 drawing process and completing it as well.

16 If there's -- I'll take any questions on that before
17 we move on to the next -- next issue. Okay. With that,
18 I'm actually going to introduce David Becker to -- to that
19 end to introduce our RPV consultant Dr. Megan Gall who is
20 here as well; and they'll give a little brief description
21 of what we're doing and what we anticipate doing in the
22 near term and in the longer term with respect to the RPV
23 component of the larger VRA analysis.

24 David, up to you.

25 DAVID BECKER: Yeah. Thanks, Fred. Good to see

1 everyone.

2 So as -- as we're getting the dataset finalized,
3 which is exciting and it gives us an opportunity to
4 actually move into the next phase of our work, we are
5 working with Karin and her team and, of course, the --
6 Megan Gall who I'll introduce in a moment, who is our
7 racially polarized voting consultant that you've
8 authorized us to hire and is now under contract. We're --
9 we're going to hit the ground running pretty hard in the
10 month of September. We're going to be meeting in person.
11 Most of us will be in person in Los Angeles next week to
12 start going over the -- the population datasets, the
13 census data to identify -- we've referred to the heat map
14 before, areas where concentrations of minority populations
15 are likely large enough to meet what we -- what -- what is
16 called the first Gingles precondition, which we've met --
17 we've discussed before, which is -- is a minority group
18 large and compact enough to form a majority in a likely
19 district. That would then be a precondition to
20 establishing -- to -- to identifying areas that we should
21 prioritize looking for racially polarized voting, do
22 minority voters vote in a way to have a cohesive candidate
23 of their choice, and is that -- would that -- is that
24 candidate opposed by other voters. If we -- if we can
25 identify those two things in addition to the minority

1 group being large enough and geographically compact enough
2 to form a majority in a district, we would have the
3 precondition set for the possible drawing of a Section 2
4 compliant district. So with that -- so that's going
5 happen next week, and we should have a lot of that
6 analysis and being able to identify what we're going to be
7 doing in the subsequent weeks so that when the final
8 dataset is ready, including the prison reallocation
9 information by the end of September -- sometime in the end
10 of September, we should be able to provide you complete
11 advice and analysis and data to guide your efforts in
12 actually drawing the lines.

13 So, with that, let me hand it over to Megan Gall of
14 Blockwell Consulting who we've hired; and she's going to
15 give you an introduction about herself and her work. And
16 then we're happy to answer any questions about the process
17 going forward.

18 DR. MEGAN GALL: Thanks, David. Hey, hello,
19 everybody. As David said, my name is Dr. Megan Gall; and
20 I run Blockwell Consulting. First and foremost, I wanted
21 to thank you for the opportunity to serve you all in the
22 State of California. I am humbled by the importance of
23 the work in front of us and grateful for the opportunity
24 to be here today.

25 A little bit about my path to here, I have a long

1 history doing voting rights work including redistricting
2 and RPV analysis, both necessary for VRA compliance. I
3 started doing this work immediately after I finished my
4 PhD, which was in political science with a focus on
5 American politics. I'm also a certified GIS professional,
6 and I hold a master's in geographic information science.
7 And I think that this combination is a value add because
8 it affords me some extra insight into how racially
9 polarized voting fits into our broader work and how
10 racially polarized voting and redistricting go hand in
11 hand, which they really do.

12 As David said, we are not wasting any time. I have
13 already started working on grooming the data from the
14 California statewide database. If you have ever used the
15 database, you'll already know that often the data pieces
16 that you need may be in separate areas in the database and
17 require some grooming to get them ready for analysis.
18 That is true here, and so I am writing the code to do some
19 of that heavier lifting. For folks who aren't familiar
20 with -- with how code works, let me just put a plug in
21 here to say that building good code at a front end of a
22 project is one of the most important pieces of my labor
23 here. Think of it like building the highway before you
24 drive up the on ramp or setting the table for a holiday
25 meal. This is the critical groundwork. This is the

1 pregame.

2 I also wanted to mention that the statewide database
3 is -- is -- is just an amazing resource. Believe me when
4 I say that nothing else like it exists. The -- the
5 database design is remarkably elegant and ready made for
6 the kind of coding work that I'm doing to process it. And
7 I'll be finishing this part of my work over the next week
8 or two in preparation for the next phase of things, as
9 David described it.

10 And I just want to say again thank you for your time
11 and attention today. Please know that I'm very happy to
12 be here and did not wait to get to work.

13 DAVID BECKER: Thanks, Megan. I'll -- I'll open it
14 up to questions. I'll just add really quickly, first of
15 all, we're incredibly grateful to be working with Megan.
16 She's very -- an expert in this area and, specifically,
17 with the California database, which is going to come in
18 very handy.

19 Over the next few weeks, as I mentioned, we're going
20 to be meeting and starting to prepare some of the data
21 both with regard to population concentrations and racially
22 polarized voting that we can deliver to you and -- and
23 provide advice on once the final population -- equal
24 population dataset is ready. I'll also add that we have a
25 likely -- we'll have a likely training with regard to

1 racially polarized voting that -- where -- where Megan
2 will lead a discussion sometime in the next couple of
3 weeks, probably two to three weeks, the second half of
4 September where we'll be able to tell you -- give you a
5 little more of a -- of some guidance as to how racially
6 polarized voting is analyzed and assessed, what kind of
7 advice we'll all be able to give you, and -- and answer
8 any questions that you might have. So that's -- that's
9 something to look forward to. We don't have a date set
10 yet because we're trying to be realistic about how soon
11 that will happen, but I think it's very likely it will
12 happen in the second half of September around with the --
13 the preparation when the line drawing begins.

14 So, with that, I'll open it up to any questions you
15 might have.

16 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Ms. Sinay?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: You mentioned the meeting in Los
18 Angeles I think next week. Is that a public meeting, or
19 is that a closed meeting?

20 DAVID BECKER: That is a -- that is a meeting of
21 counsel, and I think -- and I think it's -- it's
22 considered -- it will be work product of the -- the
23 attorney team.

24 Fred, do you -- Fred or Andre, do you want to add
25 anything to that?

1 MR. WOOCHEER: Yeah. It's just -- it's not a -- it's
2 not a meeting of the commissions or anything like that.
3 It's our own meeting just to let you folks know that we're
4 doing work and that we're not just showing up every three
5 weeks to -- to present back to you.

6 DAVID BECKER: And a lot of it will be -- a lot of it
7 will be -- it's, kind of, a planning meeting in many ways.
8 I mean, I'll be looking at what -- what the data shows
9 right now so that we can start to direct Megan as she --
10 as she starts the racially polarized voting analysis. You
11 know, there are areas of California where racially
12 polarized voting analysis won't be particularly helpful or
13 relevant because the concentrations of minority --
14 minority voters are so small that the -- it's -- it's --
15 it's almost impossible to invoke Section 2.

16 I think you have a follow-up.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Sinay?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry. Another question that
19 came, as we were listening in to different parts of the --
20 of the state, people gave us thoughts about, hey, I think
21 we're a VRA or please look at us as a VRA. Can -- is
22 there a way that we're -- I think that you all are doing
23 it straight database, but we keep telling the public that
24 it's data plus their input and that we're trying to put a
25 face on the data.

1 So what is the process for us to get the input from
2 the community that's asking you to please look at it --
3 look at certain area as VRA so, yeah, just in case, yeah,
4 the data does or doesn't show it but at least we can say
5 we've looked at it.

6 DAVID BECKER: Yeah. I think -- I think the way
7 we'll likely do this is -- certainly community input is
8 relevant and important here. I -- we invite it. But we
9 are not the line drawers. I also want to stress that. We
10 are just advising you all as you draw the lines. We're
11 going to provide some -- the advice on where the data is
12 indicating Section 2 -- Section 2 is relevant and needs to
13 be considered. If you have other information from public
14 input, we welcome that and -- and absolutely share it with
15 us. We'll look at the data. It will be placed where that
16 input might be crucial in identifying an area where the
17 data is somewhat ambiguous, and there might be other areas
18 where the community input just doesn't agree with the data
19 and we -- it's -- it's less of a strong case.

20 But we can evaluate that and provide our advice to
21 you, the line drawers, as you're considering that. But,
22 ultimately, we're working for you. We're going to try to
23 help you answer those questions and -- and give you our
24 best advice. And if you have information that --
25 that's -- that's outside -- I know you've created a very

1 good database of the -- of some of the public input you've
2 received already. I think that's incredibly helpful, and
3 we'll -- we'll try to -- we absolutely want to be able to
4 respond to any questions that might have -- that have been
5 spurred by public input.

6 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Andersen?

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Regarding that -- that
8 specific question, the Airtable will eventually have a
9 flag on anything for -- that's -- any comments or
10 something that are related to VRA in -- from the -- in the
11 public, you know, several -- as Commissioner Sinay has
12 indicated, several -- some of our input -- input has come
13 in and said, hey, this is a VRA district; and those,
14 indeed, will be -- will indeed be flagged. And so as
15 you'll find in the training, that will be a -- that -- you
16 will be able to pull those out. So that information we
17 will be able to easily pan to our -- you know, we can --
18 we'll be able to compare what our VRA analysts are helping
19 us with and what the public is telling us.

20 DAVID BECKER: Yeah. That's outstanding. And, by
21 the way, I mean, a huge shout out to whoever is the staff
22 that's actually putting some of those data -- that
23 database together because that kind of thing is just a
24 tremendous resource.

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Yee and then Turner.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Welcome, Dr. Gall, and to the team
2 and -- it's good to have you here and looking forward to
3 our -- our work together.

4 I'm wondering if you can tell us a little bit more
5 about the body of past election data that you will be
6 looking at. And I'm just thinking of how to describe your
7 work to the public as -- you know, as we're asked about
8 how this -- how this all happens and how -- how far back
9 those elections go and which elections you look at.
10 What's the overview of how this work is done?

11 DR. MEGAN GALL: We'll get into some of that in more
12 depth in the training; but the -- the, sort of, more
13 surface answer is that generally we like to go back ten
14 years in time when we're looking at VRA compliance. We
15 will look at general and primary elections. We expect the
16 primary elections might be more illustrative for us given
17 some of the complexities in the general elections. And we
18 will start with the endogenous elections, which means
19 elections that are self-contained within the jurisdiction;
20 and we will expand to the exogenous elections. Those are
21 those that, sort of, expand to the electorate outside of
22 the jurisdiction when necessary, when we need more robust
23 understanding if the -- if the picture needs clarity. And
24 that is the -- that is the basic roadmap of where we'll go
25 with our RPV analyses.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you. So endogenous would
2 be, for instance, an assembly district voting for its
3 assembly member; exogenous would be a gubernatorial
4 election perhaps. I see. Thank you.

5 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Turner?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. Thank you, Chair; and,
7 Dr. Megan, thank you for the explanation. I'm excited
8 about the forthcoming training, particularly in that you
9 automatically just explained endogenous and all of those
10 words. I thought, okay, listen intently; but, yeah, I'm
11 looking forward to that. So that's great.

12 I wanted to go back a little bit as well on just
13 conversation and -- and wondering when Commissioner Sinay
14 and Andersen -- Commissioners -- were asking about the
15 information that we've already received in testimony
16 that's in the tool. Is that information that you
17 proactively -- that you will have already looked at to be
18 able to provide your response to; or is that something
19 that we actually will be flagging to give you? I'm just
20 curious about the process. Is it -- are you -- where
21 you're linked in at, are you reactive to what we tell you;
22 or will you also have access and be proactively seeking
23 that information?

24 DAVID BECKER: I'm -- maybe I'll start with that.
25 I -- I think where we're -- I think where we're going to

1 start is, is with the data because the data is probably
2 the strongest pointer; but -- but none of these things --
3 and Megan has talked about this quite a bit. I've heard
4 of her speak about this as well. This is, kind of, an --
5 there's -- there's not -- you know, you don't -- you don't
6 do this one thing first all the time and then do this
7 other thing second all the time and do all -- this other
8 thing third. But the -- the census data is going to be
9 the initial pointer that we're going to use to prioritize
10 areas where we might -- where it's -- where it's highly
11 possible we're going to need to be cognizant of Section 2
12 compliance.

13 I think after that we -- we should see -- we should
14 absolutely -- and I'm -- and I'm -- I don't want to -- I
15 don't want to necessarily make plans because we haven't
16 had a chance to discuss this internally as -- as an
17 attorney group.

18 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh.

19 DAVID BECKER: I think it's likely we'll want to have
20 a conversation with you all to discuss what we've found,
21 see how much overlap there is between that and the
22 community comments we've received. Hopefully there's a
23 lot of overlap. That would be ideal where the data and
24 the community input has -- has strongly overlapped.

25 And then if there are places where we have community

1 input that there's likely Section 2 district that would be
2 necessary but the data does not appear that the -- at
3 least initially that the minority community is large
4 enough to comprise a district in a particular area, that
5 first Gingles precondition that we talk about a lot,
6 we'll -- we'll probably want to have some discussion with
7 you.

8 I think that -- I think that we'll want to leave open
9 the possibility that might need to be -- that might invoke
10 some potential legal considerations about where we
11 would -- where we'd want to discuss that. But those
12 are -- what I'd suggest, I think, is let's see where we
13 are after our initial run at the data and then keep open
14 the possibility that we will then -- I think the main part
15 of your question is are we going to independently go and
16 look at the community input and see if -- if there's areas
17 that we missed with the data or are -- are you going to
18 then -- or is the Commission going to take the lead and
19 ask us about those areas. I don't -- I don't know that
20 I'm ready to answer that without looking at the data first
21 if that makes sense, but I think either one of those is an
22 acceptable way to approach it.

23 Does that -- does that answer your question,
24 Commissioner Turner? I'm sorry if I'm being --

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. You were very thorough

1 and more detailed than I was asking. I was really just
2 talking about, not even the timing of all of that other
3 part, just the matter that we have access, it's there, and
4 I just wondered if that's something that you would only
5 respond to if we called it out to you or would you also be
6 looking at whenever it happened in the timing. That's
7 all.

8 DAVID BECKER: I -- I think the short answer is both.

9 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. Great.

10 DAVID BECKER: But -- but I -- I can only speak for
11 myself because we haven't had a chance to discuss it. I
12 would certainly invite any of you bringing these things to
13 our attention if you know the particular area where you've
14 seen a lot of public input or -- or any public input that
15 you think might be relevant for us to consider. We want
16 to be responsive to you. We work for you. So -- so feel
17 free to do that; but if you don't, I think we are going to
18 do some due diligence and look back at the input to see if
19 we can find something that might have been missed. But
20 it's always better if there's more eyes looking at it than
21 just ours.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you.

23 MR. WOOCHEER: Yeah. And, as I understand it, that
24 database that flags these things will be available to us
25 as well as to you; and, therefore, it can be a part of

1 what we will look at after we take our preliminary data
2 analysis and say, okay, let's see how this matches up with
3 some of these comments. But then, obviously, when we come
4 to you, that will be foremost and the kind of things that
5 you'll want to be considering and making sure we've looked
6 at as well.

7 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Andersen and then
8 Commissioner Sinay.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. I should say this
10 is -- the group is not going to be working by themselves
11 where they -- it looks like they will be working hand in
12 hand with the line drawers; and the line drawers will be
13 definitely getting all of this information from Airtable
14 and making sure that none of this gets missed by, you
15 know, Mr. Becker and our -- our legal team. That's part
16 of the hand-in-hand. Anything that we feel hasn't been
17 brought out, yes, because all of that information will be
18 available to us and to the public, it will all be there;
19 but in terms of is there -- they're working together. It
20 isn't as though the line drawer is going to propose
21 something and then we'll do a VRA on it. It -- that -- it
22 doesn't work that way.

23 It is the -- hand in hand because it's -- you know,
24 in terms of our criteria, it isn't just you do one then
25 you do another then you do another. It's a continual

1 making sure they all fit together; and I think that's
2 where it's -- I did want to -- I want to make sure that we
3 aren't thinking it's a totally separate step and
4 completely -- which -- in which case, it could easily
5 be -- things could easily get -- get lost. And that's not
6 the way it's going to be set up.

7 So when this -- when these are proposed to us, well,
8 we can -- we can quickly check and be able to say, yes,
9 has that all been looked at together? Yes, it has been;
10 and those conflicts or seemingly issues we will address
11 hopefully at that same time. And -- and the Commission
12 will, I mean, indeed ask about it, as will any of the
13 public who -- if they don't -- they feel their districts
14 weren't addressed properly. We invite the public comment.

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Sinay?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you. My -- I have two
17 questions; one just a follow-up on what Commissioner
18 Andersen had said and Commissioner Turner.

19 I do -- I -- I -- I'm -- I am going to be honest that
20 I do have a concern with -- the line drawers and legal
21 counsel are data driven, which they should be; and,
22 therefore, we can't just make assumptions that they're --
23 they're hearing the public the way that we're hearing
24 them. So some of us have been really trained in listening
25 to community input, and not everybody's going to say we

1 think this is a VRA. They will use other language; and so
2 I would like us -- and I was going to bring it up when we
3 talked about the database. But being intentional in
4 sharing what we have heard and pulling it out for legal
5 counsel and for the line drawers -- because I have read
6 the past reports, and that is one of the critiques from
7 the past is that everything is data driven and not other
8 data is coming in.

9 And -- and so I -- when I applied -- all the way
10 through the process, I said my strength is putting a face
11 to the data; and I'm going to continue to be that person
12 who says, hey, you know, let's -- numbers are really
13 complicated and the census -- we need someone to come and
14 talk to us about the census; and I don't want it to be the
15 statewide database. I want it to be someone who
16 understands the complexity about race and ethnicity in the
17 census this time because it's not -- I don't want to say
18 black and white; but it's not black, white, brown, and
19 yellow. It's actually very, very complex this time. And
20 we need to understand those complexities, and -- and I
21 would like to make sure when we have that training that
22 the line drawers are there as well as our legal counsel
23 because it's -- it is going to be very different than the
24 past; and all of us need to hear the same conversation and
25 have the same language around it.

1 So I don't want to be -- assume that they're looking
2 at this. I want to make sure that we're going to pull it
3 out as the CRC, as the Commission. We get the lists first
4 and, kind of, look at it; and then we share it with the
5 legal counsel and we share it with -- you know, I want us
6 to be proactive on this part because the public -- we were
7 very open to the public; and we said we were going to hear
8 them and that they are putting the face on this.

9 The second piece I wanted to bring up -- and this is
10 really a naive question, I know, but we have talked --
11 we -- will we be looking at the local races even if City
12 Council is not in our jurisdiction? It seems like City
13 Council races and mayor races and board of supervisor
14 races will give us more of that -- that local flavor that
15 we need for the Gingles test versus sometimes the state
16 assembly races and senate and congressional, which go
17 broader than a city or broader than a county.

18 So I was just wondering do we look at local races, or
19 do we only look at the races that -- the districts that
20 we -- the same sizes is what we're looking at?

21 DAVID BECKER: So I'll answer briefly. Megan may
22 have something to add; but, Megan, also don't feel like
23 you have to add anything if I didn't -- if -- if there
24 isn't anything.

25 So my understanding is, first of all, the elections

1 that are in the statewide database are only the statewides
2 and the congressional and legislative elections. If
3 anyone has any information that's -- that's different than
4 that, let me know. That's my understanding what's already
5 loaded up.

6 It -- it may be that as we begin looking at racial --
7 racially polarized voting in these areas that those --
8 those elections are sufficient, that the -- that the
9 number of races, the number of the -- the data -- the data
10 is sufficient to establish pretty clearly using the
11 endogenous selections, meaning the same types of districts
12 as the -- as the plan that we're drawing and the exogenous
13 elections that -- and -- and -- and exogenous elections
14 are not all created equal. Some are more relevant than
15 others, and there's no hard and fast rule about which ones
16 are more relevant than others. There are some races
17 where, you know, partisanship is going to overtake every
18 other consideration in a very, very, hard and fast way and
19 others where people know the candidates a little bit more.
20 And so there are other factors that can -- that can play,
21 and it -- and it just varies.

22 So I think what we're going to do is really follow
23 the lead of Megan and her advice as to what we're finding
24 out and whether or not the -- the results of looking at
25 the data in -- that is in the statewide database, again,

1 the statewide races, the -- and -- and the congressional
2 and legislative races is sufficient to establish very
3 strongly the existence or nonexistence of racially
4 polarized voting and whether we might need to request some
5 additional data collection on additional races like those
6 local city council races or county-based elections that
7 might shed further light.

8 Megan, do you have anything you wanted to add to
9 that? Okay.

10 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Andersen?

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I just want to thank
12 you Commissioner Sinay for bringing that -- that point
13 forward, actually putting the face on the data. And that
14 is, indeed, our -- the CRC's role in this; and that is the
15 purpose of our COI reviews. We have these next three
16 meetings coming up; and that is, indeed, the purpose for
17 us to say this is what we are hearing about the data. And
18 so that -- that is going to be extremely important.

19 And -- and it should -- that's the -- we are doing
20 this this time, which the 2010 Commission did not have the
21 opportunity to do. And so, hopefully, that is the time
22 when we're going to be saying we're hearing this, we're
23 hearing that; and then it will make us understand the face
24 of the data before we start looking at all the data. And
25 that's, sort of, the whole idea of -- it's going to make

1 all of our lives easier and have the public understand
2 what we are looking at and why. And if they hear -- if
3 they are not hearing what they're -- what they're
4 intending to tell us, they still have time to tell us. So
5 I just wanted to bring that forward, and thank you for
6 bringing that forward.

7 And, also, the local elections that -- that -- I
8 think that it will be very interesting on some of the
9 cases where we really, indeed, have to go down to that
10 level, which I'm quite sure -- sure there's possible times
11 we might have to; so I look forward to this entire
12 process.

13 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Any other questions for our guests
14 at this time?

15 Commissioner Yee, is that -- is that it for this
16 agenda item; or is there other -- anything else?

17 COMMISSIONER YEE: It is unless there's any other
18 discussion about either the RPV work or the Supreme Court
19 motion.

20 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Well, it doesn't look like
21 there are any other questions; so thank you, Commissioner
22 Yee. Thanks to our guests.

23 Welcome, Megan; and we look forward to hearing back
24 from you soon and see, you know, an update on your work.
25 So thank you so much for -- for joining us today.

1 DR. MEGAN GALL: Thank you. Thank you all.

2 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. With that, that concludes
3 Agenda Item 6; so we will call on Katy to ask for public
4 comment.

5 KATY MANOFF: Here I am. In order to maximize
6 transparency and public participation in our process, the
7 commissioners will be taking public comment by phone. To
8 give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter the
9 meeting ID number 898 1664 7345. Once you have dialed in,
10 please press Star 9 to enter the comment queue. The full
11 call-in instructions are read at the beginning of the
12 meeting and are provided in full on the live stream
13 landing page. The Commission is taking public comment on
14 Agenda Item 6 at this time. We do not have anyone in the
15 queue.

16 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. We'll wait for the
17 instructions to complete and then give it a little more
18 time so -- thanks.

19 KATY MANOFF: And those instructions are complete on
20 the stream, Chair.

21 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I'll give it a few -- half a
22 minute or so just in -- oh, hey, we have a caller.

23 KATY MANOFF: Caller 2829, if you will please follow
24 the prompts to mute at this time by pressing Star 6; and
25 the floor is yours.

1 RENEE WESTA-LUSK: This is Renee Westa-Lusk. I just
2 have a question regarding local races or local districts
3 that are doing -- also doing their redistricting at this
4 time. Will -- the information that -- that you will be
5 gleaning for the VRA areas of the different counties, et
6 cetera, will -- will that be made available? Can local
7 jurisdictions access the data that you accumulate on the
8 VRAs? Thank you.

9 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Yee, do you have a
10 response to that question? I don't see -- Mr. Woocher has
11 rejoined us.

12 Do you have a response to that?

13 MR. WOOCHEER: Yeah. I -- I'm sorry, Commissioner
14 Yee.

15 COMMISSIONER YEE: Go ahead, Mr. Woocher.

16 MR. WOOCHEER: Sure. Yeah. I -- I figured I'd hang
17 around to see if there were any public comment that we
18 needed to be aware of. The database will be available;
19 and, by law, it is -- it is the database that is to be
20 used by all the local jurisdictions, as well as the state
21 commission. It is going to be in a format that the data
22 can be pulled on. It will have the election data; but
23 it -- as -- as previously indicated, it's going to have
24 the statewide data. So that might not necessarily be the
25 most critically relevant information for each of these

1 districts, but each of the jurisdictions has their own
2 responsibilities. They do them in different ways. Some
3 have independent commissions, some are done by the
4 legislative bodies still, some have advisory bodies; and
5 it will be up to each of them for the local jurisdictions
6 to do their own analyses for Voting Rights Act purposes.

7 But we will all be working off of a common database
8 initially that has both the census data and the historical
9 election information and the registration information.

10 I -- I hope that's, kind of, responsive to the concern.

11 But they won't be directly sharing any of the information.
12 You know, if -- if -- if -- if they -- if they watch these
13 proceedings and they see information that comes to them
14 that could overlap with their local jurisdictions, they're
15 welcome to use it; but the responsibility rests on each of
16 the local jurisdiction to do their own analyses.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you. Thank you for the
18 call, Ms. Westa-Lusk.

19 RENEE WESTA-LUSK: Thank you.

20 KATY MANOFF: And that was all of our callers at this
21 time, Chair.

22 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Thank you.

23 I think what we'll do -- we -- we've got Agenda Item
24 5 scheduled to start after the break, and we have a few
25 more minutes. So we'll get back to the director reports.

1 So Director Hernandez, I don't know if you were -- do
2 you have more to go?

3 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Not so much more, but there were
4 some questions in regards to the communication plan.
5 Director Ceja was going to respond to one of the inquiries
6 or questions from Commissioner Kennedy.

7 DIRECTOR CEJA: Thank you so much.

8 So, yes, the ethnic media contract that we put out
9 was not necessarily for -- for advertising. It was for
10 briefings. It was to engage ethnic media across
11 California. So one of the bids that we received actually
12 included a series of briefing with ethnic media around the
13 state to ensure that they're writing stories about the
14 process and engaging the -- their communities in the
15 process to submit COI and eventually map drawing. So
16 those are areas where we need assistance.

17 We've had one Latino briefing so far, but it -- it --
18 we wanted to reach out to additional ethnic communities
19 across California. So now we have an actual contractor
20 that's going to be responsible for doing that and making
21 sure that we're placing stories with particular ethnic
22 media across California.

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Sinay?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you for -- for creating
25 this. And can I encourage the outreach and communications

1 team really to start off with goals.

2 We have three goals, and we constantly need to be
3 reminded what those goals are and then what strategies
4 fall within those goals. And -- and for -- and I think
5 this is good for a staff kind -- for me this is more the
6 strategies and what the staff will be doing; and it --
7 it -- it's not as helpful as I was hoping it would be for
8 us as -- as a government part of the team to be able to
9 say, okay, you know -- what I was, kind of, hoping to see
10 was some goals, what is the purpose in each month, what is
11 the -- the -- the key message, and what are the
12 milestones.

13 And -- and stakeholder activation is the goal on all
14 of these. But what is the activation, what will the
15 activation look like, and what's the number because what
16 we need to be able to say -- both staff and -- and the
17 commissioners -- is, hey, we've spent a lot of money and
18 we -- you know, at some point I hope that once all these
19 contracts are done, the report will come back so we, kind
20 of, have a feel. But we have -- we have approved a lot of
21 money to go out to be used for these things, but not
22 everything is going to work. And just because we put
23 the -- we need to know what's working and what's not
24 working. And -- and we need to move quickly. We don't
25 have time to do a post-analysis three months later because

1 three months later this is done.

2 I mean, some of this work like the -- the COI
3 trainings I thought was going to start in June; and I know
4 we were busy with the COI input meetings but COIs is --
5 is -- we said from the beginning that the COI blitz is the
6 most important part. That's how we're going to get the
7 most input if we're looking at 40,000. And I want to
8 remind everyone that 40,000 wasn't a number we just pulled
9 out of a hat or said, hey, let's double what the -- what
10 2010 Commission did but that -- Commissioner Vazquez and I
11 did go to the statewide database and said, hey, what would
12 be a good number of input of engagement from the State of
13 California to make us feel like, hey, we did a good job in
14 outreach and engagement of the full state. So it wasn't
15 based on let's just double the number. It was based on
16 what would make us -- you know, what could give us -- now
17 that it's the second time out, how can we do this better,
18 especially since we had the extra money. And so that's
19 where the 40,000 came from.

20 But it's not just the goal of 40,000. It's a goal of
21 40,000, and then it's to make sure we're -- we're creating
22 an accessible -- or that it's an inclusive 40,000. So
23 inclusive had its own definition, and then we looked at it
24 depending on what county and everything else.

25 And the third goal was that it was accessible. So if

1 we weren't -- the third goal is really where we keep
2 reiterating or keep changing our process if it's not
3 working. And -- and that's -- you know, reiterative. I
4 think that's what I was looking for. So I -- I do think
5 it would be helpful. You know, these are the strategies;
6 but what is the goal, the purpose, and the milestones?
7 How -- what -- you know, what are you telling the
8 contractors you're hoping? How many hits are we hoping --
9 how many actual people will, you know, read the op-ed and
10 actually be activated? We -- I know we can't control
11 that; but there are formulas for that, that will tell you
12 what percentage.

13 So those are some of the pieces that we as governance
14 need -- need to be able to be able -- looking at more than
15 how is the -- because you all need to be as flexible as
16 possible; and so we just want to know what the big picture
17 is, what are we -- how are we going to reach our three
18 goals that we have in the next -- really -- and I'm -- I'm
19 going to be honest, for me there's a heck of a lot of
20 urgency. I think we're at 2,000 communities of interest,
21 yes, submissions. I know 40,000 includes public comment
22 during line drawing, but we're behind. And we only have
23 September, you know, for the communities of interest input
24 to be really significant as the building blocks. As we're
25 looking at the census data, you know, it -- it needs to be

1 in sooner rather than later. The line drawing piece is
2 important, and there's a lot of other things we need to
3 talk about.

4 But I just wanted to put that out there that I felt
5 like this was missing the goals, the purpose, and the
6 milestones, which would be really helpful for us as -- as
7 our governance role.

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Any other questions or comments at
9 this point?

10 Commissioner -- Director Ceja?

11 DIRECTOR CEJA: Thank you, Chair.

12 Yeah. So Commissioner Sinay, you keep talking about
13 20,000 inputs for the 2010 Commission; and if we're
14 comparing apples to apples, what exactly were inputs from
15 2010? Were they line drawing submissions? Were they COI
16 submissions? Were they both? How did they quantify
17 20,000?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's all documented, and it was
19 22,000 people submitting 20,000. And I believe I e-mailed
20 it to staff this week where I've seen it in several
21 documents. But it was starting from the community of
22 input stage; and that really doesn't matter what 10,000 --
23 what -- what the -- the Commission 2010 was doing because
24 we defined ours as activation, meaning engagement through
25 community, you know, COI inputs and other -- you know,

1 telling us in the line drawing aspect so -- the broader
2 aspect.

3 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Turner?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh. Thank you, Chair; and
5 thank you, Director Ceja and Commissioner Sinay.

6 One other piece that might be helpful in us trying to
7 assess if we are on point or how far behind we are is if
8 we had that curve that would tell us that, at this
9 particular time period, maybe 2,000 now is an average of
10 what was -- and I know we've heard before that as we get
11 into line drawing, we get a substantial increase in
12 activations. And so if there were such a tool to be able
13 to say, actually, this is about how they came in, trickled
14 in initially, and then they really increased at a certain
15 time based on what activity was going on, that might help
16 us as well with the feeling and sense of urgency of are we
17 behind, are we reaching enough individuals to participate.
18 Thanks.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: All right. Director Hernandez?

20 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Thank you for all the feedback.
21 I really appreciate that, Commissioner Sinay and
22 Commissioner Turner.

23 So we will go back and -- and add some additional
24 information, the goals, purpose, milestones where we can
25 identify those.

1 In regards in comparing to 2010, you know, it's very
2 challenging because things are so different. You know,
3 nothing that was done then really applies to this
4 commission because of all the different situations that
5 we've encountered with this particular commission, COVID
6 being the -- the primary one that has changed the dynamics
7 of everything that we are doing. Likewise, with the --
8 the way we're doing our meetings is -- is very different
9 from what it was in 2010; so, with that said, we'll try to
10 compare what was done.

11 And then those reports do have information; but they
12 don't really break it down to the level that -- that
13 you're referring to, Commissioner Turner, where we can see
14 where the arc was. From my understanding in talking with
15 Raul who was here in 2010, he said that there was an
16 extremely high level of input that came during the line
17 drawing timeframe that they didn't anticipate. They
18 didn't have the COI tool at that time; so, you know, it --
19 again, it's, kind of, hard to gauge because they didn't
20 have the COI tool. They didn't do a lot of this COI
21 outreach that we have done. It all came all at the same
22 time through -- throughout -- through their process, which
23 is different.

24 So, again, we can go back and fine tune this and --
25 and add more information. The goal of this was to give

1 you an idea of what we're doing and how we're doing it and
2 what the plan is moving forward.

3 The question was asked are community -- are outreach
4 and communications working together in tandem to get the
5 information out, what's the message, and so forth; and
6 that's more of the details that we have that we did not
7 include in here but we can if you so choose. Thank you.

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thanks, Director Hernandez.

9 So one -- I just -- I just want to provide an
10 observation that I've had over the past few weeks; and I
11 think critical -- and I -- we got input on that this
12 morning, I think, from Ms. Gold -- you know, I think a
13 critical part of -- of what we need to be doing is
14 education on our criteria. I think clear -- from the
15 input we're getting, it demonstrates a lack of
16 understanding of the criteria that we are required by the
17 Constitution to use to draw a district. And I think that
18 focusing on at least part of our outreach and engagement
19 on education, making that information more accessible to
20 the public is going to be really important and required
21 down the road or we're going to be spending a lot of time
22 explaining ourselves of why we came up with the maps that
23 we did.

24 So I just would ask you and the team to think about
25 that and how we might go about -- go about doing that,

1 beginning that, and implementing that.

2 Commissioner Kennedy?

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

4 Yeah. I fully agree. I think I made the point
5 several meetings ago that it's very easy for us to fall
6 into the trap of feeling like we've presented all of this
7 during the California Redistricting Basics presentations.
8 We've done nearly 200 of those around the state; but we
9 have to understand that, you know, even though we did
10 close to 200 of those around the state, that didn't
11 penetrate to the entire state. And -- and so we have to
12 continue to put out and repackage a lot of the information
13 that was in the California Redistricting Basics
14 presentation.

15 I -- and I do believe that Director Ceja has been
16 working to do that, both independently and with the
17 materials development subcommittee, outreach, and
18 engagement. And I think we just need to keep pushing on
19 that and -- and understanding that, you know, we've --
20 we've delivered many of these messages multiple times; but
21 we need to continue to deliver. Thank you.

22 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thanks.

23 Director Hernandez, is that -- do you have anything
24 else to report on?

25 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: That concludes my report. Thank

1 you.

2 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. So we'll go to Director
3 Kaplan. We've got eight minutes until our break, but go
4 ahead and get started. Thanks.

5 DIRECTOR KAPLAN: Hi. Thank you. I will go quickly.

6 I just wanted to start by highlighting that the COI
7 meetings from the last week and upcoming are posted in the
8 handouts for today, the high-level summary. Staff will
9 continue to target outreach for the remaining COI input
10 meetings, including the two statewide COI input meetings
11 on August 9th and 10th that the Commission approved at the
12 last meeting; and appointments are now open for those
13 meetings.

14 There's also flyers posted in English and Spanish.
15 We'll be posting additional non-English language flyers
16 for those remaining meetings this week. We've also
17 translated the digital tool kit into 13 non-English
18 languages, and those are now posted on our website under
19 the outreach materials section. We continue to hear from
20 stakeholders that the digital tool kit has been helpful
21 with outreach, as it includes clear ways and bite-size
22 messaging on ways -- ways to participate in the
23 redistricting process, how to help spread the word, and
24 clear cut and pasted in English and Spanish social media
25 posts, newsletter texts, and more.

1 We also work together with the coms team to develop a
2 flyer on the statewide database redistricting access
3 centers which are now open in six locations across the
4 state, and these sites have computers available and staff
5 to assist the public. And that flyer is also on our
6 website.

7 As we are finishing up the COI input meetings, staff
8 will begin to continue -- or will continue to engage the
9 public in submitting COI input as Alvaro and Fredy have
10 highlighted. We're really prioritizing focus for
11 September on driving the public to the draw my CA
12 community tool and for them to help spread the word to
13 their network. Working together with the outreach and
14 engagement subcommittee, we are recommending that the
15 field leads and the outreach manager work together with
16 regional and statewide organizations to provide a COI tool
17 training; and this is an opportunity for staff to provide
18 additional education on redistricting in the Commission
19 such has been discussed this morning, how to use the draw
20 my CA community tool and how to get assistance and also
21 how to spread the word and activate their networks. These
22 will be conducted similar to how commissioners held the
23 Redistricting Basics presentations where organizations can
24 request a presentation for their network through a request
25 form. But this will be coordinated and conducted by field

1 leads.

2 And we'll also be looking at where there are gaps
3 across the state where we're not hearing from to be
4 targeting those areas as well for these presentations.
5 But I want to be clear that staff will not be assisting
6 the public with actually filling out the COI tool and will
7 jump off after the presentation should an organization
8 want to further support the public virtually at the end of
9 a presentation.

10 So we have posted a draft PowerPoint and script.
11 I've pulled some of the information from the Redistricting
12 Basics presentation for the intro to provide more of a
13 high-level overview and background. I've also included
14 the six criteria and then focus more on the COI input; so
15 if there's feedback, I think, glaring -- we're obviously
16 short on time -- feedback that you have, if you want to
17 highlight now or you can also just e-mail me by COB
18 tomorrow if that's possible. If you're going to need more
19 time, let me know so that we can actually go forward and
20 start publicizing these. We're really hearing the
21 urgency, so we're set to be able to -- to move forward
22 with this as quick as possible.

23 I also want to highlight that we'll be working with
24 the communications team to uplift the work of the
25 Commission over the next few months in order to best

1 communicate upcoming meetings and what the Commission will
2 be doing for the public.

3 For me personally, I come from an open government
4 background -- open transparency government background;
5 and -- and I really see this and the whole outreach team
6 really sees, you know, the process over the next few
7 months is going to go by so quickly. And a lot of it's
8 complicated. So how do we all work together to make sure
9 information is bite size, how to make it really clear for
10 the public on what the Commission is going to be doing
11 over the next few months, and it's also really clear how
12 they can participate and when they can participate.

13 So I'm really looking forward to working with Alvaro,
14 Fredy, and my team and commissioners to -- to fully engage
15 Californians in this process. So that's my report. Thank
16 you.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thanks, Director Kaplan.

18 Are there questions? We're excited too. Oh, hey,
19 Alicia -- I mean Commissioner Fernandez is blending into
20 the background; but I see her.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I am. I decided to wear the
22 same color -- almost the same color. Actually, I don't
23 have a comment for Director Kaplan. I'm just sitting here
24 and I'm taking in the information that we're talking
25 about, the outreach stuff; and I just want to remind

1 everyone that 2010 is -- I mean 2020 is so much different
2 than 2010. And I think one of the major differences is
3 that the whole outreach effort was placed on four
4 Californians versus last time it was done external, and it
5 was done by someone who had the expertise in outreach.
6 They had the connections. They had the bandwidth. They
7 had the reputation. So I think it's unfair to assume that
8 we can do it as good as they can because I didn't have any
9 outreach background; and I don't remember -- they might
10 have asked me about that.

11 So there's just so many differences; and I -- I don't
12 like comparing because, again, we also have recall this
13 year; we had fires; we've got the drought; we've got
14 COVID; we had census scares with are you documented or not
15 documented. So there's many reasons why it's so different
16 this time -- everything's virtual -- than 2010; and we
17 keep trying to compare ourselves to 2010. But we have to
18 not do that because we're just setting ourselves up for
19 failure. So we're 2020. This is what we have, and we're
20 going to move forward with it. And I know we'll do a
21 great job regardless of how many communities of interest
22 input we have. It is what it is. We move forward, and
23 we're going to independently draw -- redraw the district
24 lines.

25 So thank you all; and I just, kind of, had to get

1 that off my chest. So -- and I just want to thank the
2 team for putting this outreach communication plan
3 together. For me it's good. I'm a very visual person, so
4 I like seeing what some of the activities are going to be
5 for the next few months. So thank you very much.

6 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you.

7 Commissioner Sinay?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: On a positive note, we aren't
9 2010; but we do have more tools than we've ever -- than --
10 than 2010 had. And the -- and the COI input mapping tool
11 is amazing, and I had the privilege this week -- or it was
12 the first time I really got out this past weekend. So I
13 actually gave out some of my CRC business cards -- it felt
14 really good -- and -- and talked to a lot of different
15 people. And it was, kind of -- the one input I got that
16 was really exciting -- and it's really about all of us --
17 first, I learned that when you're messaging, don't say
18 it's complicated. Start with it's really easy; we want
19 your input; we want to get your community snapshot; it's
20 really fun; let me tell you about our tool, it works.
21 Everybody got really excited just saying it's easy and
22 it's fun, here's the tool; and we want just your community
23 snapshot. So we've got to quit saying it's complicated
24 and just keep it really simple.

25 The second -- because I even had somebody say how

1 come you haven't presented at this place or that place;
2 and I said, you know, I was told that it's too complicated
3 for their members. And they're like, no, you just
4 explained it in three minutes, and I'm going home to do
5 it. And so -- so I just want to -- I want us to hold
6 that, that when we're saying it, you know, say it's easy,
7 it's fun, we need you for fair representation, here's the
8 tool.

9 The other piece was someone asked me -- who didn't
10 know who I was or anything -- she came up to me and she's
11 like, "I heard you're with the California Citizen
12 Redistricting Commission. Who have you guys -- who is
13 doing your outreach? I am just so impressed. Everywhere
14 we turn around in San Diego, you guys are everywhere. Who
15 is doing your outreach?" And so as much as we've been
16 doing it ourselves and now we are supported by a great
17 team, people are seeing us; so I do want us to feel good
18 about the work that we're doing and that, yes, we didn't
19 know how to do outreach maybe -- some of us, that's what
20 we do; but -- but we did know how to build a relationship.
21 And, you guys, we've done a great job.

22 And so it's -- it's really getting people to realize
23 the tool is there, it's easy, it's fun, and we need to
24 hear from you.

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Well, thanks, Commissioner Sinay.

1 I think -- I think that -- that kind of feedback is really
2 valuable and helpful and positive feedback and
3 reinforcement to all of us and to the -- and to the staff.

4 At this point we're up against a break. Thank you,
5 Director Kaplan, for your report. We'll -- we'll start up
6 with Director Ceja's report when we return at 11:15.

7 (Brief break.)

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Well, welcome back. Thank you for
9 joining us again. And I apologize I misspoke at the end
10 of the last session. We are not -- we're going to have to
11 wait on Director Ceja's report because at this point in
12 time we are going to Agenda Item No. 5, training on the
13 database and the review of the Los Angeles COI
14 submissions.

15 So I want to turn it over to the line drawing team to
16 take it away.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Commissioner Andersen, do you
18 want to lead this one off?

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, I -- I can certainly
20 give it a bit of a go. There is a draft document in the
21 handouts, a review of community of interest tool
22 submissions. Actually, Commission Sadhwani put this
23 together for us which I really appreciate. I did a little
24 editing on it.

25 Basically what's -- what we're going to jump right

1 into is the COI input and the database. And, basically,
2 what we'll jump right into is the data management team is
3 going to give us an overview of it, a little training on
4 it. We'll actually get to look at the pin map, and then
5 we can do public comment on it. So that's the whole --
6 it's what's the data, what do we have, how do we use it,
7 and how can the public use it. And so that's our --
8 that's what we're going to jump right into.

9 And I don't think I need to say too much more other
10 than introducing our wonderful data manager Ms. Antonova.

11 TONI ANTONOVA: Hi. Thank you, Commissioner Andersen
12 and Commissioner Sadhwani. I'm excited to show the data
13 that we've released on the CRC website. We've put up all
14 of the public input that CRC has received through August
15 12th, and commissioners and the public can now explore the
16 data through two different views. So I'm going to share
17 my screen and show everyone what that looks like.

18 Okay. So we have posted a new view of all of the
19 data through August 12th under this data tab on the CRC
20 website. So if you go to WEDRAWTHELINES.ORG and you click
21 on data, that will take you to this page. I think the
22 most exciting functionality that we've added is this pin
23 map view of the data, and this essentially let's you look
24 through the different regions and see, you know, the
25 input -- how many inputs relate to each region. You can

1 actually explore this full screen and, kind of, scroll
2 into the area that you're interested in.

3 For example, we can go to Santa Cruz. You can click
4 on the bubble and then actually click into the record and
5 view it this way. There will be a summary of the public
6 input that the person made. You can see how that public
7 input was submitted here under submission source. So this
8 one was made directly in the COI tool. And you can see
9 the attachments that the input came with or the PDF of the
10 COI tool submission. Everything here is downloadable; so
11 if you wanted to, you know, download this PDF on your
12 computer or download the actual GIS files, you can do
13 that.

14 There's a couple different styles of maps available
15 here. It's very much, you know, like Google Maps. It's
16 using the Google API on the backend, so you can even view
17 the satellite imagery if you want to. I imagine that
18 the -- like, the typical Google Maps view might be the
19 most useful to people. And, of course, we also have
20 access to the data as a more typical spreadsheet that
21 people may be used to. So here you can -- you can read
22 through the data by scrolling through. And Airtable is
23 the software we're using to present -- to present this,
24 and they actually offer a number of different Excel-style
25 tools within this. So you can, you know, filter on -- on

1 the different fields.

2 And to give an example, you know, if we wanted to
3 look at, you know, all of the data or submission source,
4 say, e-mail, we can do that very easily there. You can
5 also -- you know, you can even filter on different key
6 words that you're looking for. So if you built around the
7 summary column and you say, you know, maybe you want to
8 look at everything related to voter rights that's been
9 sent over e-mail, you just, you know, type in the key
10 words here; select contains or does not contain; and --
11 and it will give you all of the -- the data. You can, of
12 course, sort by different fields. Right now it's sorted
13 by submission date and submission source, but you are
14 welcome to change that however you desire. That won't
15 change the view for the -- for the webpage for the general
16 public. It's just something that you'll see reflected on
17 your screen.

18 And there's also this additional functionality that
19 allows you to group by -- by a field. This is more to
20 organize, you know, your viewing of the data essentially.
21 For example, if I group by submission source, it will --
22 it will group all of the data this way; and so you can --
23 you can, kind of, see the count of how many -- how many
24 submissions have been made as each type of source here.
25 Like I said, everything is downloadable; so if you -- if

1 you click, you know, these three dots here, you can
2 download the entire dataset as a CSV. But you can also
3 just individually download any attachments, PDFs, or GIS
4 files by clicking here. So everything is available; and
5 if you want to export it to use in Excel or in another
6 format or software, you can.

7 And I think maybe the easiest way to search for
8 things in this tool is by using this little search button
9 here. For example, if you are curious about submissions
10 coming in from Sonoma, you can write Sonoma here; and it
11 will show you, okay, there's 90 submissions that mention
12 Sonoma. And you can actually, you know, go through each
13 one of them here, click into it, and expand that cell.
14 So, yeah, this should be a very, hopefully, easy way for
15 the public and commissioners to interact with the data, to
16 scroll through it. We're excited to finally get -- get a
17 public view out to you.

18 Just a couple notes about how often we'll be updating
19 the data, every week we will be adding in, essentially,
20 new submissions that we receive. You know, for example,
21 by the end of this week, we'll be adding in everything
22 through August 12th. Next week we'll be adding in an
23 additional batch and so on. There is some lag time
24 between when the data is submitted and when we receive it
25 and then an additional lag between when we receive it and

1 when we manage to process it. So that's why we have
2 about -- at the moment, a two-week buffer but, hopefully,
3 shortened to about one week in the future.

4 When the data is published live -- and so once you
5 see it here, there are a number of small changes that
6 might still occur. These include, for example, any
7 removing of duplicates. There aren't an overwhelming
8 amount of those; but we do -- we do find them as we're,
9 kind of, searching through. And I say this to -- to say
10 that if you see any type of, like, global record metrics
11 here -- for example, in the bottom left corner, it says
12 there's 1,965 records. That is a very, very close
13 approximation; but I would still treat it as an
14 approximation. There might be 1,960 or 1,955, not exactly
15 1965. And so there might be small tweaks that happen as
16 we -- we find out about -- about them.

17 Let me see. Yeah. I wanted to also talk a bit about
18 the -- what type of data is featured here. So we are
19 including all public input that has geographic comment or
20 comment about the Voting Rights Act. Any other public
21 comments that are more generalized that aren't talking
22 about a specific region or an issue related to the Voting
23 Rights Act can be found in this public comment section.

24 An example of something would be, you know, a letter
25 that we receive about the Commission's, like,

1 organizational structure or, maybe, processes. You can
2 find that in this public comment tab. We also -- we have
3 added all this data as this additional data tab, and that
4 means that we'll continue to have the public input that
5 the CRC receives in this public input section here. And
6 that will be everything that the CRC receives outside of
7 live meetings. So you can find all the attachments here
8 as well as this table.

9 And, yeah, I guess my final comment was there has
10 been some -- there's been some suggestions made about
11 different functionalities added to this Google map, for
12 example, overlaying the county lines or I think, like,
13 provided some, like, filter settings here; and the team is
14 looking into each one of those. At the moment there isn't
15 an easy way to integrate new functionalities with the app
16 that we're using, but we are looking into other
17 possibilities.

18 Thank you. Happy to answer any questions.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: It's going -- I see Commissioner
20 Akutagawa and then Commission Andersen and then
21 Commissioner Yee.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you for this,
23 and I did have a chance to poke through the -- the
24 database. I just have a really quick and, hopefully,
25 simple question.

1 You mentioned that there's a lag between when you
2 receive the data. Could you -- could you just repeat
3 again why there's a lag in getting it up onto the
4 Airtable.

5 TONI ANTONOVA: Sure. Yeah. It -- there's a number
6 of different reasons. There's a bit of time that passes
7 from when, for example, the data is submitted into the COI
8 tool, gets into the statewide database, and then is
9 ingested into our databases. And, additionally, there's
10 some time after each live meeting that the field staff
11 takes to, kind of, populate their notes on the
12 testimonies.

13 We also have a lag that is due to the time that it
14 takes to delineate the public input made that doesn't come
15 with a map. So someone on our team is -- is creating the
16 map for each one of those e-mails or letters.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I see Jamie has her hand raised.

18 JAIME CLARK: To add a little more context to what
19 Toni said is that in terms of exporting from statewide
20 database to the Commission, right now we're working really
21 closely with your data management team to -- you know,
22 just to work out any issues there might be in terms of
23 exporting and being able to ingest it through -- ingest
24 all the data through Airtable. And eventually and
25 hopefully soon when any of those issues are, kind of,

1 ironed out, then we'll be sending exports to the
2 Commission hourly.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you.

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thanks.

5 I think -- Commissioner Andersen, did you have a
6 question?

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No. I -- it was for
8 explanation a little bit more on the -- on the pin
9 map which -- I don't know, Toni, were you going to get
10 more into that or -- sorry, were you going to get more
11 into that or --

12 TONI ANTONOVA: Oh, yeah. Should I -- sorry. Should
13 I share my screen and I can -- we can show it and --

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, just a little bit,
15 particularly about what the dots mean, what they are, that
16 sort of thing --

17 TONI ANTONOVA: Oh, sure. Yeah. Let me --

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- kind of -- if you could
19 walk us through that and, sort of, start --

20 TONI ANTONOVA: Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- with some of the -- a
22 general overview of the whole area and a little bit more
23 about that, please.

24 TONI ANTONOVA: Yeah. So when you -- when you look
25 at this broader view of the pin map, the number that's

1 found in the dot shows, you know, how many submissions
2 we've received that are about this specific region. So
3 you can see, you know, in this L.A. area, there's about
4 almost 1,000. And you can actually -- you know, there's a
5 number of different ways to interact with the pin map.
6 You can actually click on the dot itself and it will zoom
7 in a bit further into that area; or you can use your
8 scroll on your mouse to zoom in and zoom out wherever
9 you'd like. And, yeah, once you zoom in enough into a
10 region, it will let you read the record that's associated
11 with that area.

12 This isn't -- so to be clear, this isn't the location
13 that the -- the public input was submitted. This is the
14 center of the location that the public input is about; so,
15 you know, this -- these may be inputs related to San Luis
16 Obispo. And you can click into one of them and read
17 what -- what the person has said.

18 I -- I won't be providing, kind of, a -- more of an
19 analysis of -- of how many inputs have been received in
20 each area at the moment. The team hasn't -- hasn't looked
21 into, kind of, the analytics portion of that; but I think
22 Jamie on the line drawer side is going to talk a bit more
23 about some of the COI submissions after me.

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Just one thing I wanted to
25 add to that is -- thank you, Toni -- the -- where --

1 where -- one of the -- you know, the little red dots is --
2 that's actually the centroid of whatever the -- the actual
3 shape of the COI that a person submitted. Like, say
4 particularly up north, if they talked about, you know, 12
5 different counties, that -- the location of that is
6 somewhere in the -- in the actual centroid of that shape.
7 So, like, if you look at the -- at the north -- look a
8 little bit -- like, wait, what's something doing way over
9 there where -- you know, there's nothing in my area,
10 it's -- it's actually that it's at the, sort of, centroid
11 of the entire COI. And of the ones that are long and
12 skinny, you'll think, well, there's nothing up higher; but
13 it is. It's just right to the middle. Like, they all
14 might look like on the north coast.

15 They might look like they're all in the middle of --
16 you know, halfway down, I guess, what -- say Mendocino or
17 something like that, like -- yeah. See, those I'm sure --
18 probably lots of those are the entire COIs. So that's --
19 it's a little deceiving by just looking at it by the spot.
20 You, kind of, have to look into it. So that's --

21 TONI ANTONOVA: Yes. Thank -- thank you for pointing
22 that out, Commissioner Andersen. Actually, the -- the
23 North Coast is a great example of that. You'll see, you
24 know, in this -- in this one centroid, there's 33 records;
25 and you can -- you know, they all have the same pin. And

1 so if you click on the pin, you can actually look at all
2 those 33 records. And you can, kind of, see in the little
3 snippet of the map that they all relate to the North
4 Coast.

5 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I think Commissioner Yee had a
6 question.

7 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes, two questions actually.

8 First, if someone wishes to update or supplement
9 stuff that's already been uploaded to Airtable, how would
10 they go about that?

11 TONI ANTONOVA: So right now we don't have a way for
12 the public to update their testimony. We are able to
13 change the delineation that's provided in the COI tool,
14 whether that's by the public or by the staff. On our end,
15 the way we do that is that we -- we link the testimony to
16 the updated map delineation.

17 And I see Jamie has her hand up.

18 JAIME CLARK: Once a submission is created through
19 the COI tool, it's final. It can't be changed. Members
20 of the public, of course, are welcome to submit additional
21 information or additional COIs. One suggestion may be to
22 include your submission ID with your follow-up COI.

23 Additionally, members of the public, of course, can
24 always, you know, write to the Commission; and then the
25 data management team would be able to append that

1 attachment to their submission in Airtable.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: So in a case where somebody gives
3 live input and says I'll also send you something or, you
4 know, also submit something in the COI tool, are those
5 linked; or are those two separate entries in the Airtable?

6 TONI ANTONOVA: Those, at the moment, are linked,
7 yes. So we -- we try to get all of the attachments that
8 come in linked with the COI tool map delineations linked
9 with the testimonies. If -- you know, there -- there is a
10 chance that someone is sending in an e-mail, let's say,
11 and they make a COI tool submission. The -- those would
12 be seen as -- as duplicates, essentially, in the Airtable;
13 and those are the types of things that we tweak as we --
14 as we find them. We will either link them or if the
15 submission is an identical copy, only show one of them.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: And the other question -- so the
17 summary, which is great -- and, by the way, this whole
18 thing is fantastic; and so I'm excited about the work you
19 guys have been doing and this functionality for ourselves
20 as well as for the public to be able to -- to see and sort
21 and -- and analyze all these inputs. It's great.

22 So for the summary, is that -- so with a COI tool
23 submission, I assume that's just a verbatim pasting of
24 whatever they typed in and no attempt to spellcheck. If
25 they spell a place incorrectly, does that get any

1 attention? And then for live input, is that just
2 transcript from our -- how -- how does that get generated?
3 How do we generate that text?

4 TONI ANTONOVA: And, at the moment, the text that you
5 find in the summary is either a direct copy of what the
6 person has written or a paraphrased version made by staff
7 if a direct copy wasn't possible. The commissioners will
8 have some view into the geographic content of the data and
9 a number of columns that pull that geographic content out.

10 So, you know, they were working on putting together a
11 county column, a city column, and a neighborhood column;
12 and so even if someone has, you know, misspelled the
13 region, if it's a pretty, you know, obvious reference,
14 that will be found in those -- in those three columns. So
15 the -- the summary -- the summary itself will be a close
16 representation of the testimony, but there would be other
17 columns pulling out relevant information.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: So, for instance, if I wanted to
19 search for everything on Monterey, you know, I don't need
20 to manually search for two R's or one R?

21 TONI ANTONOVA: Yeah. No. No. No. The
22 commissioners -- yeah, the commissioners will access to
23 geographic tags that relate to that testimony.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Excellent. Thank you.

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I have Commissioner Ahmad and then

1 Commissioner Sinay.

2 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair.

3 And I just wanted to say thank you, Toni and team and
4 everyone else who had a leg in getting this up and
5 running. I just wanted to share a very practical
6 real-life use case of this database system that worked
7 really well for me. I had a person from the West Side
8 Neighborhood Council reach out. This is in L.A. County.
9 During our outreach, we reached out to the councils; and
10 this individual has amended a letter and followed up to
11 see if that letter was now publicly posted. So I was able
12 to hop on to our website to the data tab, search West Side
13 Neighborhood Council, and, boom, the whole letter was
14 there with every -- information that that individual had
15 submitted. And I was able to confirm to that individual
16 that their testimony and their input was publicly
17 available on the website. So it was really fast. It
18 didn't take much time at all, and that's a test to the
19 friendly user interface of the tool that is now living on
20 our website. Thank you.

21 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you. Commissioner Sinay?

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I -- I realize I came a little
23 late, so I apologize if -- if you already answered this
24 question, Toni. On the live meetings, are we going to
25 have -- are we drawing maps for the -- what people gave

1 us? Is that coming because on the -- right now it's --
2 just has the narrative?

3 TONI ANTONOVA: Yes. Yes. So as the live meetings
4 are happening, line drawers are actually delineating maps
5 for -- for testimonies that have geographic information
6 that is relevant to a community of interest. For the
7 testimonies that relate to something that is essentially
8 already a requirement of the Commission by law or a
9 testimony that isn't directly related to something that
10 can be made into a map, you'll actually see those in the
11 Airtable without the COI tool delineation. But they'll
12 still be in there, just without the delineation.

13 If there's anything that is a very general public
14 comment, that's another one of those tweaks that we'll be
15 making. I am sending those to the communications team as
16 they come to us to put on the public comment tab and take
17 out of the -- the Airtable itself.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Because --

19 TONI ANTONOVA: Yes?

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- because I'm seeing a lot of
21 them, you know, for the live meeting in July 10; and they
22 don't have -- I'm not seeing a map that's addressed them.
23 And -- and I'm just using this as an example. And
24 they've -- when you look at the map, they're all coming up
25 in Mira Mesa, which is the middle of San Diego versus

1 Barrio Logan, which is the South Bay area. And so if
2 someone were to have called in and were using the map,
3 they would go to Barrio Logan and not find their input.
4 So if we find little things like that, should we let you
5 know? Does it not matter? Am I being too picky?

6 TONI ANTONOVA: Definitely let me know; and then, you
7 know, we can look into it and see what we can do.

8 So, you know, one of the things we do for the pin map
9 for submissions that don't have a COI tool delineation is
10 we geo tag them ourselves. So if there is no GIS file to
11 draw a centroid from, we create that ourselves; and
12 sometimes, you know, we might place a centroid in a
13 different part of the city than -- than the testimony.
14 And so that's definitely, you know, something that I would
15 love to hear.

16 As far as delineating that region, I think, actually,
17 Jamie might be able to talk a bit more about the -- kind
18 of, the decision-making process into whether to delineate
19 or not when it comes to live meeting testimonies.

20 JAIME CLARK: Switching hats, now I'm Q2 Jamie. So
21 line drawers, as -- as Toni mentioned, line drawers are
22 creating COI maps associated with public input during the
23 meetings as speakers are speaking and giving their
24 testimony. We will digitize all COIs that -- basically,
25 that we have enough detail of. So if somebody says, you

1 know, keep East Contra Costa County whole, then that
2 wouldn't be enough detail because we don't know exactly
3 what the speaker means by keep East Contra Costa County
4 whole. That is general geographic input, and that's
5 something that we wouldn't digitize.

6 If somebody says, you know, keep these cities
7 together, then we do have boundaries from the Census
8 Bureau on the specific -- you know, on the cities; and we
9 could create a COI map with that. Similarly for the
10 neighborhoods and the neighborhood maps that have been
11 approved by the Commission, we have enough information to
12 digitize based on those.

13 And, additionally, if people say, you know, my -- my
14 COI is my -- let's say my COI are these two city council
15 districts in my city, then we can refer to the current
16 city council districts in their city and create a COI
17 based on that. Additionally, of course, if there's
18 comment that's -- that's something like -- that's
19 something like all the commissioners should wear blue so
20 that we know who is a commissioner and who's not a
21 commissioner, then, of course, we can't digitize that.

22 And, as Toni mentioned, the -- if there's something
23 that -- in the Constitution as part of our criteria, like,
24 keep this specific city whole, we won't be digitizing that
25 because, again, that's -- that's part of your criteria

1 currently.

2 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Are there -- I had to step
3 out for a second. Are there other questions?

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I see Trena has a hand
5 raised, and I don't know -- sorry, Commissioner Turner --
6 and I don't know if Commissioner Fernandez -- I think she
7 had a hand raised earlier.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Also Jamie had another
9 comment.

10 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah.

11 JAIME CLARK: Yeah. And just to add to what I just
12 said, additionally, if people give really specific
13 boundaries like the railroad to the river or street-level
14 boundaries or even, you know, to the -- the crest line of
15 the Sierras, then that's something we can digitize as
16 well. I wanted to add that.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Commissioner Sadhwani, did
18 you say Commissioner Turner had a comment?

19 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes, I do. Thank you.

20 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Oh, okay. I -- I was looking all
21 over for you. I couldn't see you. Thanks.

22 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. Just for -- on the pin
23 map for repeated questions or clarifications about how the
24 tool presents, I'd just like to suggest for the data team
25 to answer a fact section if people need help so people

1 aren't thinking it's incorrect or not providing --
2 perhaps, they just did not know how to search or how they
3 should be reading the information. So that's the
4 suggestion that I have.

5 TONI ANTONOVA: Thank you, Commissioner Turner. No,
6 that's a -- that's a great idea. We'll do that.

7 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Commissioner Akutagawa?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I just was curious
9 because I was -- I just want to also point out that on
10 the -- the website, it's been updated where there is a
11 public input tab, a public comment tab, and then the data
12 tab. And so the public comment is, you know, what I would
13 call general comments. The public input tab looks like it
14 is COI data or communities of interest data that has been
15 received over time; and it looks like it's mostly --
16 mostly letters.

17 I also then tried to check to see if something that
18 was received prior to, I think, August 12th. Okay. No.
19 I take that back. I think -- all right. It is inputted.
20 I think the -- the -- the order of the dates is a little
21 off because I guess I didn't scroll down far enough. Now
22 that I see it, my -- there was a -- a test letter or
23 something like that that was in the data tab. I went
24 looking for it, and now I see why I didn't see it because
25 I -- I just thought it wasn't in there because the -- the

1 date orders are off on the public input section.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: They're in descending order.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: They're not in descending
4 order. It's, like, it will go from, like, August
5 something and then all of a sudden you'll see July and
6 then you'll see August again.

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Mine says in order. Okay.
8 Nope. I do -- I see you. I see you.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Yeah, because you've
10 got to go from August 12th before -- because that's what's
11 on the Airtable; so, yeah, it is a little off.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Uh-huh.

13 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I have Commissioner Sadhwani and
14 then Director Ceja.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I was going to respond to
16 that, but I see director Ceja raising his hand. So I'll
17 let him go ahead.

18 DIRECTOR CEJA: Just quickly. So at first our -- our
19 main goal was to get all the input onto one tab, and we
20 did separate the comments into another so -- just general
21 public comment. The next thing is going to be
22 manipulating those spreadsheet, and I haven't figured out
23 a way to do it. But I will figure it out. And I'm also
24 working with Toni and the management team to make sure
25 that we have the same information on the database and

1 those tabs so that they gel and they coincide with one
2 another.

3 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Chair?

5 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Oh, yes, sorry, Commissioner
6 Turner.

7 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Also -- also on those --
8 Director Ceja, on the public input and public comment, now
9 that we have both, before you get into the table, if there
10 can be a descriptor there as far as how to differentiate
11 one from the other because the charts look the same -- we
12 know the headings, public input, and public comment are
13 different but maybe just a brief description there about
14 what this is. Thank you.

15 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Sadhwani?

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Thank you.

17 If I may, I'll just -- I'll just add on to, you know,
18 what Fredy had already shared; and I think this is a real
19 great and important first step. And so while it may not
20 be perfect yet, I think it has been a challenge because we
21 had been organizing everything as handouts, right, so to
22 find a letter that -- you know, they'll tell us, oh, I
23 submitted on July 23rd, well, we didn't have a meeting on
24 July 23rd so when did it -- when exactly was it, right,
25 and then you have to go through all the different agenda

1 handouts. So I think this is a really incredible first
2 step to just have a separate page where you can find it;
3 and I -- excuse me -- I'm sure that, you know, Fredy and
4 his team and the data management team will continue to --
5 to work out some of those kinks as well.

6 I completely agree with Commissioner Turner that just
7 having the -- the description of what separates public
8 input from public comment would be helpful. And just --
9 just as a reminder, I mean, in -- in your browser, you can
10 always go into the find or find next feature. And so if
11 someone wanted to look up in that section and not use the
12 actual database tool through Airtable, you could always do
13 that as well. So, for example, if you want to go look up
14 your name, you could find your -- your entry very quickly
15 that way too. Of course, it's also -- should also be
16 being populated into the Airtable too; but I think -- I
17 think there's a lot of options that are here.

18 And I just wanted to uplift all of the work that's
19 happened just in the last couple of weeks because I think
20 this is a -- this is really incredible and also just to --
21 to acknowledge and -- and uplift the great work that
22 Commissioner Turner and Commissioner Ahmad had done to
23 really secure Airtable and move us in this direction
24 because I think this is awesome.

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. Thanks, everyone. I just

1 want to echo those comments to this. It's really, really
2 well done, very intuitive, fun to play with. I had a
3 great time fooling around with it just trying to figure
4 out how it worked.

5 I also, yeah, want to thank Commissioners Ahmad and
6 Turner. I want to thank the line drawing team again for
7 all their hard work. And I'm going to turn it back over
8 to Commissioner Andersen and Sadhwani to -- to -- it seems
9 like the questions here have waned but just to carry on.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: When -- and Commissioner
11 Andersen, unless you have anything more on this, I think
12 we had scheduled to just take public comment briefly.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah, just -- just shut -- I
14 do have a little bit just before that.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure. Perfect.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: And it's actually for -- this
17 is actually for the public. If you start looking at
18 this -- and please notice our data is up through August
19 12th; so, yes, we did have several input meetings --
20 public input meetings after that. And that -- all that
21 information will, indeed, be going into the data -- into
22 the data -- into the table; and you can -- you will find
23 it. But if you think, you know, my COI is not on there,
24 go to our COI tool, go to our website, you know,
25 WEDRAWTHELINESCA.ORG; go on that link; put yours in; and

1 also because that's the easiest way, that's going to be
2 open 24/7.

3 But then we only have five other remaining COI public
4 input sessions. They are September 1st, September 2nd,
5 September 8, 9, and 10. That's it. Now, some of those
6 are dedicated to a -- specific areas; but, again, anyone
7 in California can call in to any of those. And, actually,
8 given that we're getting more reservations, your -- your
9 timing is a little bit better to wait towards -- before
10 the end of the break -- before -- before break or towards
11 the end of the meeting and then call in. You don't have
12 to wait in line forever because appointments go first.

13 And then the -- I want to say, specifically, the 8,
14 9 -- 8, 9, and 10 -- no, let's see -- the 9 and 10 are
15 state wide; so they're dedicated to anybody anywhere if
16 you want to do your community of interest that way. But,
17 otherwise, go to the tool.

18 So now -- now Sara, let's -- I think public comment
19 on any -- on what we've just done.

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. Perfect. So we wanted
21 to just be able to break -- we're not done with the agenda
22 item. We're still going to take a tour, if you will, of
23 Los Angeles; and our line drawing team has very kindly
24 offered to -- to help guide us on that tour. And so we're
25 going to be talking more about some of the actual

1 submissions that we received. But we did just want to
2 take a break. This is a brand new tool, and we have heard
3 loud and clear from folks that they have been waiting for
4 all of these COI submissions to be generated and populated
5 onto our website.

6 So just a really quick public comment period so if
7 folks have questions about how to use the tool, how to use
8 any of the filters, this would be a great opportunity to
9 do so.

10 KATY MANOFF: Are you ready, Chair? Yes?

11 Okay. The Commission is now taking public comment on
12 the agenda item that has been discussed, the Airtable
13 item. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter
14 the meeting ID number 898 1664 7345. Once you have dialed
15 in, please press Star 9 to enter the comment queue. The
16 phone call instructions are right at the beginning of the
17 meeting and are provided in full on the live stream
18 landing page. And we do have a caller, caller 5882.

19 Caller 5882, if you will please follow the prompts to
20 unmute at this time by pressing Star 6. Caller 5882, the
21 floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Thank you. Thank you to
23 the team. As everyone has said, the Airtable is
24 wonderful. It was a great tool, and it's nice to see it
25 up on it tab. I was wondering the -- and the discussion

1 about the centroids, I think, is really key for people who
2 are not -- as GIS experts, it may be worth having some
3 sort of headline or something.

4 So, for example, when I went into the town where I
5 live in, it turns out that one of the comments, which was
6 not mine, was on the block next to me. And it's located,
7 like, in a house. And I wouldn't want that person to
8 get -- have any -- any member of the public of California
9 think that, you know, it was by mistake someone who lived
10 at that house -- whether that's a positive note on the
11 door saying thanks for submitting something or,
12 unfortunately, violent. And so, sort of, thinking about
13 how inadvertently a tag might be located in someone's
14 house I think is -- is pretty important in terms of public
15 awareness.

16 The other thing I wondered just in terms of the
17 functionality of the Airtable was that when you click on
18 a -- a record -- so, for example, right now I'm looking at
19 7652, someone in Oxnard; but they didn't submit a
20 centroid. So it's been geo tagged. But I can't easily
21 find 7652, and I was wondering if it could be linked --

22 CHAIR FORNACIARI: 30 seconds.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- so when you -- when you
24 click on the -- the ID number if it might zoom to the map
25 or something like that because especially for when the

1 centroids aren't there, they're quite difficult to find
2 and you end up clicking around. And that might help
3 people as well. So I have lots of other things, but I'll
4 leave it at that. Thank you so much.

5 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So before you hang up, you have --
6 Toni or anybody have any clarifying questions? Toni?

7 TONI ANTONOVA: Yeah. Thank you for bringing that to
8 our attention. That is a -- a very good point. We really
9 don't want, you know, the public mistaking these pin --
10 pinpoints as a location of any of -- of the submitters.
11 So we'll -- we'll put a note on the website describing
12 how -- like, a little bit more about what those pins mean.

13 And as far as clicking on a record and zooming into
14 that location on the map, that's one of those additional
15 functionalities that we are currently looking into because
16 we are using an existing app. It -- it's a little bit
17 hard to modify; but, actually, the thing that you
18 mentioned is something that might be within scope. So
19 we're -- we're looking into that.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Wonderful.

21 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Toni -- and -- and one other thing
22 before you go --

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah.

24 CHAIR FORNACIARI: -- you said -- you said you had
25 other comments. You know, we want to hear all your

1 comments. You know, we have limited time on these public
2 input phone calls; but if you could send us an e-mail
3 with -- with the rest of your comments, that would really,
4 really, be helpful.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Great. I will.

6 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Do you have our -- do you have our
7 e-mail address?

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I do.

9 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Thanks a lot for calling.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. Bye.

11 KATY MANOFF: Thank you so much.

12 All right. Now we have caller 2829. If you will
13 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. Go
14 ahead, the floor is yours.

15 RENEE WESTA-LUSK: Yes. This is Renee Westa-Lusk.
16 When I went on the -- I guess the pin map -- do you all --
17 because in the press release that the CRC sent out, they
18 referred to it as a heat map. So is it -- first of all,
19 is heat map the same as pin map? That's my first
20 question.

21 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Well, a heat map is a very
22 specific type of graphical graph; and so --

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Can I --

24 CHAIR FORNACIARI: -- the answer is no.

25 But go ahead, Jane.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. We're actually trying
2 to distinguish -- pin map is dealing -- is what we're
3 calling the geographic locations. This is -- has to do
4 with your -- you know, we're talking about geographic
5 information. A heat map is when we're talking about VRA
6 issues --

7 RENEE WESTA-LUSK: Oh.

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- and we're trying to
9 separate it very distinctly. Heat maps -- and I know
10 it's -- these are terms that are often used when you're
11 looking at GIS and they come back and forth in terms of,
12 you know, overviews of ideas and covering different
13 layers; but we're trying -- for purposes of not confusing
14 anyone, we've decided pin map means geographic.

15 Heat map, you're talking about -- it -- it is
16 geographic locations; but it has to do with VRA or -- or
17 RPV. So that's -- we're trying to make that --
18 distinctions. We -- you'll hear us make those mistakes.
19 You'll have -- we'll -- we'll go back and forth, but we're
20 trying to make that distinction just to keep it clean.

21 RENEE WESTA-LUSK: Okay. Okay. Thank you for making
22 that clarification. That's very good.

23 The second question I have, all the -- supposedly the
24 inputs through August 12th are in the left side of the
25 screen, which is the total database; but is it supposed to

1 also be in the pin map because there's two testimonies
2 that were -- that were given from my area on August 4th
3 and they're not in the pin map. But they did show up in
4 the larger database on the left side. Aren't they
5 supposed to reflect the same thing, both the pin map and
6 the large database?

7 TONI ANTONOVA: They definitely should. I'm
8 wondering if the pin for those submissions might be
9 slightly off. I -- I think that is likely the cause of
10 that; and -- and we are working on, kind of, like,
11 recalibrating all of those pins so they're more accurate.
12 But I'd love to check. If it's possible for you to share
13 with us maybe over e-mail what those two submissions are,
14 I could check; and we could get back to you over e-mail.

15 RENEE WESTA-LUSK: Okay. That -- that's good.
16 That -- I'll e-mail the Commission with the two missing
17 testimonies.

18 And then the third thing is there's a city that's
19 also considered part of the community of interest that was
20 being testified on in my area; and they put three
21 statewide organizations -- a couple of them were
22 letters -- in the COI; but they're not -- they're in this
23 tiny little city. And they weren't from there. They were
24 statewide organizations, and they -- they have nothing to
25 do with -- to my knowledge with that city. So they --

1 those letters should have been put -- or testimony that
2 they -- I think they gave testimony plus submitted these
3 letters. Those should be with public comment, correct,
4 and not put in a certain city?

5 TONI ANTONOVA: When we receive public input with
6 geographical content from an organization or -- or a city,
7 we do include those in this Airtable. They're -- you are
8 bringing up a good point about the pin location of that
9 submission. I think that we will -- we will look into
10 maybe a -- a way to make it clearer where those
11 submissions are coming from when they're coming from a
12 broader region or city or county.

13 RENEE WESTA-LUSK: Okay. Should I include those
14 three testimonies that were from statewide because they
15 didn't refer to that small city that's in my COI, so I --
16 I don't understand how they got there. Anyway --

17 TONI ANTONOVA: Yeah, please do.

18 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah, please -- please send
19 information along so -- so we can take a look.

20 RENEE WESTA-LUSK: Okay. All right. Thank you very
21 much for answering my questions.

22 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you, Ms. Westa-Lusk.

23 Commissioner Anderson?

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Just one thing, in terms
25 of -- you know, if you're looking for -- wait, where is --

1 on the pin map, where is my community of interest, it's
2 not -- it's not, like, in my area -- if you're talking
3 about a county, look towards the center of that county.
4 Like, if it's Kern County, that's a huge county, go -- you
5 know, if you're talking about from one corner to another,
6 go to the middle of that county; and, remember, it's the
7 centroid of that area.

8 So if you talked about a large area, you -- you, kind
9 of, have to go pull your map out, have a look, and go,
10 well, where would, kind of, be the middle of that area and
11 look there. Now, hopefully, we will get it connected
12 from -- I -- I like the idea of -- if possible if we could
13 connect on -- like, here's my report and you click on it,
14 and then it, sort of, lights up on the map -- pin map,
15 that would be awesome. I don't know if we can get that
16 done, but the other -- and -- and if you do see an error,
17 like, there's obviously an error, please send that in and
18 actually even put, you know, Airtable data error so we
19 know it isn't just another submission but it's actually --
20 and if you do that -- because I actually have a little
21 list of a couple things that I found -- if you could put
22 down the number -- like, you'll see on the data if you go
23 over on the left, it actually has an ID number. Put that
24 in. That would be very helpful -- or the date or -- and
25 the date. It would be very helpful. Thank you.

1 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Thanks.

2 That looks like all of our callers at this point. Great
3 idea to -- to have public comment and get some
4 feedback in realtime. That's -- that's helpful.

5 But I'll -- I'll just turn it back to the line
6 drawing team to carry on.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Great. And I know we wanted
8 to have a little bit of opportunity to talk about Los
9 Angeles in particular.

10 Commissioner Anderson, I'll let you kick this off.
11 But I did also just want to note the time because I --
12 I -- I am aware -- I found out -- I think our line drawing
13 team does have some time -- time restrictions, so I just
14 want to be cautious of that. And I know we have a lunch
15 break scheduled in here as well.

16 Commissioner Andersen, do you want to kick us off
17 with our -- our -- our reflections on Los Angeles before
18 we take our tour of L.A. County COIs? You're on mute.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you. Yeah. For -- and
20 it's actually a little bit because our line drawer
21 extraordinaire Ms. Jaime Clark is doing L.A. County as the
22 mapper and has had lots of experience so we, sort of,
23 looked at, you know, in terms of what's a good example to
24 grab to really show you and, sort of, jumped in. We could
25 have picked anywhere. It was just, sort of, a little more

1 convenient that way.

2 And what we'd like to, sort of, do is get our -- and
3 I hope that I'm not just putting him on the spot. Let's
4 see because Commissioner Taylor is here and Commissioner
5 Ahmad, who were the liaisons for that area and also with
6 maybe Commissioner -- let's see -- Executive Director --
7 or not -- Director Kaplan, if they want to talk a little
8 bit about, you know, their -- because L.A. County was
9 their baby; so if -- what are your impressions about
10 communities of interest there and -- and outreach?
11 What -- what did you, kind of, think; and what did you
12 want to, sort of, make sure that the Commission sees about
13 your area -- about this area.

14 So if you could just jump in and, sort of, take over
15 on that; and then we'll come back to the actual going
16 through the COIs.

17 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I can -- I can go ahead and
18 start, Commissioner Andersen if that's okay.
19 So in terms of L.A. County -- I'm not from L.A. County, so
20 that was the first step there. Commissioner
21 Taylor did brief me that L.A. County is massive. I didn't
22 really believe him and -- until I realized that, yes, he
23 is actually very correct. It is massive, 88 cities, a
24 whole bunch of neighborhood councils that I've now learned
25 are somewhat established in the area.

1 In the beginning of our work with the Commission when
2 the Commission did not have outreach, Commissioner Taylor
3 and I really did try to take a deep dive into outreach; so
4 we did reach out to every city within the county,
5 neighborhood councils. We, kind of, snowballed into, you
6 know, our other contacts, kind of, that spiderweb network
7 type of getting the word out until we got an amazing
8 outreach team that we were able to hand off that work and
9 have them lead.

10 So I don't know if Commissioner Taylor wants to add
11 anything to our first phase of that outreach before we
12 pass it over to Marcy.

13 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: No. I think, Commissioner
14 Ahmad, you hit it right on the -- right on the dot. L.A.
15 is massive; and our goal was, in that initial phase, we
16 just wanted to see if we could have touch point in each
17 point of the county; so we just wanted to reach out to
18 every incorporated city, every neighborhood council, and
19 we even used as a -- as a touch point the other
20 redistricting.

21 So we just made ourselves available to those cities.
22 We wanted those -- those -- those places, those
23 communities to know that the -- that the CRC was here and
24 ready and -- and -- and -- and open to accept their input
25 and that, again, we got a wonderful team to help support

1 behind us once we started those initial contacts.

2 MARCY KAPLAN: And I can jump in. So we're joined
3 today with Sulma Hernandez, our outreach coordinator, and
4 Kimberly Briggs, our L.A. lead, who have done a tremendous
5 job in L.A. County given the enormity of the county and so
6 many communities that live across the county as well. So
7 I'll pass it over to the two of them to just share some
8 highlights and how they continue to leverage the outreach
9 that the Commissioners had done in the region and further
10 expand upon that effort.

11 SULMA HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Marcy. Good morning,
12 Commissioners, and good morning to -- oh, good afternoon
13 to the Californians. So as some of the Commissioners have
14 mentioned, the -- you know, the County of Los Angeles has
15 10 million inhabitants at least or more than that; and so
16 the outreach team approached its public outreach efforts
17 in a macro-to-micro-level process, which is what the
18 commissioners started.

19 So when staff became hired in late May of 2021,
20 outreach staff continued to build off the commissioners'
21 outreach efforts in Phase 1 of the strategic outreach plan
22 targeting the City of Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles
23 neighborhood councils, incorporated cities, and just the
24 entire Los Angeles County, including various departments
25 and local agencies like the City of Los Angeles Department

1 of Neighborhood Empowerment, which houses the neighborhood
2 councils; the City of Los Angeles Human Rights and Equity
3 Department; and the Metropolitan Water District of
4 Southern California.

5 At the start of the public outreach activation phase,
6 there was a high focus on government entities to leverage
7 their large networks and promote the June 26th COI meeting
8 focused on Zone H. The -- and then those that followed --
9 and, of course, the promotion of the draw my community
10 tool. In July of 2021 the outreach staff team pivoted
11 their public outreach efforts and targeted chambers of
12 commerce, business associations, gateway cities, and other
13 government entities that promote mezzo social work, such
14 as the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority.

15 We also promoted larger nonprofit organizations that
16 cater to general mixed populations where some of these may
17 be -- like, the United Way of Greater Los Angeles, the
18 Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County.

19 Continuation in July of 2021, staff did an extensive
20 outreach to the entities across L.A. County to identify
21 in-person locations prior to the Commission pivoting to
22 continuing community input meetings virtually. Some of
23 the entities that we reached out to were higher education
24 institutions including USC, UCLA, Cal State L.A., Los
25 Angeles community colleges, and other private universities

1 in L.A. County. Now that the 2021/2022 school year is
2 beginning, outreach staff will continue to follow up with
3 these higher institutions to continue to activate them in
4 the redistricting process.

5 In August -- now that we're in August of 2021, a lot
6 of our focus has been to nonprofit organizations that
7 service enclaves whose inhabitants are ethnic and
8 culturally diverse, such as the -- the Southeast Los
9 Angeles Collaborative; the Jewish Federation of Greater
10 Los Angeles; Korean -- Korean Town Youth and Community
11 Center; AIDS Healthcare Foundation. These organizations
12 that we reach out to serve communities across 15
13 categories and focus on intersectionalities of sector
14 geographic areas that are underrepresented, including
15 everything from youth to libraries to people in -- who
16 have disabilities as something that they're living with to
17 businesses to incarcerated people or people reentering
18 community. About a third of them serve the general
19 population.

20 Some examples include outreach to Armenian and
21 Iranian civic and faith communities informing them of the
22 redistricting process including language access available.
23 During our August COI meetings, staff have continued to
24 connect with organizations via e-mail, phone calls, and
25 through social media to promote all of the tools that we

1 have accessible to Californians. And there are a variety
2 of challenges with outreaching in Los Angeles County
3 including language barriers; a need for continuing
4 education on the redistricting process; and, of course,
5 the lingering effects of the 2019 pandemic.

6 And another issue that we've come across and we've
7 done -- we've tried to do collaboration with has been with
8 local redistricting efforts happening across L.A. County,
9 both at the County of Los Angeles level, the City of Los
10 Angeles, and the Los Angeles Unified School District. So
11 we as outreach staff continue to connect with the
12 independent redistricting commission at the local level
13 and try to cross-promote our meeting.

14 So I will turn it back to Marcy, and then we can
15 answer any questions that you may have.

16 MARCY KAPLAN: Thank you. I didn't have any more to
17 add. That was wonderful. Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: If I may, Chair, just to
19 interject and say, wow, you know, I think -- I -- I think
20 many times in my mind we're still caught in the time
21 period before we had an outreach staff and how daunting it
22 felt to attempt to start doing outreach all over the
23 state; so I -- I truly -- that's -- I mean, this is
24 amazing to hear and so much incredible work happening so
25 big, big, thanks from -- from all of us I am sure.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I do not see any other
2 questions. I think we might, sort of, ask our line
3 drawers to, kind of, roll us into -- if possible, can
4 you -- can you help us walk through our communities of
5 interest that we've received through -- I guess it's
6 August 12th and tell us exactly -- well, you'll -- you'll
7 tell us exactly what you're showing us and what's included
8 and what isn't included.

9 So I'll turn it over to the -- the capable hands of
10 Ms. MacDonald and Ms. Clark.

11 KARIN MACDONALD: Thank you so much for inviting us
12 to do this -- this overview today. I'm going to pass it
13 immediately on to Jaime who has prepared a little
14 walk-through of the L.A. region for you.

15 And, with that, here's Jaime. Thank you.

16 JAIME CLARK: Thank you all for having us here today.
17 We -- as the Commission, we got access to Airtables and --
18 to Airtable and the COIs submitted through the COI tool at
19 the end of last week. Since then we have been working to
20 process and organize all of the COIs and, for presentation
21 specifically, the COIs that are in Los Angeles County.

22 Since the COI tool went live in early 2021 and until
23 Friday the 26th, there have been over 250 COIs submitted
24 in L.A. County. This presentation is focused on those
25 COIs in L.A. County that were submitted through the COI

1 tool. The goal is just to give an overview of the
2 testimony that has come in through the COI tool, and I'm
3 not going to be presenting today on written testimony or
4 input that's coming in during the public input meeting.
5 This is just COI tool testimony that has come in, yeah,
6 through the COI tool up until Friday the 26th.

7 There is a lot of overlap in testimony in terms of
8 location and in terms of narrative, and in those areas we
9 won't necessarily do a deep dive into every single
10 community of interest that was submitted. And in areas
11 where there's unique testimony, we'll take a closer look
12 at those individual COIs.

13 Today -- oh, I'm going to share my screen. That
14 would probably help. And, Kristian, could you please let
15 me know --

16 KRISTIAN MANOFF: That looks great.

17 JAIME CLARK: -- if you can see it? Okay. Awesome.
18 Thank you so much.

19 So we are going to start in the City of Los Angeles.
20 And I don't know if you can see my -- my mouse here.
21 We're going to start in the City of Los Angeles,
22 specifically starting on -- in East L.A.; then we're going
23 to move to the West Side and, you know, going south
24 through Central L.A. and South L.A. Then we're going to
25 move to the coastal regions moving down through south by

1 the L.A. Harbor area. After that we're going to look at
2 COIs that were submitted through the COI tool in the
3 Gateway Cities and San Gabriel Valley moving to east San
4 Gabriel Valley, the Foothills area, and the -- the places
5 adjacent to Angeles National Forest. Then we're going to
6 move to the Tri-Cities area, San Fernando Valley, Santa
7 Clarita Valley, and then wrap up with Antelope Valley.

8 There has been testimony submitted that, you know,
9 includes areas in -- partially in L.A. and partially in
10 all of the counties that are adjacent to L.A. County so --
11 if that -- if that makes sense. There's testimony that
12 crosses county lines. Some of these COIs I'll present
13 today, and some of these COIs my colleagues will present
14 in future meetings for COI review.

15 And, with that, we can begin. One moment. I have,
16 like, notes and many screens; so one moment, please.
17 Okay. Thank you for your patience. And, as I said, we're
18 going to start in the City of L.A. and, sort of, East L.A.
19 Okay. Thank you for your patience.

20 So in -- beginning, again, in East L.A., this is one
21 COI, Los Feliz area. There's a couple COIs in this
22 general area; and I'm -- I'm going to go through and, sort
23 of, turn the different COI layers on and off. Actually --
24 and, first, I'm going to back up and say through Airtable,
25 there are shape files that are available, and shape files

1 are a type of GIS file. It's actually four different
2 files that when they're combined and added into -- when
3 they're combined, they can be added to a GIS software.
4 And we're using these right now to visualize where the
5 different COIs are in Los Angeles County. So these are
6 available to members of the public who wish to use them in
7 their own GIS software, and that's how we're using them
8 here. That's where these shapes are coming from. It's
9 directly from Airtable. This is the -- this -- these
10 shapes are representative of the exact submissions that
11 were submitted through Airtable.

12 So these areas -- and I'm -- we can turn multiple on
13 at a time and, sort of, click through them this way.
14 That's just background for commissioners and anybody who's
15 watching at home who might have questions. So these COIs
16 and -- including this COI, which is larger and includes
17 areas like Silver Lake -- these COIs -- the people who
18 submitted these COIs specifically talked about this area
19 being working and middle-class areas that really value
20 multiculturalism; and there's a lot of murals and street
21 art in these areas and also migrant communities living in
22 these areas. People who submitted these also talked about
23 a -- care for the environment and also noted that there's
24 a blend of housing types, like, single-family homes versus
25 apartments, et cetera.

1 And moving on to a little bit further south and east,
2 this COI represents El Sereno, Boyle Heights area, part of
3 the City of East Los Angeles. It also includes part of
4 Silver Lake. And there's some other COIs that, kind of,
5 have overlap with it in terms of geography and testimony.
6 I'm just going to click through them quickly. So the
7 people who submitted these COIs talked also a lot about
8 this -- having a large migrant community and valuing
9 multiculturalism present in their community, also
10 described, like, being unified around having a lot of
11 family values and similar economic -- economic interests
12 in these areas and, additionally, these communities having
13 ties to the Chicano Movement of the '60s and '70s.

14 And now I'm going to move a little bit west. So
15 here's a couple COIs again part of -- partially in East
16 L.A. and starting to move a little bit west. So this is
17 Hollywood, part of Atwater Village, West Hollywood,
18 Proper, Greater Hollywood area. And the COIs that were
19 submitted in this area share social interests of having
20 lots of public transportation and access to public
21 transportation. The majority of people in these areas are
22 renters, and there's also large LGBTQ populations in these
23 areas. And all of the people -- all of the people who
24 submitted those COIs mentioned these things.

25 Really quick, there's a small COI here in the Doheny

1 Sunset Plaza area. This COI mentioned that it was in a
2 fire-hazard zone and wanted to be with other Foothill
3 communities -- wanted to be with other Foothill
4 communities who also might be experiencing concerns about
5 being in a fire-hazard area.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Jaime, I'm seeing a question
7 from Commissioner Fernandez. Do you want to take that
8 now, or should we hold questions for the end? How would
9 you like to -- how would you like to --

10 JAIME CLARK: I don't see that question in my chat;
11 and also for Commissioners, I'm not able to check the chat
12 as I'm mapping.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, I think she has a hand
14 raised.

15 JAIME CLARK: Oh, I'm sorry.

16 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No, that's okay. That's
17 okay.

18 JAIME CLARK: I also just have, like, one little box
19 to --

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, no worries. I just
21 wasn't sure how you wanted to handle that, if you want to
22 wait until the end or if you want to take it along the
23 way.

24 JAIME CLARK: I think if there are specific questions
25 about, like, the pace or anything like that, I'd be happy

1 to take those now and maybe in general could take
2 questions at the end.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So let me just ask really --
4 thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani -- so on the prior -- I
5 can't remember which one you were referring to; but there
6 was a -- a bigger COI and then a smaller COI within that
7 bigger COI. So what I'm wondering is how do we -- how
8 will it be displayed in terms of what if that smaller one
9 within the bigger one said but I don't want to be -- I
10 don't want to be included with those bigger ones -- with
11 the bigger area? So how -- I -- how would we -- how is
12 that displayed or how would we know? Does that make
13 sense, Jaime?

14 JAIME CLARK: We can -- I think so. So some --
15 through the COI tool, there is a question of, like, who do
16 you want to be with or not be with; and community members
17 will be able to answer there for those questions. And,
18 again, this is just, sort of, like, a general review of
19 what's coming through the COI tool; and I think we'll be
20 able to dive deeper into that when it more comes to line
21 drawing. And some of these are decisions that the
22 commission will -- will be making during line drawing
23 direction sessions. Did that answer --

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So we -- we wouldn't
25 have to, like, dive into it then and then read the

1 narrative; right?

2 JAIME CLARK: Yeah. We could --

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

4 JAIME CLARK: -- we could dive into it.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

6 JAIME CLARK: We could dive into it more closely then
7 and -- yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Perfect. Thank you.

9 JAIME CLARK: Yeah. We can dive into it more closely
10 then.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, later. All right.
12 Great. Thank you.

13 JAIME CLARK: Yeah. Thank you. Great question.
14 Okay. Okay. Great.

15 Moving a little further south to Greater Wilshire
16 neighborhood, there have been a couple COIs about Greater
17 Wilshire neighborhood, community members saying that they
18 accessed community services through a cohesive network of
19 organizations who have been working together for over 50
20 years, would want to be whole, and -- and redistricting
21 plans to be able to -- yeah, would want to be whole in
22 redistricting plans for that reason.

23 And moving to downtown Los Angeles and Skid Row area,
24 a couple COIs, COI shapes presented here. These community
25 members said that some shared interest were that there's a

1 lot of houselessness and addressing houselessness in this
2 area. There's small businesses recovering from the
3 pandemic, lack of green spaces. And this community has
4 deep -- a deep history, rich history in music and arts and
5 black history; and gentrification is occurring in Downtown
6 L.A. There's a search for affordable housing and interest
7 in building and maintaining the power of the black
8 community in -- in downtown L.A.

9 And, kind of, zipping east a little bit to Palms,
10 here's an area, as Commissioner Fernandez mentioned, where
11 a small version of Palms -- we can see here the little
12 orange area and then a larger version of Palms that
13 includes part of Culver City, Del Rey, and Mar Vista; and
14 these community members said that -- where am I -- oh,
15 here we go -- that this is an area with a lot of renters
16 concerned about rising housing costs, also -- also working
17 together in slowing climate change. There's a lot of
18 support for local business and support for unhoused
19 neighbors.

20 And moving back a little bit east, here we go, this
21 is a big -- big shape that is talking about in this whole
22 area that there is a lot of pressure with respect to
23 gentrification; and that is -- that's something that
24 unifies this entire -- entire area.

25 Then digging down a little bit deeper into smaller

1 COIs inside that larger COI, this is in the Leimert --
2 Leimert -- I'm still learning how to say that word --
3 Leimert Park neighborhood; but there is a large unified
4 black community in this area, a focus on entrepreneurship
5 and supporting black-owned small businesses. And this
6 community is and wants to continue to be a space for black
7 people to connect with their heritage.

8 Moving a little further south, there's significant
9 interest in this -- in this community in terms of
10 reparations, homeownership grants, adult career pathways,
11 and access to small-business grants.

12 Continuing on in this neighborhood which also
13 overlaps with the -- the one that was the yellow shape
14 that we just saw, concerns in this community revolve
15 around healthcare, food access, education, and housing.
16 And here in Angeles Mesa -- here we go -- there is shared
17 interest of public safety, needing access to better
18 healthcare, and more green spaces and healthy food.

19 Okay. I'm going to zip west again. So this
20 community is right next door to Florence-Firestone. Just
21 noting that in the COI -- in the COI tool -- in
22 submissions in the COI tool, multiple people have referred
23 to this area where I'm, kind of, waving the -- waving the
24 hand as Florence-Firestone. Additionally, in public input
25 meetings, we've heard people refer to this area as

1 Florence-Firestone; and on the map it is -- it says
2 Florence-Graham. That's the census name for it, just
3 noting that for everybody. So this was submitted by
4 somebody who is a part of CHIRLA, which is the Coalition
5 for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles, identifying
6 this as a very working-class community with family values
7 that's in need of services. And this COI does include
8 part of Florence-Firestone and part -- part of the City of
9 L.A. This area was identified as having a lot of -- is
10 strong Latinx community where people are happy to be able
11 to access culturally-competent healthcare.

12 I think -- moving back west again slowly making our
13 way south, here we go, another larger COI. This community
14 is bonded through a lot of arts and sports activities.
15 There's issues of police brutality and general lack of
16 funding in this area and unemployment.

17 Moving -- this area was identified as Downtown
18 Inglewood and this -- and also includes part of the City
19 of L.A. This community member noted that a lot of the
20 small businesses in this area are owned by black,
21 indigenous, and people of color and that there's a number
22 of black-owned restaurants that, sort of, make up an
23 economic and cultural hub for this community, for people
24 in this community. And public safety is an issue of
25 importance as well as food access, and this area was

1 identified as a food desert.

2 I'm going to zoom out a little bit. Okay. Slowly
3 again making our way south, this COI -- the person who
4 submitted this COI talked about needing access to
5 resources, including educational support, mental health
6 support, and also grants for homeownership.

7 And, again, moving further south, this is part of the
8 City of Westmont and parts of the City of L.A. This
9 person talked about the community members here being
10 invested in criminal justice reform and an interest in
11 increasing community services, especially for senior
12 citizens.

13 And moving right along here, this COI -- oh, yeah.
14 Okay. So this COI is, sort of, just east of 110 and is
15 intersected by 105. And this community member talked
16 about access to fresh food and healthcare and shopping in
17 general, shopping centers.

18 Okay. And this, sort of, is along 105 north of the
19 105 and is intersected by the 405 freeway. And this
20 COI -- this person who submitted this COI spoke on -- or
21 typed on importance of public safety in these areas and
22 housing, jobs, and education. This is an area that's
23 experiencing a lot of gentrification and in need of access
24 to resources and groceries. I'm.

25 Going to zoom in on this COI. Parts of West Athens,

1 Hawthorne, and Gardena are in this COI; and the person who
2 submitted this COI mentioned gentrification and loss of
3 general -- generational wealth being an issue in this
4 community. There's an interest in education and in green
5 spaces, and this community is impacted by traffic. And
6 that concludes our L.A. -- more of, like, City of L.A.
7 focused testimony that has been received.

8 And I will -- we're moving along now to talking about
9 the coastal areas. I'm going to zoom out for some of
10 these because some of them are large.

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So are we --

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I was going to -- yeah.

13 Thank you, Chair.

14 CHAIR FORNACIARI: -- going -- we're scheduled for
15 lunch at -- in two minutes.

16 Does it make sense to just stop now then, Jaime?

17 JAIME CLARK: Yes.

18 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Thank you. Okay. Well,
19 this has been interesting so far. I'm looking forward
20 to -- to continuing after lunch, but we will break for
21 lunch right now and return at 1:45.

22 (Lunch break.)

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Well, welcome back from lunch. We
24 are going to continue on with Agenda Item 5, and so I will
25 turn it over to our line drawing team.

1 Well, I guess we're probably going back to Jaime.

2 Hi, Jaime.

3 JAIME CLARK: There we go. Hi. Thank you so much.

4 So when we left off, we had reviewed COIs that have
5 come in through the COI tool in the City of Los Angeles
6 and some of the West Side, Central, and South L.A.

7 We're now moving on to the coastal areas of County of
8 Los Angeles. There we go. It's a big one. So this area
9 represents -- you know, it's Malibu, Palisades, and parts
10 of the West Side. Here we go. And this COI was
11 identified as being a very wealthy very white community
12 that had quote, unquote small-town and big-city feel.

13 And then there were a couple COIs, also coastal area.
14 This one reaches from Malibu down through South Bay; and
15 I'm going to highlight another COI here, which is a lot
16 smaller but includes part of this same area, an overlap
17 here in the Culver City area. And both of these COIs
18 talked about -- I lost my place in my notes -- talked
19 about environmental concerns and shared, you know, access
20 to recreation, shared transportation and bike corridors;
21 and, additionally -- there we go -- oh, that's the same
22 one. One more -- one second. Here we go. These -- this
23 one talked about, yeah, also environmental issues and that
24 there's oil wells nearby that cause environmental issues.
25 And then -- pardon me -- the -- the red one was the one

1 that also talked about the environment and recreation and
2 shared bike corridors and transportation options.

3 And then moving on a little further south, this is
4 my -- okay. So Westchester and Culver City areas again,
5 these COIs talked -- I'm going to zoom in -- pardon me --
6 these COIs talked about, let's see, finding housing and
7 supporting housing for unhoused populations.

8 And then the -- this red one talked about there's a
9 temple -- temple there for people practicing Reform
10 Judaism, And it's home to people who practice Reform
11 Judaism in the area.

12 Okay. Now I think moving a little further south --
13 here we go -- there's a lot of overlap in this general
14 area with connections in terms of education, medical
15 access, and a shared water -- a water and sewage system.
16 In this area a lot of people use the same two hospitals
17 which are located in Torrance. This is Torrance. This
18 includes Manhattan Beach, part of Gardena, Lomita, Rolling
19 Hills, Rancho Palos Verdes, Palos Verdes Estates. People
20 use a lot of the same -- people use the same two hospitals
21 which are in Torrance. Local news comes from the Daily
22 Breeze. And they share access to -- you know, they use
23 the same beaches and restaurants, common schools, and --
24 here we go -- oops, that's not the -- common schools and,
25 in general, just a common shared culture and outlook and

1 face similar challenges.

2 And the Greater -- Greater L.A. Harbor area, I'm
3 going to highlight a couple COIs here that have really
4 similar boundaries. These COIs talked about being --
5 being, you know, financial supported by oil drilling and
6 processing and spoke to how the -- the ports provide
7 millions of jobs and -- here we go -- yeah, and a lot of
8 people work in shipping and in oil and in recycling.

9 And these two COIs, which also have a very similar
10 area, again, they're supported by and impacted by the --
11 the activity in the harbor and also have environmental and
12 economic concerns, kind of, around the harbor. These two
13 COIs also share a lot of similar testimony, and both of
14 them were named by the people who submitted them the
15 diesel death zone. These -- these community members said
16 that, you know, they're nearby ports and highways, the
17 Long Beach Airport, and have some of the highest air
18 pollution in the country but that it's difficult to
19 advocate against the port because of its economic power.
20 And the air pollution is not just from tailpipe emissions
21 from the highways but also from freighters and cruise
22 ships that come in and out of the harbor area.

23 Moving on to the Long Beach area -- so there's a
24 couple of submissions that the Commission received that
25 include Long Beach and Lakewood and, of course, Signal

1 Hill which is fully encompassed by Long Beach. And this
2 one includes Long Beach with Paramount, Bellflower,
3 Lakewood, and Hawaiian Gardens. And these people talked
4 about, you know, being populations of Cambodian people,
5 Latinos, black populations, and LGBTQ communities all
6 living together or in proximity to each other. This is an
7 area that celebrates diversity and has a strong sense of
8 unity, also share a health department, transit options,
9 and also have shared educational institutions including a
10 city college and a university.

11 And I'm going to zoom into the smaller COI that was
12 identified as being near Downtown Long Beach where there's
13 a lot of young professionals and a lot of people are
14 renters who rely on public transportation and bikes to
15 navigate throughout where they live.

16 From here we're going to move into the Gateway Cities
17 and San Fernando area -- or excuse me -- San Gabriel
18 Valley area; and I'm just going to point out that here's
19 the county line between Los Angeles County and Orange
20 County. So a couple COIs that, sort of, center around
21 Norwalk, Cerritos, and Bellflower area -- I'm going to
22 bring a couple different ones up on the screen, a couple
23 different versions. So -- and this one has a slightly
24 different shape. It goes a little further north all the
25 way up into Montebello. The people who submitted these

1 COIs talked about being connected through transportation
2 and medical access, similar workplaces, through education,
3 and with -- with value -- valuing family and a commitment
4 to equity. These areas are described as being from a -- a
5 very generous and very diverse community.

6 Moving -- oops -- slightly further east to three COIs
7 that had really similar boundaries and had really similar
8 narratives. So these COIs -- the submitters of these COIs
9 talked about being connected through, again,
10 transportation and family values, workplaces. These --
11 the people who submitted these COIs also spoke to large
12 Asian communities and also being bound by education
13 access. And this COI, which includes Industry, parts of
14 Rolling Heights, La Habra, Fullerton, and parts of La
15 Mirada, this COI represents a significant Korean
16 population. And the person who submitted it said that
17 this is one of the only areas where there's a significant
18 Korean population in the country.

19 Okay. And now there are a couple COIs, handful of
20 COIs that are really centered a little bit north of the
21 Orange County and L.A. County line. I will display them
22 on the map. Oh, this one is south. My mistake. I'm
23 skipping ahead here. Okay. Here we go.

24 So these both include Diamond Bar, Rolling Heights,
25 Walnut, La Habra, Hacienda Heights, parts of Fullerton and

1 Brea and Chino Hills. And the people -- people who spoke
2 on these COIs have an interest in protecting open space,
3 lots of languages are spoken this area; and in the
4 descriptions, people mention Spanish, Mandarin, and
5 Korean. They share the same watersheds and have air --
6 concerns around air pollution, get their local news from
7 the San Gabriel Valley Tribune; and while this is a
8 diverse area, the -- a submitter spoke to there being,
9 like, sort of, a common interest or shared -- shared
10 experience of immigration in these communities.

11 Okay. Now moving a little bit north of -- a little
12 bit north. So here's -- we can see a lot of COIs in a --
13 in the same area, similar area. And these -- these people
14 spoke on there being rapid growth and demographic flux,
15 access to excellent school districts. Highway 60, which
16 is here, was mentioned as being a major transportation
17 route. There are shared educational institutions,
18 including Cal Poly Pomona and Mt. San Antonio College and,
19 again, that there's a large -- large Asian communities and
20 it's important to keep these communities together with
21 increase in Asian hate.

22 And moving -- these are a little bit focused in San
23 Bernardino County. I'm just going to show a couple.
24 There's so many different versions of Pomona Valley and
25 Inland Empire. We can see that there's, yeah, just a lot

1 of different versions of similar -- similar areas with a
2 lot of overlapping testimony. In general they tend to
3 include Pomona, Montclair, Chino, Ontario, Fontana. Some
4 include Rialto, Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, Claremont. And
5 people -- people in the Inland Empire talked about there
6 being a lot of traffic and people living there having long
7 commute times, their major networks of senior care centers
8 and care workers, needs for educational and infrastructure
9 investments. People in this area share the same utility
10 agencies. There's a large Latino community and a growing
11 Vietnamese community.

12 Okay. And then moving west to what some people
13 identified more of Central San Gabriel Valley. So this --
14 this person who submitted spoke on large Latinx community
15 in this area. There's some low-income areas, a lot of
16 families and young children, also spoke that there were a
17 lot of Asian communities and that education was an
18 important issue in this area. And there was similar
19 testimony in the -- the COIs that I'm going to display on
20 the map now.

21 Okay. I'm, kind of, moving into the Foothills
22 area -- areas and communities that are adjacent to Angeles
23 National Forest. So this COI we can see includes part of
24 the Valley and also part of Angeles National Forest. It
25 includes Glendora, San Dimas, Covina, parts of Pomona, and

1 some communities on the very west end of the San
2 Bernardino/Los Angeles County line. And this person --
3 oh, which has similarities with some upcoming COIs as
4 well -- said that these were independent small towns that
5 are committed to environmental preservation; and people
6 who live in these areas recreate in the Foothills and deal
7 with similar issues in terms of being a high fire-hazard
8 area. So I'm going to highlight some more of these.

9 Okay. And now moving into the -- more of the
10 Tri-Cities area, Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena. So people
11 in -- and this -- this one just includes Pasadena,
12 Altadena, San Marino, South Pasadena. There's a lot of
13 overlap with testimony in this area, and people in this
14 area spoke a lot about being Foothill communities. They
15 also use the same transportation and that is -- this area
16 is working together to rebuild Foothills biodiversity.
17 They have access to the same fire dispatch system and
18 share that they are in close proximity to the economic
19 center of Downtown L.A. and also that these areas
20 represent areas with a lot of economic and racial
21 diversity. I'm going to just highlight a couple more COIs
22 in this area with -- again, with a lot of overlapping
23 testimony.

24 Okay. And moving on to the San Fernando Valley,
25 there's some smaller COIs that we got in this area. So

1 this was described as Sun Valley. It includes part of the
2 Sun Valley Area Neighborhood Council, Foothill Trails
3 District Neighborhood Council, NOHO West Neighborhood
4 Council. And this -- the -- the person who submitted this
5 COI said that they need more access to open spaces and
6 parks and more public transportation options. There are
7 industrial businesses in this area that pollute the air,
8 water, and soil and that this is a very -- a very
9 working-class area with a lot of people who are first
10 generation and also people -- a lot of Spanish speakers.
11 And that testimony, similar to this COI that was
12 submitted -- this COI -- the person who submitted this COI
13 said that this was also a low-income area, that this area
14 is becoming -- the cost of living is becoming more
15 expensive, and a lot of people are having to move out to
16 Antelope Valley. There are a lot of small businesses
17 that -- also there is a lot of gang activity in this area
18 and also that there's a lot of, like, community events
19 with free food and activities, et cetera.

20 Members of the Sikh community submitted COIs in this
21 area that their -- and said that there are temples in the
22 San Fernando Valley; a lot of people who are part of the
23 Sikh community are business owners; and people from all
24 over Los Angeles come here to attend -- to attend temple
25 here. And this COI was also submitted as, sort of, an

1 area that -- an area where people who are part of the Sikh
2 community live; and people who are part of this community
3 do community services, such as provide free food at
4 events.

5 Okay. Moving a little bit further west to Valley
6 Glen and Mission Hills -- oh, not further west. I'm
7 sorry. I keep getting ahead of myself with my notes here.
8 So that was Valley Glen and Mission Hills. I'll put both
9 of them on the map.

10 I see there's some shared area here, Panorama City
11 area; and people from this community -- these communities
12 said this was a middle class and diverse neighborhood and
13 quality of life -- maintaining quality of life was
14 important in these areas.

15 Okay. Now moving a little further west to -- here we
16 go -- excuse me -- North Hills -- nope. Here we go.
17 Woodland Hills, this is what I'm looking for. Woodland
18 Hills. And the person who submitted this said that there
19 was, let's see, a very diverse area that also deals with
20 being in a fire-risk area. People who live here work for
21 social justice; and it's a middle-class area, which it's
22 important to people who live here to make sure that the
23 growing houseless population in this area gets support.

24 Okay. Now we are moving up towards Santa Clarita
25 Valley. And similar to the input meetings in -- when we

1 get, sort of, into North San Fernando Valley and looking
2 at Simi Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, Antelope Valley,
3 there's a lot of differences between, like, the -- how the
4 puzzle pieces should fit together according to people who
5 submitted the cities tool -- or through the COI tool.
6 So -- I'm too zoomed in here -- so looking at this COI
7 which includes Northern San Fernando Valley and Santa
8 Clarita, Stevenson Ranch, Castaic -- I think is how to say
9 that -- and Val Verde, this COI represents an area that's
10 very diverse with many different voices present with --
11 it's a suburban area with agricultural roots. And then
12 here's some COIs that represent, sort of, the City of
13 Santa Clarita and different versions of Santa Clarita
14 Valley. Some include Agua Dulce and some of these areas
15 just east of Lancaster and Palmdale.

16 I'm going to display a couple more versions. This
17 COI is just part of the City of Santa Clarita. I'll zoom
18 in here. So people who spoke on this area said that they,
19 you know, share a school system, a common vision, and
20 common economic development strategies, that Santa Clarita
21 Valley is a safe place to raise kids, and many people work
22 in public safety and in the entertainment industries.

23 And then here we have some versions of Simi Valley
24 with Santa Clarita and Antelope Valley. Oh, wrong one.
25 Okay. So this is Simi Valley, parts of Ventura County

1 along 126, Santa Clarita Valley and Antelope Valley
2 together. This community is bound by love of horses, an
3 interest in open spaces remaining open. They share a
4 river basin; and it's an area where there's a lot of Farms
5 and ranches, shared transportation corridors, and family
6 values.

7 Okay. And now looking at versions with Santa Clarita
8 Valley and Antelope Valley together, this -- the person
9 who submitted this COI talked about being from a chaparral
10 ecosystem, love of outdoors, shared culture of supporting
11 local businesses, and participating in the same community
12 activities.

13 And I believe this -- yep. So this is a very similar
14 shape. Here we go. There was this submission from rural
15 East Antelope Valley. It includes Lake Los Angeles, Sun
16 Village, Littlerock, eastern parts of Lancaster, and
17 Palmdale. The person who submitted this COI talked about
18 the importance in this area of environmental education and
19 dealing with issues of illegal dumping, that the people
20 who live in this area are bound by sharing a rural
21 lifestyle. This is a majority Latinx community unified
22 with other race and ethnicity groups that live here in
23 this area.

24 And we've got three different COIs in different areas
25 here in Palmdale and in Lancaster and then in Palmdale,

1 Lancaster, and this area to the north, California City, et
2 cetera in -- in Kern County. And all of these submissions
3 have in common that -- all of these submissions have in
4 common that they -- the -- the people who submitted them
5 talked about there being racial profiling and
6 discrimination and inequity -- racial inequity in these
7 areas and the need for there to be more resources and that
8 there was exponential growth in the area. And I'm going
9 to zoom in so we have a little bit more detail on
10 the Palmdale submission bounded by 14 and then 138 goes
11 through it; and this also says 138.

12 And then moving a little bit north to Lancaster, this
13 is the area -- let's see if I can zoom in on it. Here's
14 East Avenue K, 20th Street. This is 30th to the north;
15 and this northern boundary is East Avenue H, 15th Street
16 West, and 10th Street West. All right. And then we have
17 some definitions here of Antelope Valley, including areas
18 in Kern county, including Edwards Air Force Base, Mojave,
19 Rosemond. This version includes Tehachapi. And the
20 people who submitted these COIs talked about there being a
21 lot of employment from the military and the aerospace
22 industrial, that there is a large indigenous population
23 here, and there's serious concern for tribal issues in the
24 area, that people who live in these areas live in a unique
25 climate and together face the challenges presented by that

1 climate.

2 And the last one, this COI was about the High Desert.
3 It is including Antelope Valley and including the parts of
4 Kern County that this user is saying is part of Antelope
5 Valley, including California City, Mojave, Rosemond, and
6 then the Victor Valley and Barstow area. And this person
7 also spoke to there being common environmental and
8 economic conditions in these areas and that is why they
9 should be a COI or why they are a COI.

10 And that is the last -- the last COI I have for this
11 presentation. I'm happy to have any questions. And,
12 again, just one more -- another reminder that these are
13 COIs -- a summary of, sort of, general things that are
14 coming in through the COI tool, not through the input
15 meetings, not through -- not written testimony. And, you
16 know, different information might come up through the
17 hearings and through the input meetings.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Great. Thank you so much,
19 Jaime. I guess I'll just jump in really quickly; and
20 hopefully -- I'm sure commissioners will have questions.
21 You just -- just to -- as a reminder as the backdrop to
22 this, we -- as Jaime just mentioned, we're only looking at
23 the -- the COI -- the submissions that came through the
24 COI tool today. And we had asked the line drawing team to
25 take us on this tour, if you will. This is not to suggest

1 that this is everything and -- that you might want to take
2 a look at. That's why the tool is now available on the
3 website. And so we certainly encourage you to -- to spend
4 the time to really get familiar with the different COIs
5 that have been submitted; but, instead, we -- we asked the
6 line drawers to, in the time that we have, you know, show
7 us some of those big highlights throughout -- throughout
8 the county.

9 So, with that, we'll open it up to questions from
10 commissioners and -- and/or staff -- or comment.

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Kennedy?

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Sorry about
13 that. My Internet is cutting out. Thank you for that.

14 One question I have is what's the easiest way to see
15 the extent to which any of these communities of interest
16 are coterminous with existing districts?

17 JAIME CLARK: We currently don't -- well, we can look
18 at them on -- on the map that you see with existing
19 district boundaries; and, yeah, I -- I think that that
20 would probably be the easiest way to see them.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Sorry. Could you repeat
22 because my Internet went out again.

23 JAIME CLARK: Yes, absolutely. We can review the
24 COIs and simultaneously show the current district
25 boundaries.

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Perfect. Thank you.

2 JAIME CLARK: So -- yeah.

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think that's such a great
4 point that you raised Commissioner Kennedy. I know
5 Commissioner Andersen and I have talked about this also,
6 that one of the challenges we see is it's really hard for
7 us to have access to the COIs and to see the congressional
8 districts or county lines or -- or natural boundaries all
9 at the same time unless -- unless Q2 Haystack is in front
10 of us and able to show it to us. So I do think that's one
11 of the ongoing, sort of, limitations that perhaps -- that
12 perhaps we have as a commission.

13 JAIME CLARK: So here's -- here's just one example.
14 What's showing on the map right now is the Greater
15 Wilshire neighborhood, and then we can also display here
16 the current boundary lines simultaneously.

17 KARIN MACDONALD: May I please ask -- add to this
18 conversation that once -- once we go into line drawing,
19 you will be seeing us pretty much on a daily basis; and
20 since this will be an interactive process, whatever lines
21 you would like to see, you know, previous lines when
22 you're giving direction or when you're evaluating other
23 public input, we'll be able to pull up very easily for
24 you.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Others with questions or

1 comments? Jaime, you were so thorough. This was
2 wonderful.

3 If there are not other comments or questions -- oh,
4 go ahead, Jane, yeah.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I was just going to
6 say did -- you know, before we, sort of, just go into just
7 talking all about it, do we want to get some public
8 comment also on this portion, just what -- oh, sorry,
9 there's a reverb.

10 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: We -- I didn't think we were
11 talking too much about the content here, just -- just
12 receiving it; and then the -- the actual discussion about
13 what do we do about it will come in the next few weeks in
14 the middle of September when we're giving that direction
15 to the line drawers about what may -- we might want to do.

16 Commissioner Andersen, do you have other pieces that
17 you would like to raise before we move on?

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: No. No. I actually --
19 just -- you're going to go into the -- sort of, our next
20 steps or -- but I would like to say before -- do any of
21 the commissioners have any questions specifically for, you
22 know, Jaime or Karin because once we start talking about,
23 well, what do we think about how -- this approach and
24 details of that, you know, what are we seeing, you know,
25 do we want to keep -- you know, do we need the -- is it

1 okay to release our line drawers?

2 So is it -- but, Commissioner Sadhwani, I'll let you
3 read the next, sort of, section.

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Can Commissioner Akutagawa ask a
5 question?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Thank you for this
7 tour. And -- and I guess I'll -- I'll admit I did some of
8 my poking around on the -- on the Airtable as well too,
9 especially in areas that I was particularly familiar with.
10 I was just curious as to what kind of input had come in.

11 But I've had this question throughout the whole
12 public input process, you know, receiving the communities
13 of input -- communities of interest inputs; and I guess
14 maybe this is partly -- I guess maybe going to be a
15 question for Jaime and Karin but also -- perhaps also a --
16 I don't know -- reminder, an entreaty, encouragement -- I
17 don't know -- whatever we want to call it to those who are
18 watching and listening and those who are from
19 organizations too -- I think this is where I feel like the
20 continued inputs that we get from communities is going to
21 be really important because I -- what I'm realizing is
22 that -- you know, I was seeing this throughout the COI
23 input process too -- is that we're going to get and we are
24 getting conflicting inputs about what is a COI. And I --
25 I think I'm just trying to stay, you know, open to

1 whatever the possibilities are. Obviously there's going
2 to be the numbers that we have to follow.

3 I think for Jaime and Karin, am -- am -- am I right
4 in just understanding, like, you know, following the six
5 criteria that we have to follow but keeping into account
6 the VRA and all this communities of input, we're going to
7 be having to make, obviously, some very hard choices
8 between what we're hearing? Has the -- it -- it seems
9 like there are some that are thinking that the more, like,
10 someone calls in, those voices will then ensure that a
11 certain kind of district will be eventually drawn based on
12 that communities of input -- interest input. Is -- is
13 that how we're going to also be utilizing the inputs to
14 make some of those hard choices?

15 I -- I think I'm talking out loud here, so I do
16 apologize I'm not totally making sense. I'm realizing
17 that myself now. But I guess I'm just trying to think
18 about, like, when there's conflicts, you know, inputs and
19 we're following all of the six line drawing criteria, is
20 it really going to mean that the -- the -- the people who
21 call in the most to advocate for a certain COI is going to
22 be the ones that we're going to really listen to aside
23 from the other six things? I don't know if -- if that's
24 an accurate way to describe it, but I think I'm just
25 trying to also think about what -- what do we do when we

1 have all this conflicting COI input.

2 JAIME CLARK: Yeah. Thank you so much.

3 KARIN MACDONALD: Commissioner Akutagawa, if I -- I
4 could take a stab at that -- at that question, I think
5 what you have is you have ranked criteria, right, so the
6 communities of interest -- the reason for why you're
7 presumably putting so much time and efforts into it is
8 because you're basically building a database from scratch
9 on communities of interest because there are -- are no
10 databases on communities of interest.

11 So what you're doing is you're supplementing existing
12 data, data that you're getting, you know, from the census
13 shortly, from, you know, various other sources like the
14 American Community Survey and you're building an
15 additional database for this redistricting process. And
16 since you're doing that from scratch, it takes some time
17 to do that. People will have different opinions. They
18 will have different electoral needs. They will have
19 different perspectives on their areas where they live.

20 I -- you know, I see this in my own area where, you
21 know, my neighbors may, you know, draw my -- draw our
22 community of interest probably very similarly, and then
23 one person will highlight an environmental issue; another,
24 of course, then may talk about housing; another person may
25 talk about houselessness and -- and so forth. So there's

1 different perspectives, and -- and that's okay. There can
2 be different perspectives about areas where, you know,
3 those are communities of interest. We're asking people
4 what they know, and we're asking them to participate. So
5 backing away from that particular section of this
6 conversation and looking at the overall requirements that
7 we have, communities of interest are in -- are part of our
8 criteria on four, which says cities, counties -- cities
9 and counties, neighborhoods, and communities of interest,
10 you know, you shall respect and, you know, try not to
11 divide too much.

12 So what you're getting right now is a lot of
13 different shapes. And within that criteria on these --
14 these particular sections are not -- are not ranked. So,
15 essentially, city, counties, neighborhoods, communities of
16 interest, they're all on one level. And we've already
17 heard some -- you know, we've heard from some communities
18 that they are organizing and that they feel like their
19 community crosses city boundaries, crosses, you know,
20 county boundaries for example. So that's going to be one
21 place where the Commission will have to make a
22 determination, for example, not just within whether people
23 define their communities slightly differently or bring
24 different -- different reasons for why this particular
25 area is a community of interest to -- to the conversation

1 but rather also whether the community of interest should
2 be prioritized over the county and city boundary for
3 example.

4 With respect to the other criteria, the Voting Rights
5 Act obviously -- in particular in this area that Jaime has
6 just presented -- will be a very important factor because
7 there are quite a few different populations groups that
8 are protected by the federal Voting Rights Act; and those
9 population groups are living very close to each other and
10 are living in the same areas and in the same
11 neighborhoods. So this will be an interesting
12 conversation, oftentimes a difficult conversation to
13 figure out, you know, how -- how to incorporate all of
14 these different things with the federal Voting Rights Act.

15 Even though the criteria are ranked, they also
16 collaborate with each other to some extent. So when
17 you're starting to look at communities of interest after
18 you've heard from your council, from our RPV consultant,
19 and so forth and once they have given you some guidance on
20 how to address these areas, I think then you're starting
21 to look at what do I know about this particular area; and
22 then you may run into this issue that you just flagged,
23 which is what you called conflicting communities of
24 interest. Perhaps there are some boundaries that are not
25 the same, you know, that are maybe going a little bit over

1 on one side, a little bit over on the other side. And,
2 you know, you may get to the point where you can say I can
3 keep one of these shapes together but I cannot keep a
4 larger one together. So sometimes you may be able to say
5 I have this area that one person has said that there's
6 this rather large area, but in that large area are various
7 smaller areas, I could keep the entire large area
8 together, which then by default keeps the smaller areas
9 together also. And you may be able to do that also.

10 Basically, where you will be sitting as you'll be
11 looking at all of these and figure out, you know, for that
12 particular area given the input that we have heard, this
13 is what we would like to keep together and -- and here is,
14 perhaps, where we can only keep you together in a
15 different district. So there will be tradeoffs throughout
16 the process, not just in terms of, you know, conflicting
17 overlapping or -- perhaps not overlapping boundaries but
18 also with the other criteria. It's just not a simple
19 process. You know, it requires a lot of communication;
20 and because you're doing this transparently and you're
21 having communication with the public, you will most likely
22 be realizing -- get input throughout this process about
23 what you're doing and how people feel about this because
24 you may get into the situation where you have to say,
25 okay, I have to split this particular community, I have no

1 choice, and everybody has said this community needs to
2 stay together, can you please all come back to us and tell
3 us where is a good place to split this, where would it
4 create the least problem for you. And then, you know,
5 hopefully, people will respond to you.

6 So I know this was a pretty long little -- little
7 monologue here, but I hope that explained or at least
8 helped a little bit. Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I -- I found that very
10 helpful, so I hope that was helpful for others.

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. I think it speaks to
13 many of the concerns that I -- I regularly hear about, you
14 know, how do all of these different components fit
15 together, right? There's all these different pieces
16 within the criteria that we're thinking about. And how
17 are we going to make those choices, and -- and how do we
18 understand the information that's going to be put in front
19 of us in order to -- to really contemplate those choices.
20 So I think that was a really helpful response.

21 So before we wrap up, we had a couple of questions.
22 I actually wanted to start first with we've taken this
23 look and taken this tour through Los Angeles, what in here
24 have we seen in terms of areas where we might need
25 additional outreach? So we have a couple more COI input

1 meetings coming up. We've got our outreach team here.
2 We've heard about all of the incredible work that they've
3 already done. Are -- from -- given this tour and any of
4 the additional research that you've done looking at the
5 Airtable tool already, are there areas in particular or
6 communities in particular where we feel like maybe we need
7 additional outreach to them? Is there -- are there any
8 spots or zones where we feel like -- in the next week or
9 two where we can do additional effort or from the media
10 side, that our media buys can be -- can be targeted?

11 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. And, actually,
12 quickly -- and that's not just Los Angeles. That's also
13 Los Angeles County. That's also the other areas in
14 California. If we see any -- like, you know, we really
15 need to do something in a different area or -- please
16 speak up.

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I guess the one that jumped out
18 at me just, you know, having grown up in the South Bay
19 area of Los Angeles is, kind of, the San Pedro/Harbor
20 Gateway area. We've got some input in that area, but it
21 is -- it -- it -- it's interesting how very few people
22 mentioned San Pedro. They all mentioned, kind of,
23 everybody else but them. Long Beach doesn't include them.
24 South Bay doesn't include them, but it is an important
25 part of the harbor and stuff. So that Harbor Gateway/San

1 Pedro area, kind of, felt -- and then I also, kind of,
2 thought El Segundo and the airport area, they got lumped
3 in a lot of times with the coastal. But we haven't really
4 heard from the community themselves if they consider
5 themselves part of that coastal community, you know, Santa
6 Monica, Manhattan beach, Redondo Beach, all the way down
7 to Palos Verdes.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Those are great suggestions.
9 That's great.

10 Commissioner Fernandez?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you. I think in
12 terms of areas that need more outreach, I -- I would like
13 to defer on our outreach staff because they will be able
14 to take a look at the COI input that we receive and should
15 be able to see the gaps; so I think I'd feel more
16 comfortable -- I mean, I've sent messages to them
17 regarding where I think some of the outreach efforts
18 should be. Of course, you know, I'm a little bit selfish
19 in thinking of Zone D; but right now I think that they
20 might be in a better position to determine where those
21 gaps are.

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Perfect. And I certainly
23 don't want to put the -- the outreach team on the spot,
24 but we did include them on the agenda for this piece as
25 well.

1 So if, you know, Sulma, Marcy -- I don't know if
2 Kimberly is still with us -- if there are, you know, any
3 responses or any initial thoughts having seen this --
4 this -- L.A., certainly I think that we can do a deeper
5 dive offline and -- and take a closer look at that.

6 But if there's any initial thoughts that you want to
7 share -- Commissioner Akutagawa?

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I want to just also
9 echo and affirm what Commissioner Sinay said about the
10 South Bay. I thought it was interesting that there were
11 callers that called in and included Santa Monica; but,
12 yeah, it -- it would be good to hear more from the south
13 by communities because I think -- I suspect that there's
14 probably some mixed feelings or perspectives on it.

15 I also want to also point out it would probably be
16 helpful to hear more from some of the East San Gabriel
17 Valley communities because I know that we've had some
18 comments about the Asian community, but it is a lot more
19 nuanced than that. So I wanted to also just point that
20 part out as well to -- and so I think -- also I think that
21 some of the South L.A. communities, it would be also
22 helpful to hear a little bit more from as well.

23 SULMA HERNANDEZ: Okay. So, one, I just want to
24 clarify -- and I think, Jaime, you mentioned it -- the --
25 the input you shared are all from the COIs that were

1 submitted, is that correct, using the draw my tool, right?

2 So I -- I can initially in -- from -- what I recall
3 in attending the majority of the COI meetings is that we
4 do have other communities that have shared from the South
5 Bay beach cities, San Gabriel valley, in a COI input
6 meeting that once -- I -- I would say once we have all
7 that data out there into the database, we can see if a lot
8 of other communities aren't being represented. But I -- I
9 can -- I'm very happy to see the initial because you --
10 you covered a lot of Los Angeles. And I know that one of
11 the -- the reservations that we had was because the --
12 the -- these communities weren't speaking at a meeting, we
13 just kept relying on organizations that we were contacting
14 saying we're submitting things online, we're submitting
15 things online; and we weren't sure if they were until
16 today where we're able to see how they are submitting
17 online and may not be attending a virtual meeting.

18 So my initial thoughts are we -- it's really
19 comprehensive; it's a good representation of L.A. County;
20 and all we can do is continue to push those smaller
21 communities that we haven't heard from. And whether it's,
22 like, the eastern side of L.A. County, Pomona, Claremont,
23 Montclair, all that area -- because I know in -- in
24 meetings and in a few of the data examples you've showed,
25 I haven't seen -- or, you know, maybe there's more

1 information there. I know that there is also, like, the
2 San Pedro area; so the -- the team will work -- I'm -- I'm
3 very familiar with L.A. County. Kimberly is familiar with
4 L.A. County. And, again, we're not going to dive deep
5 into this; but those are my initial reactions and
6 thoughts.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. That makes total
8 sense. And just as a reminder, like, this is all of our
9 first opportunity to really take a closer look at those
10 cities' tool submissions; so I think that all makes --
11 makes total sense. And once we're thinking about this in
12 the -- the bigger -- you know, the bigger picture with the
13 COI inputs with the other public comments that we've
14 received, I think we'll have a -- a clearer sense of where
15 those gaps might lie.

16 So the only other things that we wanted to just talk
17 about real briefly were some of our next steps and a
18 little bit of a debrief for -- from today; and I'm just
19 cautious of time because we're at 2:44. But we have
20 reserved time on the agendas for September 7th as well as
21 September 11th to do more of these sessions simply so the
22 in-public session we have the opportunity to review some
23 of the COI inputs that we've received through the COI
24 tool. Just as we've -- we've dedicated many hours to --
25 to hearing live testimony, also dedicating some time to --

1 to really looking more closely at the COI tool
2 submissions.

3 So to that end though, this is our first chance
4 looking at any of this data. It was our first opportunity
5 to -- to try this with Los Angeles. We just, kind of,
6 want to talk about what worked, what didn't work, what we
7 might change for September 7th and September 11th. If you
8 have any of those thoughts or ideas, we can certainly, you
9 know, accept feedback also through e-mail. If -- if you'd
10 prefer to do that, do it that way. And we can work --
11 we'll, of course, work collaboratively with the outreach
12 team and the line drawers to -- to retool however --
13 however necessary to make sure that this time is well
14 spent.

15 But we just wanted to create a little space and
16 opportunity just to, kind of, debrief on how we went --
17 how this went today, how you're feeling about the
18 opportunity to look at all of these COI tool submissions
19 with, of course, the knowledge and understanding that the
20 full database is available online and that, of course,
21 we'll all be going through each and every one of those
22 COIs as well. So I just wanted to open it up and see if
23 folks had any -- any thoughts on what changes we might
24 want to make for the future.

25 Seeing that there are none, I will assume that this

1 was a perfect session and we'll continue on for the
2 future; but, no, of course, please feel free to also send
3 us -- send us -- you know, send us feedback.

4 Commissioner Sinay, thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Well, I feel like there's a lot
6 of things we need to talk about still around line drawing;
7 so that's why your question is too broad to really answer
8 because I've -- I have sat through and read all the
9 reports and pulled out all the things that we still need
10 to talk about. And so maybe we'll just leave it at that.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure.

12 COMMISSIONER SINAY: But I just want to say that I
13 don't -- I don't -- there's a -- there seems to be, for
14 me, a big gap from where we are right now to where we
15 actually start drawing lines; and there's still -- I don't
16 want to just skim through September. But there's a lot of
17 deep dives we have to do in September, be it outreach, be
18 it learning, be it collecting more, engagement, voter
19 rights, I mean, there's a lot of stuff we've got to do in
20 September. It's not a -- not a -- you know, we used to
21 joke around that it was our -- our -- our time to relax
22 was when -- you know, when we first started creating the
23 map for the -- I mean, the calendar for the summer; but
24 the truth is there's a lot we need to get done between now
25 and when we get the data.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. And I -- I think
2 that's right. And I -- you know, this is only meant to --
3 I mean, I think Commissioner Andersen and I am -- correct
4 me if I'm wrong; but, I mean, we took on this piece of
5 let's review the COI tool. And so, certainly, there are a
6 lot of other activities going on that I'm sure other
7 committees or subcommittees are also working on and
8 hopefully are being agendized for -- for the month as
9 well.

10 CHAIR FORNACIARI: If I can just jump in here --

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, please.

12 CHAIR FORNACIARI: -- before we end this agenda item,
13 we're going to -- we're going to discuss some of the
14 conversations that -- that came up at the last meeting and
15 some of the input that we've had about, you know, some set
16 of guidelines for us to -- to, you know, think about how
17 to develop those guidelines. So we'll talk about that in
18 a few minutes.

19 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Commissioner Kennedy?

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. Just -- can you
21 confirm you can hear me because I've got connectivity
22 issues --

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: We can hear you.

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- with my audio. Okay.
25 Thank you.

1 Jaime had mentioned at the start that looking at this
2 with the -- the terrain layer turned on was an option;
3 and, you know, it's not going to be as relevant in some
4 places as it is in other places. But I -- I do think that
5 there are going to be areas of the state where seeing that
6 terrain layer is going to be very helpful.

7 You know, when people were talking about from the
8 crest line of the Sierras down on one side or the other,
9 you know, it's important to see where that falls vis-a-vis
10 some of these communities; and, likewise, as I -- as I
11 mentioned earlier, I'm going to be interested to see, you
12 know, where people are submitting communities of interest
13 that happen to coincide with existing districts now.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, agreed. Absolutely I
15 think in many of the regions in the state having those --

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. I'd like to just jump
17 in just quickly on that.

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah, please.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Those are -- those are issues
20 which we are really working on how the details of -- of
21 how to get that information so it is visible and when --
22 because of -- in terms of timing and how to put it all
23 through there because, you're absolutely right, there
24 are -- think of all the inputs that are saying I like my
25 district just the way it is and just that -- that idea

1 alone.

2 And, particularly, in certain valleys, it's -- seeing
3 the terrain, it makes it very, very obvious what they're
4 all talking about and what makes a huge difference. So
5 that is something the line drawing team is working on with
6 the line drawers. They're busy with several -- several of
7 those items.

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Commissioner Yee?

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. You know, I'm -- I'm trying
10 to think ahead to the time when the draft maps are out and
11 we get this expected flood of comments on proposed
12 districts. What form did -- do we anticipate that will
13 mostly take? You know, will that be COI submissions? At
14 that point we're going to have a district drawing tool as
15 well that needs -- you know, and until then, I think I'm
16 probably feeling I'm guessing like a lot of the public
17 might feel that, you know, until you have those draft maps
18 really, it is still fairly abstract and -- how much to
19 weigh Simi Valley here versus Simi Valley there. It's
20 just a little bit eye-glazing.

21 But I'm just trying to think forward then, you know,
22 that flood of input, how do we prepare ourselves for it
23 and, kind of, what we expect that form for that -- what
24 form will that take.

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: You know, I might go ahead

1 and just do a quick jump in unless -- unless someone else
2 wants to.

3 Basically, what will start happening is -- we've had
4 public COI input meetings. They'll become public map
5 input meetings because the -- there is -- the
6 redistricting tool is coming out. I don't know exactly
7 when. I'm assuming it's probably combined with the
8 official database; and, at that point, we will start
9 getting -- and even now we'll start getting districts
10 instead of just COIs. So all through the summer, we'll
11 also be getting COIs; but we'll be starting to get
12 districts. And that will also, though, dovetail into the
13 Airtable. Similar to how you can pull up -- you can pull
14 up shape files, that information will also be somehow
15 linked to the data so people can have a look at what
16 districts are being submitted.

17 And then -- so, essentially, once we do -- in terms
18 of our looking forward, say -- yeah, the 7th and 11th
19 would be looking -- reviewing; and then we have the -- in
20 September reviewing these COIs. The 15th, 17th, and 18th
21 we'll be looking at trying -- trying to put ideas
22 together, more about those. And then we'll have a whole
23 series once that -- we'll have a whole series of going
24 back over our criteria, doing a bit of training, what does
25 it mean about line drawing, how are we really going to do

1 this before we start working on the visualizations in
2 October. So September will be a very busy month. We just
3 haven't, sort of, been presented it. You'll start seeing
4 it on the agendas.

5 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Okay. With that, I think we
6 are at the end of what we had planned for this agenda
7 item.

8 Chair, did you want to discuss additional pieces now
9 or do public comment now?

10 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So, let's see, I see Commissioner
11 Kennedy -- we need to, kind of, land this plane. I see
12 Commissioner Kennedy has a question. I know our line
13 drawers have to -- they're -- they have other obligations.

14 But Commissioner Kennedy?

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Just --
16 Commissioner Andersen, you're saying that September is
17 going to be, you know, busy; and, yet, what I'm seeing --
18 you know, we're -- we're expecting to receive the
19 redistricting database on the 20th; and I'm seeing any
20 number of days immediately or shortly after the 20th where
21 there -- there's nothing scheduled. And I'm wondering if
22 that -- if that's positive, or if we should be thinking of
23 taking advantage of those dates and scheduling some
24 meetings that are not currently on the calendar. Thank
25 you.

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, we do have -- the 23rd,
2 the 28th, and 29th are scheduled in addition to the 15th,
3 17th, and -- and 18th of September. And in terms of other
4 days, we're -- I -- I -- I don't know if other -- if
5 people wanted to put other days on there as well.

6 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I -- I was just, kind of,
7 expecting -- you know, I saw that open week too. I -- I
8 was, kind of, expecting that we would play it by ear at
9 that point; and if we needed to meet somewhere, we could
10 add some more meetings or -- as -- as we're getting close.
11 I don't know if -- if -- if you all want to think about
12 adding some days just to have them on the calendar, but I
13 think that's a good suggestion.

14 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And, as of right now, we are
15 working on trying to confirm that the -- the -- some of
16 the VRA analysis and possibly some VRA training could be
17 conducted on those days, September 23rd, 28th, and 29th.

18 I -- Commissioner Yee -- correct me if I'm wrong --
19 it sounds like it's a very strong maybe but not a
20 confirmation from -- from our legal team on those dates;
21 but we continue to advocate for -- for using that time
22 that we have reserved for that.

23 It was also my impression -- and, Karin and Jaime,
24 since you're here, you can respond to that; but the --
25 once the database comes out, we're not ready to start line

1 drawing right away, that there needed to be some time in
2 between, which was why we had scheduled the beginning of
3 that line drawing session in early October.

4 Is that -- am I correct in that?

5 KARIN MACDONALD: Yeah. Thank you so much,
6 Commissioner Sadhwani.

7 I think the logic here was that we will meet
8 before -- right before the data comes out and go in detail
9 about -- over these various regions, the line drawing
10 regions and then receive some preliminary direction from
11 all of you so that we can then, as soon as the data are
12 out, start to put some visualizations together.

13 And then in October when we start meeting, you will
14 have an opportunity to take a look at these visualizations
15 and then start working on maps in a more concrete way
16 because that way you will have something that is in front
17 of you, you will see how the populations are working out
18 with some of these ideas that you have given us and some
19 of the direction that you've given us.

20 We will have some direction from you about -- and
21 some input from our VRA council; and so that will be our
22 first opportunity to, kind of, see what could potentially
23 be done given -- given the priorities that you're going to
24 set for us. So there will actually be quite a bit going
25 on in September; and I think as soon as we get into those

1 first sets of meetings in October, you'll be able to
2 really start moving lines around.

3 And -- and I think everything that Commissioner Yee
4 was just saying about that obstruction, I think that's --
5 that's, kind of, going to fall away at that point once you
6 actually see some visualizations about -- you know, in
7 this particular area. You said to us that you wanted to
8 keep all of these communities of interest together, so
9 here is what is possible and here is where you may need to
10 make a decision about whether, you know, you want to split
11 something here. So that -- that sort of thing is going to
12 happen in October.

13 And then I think we're definitely on a train at that
14 point, and -- and that train is just going to stop every
15 day for more input. And we will be developing these maps.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. So that's --
17 that's in -- thank you, Karin.

18 So, basically, the -- from the line drawers' or from
19 what the subcommittees' perspective is, we're, kind of,
20 heading that direction and putting all the pieces together
21 as we go, not everything all at once because we're trying
22 to go, okay, now these are the communities of interest,
23 let's have a look at them all and then, you know, how --
24 how are we going to look at those? How are we going to,
25 you know, look at them, compare them? Do they conflict?

1 Do they not conflict? And you can't say, oh, we have to
2 decide this -- this one or that one because it's the
3 fourth criteria; so you have to look at everything all
4 together, which we'll be doing in line drawing.

5 So there's going to be a lot of training over issues.
6 There will be general discussion over, you know, trying to
7 keep things together, how do we approach things; and those
8 are, sort of, coming up -- that's what I said -- in these
9 days of September, adding all those pieces and going back
10 over, you know, our training, you know, what did we get
11 way back when, you know, what else do we need to do, what
12 else it coming in, how is it all going to fit together.

13 So once we start in October, we'll have a much better
14 idea of right -- you know, now this is -- this is how it
15 all moves forward. So that's where -- hopefully that
16 makes a little bit more sense without, you know, giving,
17 you know, line by line essentially what's happening when
18 because there's so -- so many pieces depending on other
19 committees and other variations.

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: And if I may, just as we were
21 talking, I did attempt to put together the line-by-line
22 with some dates. Some of the pieces are not confirmed, as
23 we said, with VRA. We just can't get a straight answer
24 from them, quite frankly, about when obviously because the
25 RPV analysis was only just started this week but -- about

1 training and such.

2 But I'm happy to share that if that's -- would be
3 helpful so we can just have something in front of us; and
4 if this is not what the Commission wants to do, then we
5 should talk about changing it because this is what we have
6 planned at least from the line drawing subcommittee. And
7 that is not to say that other subcommittees can't or
8 shouldn't always be continuing with additional pieces.

9 Would it be helpful for me to share my screen really
10 quickly, Chair? Okay. Let's -- I have a lot of stuff on
11 my -- hold on real quick. I think it's this one. I have
12 a lot of screens unfortunately. Are -- are you see agenda
13 PowerPoint? No?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: No.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Let's see.

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: E-mails.

17 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Uh-oh.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Multiracial population; is that
19 it?

20 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: No. Multiracial population?
21 Uh-oh. Oh boy, I don't know what you're looking at. Hang
22 on.

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: We're looking at a blank -- at
24 your wallpaper.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Is that right? Okay. I can

1 put it over there then. Here, there's that one. Are you
2 seeing that now?

3 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. Okay. Great.

5 So the purpose here is -- is just what -- what, you
6 know, Commissioner Andersen and I have laid out. We have
7 tentatively just put as -- I know Commissioner Sinay at
8 the last meeting had mentioned discussion about playbook
9 or what are some of those guidelines. We're very hopeful
10 that that's not something that the line drawing
11 subcommittee is tasked with. That wasn't something we
12 have on our agenda; but -- but we've tentatively just put
13 that on that agenda for September 11th, which is a
14 Saturday in which we really dedicated to any and all final
15 COI input review as we did today, including on September
16 7th. I didn't have the dates in front of me, but sometime
17 in that September 15th through 17th -- those might not be
18 the exact dates -- those sessions giving directions to
19 line drawers based on those COI -- the COI inputs.

20 So that's really where we need to say, okay, look,
21 we've gotten this information about Santa Clarita, what do
22 we want to do about it, right, does Simi -- do we want to
23 see a map with Simi Valley included, not included, with
24 the -- Antelope Valley, what do we want to do there? And
25 so that's the purpose of --

1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Before -- before -- yeah.

2 And also it wouldn't be, like, either or because, again,
3 until we put numbers on it --

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- we don't know. It would
6 be like, well, I -- I think there are three possibilities
7 in that area --

8 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure.

9 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- and then the line drawers
10 can put those together, but it's to give them that kind of
11 thing. Or, like, you might say, oh, no, no, no, we only
12 want to do it a certain way. That's --

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Right.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- that's the idea there.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Exactly. We're very hopeful
16 that by September 23rd we'll do a mock VRA training. The
17 purpose there is not what are the statistics of racially
18 polarized voting but, instead, what do we get from -- from
19 that report and what do we do with it, what kind of
20 options would be in front of us, and how will we weigh
21 those options as a commission.

22 And, hopefully, by September 28th and 29th, we'll
23 actually have some of that VRA analysis, we'll have a
24 better sense of where do we need to draw VRA compliant
25 districts and how will that impact us once we go into

1 October with our line drawing.

2 So that's, kind of, what we have -- have planned on
3 our end thus far. If this isn't -- you know, if this
4 isn't what we want to do, then I think now is a great time
5 to provide that feedback.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I might -- I might say
7 there's a couple other items that are in there also; and I
8 think the --

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Sure.

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- 7th is, you know, looking
11 at, you know, what's -- what's actually the census -- what
12 is our data composed of is, sort of, in there.

13 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh.

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: The -- the actual --

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. The state demographer
16 will be --

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- the quality --

18 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- will be coming to talk
19 about this, yeah.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Exactly. And also
21 additional -- you know, going back to our original, sort
22 of, training that will probably happen in the -- either
23 the 23rd -- probably on -- around the 23rd, it's going
24 back -- remember, you know, the -- here's all the
25 different criteria and this is how you look at it and,

1 sort of, basic questions about how -- how -- approach --
2 how do we want our -- you know, our -- in looking at
3 certain areas, what -- what have we already seen and
4 what -- what do we -- what do we think or, basically, do
5 we need anymore, like -- you know, like, do we need a
6 little GIS training. That could also happen in there, you
7 know, so we have an idea of what could we even ask the
8 line drawers to do. You know, some basic information can
9 also happen in there. So when we get to October, we
10 already have -- we're -- basically we're ready.

11 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I'm going to just stop
12 sharing. I think this is pretty straightforward.

13 COMMISSIONER TURNER: So, Chair --

14 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yes, Commissioner Turner?

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: -- and to the subcommittee,
16 thank you -- that was helpful -- for sharing that.

17 The mock VRA that we currently have scheduled,
18 perhaps, for September 23rd and then there's quite a --
19 there's the week gap between then and the VRA analysis.
20 Is there a reason why that's so far out, that we couldn't
21 come and do the analysis right after?

22 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I think it's a question of
23 when the analysis will be ready, and we just don't have a
24 clear answer on that yet.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I would love to have them
2 together --

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: -- you know, but I just -- I
5 don't -- we don't have a --

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Okay. Well, so based on when
7 it's available, that would be my request, that they would
8 be closer together. Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Got it. That makes total
10 sense. Thank you for that.

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thanks. Karin had to sign off.

12 Jaime -- I don't think there are anymore questions
13 for Jaime at this point; and I just want to thank you for
14 your time today and -- and spending the extra time with
15 us. Take care. Well, thanks -- thanks for that. That
16 was really interesting. I would pull out the old drinking
17 from the firehose analogy again, it was a lot of input all
18 at once; and I'm -- my mind was spinning on how are we
19 going to deal with all this. But it was -- it was good to
20 see, you know, good to get that -- that introduction.

21 So before we're -- we -- we wrap up this -- this
22 particular topic -- let's see -- Fredy, are you there?
23 You're plane -- you have to leave by four or what --
24 what's the story, Fredy?

25 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yes.

1 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So can you come back after break
2 because I've got one quick thing to wrap this Item 5 up;
3 and then we'll get to you right after break. Okay.
4 Thanks.

5 So let's see. So a lot of conversation today, some
6 public comment today about, you know, criteria,
7 guidelines, how we're going to -- how we're going to, you
8 know, make decisions about communities of interest input,
9 about drawing lines; and, I mean, our very first piece
10 of -- of input from Rosalind Gold was, you know, around
11 questions to the -- answering questions to the public
12 about our approach, are we going to use last time's maps;
13 are we going to start with a blank slate.

14 You know, Ms. Westa-Lusk asked about our criteria for
15 drawing congressional districts. You know, all of
16 these -- these issues need to be addressed. Commissioner
17 Sinay brought up the question last time -- this -- this
18 question at our last meeting, and we discussed it kind of
19 briefly.

20 I talked -- so there's a chair/vice-chair meeting
21 prior to each meeting; and in that meeting I talked to
22 Commissioner Sadhwani about, you know, what approach we
23 should take to handling that. I think that we need to
24 think about some guidelines that we -- we would use.

25 The last commission, in addition, had a set of --

1 they call it principles for drawing preliminary maps.
2 We've gotten feedback from a number of organizations that
3 did reviews on the -- and the last commission -- but that
4 did reviews on -- but the last Commission that -- you
5 know, to have a set of guidelines going into it is a good
6 idea. So Commissioner Sadhwani and I thought that it
7 might be a good opportunity to stand up a subcommittee
8 to -- to look at this issue.

9 I know it's very closely tied with the line drawing;
10 but -- but there are some -- you know, some set of
11 criteria that, you know, based on the six criteria, you
12 know, how are we going to manage that and then, you know,
13 some other issues to look at so -- you know, what is your
14 population criteria we're going to use to start, you know,
15 how are we going to approach the VRA.

16 We're going to start with Section 2 -- are we going
17 to start with Section 2's districts? That was the advice
18 we were given. Section 5 -- are we going to ignore
19 Section 5 at this point? Are -- are we going to, kind of,
20 consider that in the back of our mind? You know, how do
21 we manage conflicting COI input, all these kinds of
22 things.

23 So what I'd like to do is see if there's any -- you
24 know, who -- who might be interested in participating in
25 standing up a -- working on a committee to -- to look at

1 those issues. I know the line drawing team has a lot on
2 their plate right now; so you'd be working in conjunction
3 with the line drawing team but, you know, just focusing on
4 the criteria.

5 So, Commissioner Sadhwani, I don't know if you had
6 anything to add.

7 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yeah. You know, I mean, I
8 think my sense is that -- at least from our discussion at
9 the last meeting is that these are conversations that need
10 to happen across the whole -- whole commission but really
11 just having a subcommittee that could help convene and --
12 and -- and -- and maintain those conversations and, kind
13 of, capture the takeaways from those conversations, right,
14 gearing them up just as you just did, Chair Fornaciari,
15 and what are the key questions that need to be answered.
16 Having that conversation and then capturing them in a
17 document much like 2010 did is my sense of what that, kind
18 of, entails.

19 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. And I think, kind of --
20 yeah, and also, you know, starting to frame that
21 conversation initially for us, what would be -- you know,
22 what would be the tradeoffs, what was the approach last
23 time. You know, they started with a certain percent; and
24 then they went down and -- and, you know, what is the
25 history or what was their -- the 2010 history and they --

1 why they wound up where they wound up and what might we
2 want to consider as a starting point and, again, just
3 guidelines to help us out in -- and capture those
4 decisions -- capture and document those decisions that we
5 make.

6 Jane -- I mean Commissioner Andersen and then --
7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, I will say -- okay.
8 This is a -- you know, the line drawing committee has
9 basically some really, kind of, rough really good ideas
10 about -- this is -- you're not, like, in the dark on this
11 because, you know, the population -- obviously, we -- you
12 know, boom, we have the numbers right away. We've
13 already, kind of, said in terms of -- we need our most
14 flexibility until we get more -- until our lines get --
15 you know, if -- if you -- if you -- basically, their
16 ideas the line -- line drawing subcommittee has on each of
17 the criteria in terms of what's the easiest way to make
18 this work and then refine it -- so this is not exactly --
19 but in terms of do we also have time to do that and then
20 write this all up in a document? Not really.

21 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. That's -- that's -- right.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: So --

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I mean, you guys got so much on
24 your plate right now so --

25 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right. So -- but, I mean,

1 well, I don't --

2 CHAIR FORNACIARI: -- I think --

3 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- I don't want to scare the
4 people who might volunteer. I don't want to scare them
5 away thinking, oh my God, I don't know anything about
6 that. No. We would give you -- like, hey, here's a
7 rough -- here's an outline and then what do you think
8 about things like that.

9 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Yee?

10 COMMISSIONER YEE: I'm interested.

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Commissioner Turner?

12 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes. I'd love to work with
13 Commissioner Yee on this.

14 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Derric had also expressed an
15 interest on that and knew we were going to do this because
16 he wasn't going to be here.

17 Are there other folks who are interested? I'd
18 definitely like to make this a -- you know, a -- two
19 different political affiliations; so I will have Trena on
20 board and -- okay. I don't know. Flip a coin.

21 Russell -- I mean, Russell, you're on a couple other
22 committees that are pretty busy at this time; but do you
23 feel like you have the bandwidth?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: I do. I am on VRA. I don't know
25 if that helps or injures. You know, I mean, I --

1 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER TURNER: And I'm -- I'm happy to step
3 back and have him do it with Derric.

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Well --

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: That's two republicans.

6 CHAIR FORNACIARI: -- I'd, kind of, like to have two
7 separate parties on this subcommittee. I think that would
8 be the best optics.

9 Commissioner Kennedy?

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: On something this important,
11 it seems to me that this might be an occasion to where we
12 want to go ahead and make it a formal three-person
13 committee with one from each of the three subgroups.

14 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Are you volunteering?

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I have a party identification
16 that's already been taken.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Oh, right. Well, you know what --

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: But I'm looking to -- I'm
19 looking to the other category.

20 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Oh, yeah, sorry. And my comment
21 on that is I don't think we have time because we need to
22 have -- we need to have something together -- I think it's
23 a great idea, Commissioner Kennedy; but we don't have time
24 because we would have to agendize the public meeting at
25 least ten days out, right; and -- and I think we need to

1 have this committee back to us with something on the 11th.

2 So I think Commissioner -- I saw Commissioner Ahmad
3 and then Commissioner Fernandez.

4 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: No, pass. Nevermind.

5 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Commissioner Fernandez?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I was just going to
7 make the same comment that I don't think we have time for
8 a full committee because of the two weeks having to notice
9 and all of that good stuff.

10 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Commissioner Yee,
11 Commissioner Turner, you're it; and I'll talk to Derric
12 and let him know and -- that he'll have an opportunity to
13 provide input, I guess, when the rest of us do.

14 But there's a -- Commissioner Sinay has compiled a
15 file of information for you all. The line drawers have
16 information, so we'll get you kick started right away.
17 And thank you.

18 In fact, we're behind on our break; so we will break
19 until 3:32.

20 (Brief break.)

21 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Welcome back, California. Thank
22 you for sticking with us.

23 Let's see. We are down to our last session. We've
24 got a lot to get through. I was able to wrangle an extra
25 half hour out of the -- out of the team if we need it. So

1 we have a couple things to wrap up. We have to finish up
2 Agenda Item 3 and do the entirety of Agenda Item 4. And
3 Fredy has to get on a plane. Let's go to Commissioner
4 Ceja -- or Director Ceja first.

5 DIRECTOR CEJA: Thank you so much, Chair.

6 I wanted to start off with the report going through
7 the social media analytics which are posted on our
8 website. For Facebook we have a total of 1,048 likes.
9 Our post reach has gone up by 170 percent, which is pretty
10 good. Instagram, we have 258 followers. Twitter, we have
11 1,671 followers. LinkedIn has 288 followers, and YouTube
12 has 78 subscribers.

13 But I did want to share that our California
14 Redistricting Basics video presentation has been viewed
15 1,111 times which is pretty amazing. So people are
16 actually going to seek that information. And as we go out
17 and give the second phase of education through our field
18 staff for COI input, I think that's going to be valuable
19 and useful as well.

20 I wanted to also give you an update on our website
21 numbers. I got another e-mail this week saying,
22 congratulations, you're database is increasing and going.
23 So we're at 15,361; and, of course, I'm getting a bill in
24 the mail for that, for increased cost. But it's good. It
25 means that our nation is growing. It means that folks are

1 interested in what we're doing, and so they're subscribing
2 to our E-blasts so that they know what's going on.

3 As far as our contracts are concerned for
4 advertising, we do have three signed contracts; and
5 everything else is at the Offices of Legal Services, OLS.
6 So that includes radio and billboard contracts for Zones F
7 and G; radio and billboard contracts for Zones A, B, D;
8 radio and billboard contract for Zone C; the social media
9 advertising contract; the print advertising contract; and
10 then the ethnic media briefings contract that we mentioned
11 earlier today. That is, again, to bring together members
12 of the ethnic media groups around the state to make sure
13 that they're reaching ethnic communities and placing
14 stories in their local papers and TV stations.

15 And as far as media hits for this week, we had 10
16 that mentioned the Commission; and there were 40 stories
17 altogether on redistricting over the past week. And
18 Commissioner Kennedy did an interview with the Desert Sun,
19 and Commissioner Toledo did an interview with KPFZ Lake
20 County Radio. That's the book of my report.

21 As far as the contracts are concerned, I did speak to
22 Raul while I was up here. He said that we should be
23 hearing back from OLS this week and have signed contracts,
24 which means we can proceed with our scope of work. So by
25 next week, hopefully, we'll have all contracts in play;

1 and by the next meeting I'll have a better report for you
2 as far as how we're going to kick off all these campaigns
3 and hopefully start seeing some of our numbers increase
4 with participation.

5 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thanks.

6 Commissioner Kennedy?

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

8 Director Ceja, we -- we have two things that we can't
9 lose track of. You know, congratulations on the growth of
10 the database and -- and all of the success with everything
11 else. I do think there's a lot to be happy about and
12 proud of. We -- we don't want to lose track of what is
13 the status of getting all of the transcripts of our
14 meetings up onto the website; and, second of all, what is
15 the status of getting the 2010 website back to exactly
16 where it was in the days before we took office. Thank
17 you.

18 DIRECTOR CEJA: Thank you. I will inquire -- oh, I'm
19 off, right? Am I on? I'm on. I'm going to inquire --
20 I've -- I've already spoken to our staff here in
21 Sacramento, but I'll -- I'll chat with you off -- offline
22 on both of those issues.

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you.

24 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yeah.

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Any -- oh, Commissioner Sinay?

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry. I had heard from the
2 grapevine that you were looking at getting, like, a half
3 page or something in the Gubernatorial Recall Voter Guide.
4 Did we -- were we able to get that in there?

5 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yep. So Director Kaplan was in
6 contact with the Office of the Secretary of State. We
7 were able to submit language to go into the Voter Guide.
8 I believe we made it in there; but we will see once they
9 print it, once they print the booklets. I'm not sure --
10 she's not sitting in front of me, so I don't -- I don't
11 have a -- a response for you right now. But we did submit
12 it, and it was approved. And they were just waiting to
13 see if there was going to be space in the actual booklet
14 for it; but if that's the case, then everyone who's
15 received a booklet should have information about the
16 Commission and how to participate in there.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So, like, an advertisement for the
18 Commission --

19 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yeah, for free.

20 CHAIR FORNACIARI: -- in the Voter Guide?

21 DIRECTOR CEJA: For free, yeah --

22 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Brilliant. That's awesome.

23 DIRECTOR CEJA: -- to every voter, yeah --

24 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Wow.

25 DIRECTOR CEJA: -- in California.

1 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Wow. That's some reach.

2 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yes.

3 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Cool. Okay. Any other questions?
4 Commissioner Yee?

5 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thanks for all the good work,
6 Director Ceja.

7 For the ad -- the paid ad campaign, I'm wondering
8 if -- when we might be able to see some copy or mockups
9 or -- just curious what that's going to look like and what
10 the messaging is going to be.

11 DIRECTOR CEJA: Yes. So for the first months, we
12 were going with a universal -- I will share the creative
13 that one of the vendors came up with, and we're -- we're
14 pretty much going to use that. And then the scripts for
15 radio, we have scripts for 30-second spots, 60-second
16 spots in English, and then Spanish 30-second and
17 60-second. I have vetted this through a few
18 commissioners, so it's gone through a few eyes already --
19 or revisions. But we've had to pare it down a few times
20 to keep it within the 160-word limit and the 80-word
21 limit.

22 So I will share both of those with -- with the
23 Commission and get your feedback. I'm hoping that by the
24 second month of advertising, I'll be working again with
25 the zone leads so you can have direct input into the

1 messaging if you want to tweak it or change it; or even
2 the creative, if you want to put something in particular
3 on the billboards, then we can make that happen. But I
4 will share what we have right now as a draft and send it
5 to you.

6 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. I don't see anymore
7 questions. Thank you. Thank you.

8 DIRECTOR CEJA: Actually --

9 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you. Yeah, go ahead.

10 DIRECTOR CEJA: -- one more update. Actually,
11 Director Kaplan is in front of me now.

12 Did we get the Voter Guide language in there?

13 Oh, so we did submit the voter language for the
14 Guide; and, unfortunately, we didn't make it in there.
15 Director Kaplan is here. She wants to say a word.

16 DIRECTOR KAPLAN: We did -- we did make it into the
17 public review with the condition that if there was space,
18 then they would put it in the final print. And there
19 wasn't; but they did recommend -- and I had shared this
20 recommendation with the Lessons Learned subcommittee -- to
21 include -- to -- to -- if we can get legislation for the
22 2030 Commission so that there's direction to actually have
23 that language included in the Voter Guide in the future.
24 So the Lessons Learned subcommittee has that information.

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Ahmad?

1 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Just to add to that too, not
2 every redistricting year will have an election. This just
3 happens to be a unique situation in which we were trying
4 to capitalize on the momentum of contacting Californians.
5 I just had to double check because I skimmed through that
6 Voter Guide because I was so excited at the potential, but
7 there's a lot of candidates on that ballot.

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. All right. Well, thank
9 you, Director Ceja; and thank you, Director Kaplan, for
10 coming up to Sacramento and have a safe flight home.

11 So we're at chief counsel's report.

12 ANTHONY PANE: Thank you, Chair. Just a quick brief
13 update on the litigation contracts, I'm going to get
14 feedback from one of the two firms. Strumwasser Woocher
15 is going to get me any edits they have. I've received
16 Gibson & Dunn's edits. I'm looking through those now, and
17 we're going to meet to discuss if there's -- needs to be
18 further pushback and if there's any sort of problems with
19 any of the edits. And if there are things that we need to
20 bring back to you all for, I will do that. Right now I'm
21 just waiting to -- reading to go through and see the
22 actual edits themselves and see how weighty they are as
23 far as whether there's something we can make easily, some
24 things we can't make and see where we go -- or things we
25 need to bring -- bring all to you. So I will keep you all

1 posted on that.

2 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry. I just thought about
4 this, Director Pane. You may want to participate with
5 that new subcommittee --

6 ANTHONY PANE: I will.

7 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- just because -- okay. I put
8 some of the things that you and I had talked about, but it
9 just occurred to me.

10 ANTHONY PANE: Yeah, great point. Thank you.

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Any other questions for Chief
12 Counsel Pane? Okay. Thank you. So that wraps up Agenda
13 Item 3.

14 So, Katy, if you could go to public comment for
15 Agenda Item 3, please.

16 KATY MANOFF: Absolutely, Chair.

17 The Commission will now be taking public comment on
18 Agenda Item No. 3, directors' reports. To give comment,
19 please call 877-853-5247, enter the meeting ID number 898
20 1664 7345. Once you have dialed in, please press Star 9
21 to enter the comment queue. The full call-in instructions
22 were read at the beginning of the meeting and are provided
23 in full on the live stream landing page. And for those
24 that have called in previously to me reading these
25 instructions, if you wish to give comment on Agenda Item

1 No. 3, directors' reports, please press Star 9 to raise
2 your hand indicating you wish to give these comments.

3 We do not have any raised hands at this time, Chair;
4 but we will let you know as soon as those instructions are
5 complete. Our instructions are complete, Chair.

6 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. I'm going to wait another
7 few seconds to see if anybody's trying to call in, and
8 then we'll move on to Agenda Item 4. Okay. Well, I
9 don't -- the caller hasn't raised their hand, and I don't
10 see any new callers in the queue. So we'll have another
11 opportunity for public input when we're done with Item 4
12 and wrapping up the meeting.

13 So subcommittee reports, we'll start with government
14 affairs subcommittee.

15 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: I don't think we have
16 anything significant to report.

17 Commissioner Toledo, any update?

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: No, nothing substantial to
19 report.

20 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you.

21 Finance and administration subcommittee?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. We did --

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Are you going to go?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sure. Sure, unless you
25 wanted to do it.

1 So when we -- when the Commission adopted the travel
2 policy back -- I have the date on here somewhere -- on
3 July 28, they wanted -- there were some requests to maybe
4 provide some guidance on Scenarios 8 through 10 -- 8, 9,
5 and 10; so I did forward that to all the commissioners
6 last night; and it is posted as a handout.

7 So, basically, I just put all the scenarios. 1
8 through 10 -- 1 through 7 were approved. Well, actually,
9 all of them were approved; and then after the table, I
10 just added a little bit of language to each scenario,
11 Scenarios 8, 9, and 10, to provide guidance to whoever is
12 the current chair at the time of the review of specific
13 travel -- potential travel requests.

14 So if there are any questions -- we just try to be
15 very -- a little more detailed about it; and, hopefully,
16 it is enough information that the chair can move forward
17 with either approving or denying or reviewing or enough
18 information to go back and forth and question the
19 commissioner.

20 So do you have any questions, Commissioner Kennedy?

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. Under Scenario 9,
22 what if the request comes from a citizen group in another
23 state that is seeking to learn about the California
24 process?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, at this point we were

1 just saying it's state or federal government because we
2 were trying to keep it specific to the redistricting
3 efforts. In terms of the citizens group, I -- you know,
4 it's up to the Commission whether or not they want to
5 include that information. At some point in time --
6 there's so many groups throughout the country, I guess,
7 that could request; so we're just trying to be a little
8 bit more -- more -- trying to be more -- provide more
9 guidance. So if the Commission feels that they want to
10 include citizens groups, I mean, they -- you could also --
11 there could also be special interest groups; so it's
12 whenever you want to go with that. I -- you know, it's
13 just --

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Right.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- the subcommittee just
16 coming up with something. How's that?

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No, it's -- it's a great place
18 to start from. I -- I do believe that -- and I -- I
19 believe that the 2010 Commission responded to invitations
20 that they received from citizen groups, not just state
21 governments and federal governments; so I would -- I would
22 advocate for broadening that slightly.

23 On Scenario 10, limited to one day per zone per
24 commissioner in -- I understand that there are -- you
25 know, we have concerns about the appearance of this just

1 in general; and so I'm not -- I'm not even necessarily
2 advocating in favor of No. 10. But if we are going to
3 have No. 10, you know, one day per zone -- some of these
4 zones are huge, and I'm not even sure that you could make
5 it around the zone in one day. So I'm just, you know,
6 throwing that out as a question more than anything.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. I think I saw --
8 oh, Marian?

9 MARIAN JOHNSTON: Just for your information, the
10 out-of-state travel by the 2010 Commission was all paid
11 for by a grant from Harvard to go around and talk to other
12 states about having a redistricting commission. None of
13 it was paid for by State funds.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, thank you for that
15 clarification. I -- and I was going to -- I'm glad you
16 brought that up too.

17 Another concern is if it goes beyond, like, a year,
18 we don't know how much money we're going to have left in
19 the budgets; so if someone else isn't paying for it, we
20 don't know if their will be money in the budget to
21 continue on these efforts.

22 I think I saw Commissioner Andersen or -- are you
23 maybe no more?

24 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. It was actually
25 along -- on that -- Scenario 9.

1 You know, now there are several groups which are,
2 indeed, working on independent redistricting, you know,
3 legislation, et cetera across multiple states, each
4 different state; and they are not necessarily the
5 government. I'm specifically thinking of the -- the one
6 at Princeton. I can't think of the name right now. And I
7 know that they would -- they would say, okay, we'd like to
8 invite several commissioners; so would that count?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And --

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I -- I think we need to
11 expand the federal -- I'm a bit with Commissioner Kennedy,
12 I think we need to expand just the straight government
13 because they're official; they're groups that are --

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: -- are working on that.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And, again, this was just
17 for guidelines. It doesn't mean if it falls out of it, it
18 can't be approved; but for whatever reason, some of the
19 commissioners last time wanted a little bit more guidance
20 as to what we were thinking of when we put this as a
21 scenario.

22 So, of course, if the Chair feels that it's
23 appropriate at that time, the Chair could approve it.
24 It -- it's not meant to be only if it's within this
25 parameter. Again, it's a guideline.

1 CHAIR FORNACIARI: I think that's some good feedback
2 that we can -- we can incorporate.

3 I see Commissioner Turner has her hand up.

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. And thank
5 you, Commissioner Fernandez and the subcommittee, for the
6 guidelines.

7 Under Scenario 10 that Commissioner Kennedy lifted,
8 I'd like to just suggest we remove the travel is limited
9 to one day per zone per commissioner since it does already
10 state it's going to be reviewed by the Chair. And I'm in
11 agreement that there are zones that it would not suffice
12 to have one zone per day; so if we have that same scenario
13 as it's there minus the limitation because then that does,
14 kind of, limit -- you know, I think that's problematic,
15 the limitation language. That's all.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Anyone else? Okay.

19 So -- so, Chair Fornaciari, did we want to try to
20 come to consensus on the addendum; or do we want to go
21 back and maybe rethink some of the language?

22 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah. Let's -- I'm just a little
23 concerned about the time today; and it's not --

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right.

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: -- urgent. So let's -- let's

1 rethink the language and revisit it again.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.

3 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you.

4 One thing I neglected to say before we started Agenda
5 Item 4, there are a few subcommittees that may -- may be
6 able to be stood down at this point; and so, you know, as
7 we get to those subcommittees, if you feel your
8 subcommittee is ready to stand down, just let's have that
9 conversation so we can, kind of, clear some of these
10 things up if -- if we need to.

11 I'm -- I'm -- I'll just say right now I'm going to
12 stand down the public input design committee meeting --
13 committee. That, sort of, went away of its own accord;
14 but it's still here on the agenda. So I will stand that
15 one down.

16 So the GANTT committee, Commissioners Kennedy and
17 Taylor?

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I don't have completed
19 updates. I have shared a partial update with Commissioner
20 Taylor. We're just looking to get some additional
21 information on some of the subprocesses of where they
22 stand or where they see their timeline going so that I can
23 add that into the timeline. Thank you.

24 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you. Outreach and
25 engagement; Commissioner Sinay?

1 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I don't think we have anything
2 to report currently. Let's keep up the great work.

3 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Materials development,
4 Fernandez and Kennedy?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I don't think we have --

6 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Commissioner Fernandez, do --
7 well, on the -- on the COI tool paper form, I think it's
8 important for the commissioners to have an understanding
9 of where we are.

10 Do you want to -- do you want to update on that?

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sure. I might defer to
12 Executive Director Hernandez, but we did just receive an
13 update on it. So he'll provide the most recent update;
14 and, also, after he provides the update, the outreach has
15 already worked with the incarcerated population for the
16 state facilities in terms of how many documents and in
17 what languages will be sent to each site. And then we'll
18 also make sure that we include libraries and some other
19 areas as well. Thank you.

20 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: So we -- we have been collecting
21 that information to get a total count of what we're going
22 to print. We've been in constant communication with the
23 Office of State printing. They're ready to go. We're
24 still trying to get the final review from the US Postal
25 Service on the -- the package that we're going to be

1 sending out.

2 The -- the information has to be in an envelope.
3 They have to review it and approve it for all ten
4 different languages. Once they've done that, we're good
5 to go. So it's just a matter of getting it back from them
6 hopefully this week and we go to print. And we do have
7 the numbers. It looks like we're going to print over
8 100,000 of the English copies for the various different
9 groups that have already been identified, including the
10 State incarcerated population, State libraries, and
11 anybody else that we have already on our list, juvenile
12 facilities as well, county jails. And so we have a list
13 we've been compiling. That is how we came up to the
14 number that we're going to be requesting for printing
15 purposes; and then -- yeah, that's where we're at with
16 that. Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And then just a little bit
18 more on that, since this did -- this process did take
19 longer than we thought it was going to take, we're also
20 going to communicate some correspondence with each of
21 these agencies in terms of -- almost like a deadline, get
22 the information back by a certain time. That way it is
23 included and they don't miss their voice. They don't miss
24 their voice heard on the -- this redistricting process.

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Very good. Thank you.

1 Website, Commissioners Kennedy and Taylor?

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Nothing to report at this
3 point.

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Data management?

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. We -- we don't have
6 anything to report, but we're just going to still hold
7 this for a couple more weeks before we sunset it.

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Well, I think I -- I -- I think
9 you all deserve a great big round of applause for all the
10 hard work that you -- you did in -- in working through
11 getting this database system going and up and running.
12 And really, really -- it's really well done. It's -- it's
13 really useful and -- and -- and a great tool. I'm glad we
14 have it up and running at this point, so thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER TURNER: You're welcome. And thank you
16 to Director Hernandez as well.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah, and the team. Yeah,
18 definitely.

19 The community of interest tool, Commissioners
20 Akutagawa and Kennedy?

21 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I mean, I would say that we
22 can stand down this committee because the reporting now is
23 being taken on by Director Kaplan, and I believe the
24 outreach team is also reporting on any of the outreach
25 centers by the statewide database.

1 But, Commissioner Kennedy, you may see some other
2 things I might be missing; so I would also ask if you have
3 thoughts on it.

4 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: At this point, you know,
5 I'm -- I'm certainly okay with standing it down. You
6 know, we will continue to keep an eye and raise any issues
7 that we feel require the full Commission's attention.

8 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah, go ahead.

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Fornaciari --
10 or Chair Fornaciari, I am wondering -- I think
11 Commissioner Kennedy does bring up a good point that, you
12 know, while I -- I -- I -- as I said, I think we can stand
13 it down; but, you know, something might pop up. And --
14 and I guess -- you know, I don't know if this is something
15 that we formally have to do; but there may be an occasion
16 where we may like to resurrect it for the purpose of a
17 brief update or something like that.

18 For example, I just want to just note that the
19 language access committee that Commissioner Fernandez and
20 I were also a part of, we are looking at the potential
21 for -- we may just want to bring back briefly a report to
22 the full Commission on -- around just the -- the
23 interpretation usage; so in that same vein, if -- if
24 that's perhaps something that everybody else is open to,
25 then it may make standing down some of these other

1 committees a little easier as well.

2 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Well, why don't we -- why don't we
3 just wait at this point and -- and see where it goes. I
4 mean, it -- it doesn't -- you know, if we just get to a
5 committee report and you have nothing to report, it
6 doesn't really cost anything.

7 Commissioner Turner?

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. I just wanted to remind
9 Chair that if we -- when we stand down committees, they no
10 longer appear on the agenda; so then if we have
11 information to report, they'd have to be agendized before
12 we can talk about it again I believe.

13 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Correct. And so -- yes, very
14 good. I appreciate that.

15 And so when the language access subcommittee has an
16 information report, you're going to have to put it in
17 the -- in our Google Doc to ensure that we agendize it.

18 Okay. Incarcerated populations at federal
19 facilities, Commissioners Kennedy and Turner?

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: We did send a letter to the
21 Bureau of Prisons; and we had set in there a deadline for
22 receipt of anything by tomorrow. So as of today, we've
23 not received anything; and that may mean we're unlikely to
24 receive anything by tomorrow.

25 CHAIR FORNACIARI: So do you envision that this

1 committee is going to continue to take the lead in
2 developing the -- the -- you know, doing whatever needs to
3 be done to work to make sure in 2030 that we can
4 reallocate those incarcerated persons?

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: That would be my --

6 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yeah.

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- that would be my
8 understanding.

9 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. All right well, then we'll
10 let you carry on with that. Thank you.

11 I guess we're at Lessons Learned subcommittee.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Just keep them coming. We
13 appreciate getting thoughts in our inboxes, and we're
14 happy that people seem to feel free to send those to us.
15 We -- we do get a stream of those and just please keep
16 them coming.

17 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Very good. Thank you.

18 Cyber security update, I don't have an update for you
19 all, just be conscientious about your passwords. So thank
20 you for that.

21 And legal affairs committee, you, kind of, hit on
22 the -- the Supreme Court status. Is there anything else
23 to update?

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Let's see, Sara would be chair
25 right now; but she's not here. So, no, I believe there's

1 nothing else to add.

2 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Thank you. Okay. Well,
3 we've gone through Agenda Item 4 in record time. Is there
4 anything anyone else wants to bring up?

5 Director Hernandez?

6 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: Yes, thank you. I -- I forgot
7 to mention earlier -- and this is more in regards to the
8 language access -- I received a call from the New York
9 co-executive director of the Citizens Redistricting
10 Commission there asking us about how we're doing our
11 language -- you know, our language teleconferencing and of
12 the -- the background information to that. So I was able
13 to provide some general information, so I wanted to share
14 that with all of you that we received a -- the call from
15 New York in that regard.

16 I also wanted to ask if any of the commissioners will
17 be planning on coming to Sacramento to let me know so we
18 can make sure we have sufficient room for everyone. If
19 you are planning on coming to Sacramento, we are -- we
20 have the Concord application available to book the flights
21 and so forth; so I just wanted to uplift that to you as
22 well. I forgot to mention it earlier. Thank you.

23 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Thank you. Did you get -- did
24 the -- did you get a free trip to New York to provide that
25 feedback in person?

1 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: I'll work on that later.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa and I
3 are on our flights next week.

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Very good. It -- does anyone else
5 have anything at this point? Okay. So I'd just like to
6 remind the public -- oh, we need to go to general -- we
7 need to go to public comment on 4 and general public
8 comment.

9 KATY MANOFF: Yes, Chair. So -- oh, do you want to
10 do both right now?

11 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Yes.

12 KATY MANOFF: Okay. Perfect. The Commission will
13 now be taking public comment on Agenda Item No. 4 and
14 general public comment for items not on the agenda at this
15 time. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and enter
16 the meeting ID number 898 1664 7345. Once you have dialed
17 in, please press Star 9 and enter the comment queue. The
18 full call-in instructions are read at the beginning of the
19 meeting and are provided in full on the live stream
20 landing page. And I'd also like to remind those that have
21 called in and joined us via telephone and have been
22 listening along, if you do wish to give comment at this
23 time, please press Star 9 on your telephone key pad. This
24 will raise your hand indicating you wish to give comment
25 before the end of the day.

1 At this time we do not have any raised hands; and I
2 will defer to you, Chair. And we will let you know when
3 the instructions are complete.

4 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. While we're waiting for the
5 instructions to be complete, I just want to remind the
6 public that our next Commission business meeting is
7 September 7th, then we have -- we have public input
8 meetings on the -- tomorrow and Thursday and then the 8th,
9 9th, and 10th with another full Commission meeting on the
10 11th of September. So please join us on those dates.

11 How we doing, Katy, with the instructions?

12 KATY MANOFF: The instructions are complete, Chair;
13 and we do not have any hands raised at this time.

14 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Alvaro, did you just send me
15 that -- that chat or was that from before?

16 DIRECTOR HERNANDEZ: That's from before. I -- I've
17 already covered it. Thank you.

18 CHAIR FORNACIARI: Okay. Okay. Thanks. Okay.

19 Well, with that, I will call this meeting adjourned.
20 Thank you all.

21 (Whereupon, the meeting was concluded.)

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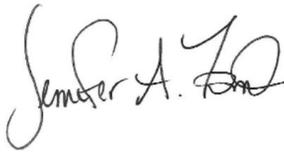
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