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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 September 2, 2021 3:00 p.m.

3 CHAIR SINAY: Good afternoon, everyone. [Spanish  
4 spoken]. Welcome and thank you for tuning in to the  
5 California Citizens Redistricting Commission's Community  
6 of Interest, or COI for short, Input meeting. I am  
7 Patricia Sinay and I'll be co-chairing today's meeting  
8 with Commissioner Ahmad.

9 Today we are offering one language line in Spanish  
10 so that Spanish speakers can listen to the meeting in  
11 their native language. Hola, Johanna or Jose, can I have  
12 you please read the Spanish language line instructions?

13 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Hi, Chair. This is the  
14 Spanish interpreter.

15 CHAIR SINAY: Hola.

16 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Hola. [Spanish spoken].  
17 Thank you.

18 CHAIR SINAY: Mucho Gracias, Johanna. And now we  
19 will go to Ravi for roll call.

20 MR. SINGH: Thank you, Chair.

21 Commissioner Taylor?

22 Commissioner Toledo?

23 Commissioner Turner?

24 Commissioner Vazquez?

25 Commissioner Yee?



1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

2 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

3 COMMISSIONER AHMED: Here.

4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

5 Commissioner Fernandez?

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Anderson?

7 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Anderson?

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

9 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

11 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I am here.

13 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons? Commissioner Le

14 Mons?

15 Commissioner Sadhwani?

16 And Commissioners Sinay?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

18 MR. SINGH: Roll call is complete, Chair.

19 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Ravi. Before I begin,  
20 because later tonight, I may forget. I just want to say  
21 it takes a lot to ensure that we have a successful  
22 listening session, thus I want to thank our line drawers,  
23 interpreters, the many staff members who make sure these  
24 meetings run smoothly, my fellow Commissioners, and I I  
25 especially want to say Gracias, [Spanish spoken]. Thanks



1 to all the associations and individuals who have helped  
2 the community understand the importance of participating  
3 in our redistricting effort. Redistricting is truly a  
4 team effort. Thank you.

5       Okay. So back to the script. Every ten years after  
6 the federal government publishes updated census  
7 information, California must redraw the boundaries of its  
8 congressional, State Senate, State Assembly and State  
9 Board of Equalization Districts so that the districts  
10 correctly reflect the state's population.

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

16       In 2010, the Congressional Voters FIRST Act added  
17 the responsibility of drawing congressional districts to  
18 the Commission. The fourteen-member Commission is made  
19 up of five Republicans, five Democrats and four not  
20 affiliated with either of those two parties.

21       The Commission must draw the District lines in  
22 conformity with strict, nonpartisan rules designed to  
23 create districts relatively equal population that will  
24 provide fair representation for all Californians. The  
25 Census redistricting data was released the week of August



1 9th.

2       When the official redistricting database is  
3 available in late September, the Commission will begin  
4 drawing maps in public using six-line drawing criterias  
5 as outlined in the California Constitution. Number 4 on  
6 that list is minimizing the division of cities, counties,  
7 neighborhoods, and communities of interest to the extent  
8 possible.

9       We can obtain the city and county information from  
10 those jurisdictions, but we need the neighborhood and  
11 communities of interest information from Californians.  
12 We have launched these communities of interest public  
13 sessions so you can -- so you can help us put a face on  
14 the data. We encourage all Californians to participate  
15 in this process.

16       If you'd rather submit your community interest input  
17 online, you can use our tool found at  
18 [drawmycacomunity.org](http://drawmycacomunity.org). Again, it's  
19 [drawmycacomunity.org](http://drawmycacomunity.org). It is easy and fun to use. Skip  
20 the line. Go online.

21       Now, I will call on all the Commissioners to  
22 introduce themselves. This group of 14 is the most  
23 diverse, smart, fun, and committed group of people I have  
24 had the honor with which to serve. Let's begin with my  
25 co-chair, Isra Ahmad.



1 VICE CHAIR AHMED: Thank you, Chair. And welcome  
2 everyone to yet another community of interest input  
3 meeting. Today we are going to be focusing on the San  
4 Diego and Imperial County regions and surrounding areas.  
5 However, we are welcoming anyone from across California  
6 to share their input with us today and I look forward to  
7 a great meeting.

8 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. Alicia Fernandes, oh, I'll  
9 come back to you, Alicia.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm, like, unpacking, but  
11 that's okay.

12 CHAIR SINAY: All right.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: All right. Thank you.

14 CHAIR SINAY: I just saw you when I looked up.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. I had to  
16 drop off my son at the airport, and there was a little  
17 bit more traffic than I thought. But anyway, I'm so glad  
18 that I made it. [Spanish spoken]. Good afternoon,  
19 everyone. Let me get my thoughts together. But anyway,  
20 just happy to be here. I just learn so much every single  
21 time.

22 Actually, I was going to make a comment about San  
23 Diego and Imperial. They're always, I have to say, they  
24 always deliver in terms of food because I'm a foodie. So  
25 when you call in, if you have other recommendations,



1 please let me know. I'm very excited about that. And  
2 I'm from Yolo County and I'm just happy to be here. And  
3 thank you for joining us.

4 CHAIR SINAY: And Commissioner Anderson, our goal  
5 today is to keep you on your feet. So Commissioner  
6 Anderson?

7 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, well. Well, good job,  
8 Chair. I appreciate that. So I'm coming to you from  
9 Berkeley, California, a little up north where actually  
10 it's kind of cool today. Of course, I know that you  
11 sometimes you get that on the coast in San Diego, not so  
12 much in Imperial County. But I'm really looking forward  
13 to hearing about the communities of interest in both  
14 counties or anywhere in California where people are going  
15 to be calling in. So thank you very much. I can't wait  
16 to hear.

17 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner Anderson.  
18 Commissioner Kennedy?

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I'm Ray  
20 Kennedy. I'm joining today's meeting from my home in  
21 Morongo Valley, one of the rural Joshua Tree Gateway  
22 communities in southern San Bernardino County desert.  
23 Nice to be here. And very much looking forward to  
24 hearing about communities in San Diego and Imperial  
25 Counties and what makes your community special to you.



1 Thank you.

2 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

3 Commissioner Le Mons?

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Good afternoon, [Spanish  
5 spoken] California. Looking forward to hearing from San  
6 Diego, Imperial County, and anyone else throughout the  
7 state. This has been an amazing learning experience  
8 hearing from all of the communities. And you know, some  
9 things are kind of clear to us in terms of communities of  
10 interest, but some of the unique connections have been  
11 really eye opening to me. So I really appreciate hearing  
12 all of the feedback and input and look forward to a  
13 robust contribution this evening.

14 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons.

15 Commissioner Fornaciari? You're on mute.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. You caught me off  
17 guard. I wasn't ready. Well, thank you and welcome  
18 California, especially San Diego and Imperial Counties.  
19 To my colleague, Commissioner Fernandez, she had a  
20 traffic coming in from the Sacramento airport. I run  
21 into that every time. It's a bummer.

22 I'm coming to you today from Tracy, California in  
23 Central Valley in San Joaquin County. Looking forward to  
24 hearing what's important to you about redistricting. And  
25 thank you for joining us.



1 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.  
2 Sorry. Sorry, my list is not in alphabetical order as  
3 you can all tell. I don't know if Commissioner Sadhwani  
4 has come -- has joined us yet. All right.

5 Commissioner Taylor, have you joined us? All right.  
6 Commissioner Yee?

7 CHAIR SINAY: Wow, that was unalphabetical. All  
8 good. I'm Russell Yee. And I'm here in my hometown of  
9 Oakland. Looking forward to hearing from our two  
10 southern border counties today. And I learned recently  
11 that Imperial County is actually the youngest county.  
12 It's over 100 years old, but it was the last of  
13 California's current counties to be formed. I'm looking  
14 forward to hearing from you today. Hello to my aunt and  
15 cousins in San Diego, and my niece at Loma Nazarene  
16 University. Go sea lions.

17 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.  
18 Commissioner Toledo?

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, sir. I'm Pedro,  
20 and I'm coming to you from Petaluma, California, up in  
21 the North Bay of -- the Bay Area, San Francisco Bay Area.  
22 I'm looking forward to hearing all about your testimony  
23 today and all of the things that make you unique. Back  
24 to you, Chair.

25 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. Is there any Commissioner



1 I did not call that has popped in.

2 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Oh, that's me.

3 CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Hi, Commissioner Sadhwani.

4 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Hello. Good afternoon,  
5 everyone. My apologies for being late. I'm Sara  
6 Sadhwani calling in from Los Angeles County and looking  
7 forward to hearing everyone's testimony this afternoon.

8 CHAIR SINAY: Great. Thank you, everyone. To see  
9 our bios or for additional information on redistricting  
10 or to sign up for our emails, please visit our web site  
11 at [wedrawthelinesca.org](http://wedrawthelinesca.org). Like most of you, we are active  
12 on social media. So please follow the California  
13 Citizens Redistricting Commission on social media. You  
14 can find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn,  
15 and YouTube. Our handle is @wedrawthelinesca. Follow us  
16 on social media. Following us on social media is another  
17 way to get useful information about the redistricting  
18 process and the updates -- any updates from us? Before  
19 we continue, can I have Johanna read the Spanish line  
20 instructions, please?

21 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Hi, Chair. This is the  
22 Spanish interpreter. [Spanish spoken]. Thank you.

23 CHAIR SINAY: Mucho Gracias. So a few housekeeping  
24 roles. This meeting is primarily for communities of  
25 interest testimonies focused on the Imperial Valley, San



1 Diego County and the surrounding area. However, anyone  
2 in California can call in to provide input. At the end  
3 of the meeting, we will take general public comment those  
4 items not related to communities of interest.

5 The Commission divided California into 11 zones to  
6 assist us in our outreach efforts only. These zones in  
7 no way are related to or reflective of redistricting  
8 lines or boundaries. Today we are joined by our line  
9 drawing team HaystaqDNA and Q2 Data & Research who will  
10 be displaying the maps of the areas that attendees  
11 describe.

12 Let's start with the area you would like to discuss  
13 and be as specific as possible about the boundaries of  
14 where your community is located. It is our goal to find  
15 it -- find the area on the map you would like -- the area  
16 you would like to discuss on the map prior to your  
17 testimony.

18 If you are within the specific neighborhood of a  
19 large city, please mention it by name. Once we are able  
20 to locate your area, your time will begin. Attendees  
21 will not be able to share their screen. We're also  
22 joined today by our Spanish interpreters, Lisette and  
23 Joanna, as well as Kristian, our comment moderator who  
24 will be introducing attendees when it's their turn to  
25 speak.



1           When you join the meeting, please use the raise the  
2 hand button on the bottom of your screen to enter the  
3 queue. If you have registered for a time slot, we  
4 encourage you to call in during your appointed time slot.  
5 When it is your turn to speak, Kristian our comment  
6 moderator, will be identifying you by your assigned  
7 unique ID number. You will be reconnected to the session  
8 with the ability to enable your own video and or audio.

9           Registration is not required to participate in this  
10 public input meeting. The public has the option of  
11 calling in during the meeting to get into the queue to  
12 speak. If you do not have an appointment and wish to  
13 call in to provide public input, the number is 877-853-  
14 5247. Again, the number to provide public input is 877-  
15 853-5247.

16           You will need to enter the meeting ID number  
17 86319353379. Again, the meeting, ID number is  
18 86319353379. This call information and access code is  
19 also listed on the live stream. To give public input,  
20 you will need to dial this number today. Today there are  
21 Spanish interpreters available to interpret Spanish  
22 testimony at the call-in number.

23           The comment moderator will assign you a speaker  
24 order number before you begin speaking. Please make a  
25 note of this for future reference. You'll be able to use



1 this number to identify your, COI, community of interest  
2 on our website. Our database is now up and running, but  
3 it takes a little while to get your community of interest  
4 there.

5 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time  
6 limit for English speakers and a six-minute time limit  
7 for those with an interpreter. There will be a warning  
8 that 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining. At the  
9 beginning of your input, you will see a map on the  
10 screen. Please remind the mapper what area you would  
11 like to see on the screen and be as specific as possible  
12 about the boundaries of where your community is located.

13 If at the conclusion of the meeting there are still  
14 members of the public in the queue to speak, we will  
15 continue this community of interest input meeting at a  
16 new date and time. We will attempt to schedule the  
17 remaining members of the public to speak for an allotted  
18 three minutes. Please monitor our website as we expect  
19 to post a continuation of this agenda if needed, within  
20 twenty-four hours.

21 While there are no clear rules on how to define your  
22 competitive interests, here are some guidelines to help  
23 you describe your community. Begin with the county or  
24 city, mention street names, significant locations in your  
25 neighborhood to help us identify the parameters of your



1 community.

2       Number 3, what are your shared interests? What  
3 brings you together? What is important to your  
4 community? Are there nearby areas you want to be  
5 district with? Why? Are there nearby areas you don't  
6 want to be in a district with? Why not? Has your  
7 community come together to advocate for important  
8 services, better schools, roads, health centers in your  
9 neighborhood?

10       Also, we invite you to use the community of interest  
11 tool to draw map and describe your community. You can  
12 use the tool by -- you can find the tool by visiting  
13 drawmycommunity.org. Again, drawmycommunity.org.  
14 This tool is available in 16 languages. Skip the line.  
15 Go online. Submit your COI input today. It's easy and  
16 fun. Also, please include your network to do the same.

17       As a reminder, even though we are focusing on  
18 specific counties, Californians from anywhere in the  
19 state are welcome to provide input will now begin the  
20 public input session and we'll start with people who are  
21 registered and then open the phone lines if there's time  
22 before the next session. If you are calling without an  
23 appointment, please do not hang up as you will lose your  
24 place in line. I'll pass this over to Kristian, our  
25 comment moderator.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.  
2 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the  
3 raise hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter  
4 the comment queue. When it is your turn to speak, I will  
5 identify you by your assigned unique ID number from your  
6 invite. You'll be reconnected to the session with the  
7 ability to enable your own video and/or audio.

8 You will then be assigned a speaker order number  
9 before you begin speaking. Please make a note of your  
10 speaker Order number for future reference. We have a  
11 plethora of public today, so the Commission will be  
12 enforcing a three-minute time limit for English speakers  
13 and a six-minute time limit for those with an  
14 interpreter. There will be a warning at 30 seconds and  
15 15 seconds remaining.

16 The Commission's goal is to find the area on the map  
17 you'd like to discuss prior to your testimony. If you're  
18 within a specific neighborhood of a large city, please  
19 mention it by name. Once we're able to locate your area,  
20 your time will begin. Attendees will not be able to  
21 share their screen. We got you.

22 At the end of your public input or at the end of  
23 your time. You'll be reconnected in a listen and view  
24 only mode. At the beginning of your input, please remind  
25 the mapper what area you'd like to see on the screen.



1 And I see those hands from our appointments. Thank you  
2 so much. First up, we will have 003. And up next will  
3 be 007. Oh, I'm sorry. That wasn't 003. First up will  
4 be 002. And then up next will be 007.

5 002, I will promote you now. Welcome, 002. You can  
6 now.

7 MS. ROBERTS: How are you?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi there. Just a moment.  
9 You can now enable your audio and video as you have done.  
10 Your speaker order number will be number 1. Please make  
11 a note of that.

12 MS. ROBERTS: Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And please remind us what  
14 you'd like to see on the screen. And you're -- the floor  
15 is yours. Thank you.

16 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. I'm representing the areas of  
17 Northern -- Valley Center, Northern Escondido, Hidden  
18 Meadows, Bonsall, Fallbrook, and Pauma Valley, Pala, and  
19 Rainbow, so North San Diego County.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Go ahead,  
21 please.

22 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. Good afternoon. I'm testifying  
23 today regarding the communities of Valley Center,  
24 Escondido, Hidden Meadows, Bonsall, Fallbrook, Pauma  
25 Valley, Pala, and Rainbow. My name is Gina Roberts. I'm



1 a board member and secretary of the Valley Center Fire  
2 Protection District. I also have the honor of serving as  
3 president of the Valley Center Western Days Inc., which  
4 is responsible for presenting an annual parade and  
5 country fair in the community of Valley Center. Today I  
6 am testifying about how the issues surrounding wildfire  
7 prevention unite the rural communities of Valley Center,  
8 Escondido, Hidden Meadows, Fallbrook, Pala, Pauma Valley  
9 and Rainbow, in a community of interest in inland North  
10 County, San Diego.

11 Residents in our communities inland -- in Inland  
12 North San Diego County faced the danger of wildfire  
13 almost on a daily basis. Our communities have  
14 historically banded together to fight and prevent  
15 wildfires across our region.

16 Our inland communities are served by several fire  
17 districts that together comprise part of the San Diego  
18 Fire Authority, including Valley Center Fire Protection  
19 District, North County Fire Protection District for  
20 Bonsall and Fallbrook and Deer Springs Fire Protection  
21 District, which covers the unincorporated areas northwest  
22 of the city of Escondido.

23 Our communities must be kept together so our fire  
24 districts continue to effectively collaborate together.  
25 Many wildfires are caused by vegetation overgrowth, as



1 we've seen in Northern California. Valley Center and the  
2 other inland rural communities, as previously mentioned,  
3 are all located in Chaparral and coastal brush --  
4 Sagebrush eco region, which is a very dry climate with  
5 lots of wooded brush plants. These conditions make our  
6 region very susceptible to wildfire.

7 The County of San Diego has declared our -- many  
8 parts of our communities a very high fire hazard severity  
9 zone. These dangers are not faced to the same degree by  
10 communities living closer to the city of San Diego in the  
11 coast such as San Marcos, Vista, and Oceanside.

12 For this reason, it is imperative the Valley Center  
13 and surrounding communities of Fallbrook, Hidden Meadows,  
14 all of Pauma Valley, Rainbow, and Escondido have a  
15 representative in the State Legislature and Congress that  
16 is focused on these critical issues. And I thank you for  
17 your time. And I believe I made it within my 3 minutes.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up  
19 next, we have the 007. And after that, we will have 006.

20 007, I'll be promoting you now. Welcome 007. You  
21 can now enable your audio and video in the lower left-  
22 hand corner of your screen. There you go. Your speaker  
23 order is number 2. Please make a note of that.

24 MR. ROWTEN: Sure. Number two. Thank you very  
25 much. Good afternoon.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Please remind us of where  
2 you'd like to discuss today. And the floor is yours.

3 MR. ROWTEN: Yes. We're going to almost replicate  
4 your -- the mapping that you just did with San Diego  
5 North and Inland County. And I am the CEO of the Greater  
6 Escondido Chamber of Commerce, and I am here representing  
7 small businesses in Escondido and the surrounding  
8 communities of -- all the way to the northern reaches of  
9 Rancho Bernardo and to the southern reaches of Temecula,  
10 including Valley Center, Pala, and the inland areas that  
11 you see that are on the map right here.

12 Today, I'm testifying on behalf of the chamber to  
13 request that the city of Escondido was included in the  
14 same district as the other communities along the I-15  
15 Transportation Corridor, including Valley Center,  
16 Fallbrook, and Temecula. We see the 15 corridor as being  
17 the corridor of commerce and as increasing trade goes on  
18 through NAFTA, that it is important that this area stay  
19 together as a unified group as and being represented.

20 Business and residents along the 15 freeway between  
21 Escondido and Temecula rely on this vital transportation  
22 quarter to access products and services. Similarly, many  
23 businesses in Escondido rely on a workforce that commutes  
24 down to the 15 -- down the 15 to our city from Temecula.  
25 These shared commercial and workforce needs should be



1 represented by including these communities in the same  
2 district.

3 Another aspect of our community of interest along the 15  
4 freeway is the Agrotourism region between the greater  
5 Escondido area and Temecula. Our region is home to  
6 numerous wineries frequented by tourists from all over  
7 the country. Escondido is also tied to the surrounding  
8 agricultural communities of Fallbrook, Valley Center,  
9 Pauma Valley, and Pala.

10 Visitors to these agricultural communities often  
11 stay in Escondido. Escondido is the second highest sales  
12 tax generator in the county. San Diego Inland north is a  
13 vital artery area for commerce in our community. And  
14 therefore, we believe that it should remain intact and  
15 represented by one particular area that is adjacent to  
16 these areas that I just spoke about.

17 It's pretty much exactly what we wanted to be. So I  
18 think I presented what we wanted to do. We were just  
19 championed for the fact that we believe that we should be  
20 shared together and included into this area, including  
21 Valley Center in the north inland area of San Diego  
22 County.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Are you done today?

24 MR. ROWTEN: I am.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.



1 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Next up, we will have  
3 006. And after them will be 005. 006, I'll be promoting  
4 you now. Welcome, 006.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Just a moment. Your  
7 speaker order number is number 3. If you will make note  
8 of that for future reference. And if you'd remind the  
9 mapper what you'd like to see, the floor is yours.

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. So I am referring to  
11 the Imperial Valley area. Specifically, I am in the  
12 Brawley area.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Go ahead,  
14 please.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. So I am speaking today  
16 as a citizen that has been born and raised in the  
17 Imperial Valley. And I believe that it is in our  
18 district's best interest to remain in the same district  
19 as -- all the way up to the East Coachella Valley, up to  
20 our Salton City and Desert Shores are. And I also would  
21 like to mention that I believe our district should extend  
22 all the way up to the Blythe area and the Palo area.

23 These communities share similar values, agricultural  
24 areas, and we have the common area of the Salton Sea.  
25 These communities are affected by the Salton Sea.



1 Growing up, I have seen how many citizens have developed  
2 asthma from the effects of the Salton Sea area and I  
3 think it is in our best interest to include all of the  
4 Salton Sea in our district so that we can address these  
5 issues together as communities.

6 We also share the same issues of the possibility of  
7 the Salton Sea drying up and then affecting our health  
8 even further. So I believe that our district should be  
9 extending up all the way to the end of the North Salton  
10 Sea. And so I hope that you will consider that and take  
11 into account that we are in the similar area.

12 And although Inyo is right up -- Inyo is right up  
13 north of us, we do share most of the same issues as up to  
14 Oasis, Mecca, those areas. So thank you for your time  
15 and I hope that you will make a decision that favors all  
16 of the neighboring cities. Thank you so much.

17 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. Can I ask a follow up  
18 question?

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

20 CHAIR SINAY: Great. Thank you. So if I'm hearing  
21 you correctly, you want Imperial County, all of Imperial  
22 County together going up to Blythe, which would be going  
23 into Riverside and then going along -- would it be going  
24 along the 10 to -- what was it on the northeast that you  
25 were looking at? Was it thermal, did you say?



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, up to Thermal and Mecca,  
2 I believe.

3 CHAIR SINAY: Thermal, Mecca, Oasis --

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Um-hum.

5 CHAIR SINAY: -- and all the way back down. Okay.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

7 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up  
10 next will be 005. And after that will be 003. 005, I  
11 will promote you now.

12 MS. RICKETTS: Hello?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. Just a moment,  
14 005.

15 MS. RICKETTS: Okay.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. 005, you will be  
17 speaker order number 4.

18 MS. RICKETTS: Okay.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If you will make a note  
20 of that, please. And if you'd remind the mapper what  
21 you'd like to see, the floor is yours.

22 MS. RICKETTS: Okay. Great. Hi. Good afternoon.  
23 I am testifying today about the communities of Temecula,  
24 Rainbow, Pala, Pauma Valley, Valley Center, Fallbrook and  
25 Escondido.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Go ahead,  
2 please.

3 MS. RICKETTS: Okay. My name is Joanna Ricketts.  
4 I'm a resident of Temecula, where I have lived for over  
5 33 years. This afternoon, I'm testifying regarding the  
6 community interest comprised of Temecula and the other  
7 inland communities in north San Diego County to request  
8 that we are represented by the same districts.

9 As some of my neighbors have testified in recent  
10 hearings, Temecula shares a special relationship with the  
11 other communities along the 15 freeway, especially in  
12 nearby Fallbrook, Rainbow, Pala, and Pauma Valley, where  
13 many residents rely on the services Temecula provides not  
14 just for shopping and dining, but also for medical care  
15 and social services due to their proximity to our city.

16 The Temecula Valley Hospital is part of the San  
17 Diego County Stroke Receiving Center and is much closer  
18 than San Diego for many rural communities living along  
19 the I-15 corridor. It is important that we maintain this  
20 critical service by keeping Temecula in the same district  
21 as our neighboring communities to the south.

22 Temecula also shares a rural and agricultural  
23 character with our neighboring communities along the 15  
24 freeway to our south. Our region is home to countless  
25 wineries between Temecula and Escondido, as well as



1 avocado and orange groves in Escondido, Pala, Pauma  
2 Valley, and Rainbow.

3 Each of our communities are a mix of suburban and  
4 rural neighborhoods, and we prioritize protecting our  
5 agricultural lands and our rural identity when it comes  
6 to development and housing. For these reasons, I'm  
7 requesting that Temecula is kept in the same district as  
8 Pala, Pauma Valley, Valley center, Fallbrook, and  
9 Escondido. Thank you so much.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And next up,  
11 we have 003. And after that, we will go to caller 0981  
12 who is 008. And then after that will be going to callers  
13 as we don't have any other appointments logged in. But  
14 first, we will hear from 003 and then after that, 008.

15 003, I will promote you now. 003, we had trouble  
16 promoting you, so I'm going to try using the allow to  
17 talk option. Let's try that. 003, you can unmute your  
18 microphone in the lower left-hand corner of your -- you  
19 got it there. Welcome.

20 MR. RUSH: Okay.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number  
22 will be number five. You make a note of that, please.

23 MR. RUSH: Okay.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And if you remind the  
25 mapper what you'd like to see, the floor is yours.



1 MR. RUSH: All righty. Rancho Cucamonga and San  
2 Bernardino County. And I'm going to be talking about  
3 the -- yeah. Near the -- just south of Lytle Creek right  
4 there. And the San Bernardino National Forest is just  
5 north of Rancho Cucamonga and Upland and Fontana,  
6 actually. And yes, you're circling the area right now.

7 And currently it belongs to District eight, which is  
8 north up into Victorville and Hesperia. But primarily  
9 the San Bernardino National Forest is really serviced by  
10 the communities in Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto, and Fontana  
11 and Upland. And we have access to Mount Baldy and to  
12 Lytle Creek and we provide services.

13 We're directly impacted by the flood control  
14 districts and the, you know, fire districts. And a lot  
15 of the hiking trails start in these communities. And --  
16 and thirty percent of our water is provided from the San  
17 Gabriel Mountain Range, which is, you know, directly  
18 north of our communities.

19 It would be to our interests to have that all  
20 within -- currently what's considered District CD-31  
21 instead of CD-8 which is north of -- and they really have  
22 no interest in those areas and aren't really impacted by  
23 what goes on there. We actually provide, you know, fire  
24 service. We have trails that run along -- bridle trails,  
25 bike trails, hiking trails, and access up into the Lytle



1 Creek area and the Mount Baldy areas all come from Upland  
2 and Fontana.

3 We actually maintain Rancho Cucamonga does the  
4 Etiwanda Preserve area and we're dealing with the  
5 Etiwanda Heights neighborhood development program right  
6 after base of the mountains. And right now what we're  
7 looking at is getting a, you know, congressional  
8 representation instead of out up in the northern desert  
9 area, down in the valley area and the Inland Empire where  
10 we live to, you know, actually manage our interests  
11 there.

12 And since we do get, like I say, thirty percent of  
13 our water and we do actually provide fire service and --

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

15 MR. RUSH: Okay. -- and flood control, there would  
16 be a, you know, an effective way to manage it, to make it  
17 part of currently CD-31 and so --

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

19 MR. RUSH: -- it's something that I hope you guys  
20 look at and when you redistrict, it falls within those  
21 boundaries. Sincerely, my name is Mark Rush and I'm a  
22 resident of Rancho Cucamonga. Thank you very much.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All  
24 right. We will now be going to caller 008. And I'd like  
25 to invite those that have called in to press star 9.



1 Please press star 9 to raise your hand and to the comment  
2 queue if you have not done so already. If you already  
3 have, we see your hand. Thank you so much. All right.  
4 Up next, is going to be 008. And then after that, we  
5 will have caller 3585.

6 Caller 008, if you could please follow the prompts  
7 to unmute. That's caller with the last four 0981.  
8 Unique ID is 008 from your email invite. If you could  
9 please press star 6 to unmute. There you go.

10 MS. STONE: Thank you very much. My name is Lori  
11 Stone and --

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Just a moment.

13 MS. STONE: -- I'm a --

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Just a moment.

15 MS. STONE: -- city council --

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Laurie, your speaker  
17 order number is six -- number 6. If you could please  
18 make a note of that. And please remind us what you'd  
19 like to see on the screen, the floor is yours.

20 MS. STONE: The floor is mine, sir?

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours. Yes.  
22 Please go ahead.

23 MS. STONE: All right. Thank you so much. My name  
24 is Lori Stone. And I'm a city councilwoman from the city  
25 of Murrieta. And I'd like to address southwest Riverside



1 County, which encompasses Lake Elsinore, Canyon Lake,  
2 Menifee, Wildomar, Murrieta, and Temecula. In the  
3 southwest Riverside County, the communities have a rich  
4 history of agriculture and still today is considered the  
5 largest agricultural area in Riverside County.

6 Today, the area continues to farm citrus, row crops,  
7 host a growing wine region and one of the strongest in  
8 the State of California. The number of families can use  
9 outside of the area to job centers in San Diego County,  
10 Los Angeles and Orange County. The families have chosen  
11 to live in this region, have traded larger homes, safer  
12 communities and strong academic programs and local  
13 schools for a longer commute.

14 The communities also share similarities in housing  
15 type schools and the fact that most of the communities  
16 are experiencing the challenges that come with rapid  
17 growth. The families that reside in the defined area  
18 share a similar median income, median home price,  
19 educational level, community health care network, and  
20 community services that need to support their families.

21 The community faces challenges of water supply,  
22 threats on local and arterial road network and  
23 overcrowding of school facilities. It's important that  
24 these communities continue to share the same  
25 representative who is able to bridge all these



1 communities to address the concerns that come with the  
2 high growth region. That concludes my comments. Thank  
3 you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up  
5 next, we have caller 3585. That's last four digits,  
6 3585. And after them will be caller 1138.

7 Caller 3585, if you could please follow the prompts  
8 to unmute at this time. Call it 35 --

9 MR. SIGMAN: Oh, perfect.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi there you are unmuted.

11 MR. SIGMAN: Sorry about that.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: No problem.

13 MR. SIGMAN: Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Just a moment. Just a  
15 moment.

16 MR. SIGMAN: Go ahead.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 3585, your speaker  
18 order number is number 7. If you could please make a  
19 note of that. And if you could remind us what you'd like  
20 to see on the screen --

21 MR. SIGMAN: Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Your time begins now.

23 MR. SIGMAN: I am a resident of Fallbrook, so I  
24 would like to see Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow, Valley  
25 Center, Pala, Escondido, that area, please. My name is



1 Mark Sigman. I'm the agent and CEO of my own agency,  
2 Mark Sigman Insurance Agency. I'm also the leader of the  
3 San Diego Affiliate of NAIIFA California.

4 The National Association of Insurance and Financial  
5 Advisors, known as NAIIFA, is the largest agent focused  
6 advocacy group working on behalf of both the agents and  
7 clients, we represent approximately over 2 million  
8 Californians on advocacy issues. We don't represent  
9 insurance carriers, but work on behalf of our clients.  
10 We work for Main Street and not Wall Street.

11 I first moved to Fallbrook in 2008 while serving in  
12 the military. Since I retired in 2015, I have been  
13 active in my community and started a business here. I'm  
14 honored to speak to you all today. My role is very  
15 similar to a legislator. We are in the business of  
16 keeping our communities safe.

17 We protect our clients during time of loss, fire,  
18 entering into retirement through the products that we  
19 offer them. My phone rings when clients need me the  
20 most. I cannot emphasize how important it is to the  
21 caller to have someone on the line to understand the  
22 problems and address those concerns.

23 My working relationship with legislators in my area  
24 is just as important, and especially in the  
25 unincorporated areas, we don't have mayors, city councils



1 or local representatives. We rely on our county and our  
2 state legislators to represent us in matters just what I  
3 mentioned before. I implore you to really consider  
4 keeping these communities together. We know we've come  
5 to know, respect and trust our representatives.

6 And one example has been the Lilac Fire back in  
7 2017. The damage incurred was over 4,100 acres. Our  
8 community banded together, was able to save one -- have  
9 one united voice through our legislators. Imagine the  
10 additional confusion and anguish those people would face  
11 if they had more than one channel to address their  
12 grievances.

13 In these critical times, the relationships  
14 established are suited to address these issues. Imagine  
15 for a moment if any insurance matter was started on -- in  
16 one office and then through a redistricting process, it  
17 was going to be assigned to another. Who's responsible  
18 for continuing to see this until the end, the first or  
19 the second office? There's really not a standard answer  
20 if you talk to our legislators.

21 As I stated before, we depend on these  
22 representatives more than other areas in the state. So I  
23 implore you to keep Temecula, Bonsall, Fallbrook, Pala,  
24 Valley Center, Rainbow, and Escondido together.

25 On the medical side, access to care applies to both



1 health insurance and Medicare communities. You've heard  
2 before the hospital districts --

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

4 MR. SIGMAN: -- and the responsible leader. Thank  
5 you. Clients within these groups and networks are  
6 essential to make sure that their billing and their  
7 claims are processed in a timely manner. It is  
8 imperative that you really take this into consideration.  
9 I really appreciate your opportunity to speak today.  
10 Thank you so much.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up  
12 next will be caller 1138. And after them, will be caller  
13 8495.

14 Welcome, 1138. You are unmuted. Thank you. Your  
15 speaker order number is number 8. If you could make a  
16 note of that, please. And if you can remind us what you  
17 would like to see on the floor is yours.

18 MR. CISNEROS: Thank you. Good afternoon. My name  
19 is Carlos Cisneros. I'm representing the Imperial  
20 County. Today I speak for all my fellow constituents who  
21 cannot be here today. I'm asking to please keep the  
22 Imperial County with the eastern Coachella Valley. This  
23 includes everything from Imperial County border to the  
24 city of Indio.

25 If we separate from eastern Coachella Valley, we



1 will not be able to clean the Salton Sea. It is in the  
2 best interest of both valleys that we stay together. The  
3 Salton Sea has become one of the most dangerous issues to  
4 ever threaten both valleys. If we were to separate and  
5 not clean the Salton Sea, the consequences would be  
6 catastrophic. The sea would dry up and release all  
7 harmful pollutants that killed the once beautiful sea.

8 I love the valley. It is my home. I plan to stay  
9 here and start a family. I hate the thought of my valley  
10 not having clean air to breathe. I beg you, as someone  
11 who loves the community and wants to see it thrive,  
12 please keep our valleys together. Thank you.

13 CHAIR SINAY: Caller, can I ask a follow up  
14 question?

15 MR. CISNEROS: Yes.

16 CHAIR SINAY: You had said you wanted to go into  
17 Indio. But where was the boundary to the east be for  
18 you?

19 MR. CISNEROS: Well, actually, I don't believe I can  
20 answer that. But that is. It's just keeping the  
21 Imperial Vally with the Coachella -- the eastern  
22 Coachella Valley is all I really speak on.

23 CHAIR SINAY: That's perfect. That's helpful.  
24 Thank you so much.

25 MR. CISNEROS: Thank you.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up  
2 next, we will have caller 8495. And after them will be  
3 caller 3401.

4 Caller 8495, if you could please follow the prompts  
5 to unmute.

6 Can you hear me?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello.

8 MS. ABDI: Hello. Hi. My name is Rahmo Abdi. I'm  
9 the community organizer with --

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Just a moment caller.  
11 Just a moment. Your speaker order number is number 9.  
12 If you could please make a note of that. And if you  
13 could let us what -- you'd let us know what you'd like to  
14 see on the map, the floor is yours.

15 MS. ABDI: I'm calling from City Heights. My name  
16 is Rahmo Abdi. I'm the community organizer with PANA  
17 calling from the neighborhood of City Heights, which is  
18 (indiscernible) has been pointed as the Little Somalia.  
19 Our community has shared language, cultural practice,  
20 good common goals for all children and families as  
21 English learners.

22 For many years our community has been a -- have been  
23 contributed to the economic and cultural vibrancy of City  
24 Heights. However, we lack representation due to the ways  
25 in which -- which is due in the ways of our community are



1 split between the 79th and 80th assembly district.

2 (Indiscernible) we have all been affected deeply by  
3 systemic racism and uniquely impacted by immigration and  
4 criminal justice system.

5 And it is very important for our voice to be heard  
6 and unified, to have a presentation in politics and have  
7 someone who has our community best interests in mind,  
8 which is why it's so important for our community to stay  
9 together. And we and in a one of community, which is why  
10 our community -- very important for us to stay together  
11 and draw the map that represent us. Thank you.

12 CHAIR SINAY: Ma'am, may I ask a follow up question?

13 MS. ABDI: Sure.

14 CHAIR SINAY: What are the -- how do you define City  
15 Heights? What are the boundaries for City Heights?

16 MS. ABDI: What is City Heights? In between El  
17 Cajon Boulevard to the north and then 4th Street to the  
18 east and 85 to the west and also Holm Avenue to the  
19 south. And then the city has power -- well, Galena Park  
20 and the Community College City, Adult Learning Center in  
21 50 Sturt University. That's the Somali community where  
22 the cultural space worship, like we have the mosque and  
23 everything.

24 CHAIR SINAY: Great. Thank you so much for those  
25 specifications.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up  
2 next, we will have caller 3401 and after them will be  
3 color 9329.

4 Caller 3401, if you could please follow the prompts  
5 to unmute.

6 MS. MEAD: Hello?

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 3401, you are  
8 unmuted. You are speaker order number 10. If you could  
9 please make a note of that. And if you could remind us  
10 what you'd like to see on the screen, the floor is yours.

11 MS. MEAD: Okay. For the screen, it would be Pauma  
12 Valley. That's where I live. And I'm right by Palomar  
13 Mountain, Pala, Valley Center, Temecula --

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

15 MS. MEAD: -- Fallbrook and Bonsall.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. We  
17 see that now. Please go ahead.

18 MS. MEAD: So my name is Kimberly Mead and I just  
19 told you, I live in Pauma Valley and I'm at the base of  
20 Palomar Mountain. I have a seat on the Pala, Pauma  
21 Valley Planning Sponsor group and I'm a small business  
22 owner out here. My property is surrounded by the La Hoya  
23 Indian Reservation and also a smaller sub community  
24 called Cuca Ranch. Just out here, it's all very rural.  
25 And it's in the bigger picture community that includes



1 Valley Center, Temecula, Rainbow, Fallbrook, Bonsall, and  
2 also Escondido.

3 It's important to me that many of these rural areas  
4 out here are grouped together into one district because  
5 we have like a special set of issues and needs out here  
6 in these rural areas. And it's important that we have  
7 representatives that can understand our unique needs when  
8 it comes to law enforcement and more importantly, fire  
9 protection, which is a huge deal out here.

10 You know, and also living out here in Pauma Valley,  
11 know, like a lot of us, we shop in Temecula. Sometimes I  
12 go down and shop in Escondido. So I just kind of feel  
13 like, you know, after living here all these years that,  
14 you know, from Escondido all the way up to Temecula and  
15 all those cities in between, you know, we're all kind of  
16 one community.

17 And it's just nice to have representatives that  
18 understand it because it's very different in the rural  
19 areas from the cities and with the fire issues. That's  
20 my biggest deal. I want us all to stay together, that's  
21 all.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up  
23 next, we will have caller 9329 and after them will be  
24 color 3401.

25 Caller 9329, if you could please follow the prompts



1 to unmute. You are unmuted. Your speaker order number  
2 will be Number 11. If you could please make a note of  
3 that. And if you could remind us what area you'd like to  
4 discuss, the floor is yours.

5 MR. ARIANO: Hello. My name is Jose Luis Ariano. I  
6 live in Imperial County. I actually grew up in Riverside  
7 County, and as a young kid I remember going to the Salton  
8 Sea and actually swimming there, fishing there, and  
9 having picnics there. It was a great place back in the  
10 '60s and '70s.

11 One of the things that we see here in Imperial  
12 County is -- is the fact that -- that Salton Sea is  
13 drying up, the shoreline is declining, and the dust that  
14 is picked up is -- is causing asthma and no telling what  
15 else it's causing out here. Time will only tell us  
16 what's really going on with this type of catastrophic  
17 infestation, of this dust, this pollution that -- that is  
18 in the air.

19 And of course, depending on which direction the wind  
20 is blowing, it's going to contaminate, maybe the  
21 Coachella Valley, maybe Imperial County, and taken you  
22 know further deep inland, you never know. However, I'm  
23 not looking to have this place to become a recreational  
24 area, but I am really concerned about the health issues  
25 that may arise from the Salton Sea and to keep the



1 District as is is one step, but to maybe even let it  
2 grow, to get more people involved, to get more  
3 legislators involved, to get more representation in this  
4 area, to keep this from becoming a catastrophe is  
5 something that we could probably focus on for this  
6 District.

7       There is a constant decline in that shoreline, like  
8 I said. However, there's more to that in Imperial  
9 County. There's agriculture. We have lettuce, we have  
10 carrots, we have onions, we have sugar beets, and we have  
11 dates. I mean, the list goes on and on. I worked in the  
12 fields growing up in the Coachella Valley, in Mecca,  
13 Thermal, and -- and people even from Imperial Valley  
14 commute to go work in the fields in that area. And  
15 people from that area come out here to Imperial County to  
16 work in the fields.

17       So it's very productive between these two areas  
18 that -- that for agriculture. It is up to you to make a  
19 difference for the smallest and least economical counties  
20 who suffer with the lack of funds to prevent a  
21 catastrophic situation from all that dust in --

22       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

23       MR. ARIANO: Please be a solution. California needs  
24 a fair committee with balance and a righteous approach to  
25 fix areas that would not get fixed without the funding

1 and/or --

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen.

3 MR. ARIANO: -- an arbitrator as a monitor of  
4 monetary funds that come through grants and any other  
5 resources. Where water flows. Food grows. Thank you.  
6 That's -- I'll stop right there. And I hope that --

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Time.

8 MR. ARIANO: Thank you so much.

9 MR. ARIANO: -- everything goes good. Thank you.

10 CHAIR SINAY: Can I ask a follow up question?

11 MR. ARIANO: Yes.

12 CHAIR SINAY: You had mentioned Imperial Valley and  
13 Coachella Valley, and then you said it would be good to  
14 expand it. Did you have any thoughts on where to expand  
15 it?

16 MR. ARIANO: Well, a lot of the smaller communities  
17 in there that's close would be, of course, all over the  
18 place, Palo Verde, Blythe, Ripley, the desert center  
19 area. You still have the parts of the Joshua Tree area.  
20 Coachella, Thermal, Mecca, Indio, those -- those areas  
21 are mainly connected to a more thriving part of Riverside  
22 County.

23 CHAIR SINAY: Okay.

24 MR. ARIANO: It's more highly -- it has a greater  
25 population. And -- and Imperial County is -- people live

1 here because of the seasonal agriculture and then go to  
2 Central Valley. So the numbers change and fluctuate on a  
3 regular basis. So sometimes the census doesn't really  
4 make sense --

5 CHAIR SINAY: Okay.

6 MR. ARIANO: -- because of that.

7 CHAIR SINAY: Well, thank you so much for that  
8 clarification and for your input today.

9 MR. ARIANO: Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up  
11 next, we have caller 5501. And after that, there is  
12 nobody in the queue. So if you're out there listening  
13 and you were thinking of calling, that phone number is on  
14 the live stream feed and we will be reading some call-in  
15 instructions as well. But if you call now, you could be  
16 first in line.

17 Up next, we've got caller 5501. If you could please  
18 follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 5501, you are  
19 unmuted. Your speaker order number is number 12. If you  
20 could please make a note of that for future reference.  
21 And if you could --

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Perfect. Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- remind us what you'd  
24 like to discuss, the floor is yours.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, I'm calling from the



1 area of Encinitas. My name is Paula. I'm a veteran.  
2 I'm a long-time resident of the city of Encinitas.  
3 That's more specifically the community of Leucadia. Not  
4 only have I served on the board of directors for a local  
5 main street association, but I'm also an owner of a very  
6 popular restaurant that's in Downtown Encino.

7 As you guys are all aware, Encinitas is made up of  
8 five separate boroughs. You've got Leucadia, Olivenhain,  
9 Old and New Encinitas, and Cardiff. Three of those are  
10 coastal, two of those are inland. And each one has their  
11 own culture and their own needs. It's the culture that  
12 makes Encinitas so wonderful, but it's the need that  
13 creates a little bit of a divide.

14 And I think that that largest divided is between  
15 coastal Encinitas as well as -- and then with inland  
16 Encinitas and then it's kind of split down with the 5  
17 Freeway. I think that, you know, if we're restructuring,  
18 I think it would be beneficial to kind of create two  
19 different communities of interest there.

20 Coastline Encinitas, it should be grouped with, you  
21 know, Del Mar, Solana Beach, and some of those other  
22 coastal beach cities, whereas inland Encinitas would be  
23 more appropriately grouped with Carlsbad or Oceanside,  
24 some of those inland areas. The coastal cities,  
25 obviously Del Mar, Solano Beach, Cardiff, Encinitas and



1 Leucadia.

2       We share the beach lifestyle. You know, you've got  
3 surfers that go between all three looking for waves. And  
4 you've got the beach commerce and the tourism that sort  
5 of sprung up in the areas. And it's just been kind of  
6 naturally created by that coast. Because of that, the  
7 coastal infrastructure, beach parking, bike paths, sand  
8 replenishment, all of those things are something that  
9 they obviously are coordinated on.

10       I can speak to these because of my past history of  
11 serving on that board of directors for the downtown old  
12 Encinias and Mainstreet Association. There's issues like  
13 sea level rise, pollution, coastal erosion, tourism, and  
14 those are some of the highest importance to the community  
15 that I'm speaking about.

16       They must have a representation that understands and  
17 supports those, you know, those unique needs as a  
18 business owner. Obviously, along the coast, we've seen  
19 firsthand kind of that friction between the coastal  
20 Encinitas and inland Encinitas. The attitude of the  
21 people east of the freeway towards the coastal, you know,  
22 sometimes and oftentimes agnostic towards like our  
23 success and our ability to operate.

24       Encinitas inland tends to kind of stifle the  
25 opportunities that the restaurants and bars along the



1 coast are trying to operate successfully. But the  
2 residents, more importantly, need us. They've made  
3 efforts to remove or block the businesses along the coast  
4 for reasons that have kind of driven off the investments  
5 along the coast. The differences between the inland  
6 Encinitas and coastal Encinitas have huge, massive odds  
7 with density and how --

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- development, restaurants,  
10 business permitting, traffic mitigation. Coastal  
11 Encinitas features more young people, renters, outgoing  
12 life. And it's inconsistent with that single family  
13 culture of --

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Ten seconds.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- inland Encinitas, much  
16 more similar to Carlsbad or Dusty Ranch. So I'd like to  
17 ask the Committee to treat coastal Encinitas and the  
18 community with Del Mar, Solano Beach and in the --

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You are at time.

20 Chair, Did you have some additional questions for  
21 the caller? No?

22 CHAIR SINAY: No. No, thanks.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All  
24 right. To those who have just called in. If you have  
25 not given a comment during this session, if you could



1 please press star 9 to enter the comment queue. That's  
2 for those who have not given comment during this session.  
3 Please press star 9. There will be time at the end of  
4 the day for general public comment, but right now we are  
5 taking community of interest inputs.

6 Up next, we've got caller 9723. And after them will  
7 be caller 4444. Caller 9723. If you could follow the  
8 prompts to a mute, please. Caller 9723, you are unmuted.  
9 Thank you so much. You are speaker --

10 MS. MARTINEZ: Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're speaker order  
12 number will be number 13. If you could please make a  
13 note of that. And if you could let us know what area  
14 you'd like to discuss, the floor is yours.

15 MS. MARTINEZ: Escondido.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Go ahead,  
17 please.

18 MS. MARTINEZ: Hi. Good afternoon. My name is  
19 Consuelo Martinez. I'm a resident, long term resident of  
20 Escondido, and this is my first meeting that I've been  
21 able to participate. As far as my communities of  
22 interest, I really see alignment with the North County  
23 cities of -- with Escondido, San Marcos, Vista as like  
24 the inland North County region and along the 78 corridor.

25 I would even identify Valley Center as being part of



1 our community, being that a lot of folks who live in  
2 Valley Center, although rural, they do their shopping in  
3 Escondido. So I very much consider Valley Center part of  
4 my community and I would like to see the cities that I  
5 mentioned, Valley Center, Escondido, San Marcos and Vista  
6 as part of the same district when redistricting is there.  
7 And that is all I have. Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Up next, we have caller  
11 4444. And after them will be caller 9952. Caller 4444,  
12 if you could please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller  
13 4444, you are unmuted. Thank you. Your speaker order  
14 number will be number 14. If you could please make a  
15 note. And if you could let us know what area you would  
16 like to discuss, the floor is yours.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Jamul is community of  
18 interest. I grew up in East County and Jamul is  
19 currently out of place in SD 40 and doesn't get the same  
20 treatment in the congressional plan, which stretches from  
21 San Diego to Imperial County. Jamul is included in the  
22 East County District Plan. Related -- while Jamul is  
23 between Imperial and urban San Diego as the crow flies,  
24 it doesn't really have anything to do with either.

25 The closest communities are in the East County,



1 where it's connected to Spring Valley and by Highway 94  
2 and Rancho San Diego by North Highway 54. It's a  
3 community that predominantly fits better with East County  
4 than the two other communities mentioned and that the  
5 Commission put together in 2011 to create the voting  
6 rights seat.

7 I'd also note that Jamul shares education district  
8 with East County cities, not Imperial County or San Diego  
9 City. It shares High school Union school district, La  
10 Mesa, Alpine and other East County communities, as well  
11 as the Grossmont -- the Grossmont Community College  
12 District, with La Mesa, Santee and other East County  
13 districts. And its public safety programs are also  
14 linked to San Diego County, not Imperial County or San  
15 Diego City.

16 So like surrounding communities, Jamul is served by  
17 the sheriff's office, not the city police or Department  
18 of Imperial County Sheriff's Office. The fire protection  
19 efforts are also run through San Diego County. And  
20 that's all I have to say.

21 CHAIR SINAY: Can I ask the follow up question?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sure.

23 CHAIR SINAY: How do you define East County? It is  
24 at the line of the city of San Diego?

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. I guess I'd have to



1 take a look at a map and probably around that area. So  
2 like La Mesa, El Cajon, Rancho San Diego area.

3 CHAIR SINAY: Okay. And would you Santee, Spring  
4 Valley, La Pesa?

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Spring Valley, Santee --  
6 essentially Santee, I'm not sure about Spring Valley.

7 CHAIR SINAY: Okay. So not Lemon Grove and La Mesa?

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Lemon Grove and La Mesa,  
9 yeah.

10 CHAIR SINAY: Okay. So Spring Valley's actually  
11 closer to Jamul, so. All right. And then would you --  
12 would you include everything to the east, all the way to  
13 Imperial Valley? So Crest, Harbison Ranch, and Alpine?

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

15 CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Perfect. Thank you so much.  
16 Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up  
18 next, we've got caller 9952 and after them will be caller  
19 7821. Caller 9952, if you could please follow the  
20 prompts to unmute. You are unmuted. Thank you. Your  
21 speaker order number will be number 15. If you could  
22 please make a note of that. And if you could let us know  
23 what area you'd like to discuss, the floor is yours.

24 MR. ORNADO: Yes. Hi, is this is Luis Ornado (ph.).  
25 I am the executive director of committees Silicon Valley



1 and working on social justice, environmental justice,  
2 public health issues, and many issues in the Imperial  
3 Valley for many years. I understand the importance of  
4 having representation in our region for many reasons and  
5 believe that the Imperial Valley and the East Coachella  
6 Valley, and perhaps the Coachella Valley, but certainly  
7 the East Coachella Valley, have the most similarity.

8 We understand the population is a big factor. We  
9 want to make sure that the 56th District remains intact  
10 and we would say that we feel in our work that -- we're  
11 speaking on behalf of committees to recall that that we  
12 have the same resemblance to San Diego. However, we  
13 understand that the fact that California does not give us  
14 a fair consideration when it comes to our daytime  
15 population or population that travels south and north and  
16 finds housing and so on, that we are kind of forced to go  
17 north.

18 And we see that, if anything, we are more consistent  
19 with the district, as is to San Diego, closest to the  
20 border, to wherever we make just the minimum bare numbers  
21 in terms of the Senate District. My understanding is  
22 that you need to have about a million in population.  
23 Close as we can get to the border is probably going to be  
24 the most similar experience to the Imperial, Coachella  
25 Valley area.



1           And I like the Senate to be drawn between San Diego.  
2 Well, first and foremost, Imperial, Coachella, and  
3 stretch out, you know, a sliver, I suppose, into San  
4 Diego border. So that would be the boundaries based on  
5 the numbers. I hope that came across clear in what we're  
6 asking.

7           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8           CHAIR SINAY: Gracias.

9           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Up next, we have caller  
10 7821. And after that, if those who have called in would  
11 like to enter the comment queue. If you have not given  
12 comment during this session, please press star 9 to raise  
13 your hand. But right now we'll go to caller 7821. If  
14 you could please follow the prompts to unmute. Hello.  
15 You are unmuted. Your speaker order number is 16. If  
16 you could please make a note of that. And if you could,  
17 please let us know what area you'd like to discuss, the  
18 floor is yours.

19           MR. ELLIS: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Sean  
20 Ellis. I live in Visto and I am an organizer with the  
21 United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 230  
22 in San Diego and Imperial County. I represent about 1700  
23 members throughout every region of San Diego and Imperial  
24 County. And I wanted to highlight today for you the need  
25 to keep inland cities of North County together,



1 especially -- I'm sorry. Specifically, I am talking  
2 about Vista, Escondido and San Marcos.

3 This is my community and I wanted to share why it is  
4 different from the coastal cities in North County. I  
5 have kids in Catholic school -- that attend Catholic  
6 school in Carlsbad, so I can kind of tell you some of the  
7 differences between our cities and coastal cities.

8 I want to make all cities in The County as great as  
9 they can be. Absolutely right. Where all San Diegans  
10 living in the same general region. Right. But I need to  
11 tell you some of the differences between the inland and  
12 the coast. Just in terms of programs available for kids  
13 in Vista and Escondido, there's a lot of programs focused  
14 on keeping kids away from street gangs, keeping them out  
15 of trouble and really helping them get through schooling  
16 and trying to get them a good job.

17 In coastal communities, the programs are drastically  
18 different based on the demographics. You have surf camp.  
19 You know, when my kids are growing up now, they want to  
20 be entrepreneurs. And in our Catholic school and in a  
21 lot of programs at the adjacent park, they have programs  
22 that teach these kids how to be entrepreneurs. They want  
23 to be a politician. They got a program for them as well.

24 A lot of programs that we just simply like in Vista,  
25 San Marcos and Escondido, where the majority of the



1 market is going to be rural and farmland, where those  
2 programs are going to represent farmland. Stuff like  
3 that. Most of the people in San Marcos and Escondido are  
4 working families. People have blue collar jobs like  
5 construction. There's also a big farming presence out  
6 here because we have so many orchards, farms, and water  
7 is a big, real big issue for us, especially for those  
8 businesses.

9 Our demographics are different as well. We have a  
10 lot of Latino, Mexicano, and Hispanic Americans in our  
11 cities that are truly living paycheck to paycheck. While  
12 in cities like Carlsbad, Encinitas, a lot of these  
13 coastal cities, people are business owners. They are  
14 making -- more likely to come from generational wealth  
15 and have white collar jobs and they go and attend college  
16 and their incomes actually reflect that.

17 The median income in Vista right now for an  
18 individual is \$30,188 dollars, which is much less than  
19 the median income of Carlsbad, for example, which a  
20 household income in Carlsbad will be \$110,000 or \$110,478  
21 household. So that difference right there is staggering  
22 when it comes to demographics --

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

24 MR. ELLIS: -- and the people that live in cities.  
25 Like I said, both communities are wonderful in their own



1 way, but inland communities have different needs. We  
2 just don't want to be steamrolled by coastal communities  
3 when it comes to voting, when it comes to the needs of  
4 our people and our city together.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

6 MR. ELLIS: So keep Vista, Escondido, and San Marcos  
7 together. Thank you, Commissioners, for you -- for your  
8 time. And I appreciate this opportunity to speak to you.  
9 Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
11 up next, we have caller 5842. And after that, anybody  
12 who has just called in, please press star 9 to enter the  
13 comment queue if you'd like to give a comment today.  
14 Right now we'll go to caller 5842. If you could please  
15 follow the prompts to unmute.

16 Caller 5842, you are unmuted. Thank you. Your  
17 speaker order number is 17. If you could please make a  
18 note of that. And if you could remind us what area you  
19 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

20 S3: Yes. Imperial Valley, please, and Eastern  
21 Coachella.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Go ahead,  
23 please.

24 MS. CANTERO: Hi. Good afternoon. My name is Rosa  
25 Cantero. I'm a Hebrew resident from Imperial Valley.



1 I'm here to ask you, our CRC, to please keep our Imperial  
2 County and Eastern Coachella Valley together to be able  
3 to work in one of the more interested problem that we  
4 have in common with Eastern Coachella and Imperial  
5 County, that is the Salton Sea. You know, we have a lot  
6 in common. I am a Imperial Valley resident since 1988,  
7 and I've been growing up in this community.

8 We, as a family of immigrants, knew all the  
9 problems. But this area is sharing -- this continue  
10 passing. For me, one of the most important things that  
11 we have to be together. It's because this Salton Sea  
12 cannot be completely clear only by the Imperial Valley  
13 because we are sharing the Salton Sea.

14 And as a mom of a six-year-old with allergies and  
15 asthma, I'm completely like -- I'm honestly, like,  
16 worried about his future here in the Valley. So if we  
17 divide this part, it's going to be impossible to -- to  
18 clear make a decision for what's going to happen to  
19 Salton Sea.

20 Also, because, as you know, we, we share a lot of  
21 like we work -- we work in -- most of the people work in  
22 Coachella drive all the way over to Imperial Valley and  
23 so on, like vice versa. So it could be a good way to --  
24 to be together and -- and have more in common. Thank you  
25 so much.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And for those  
2 calling in who have not given comment today, if you'd  
3 like to give comment, please press star 9. This will  
4 raise your hand for the comment moderator. This is for  
5 caller 7037. I see your hand. Thank you so much. You  
6 will be up next. Please follow the prompts to unmute.

7 Caller 7037, you are unmuted. You will be speaker  
8 order number 18. If you could please make a note of  
9 that. And if you could remind us what -- if you could  
10 tell us what area you'd like to discuss, the floor is  
11 yours.

12 MS. CASTANEDA: Sure. So I live in National City  
13 south San Diego County.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Go ahead,  
15 please.

16 MS. CASTANEDA: Okay. Well, hello, everyone. My  
17 name is Aida Castaneda, and I'm a resident of National  
18 City and South San Diego County. I'm calling today to  
19 urge you, the Commission, to respect the working-class  
20 community of interest by connecting National City  
21 with(indiscernible), West Chula Vista, Greater Logan  
22 Heights and City Heights.

23 The voting rights of the Latino community should be  
24 underscored in the South Bay and Mid-City areas where a  
25 majority of Latinos and Chicanos live. The Latino



1 community has been historically marginalized. We are  
2 empowered by our culture and activities that are very  
3 obviously unique to our culture. I'll show you a very  
4 clear example of this in what I want to describe as  
5 cruising our lowriders up and down different streets.

6 This past year, I've been working with the United  
7 Lowrider Coalition to repeal a racist anti-cruising  
8 ordinance in National City that unfairly targets mostly  
9 brown and black youth who coast, meander, drive their  
10 cars along our neighborhood streets as an expression of  
11 cultural pride or just plain fun.

12 The city's anti-cruising ordinance is 30 years old.  
13 When it was very rare that our city leaders look like the  
14 people who got arrested under this ordinance. The anti-  
15 cruising ordinance is unfair and has served as a pretext  
16 for the police to pull over members of our community.  
17 We're hoping to repeal -- fully repeal the law this year.

18 If you're not sure why this is an issue worth  
19 fighting for, ask yourself where you got your definition  
20 of cruising. Were you spoon fed a meaning of cruising as  
21 best depicted as a cruel stereotype from a movie or  
22 yellow journalism? I, for one, got it from grandparents,  
23 parents and youth of today who invest time, money, and  
24 enthusiasm. And there are pieces on wheels, the desire  
25 to showcase a very important part of culture.



1 Cruising is a celebrated pastime in a lot of our  
2 neighborhoods, whether it's City Heights, West Chula  
3 Vista, Logan Heights or around Chicano Park in Barrio  
4 Logan. This is just one example of why we need the right  
5 representation in elected office.

6 Our Latino community of interest need to be  
7 empowered to ensure that Latinos can not only influence  
8 and voice their needs and concerns, but that this be done  
9 equitably to repair generations of bias and neglect that  
10 have harmed our communities. Please respect our  
11 community by connecting our communities along the 5 -- I-  
12 5 and 805 Freeway together in the redistricting process.  
13 Thank you so much for your time. I appreciate it. Thank  
14 you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 And with that, Chair, we do not have any new hands  
17 in the queue. We are up against a break, but if you'd  
18 like, I can read the call-in instructions.

19 CHAIR SINAY: I was just going to ask if you could  
20 read the call-in instructions right before a break and  
21 just so that people can get ready. Thanks.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You got it. In order to  
23 maximize transparency and public participation in our  
24 process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment  
25 by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided



1 on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When  
2 prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided on the  
3 live stream feed. It is 863193533794 for today's  
4 meeting.

5 When prompted to enter the meeting ID number or when  
6 prompted to enter a participant ID, simply press the  
7 pound key. Once you've dialed in, you'll be placed in a  
8 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press  
9 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.  
10 When it's your turn to speak, you'll hear a message that  
11 says the host would like you to talk. Press Star 6 to  
12 speak.

13 If you would like to give your name, please state  
14 and spell it for the record. You are not required to  
15 provide your name to give public comment. Please make  
16 sure to meet your computer or livestream audio to prevent  
17 any feedback or distortion during your call. Once you're  
18 waiting in the queue, be alert for when it is your turn  
19 to speak. And again, please turn down the livestream  
20 volume. And we do not have any callers at this time,  
21 Chair.

22 CHAIR SINAY: Great.

23 Johanna? Can you also give the instructions for the  
24 Spanish listening?

25 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Yes, Chair.



1 CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

2 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Yes. Would you like me to  
3 give the full call-in instructions? How to listen and  
4 how to provide public input?

5 CHAIR SINAY: Yeah, that would be great. Thank you.

6 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Sounds good. You're welcome.  
7 Yes. Thank you. [Spanish spoken]. Thank you.

8 CHAIR SINAY: Mucho Gracias, Johanna. And with  
9 that, we do need to go to our required break. It will be  
10 a 15-minute break. When we return from break  
11 Commissioner Ahmed will be chairing. She will begin with  
12 individuals who have an appointment. If we have time, we  
13 will then open the phone line. See you soon.

14 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

15 VICE CHAIR AHMED: Welcome back to the California  
16 Citizens Redistricting Commission Community of Interest  
17 Input Meeting. We also encourage you to visit the  
18 Communities of Interest Tool to draw a map and describe  
19 your community. You can do so by visiting  
20 [drawmycacomunity.org](http://drawmycacomunity.org).

21 For anyone who has joined us recently, we are  
22 offering language lines for Spanish language speakers to  
23 listen to the meeting in their native language and a  
24 separate line for those who wish to provide public  
25 comment or public input.



1           Could I please have the Spanish interpreter, please  
2 read the site translation of full call-in instructions?

3           SPANISH INTERPRETER: Hi, Chair. This is the  
4 Spanish interpreter. [Spanish spoken]. Gracias. Thank  
5 you.

6           VICE CHAIR AHMED: Thank you so much. And as a  
7 reminder, although we are focusing on specific counties,  
8 Californians from anywhere in the state are welcome to  
9 provide input. I will pass this over to Kristian, our  
10 comment moderator for the day to continue with public  
11 input. We will start with people who are registered and  
12 then open the phone lines if there is time before the  
13 next session.

14          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.  
15 Welcome to Public Input Session 2. Please use the raised  
16 hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the  
17 comment queue. When it's your turn to speak, I will  
18 identify you by your assigned unique ID number from your  
19 invite.

20          You'll be reconnected to the session with the  
21 ability to enable your own video and/or audio. You will  
22 then be assigned a speaker order number before you begin  
23 speaking. Please make a note of this speaker order  
24 number for future reference.

25          The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time



1 limit for English speakers and a six-minute time limit  
2 for those with an interpreter. There will be a warning  
3 at 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining. The Commission's  
4 goal is to find the area on the map you'd like to discuss  
5 prior to your testimony. If you're within a specific  
6 neighborhood of a large city, please mention it by name.

7       Once we're able to locate your area, your time will  
8 begin. Attendees will not be able to share their screen.  
9 At the end of your public input or at the end of your  
10 time, you'll be reconnected in a list and view only mode.  
11 At the beginning of your input, please remind the mapper  
12 what area you'd like to see on the screen. And starting  
13 us off in this session will be unique ID number 009 and  
14 after them will be 012.

15       009, I will be promoting you now. 009, you can now  
16 enable your audio and video in the lower left-hand corner  
17 of your screen. Your speaker order number is 19. If you  
18 could please make a note of that. And if you could let  
19 us know the area you'd like to discuss, the floor is  
20 yours.

21       MR. COSNEY: I'll be discussing the area of San  
22 Diego, specifically City Heights, Southeast, and some of  
23 the communities to the east.

24       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Go ahead.

25       MR. COSNEY: Awesome. Well, thank you very much,



1 Commissioners. Good evening. My name is Kevin Cosney.  
2 I'm a lifetime resident of California and a  
3 representative of the California Black Census and  
4 Redistricting Hub.

5 I'm calling in today to summarize and uplift the  
6 communities of interest that were identified by our  
7 coalition members and the community members that engaged  
8 in ten community feedback sessions with 184 San Diego  
9 residents, our coalition partners Alliance San Diego,  
10 Black American Political Association of California,  
11 Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans and  
12 pillars of the community spent months engaging community  
13 members to hear how they define their communities and to  
14 identify the issues they found most prevalent during each  
15 of these sessions.

16 We also discussed the importance of the  
17 redistricting process, the impact it will have on future  
18 generations, and the importance of their input and  
19 involvement. The black community of San Diego includes  
20 black Americans, Africans and Afro-Caribbeans, and  
21 celebrates a wide array of languages, faiths, and  
22 backgrounds, making its neighborhoods some of the most  
23 diverse in the state.

24 The Southeast and City Heights communities contain  
25 many well-known black neighborhoods with deep histories,



1 vibrant cultures and shared values. Southeast is home to  
2 some of the most-dense black neighborhoods in San Diego,  
3 and City Heights is a diverse community that is home to  
4 many immigrant and refugees, including a strong and  
5 growing East African community that has been part of San  
6 Diego for over 30 years.

7 To the east, communities like Lemon Grove, Spring  
8 Valley, La Mesa and El Cajon are home to newly emerging  
9 and growing black communities, including newly arriving  
10 black and Middle Eastern immigrants and refugees, as well  
11 as others who have been pushed out of City Heights and  
12 Southeast in search of more affordable housing.

13 Across all of these communities, we heard concerns  
14 about housing, health care, education, access to  
15 community programs and the impacts of criminalization and  
16 over surveillance by police and immigration authorities  
17 alike. We also heard a resounding pride in the culture  
18 and resilience and vision for a better future that these  
19 communities share.

20 What also stood out in our process were the concerns  
21 consistently raised about how these communities have been  
22 historically shut out of the political process and seen  
23 their political voices diminished as their communities  
24 are split up and districted with other communities along  
25 the coast to the northern and eastern end of the county

1 that do not share similar interests, needs, concerns, the  
2 values competitive that these communities who are the  
3 most vulnerable and most impacted by political decisions  
4 are protected, kept whole, and districted together or  
5 with other similar communities.

6 This would enable communities here to end racist  
7 development practices and fight for more affordable  
8 housing, rent control, and tenant protections. This  
9 would enable growing immigrant refugee communities to  
10 ensure they're supported, welcomed and able to address  
11 issues like language access, access to housing, jobs and  
12 resources, opportunity to create communities that thrive,  
13 celebrate their diversity, and invest in health rather  
14 than surveillance and punishment, all rest on the ability  
15 to create a strong, clear political voice at the State  
16 and Federal level.

17 Without appropriate laws --

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

19 MR. COSNEY: -- that protect and keep together these  
20 key neighborhoods, issues that are important to our  
21 communities will continue to be neglected. However, we  
22 can create a new cycle of equitable, responsive  
23 representation together by taking heat to the invaluable  
24 input provided by our community members in San Diego.  
25 Again, thank you for your time --



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

2 MR. COSNEY: -- and consideration and commitment to  
3 a transparent, equitable redistricting process. Thanks.

4 VICE CHAIR AHMED: Caller, can I ask a clarifying  
5 question?

6 MR. COSNEY: Absolutely.

7 VICE CHAIR AHMED: Would you please help me  
8 understand what is southeast mean? How would you define  
9 southeast by any roads or boundaries that you can think  
10 of?

11 MR. COSNEY: You know, there's a bunch of them. And  
12 I want to kind of be respectful of folks' time. What I  
13 will say is that we are -- submitted a bunch of COI maps  
14 to the tool and we'll submit a summary. But I think the  
15 easiest way to identify it is essentially like City  
16 Council District 4 is probably like the easiest way to  
17 identify it.

18 There are some parts of Southeast that overlap into  
19 nine and overlap into 9 and City Council District 1. I  
20 think shorthand, District 4 is the easiest way to  
21 identify Southeast and District 9 is the easiest way to  
22 identify City Heights. Again, we can provide more  
23 detailed shape files for you.

24 VICE CHAIR AHMED: Great. Thank you so much. That  
25 was extremely helpful.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 MR. COSNEY: Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Next we will have 012 and  
4 after them will be 018. 012, I will promote you now.  
5 012, welcome.

6 MS. MANANQUIL: Hello.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number  
8 is number 20. If you'd make a note of that, please. And  
9 if you could remind us whatever you'd like to discuss,  
10 the floor is yours.

11 MS. MANANQUIL: Thank you. I'll be discussing  
12 National City, City Heights, Chula Vista, and the Kearny  
13 Mesa convoy area.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Go ahead.

15 MS. MANANQUIL: Hello. My name is Kristina  
16 Mananquil. I am an organizer with the Asian Solidarity  
17 Collective here in San Diego, California. I'll be  
18 speaking on behalf of ASC on the mentioned areas National  
19 City, Chula Vista, City Heights, Kearny Mesa Convoy. ASC  
20 is a grassroots organization whose mission is to activate  
21 Asian-American social justice consciousness, condemn  
22 anti-blackness, and build Asian solidarity, especially  
23 with black, brown and indigenous folks, people with  
24 disabilities, queer and trans people of color and all  
25 oppressed communities.



1           Our work includes political education, community  
2 building and collective action. We currently have 45  
3 active members with a larger base of over 600 members  
4 throughout San Diego County, with 2.5 members who are  
5 South Asian, 26.3 who identify as East Asian and 53.8 of  
6 our members who are Southeast Asians.

7           ASC is a regional lead organization for the AAPI and  
8 it is a AMEMSA redistricting collaborative. And we  
9 hosted over three community workshops to educate the  
10 community about redistricting, obtain communities of  
11 interest information, and obtain community mapping  
12 priorities.

13           The following orgs have participated in our  
14 workshops: Korean Organization of San Diego,  
15 (indiscernible) Mentorship Program, ASC, and Asian  
16 Business Association of San Diego. The AAPI and AMEMSA  
17 communities in San Diego are diverse and face a variety  
18 of issues, such as lack of equitable resources in social  
19 services, housing, education, health care, reproductive  
20 health, disability and language justice.

21           Many come from poor and working-class families who  
22 struggle to afford rent and adequate living conditions.  
23 Many families are multigenerational and are refugees that  
24 take care of elders and young children. Youth in these  
25 communities fight for ending policing in schools and

1 investing in providing equitable resources for mental  
2 health and distance learning that is, disability justice  
3 centered.

4 Mutual aid, food banks, community gardens and  
5 exchanges, cultural and religious spaces are heavily  
6 relied on in order to thrive and have a sense of  
7 belonging and identity based on the data and the growth  
8 of the AAPI populations throughout San Diego, our  
9 communities share many cultural histories, traditions,  
10 shared life experiences.

11 The AAPI restaurants, grocery stores and cultural  
12 spaces serve as hubs for generations of families and  
13 provide communities with opportunities to gather together  
14 and build a cross-racial solidarity and continue to  
15 strengthen communities.

16 We ask that the Commission, please to keep Convoy  
17 whole with surrounding areas, that City heights be kept  
18 whole and paired with southeastern San Diego, and that  
19 Chula Vista be kept whole with National City.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

21 MS. MANANQUIL: Based on political interests, we  
22 advocate to keep our AAPI communities together as being  
23 in close proximity to each other is crucial to our  
24 survival, enables us to flourish and thrive. We would  
25 like to thank the Commission for your time.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

2 MS. MANANQUIL: Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up  
4 next, we will have 018 and after them will be 013. 018,  
5 I will promote you now. 018, we had some trouble with  
6 that. We're going to do audio only. Just a moment. Oh,  
7 it looks like -- oh, there you are. 018, you can now  
8 unmute. And if you -- let me see. Your speaker order  
9 number is number 21. And if you'll remind the mapper  
10 what you'd like to see on the screen, the floor is yours.

11 018, please follow the prompts to unmute. Again,  
12 unique ID number 018, you can now unmute yourself. There  
13 may be a prompt in the middle of your screen to unmute,  
14 or you can unmute in the lower left-hand corner of your  
15 screen.

16 Could I have a Spanish interpreter, please?

17 [Spanish spoken]

18 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Good afternoon. This is Jose.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Jose, could you please  
20 ask unique ID 018 to unmute?

21 SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Spanish spoken].

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Jose.

23 SPANISH INTERPRETER: My pleasure.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. We are going  
25 to come back to 018. At this time, we're going to go to



1 013, and after that, we will go to 011.

2 013, I'm going to promote you now. 013, you can now  
3 enable your audio. You can now enable your audio -- you  
4 can now enable your audio and video. And if you'd remind  
5 the mapper what area you'd like to discuss -- oh, I'm  
6 sorry. Before I do that, your speaker order number is  
7 order number 22, speaker 22. And if you let the mapper  
8 know what area you'd like to discuss, the floor is yours.

9 MS. GARCES: Hi. I'll be speaking about San Diego.  
10 And I'll be specifically talking about the Kearny Mesa  
11 area and the Convoy district. That's between the 805,  
12 163, and sort of the 52.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Go ahead,  
14 please.

15 MS. GARCES: Hello, everyone. My name is Lauren  
16 Garces. And I serve as the marketing, outreach and  
17 events director for the Asian Business Association, San  
18 Diego, and as a special events director for the Convoy  
19 District Partnership nonprofit. I'm also speaking today  
20 as part of the AAPI and a AMESMA redistricting  
21 collaborative.

22 The Asian Business Association represents the  
23 interests of over 30,000 Asian Pacific Islander  
24 businesses in the San Diego region. And the Convoy  
25 District Partnership nonprofit is dedicated to supporting



1 the economic growth and development of the Convoy  
2 District Region located in the Kearny Mesa, San Diego.

3 I've lived in San Diego for over a decade and  
4 previously lived five minutes away from the Convoy  
5 District. And although I moved to the Rancho  
6 Penasquita's area, I still actively work and visit the  
7 Convoy Kearny Mesa region multiple times each week. I've  
8 had the honor of coordinating annual events in the  
9 neighborhood like the San Diego night market, which draws  
10 over 10,000 attendees in normal years, brings art to the  
11 region through box donations, mural blocks programs, and  
12 supported our diverse business owners in the region  
13 through advocacy and access to small business resources  
14 which help them remain open during the pandemic.

15 In 2020, we were proud to reclaim the area with The  
16 City of San Diego as the Convoy Pan-Asian Cultural and  
17 Business Innovation District, which speaks to the many  
18 businesses and services that all generations but locals  
19 and visitors and diverse backgrounds come from all over  
20 to enjoy.

21 The area serves a large portion of small businesses,  
22 with many being minority owned small businesses. A  
23 portion have limited English proficiency, and our  
24 nonprofit has been supporting them with translating  
25 capital assistance resources. Affordability of renting



1 and owning properties is always on the mind of these  
2 businesses. And in addition, the neighborhood also  
3 houses multicultural community centers like the Taiwanese  
4 Center and also Pan-Asian religious groups host their  
5 service in various venues in the neighborhood.

6 The region is largely identified as the triangle in  
7 the intersections of the freeways 805, 163, and 52.  
8 Located in the Kearny Mesa area, this area is going to be  
9 slowly transforming from a mixed industrial use to  
10 residential in the near future as we're seeing with the  
11 Kearny Mesa plan update. And we would love the  
12 surrounding proximity around this triangle to be able to  
13 grow with the region.

14 Some neighborhoods that should be grouped with the  
15 region that we believe are: Claremont, Mesa, Linda  
16 Vista, and Mira Mesa. Many of these boundaries are not  
17 one through street, but a combination. And I can submit  
18 written comment and a map for suggested preference for  
19 this. But we would really like to please keep the Convoy  
20 District and Kearny Mesa kept together as a whole with  
21 these surrounding and shared interest areas. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Next  
23 up, we will have 011. And after that, we will have 019.  
24 011, I will promote you now. 011, you can now unmute and  
25 enable audio in the lower left-hand corner of your



1 screen. Your speaker number is number 23. If you can  
2 please make note of that. And if you could please let  
3 the mapper know what area you'd like to see on the  
4 screen, the floor is yours.

5 MS. CASE: Hi. I'd like to focus on the Chula Vista  
6 area, please.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Go ahead.

8 MS. CASE: Hi. Good afternoon, Commissioners. My  
9 name is May Case (ph.). My pronouns are she/her/hers.  
10 And I am a resident of San Diego County. I'm an  
11 organizer with the Asian Solidarity Collective. One of  
12 our communities of interest is the city of Chula Vista,  
13 which lies in South County of San Diego.

14 According to 2019 census data, the Asian-American  
15 population in Chula Vista is the second largest ethnic  
16 group at 17.3 percent, following the Hispanic population  
17 of 45.9 percent. BIPOC communities make up a good  
18 portion of the population from Chula Vista's old  
19 Westside, as well as the more affluent neighborhoods  
20 farther east through the communities of the east like  
21 Otay Ranch.

22 The 2020 census data shows that Chula Vista's  
23 residents that are foreign born citizens. The top three  
24 most common birth places are Mexico, followed by the  
25 Philippines and then China. You can see the pride of

1 each culture, the small businesses that share the cuisine  
2 and other cultural elements of its diverse residents.

3 My community also houses a significant number of  
4 immigrants and provides a large number of support to them  
5 to make up for ways in which the local and state  
6 government may come up short. I have been personally a  
7 resident of Chula Vista since March of 2020, and my  
8 community of interest in Chula Vista is largely made up  
9 of the Filipino-mix community.

10 The Catholic faith keeps this community of interest  
11 close together, which would indicate that family values  
12 are a strong driving force and a major consideration in  
13 voting. There is a large Filipino-mix community around  
14 the vicinity of Corpus Christi Catholic Church, which  
15 lies in the community of Bonita, as well as latter day  
16 church and academy further south in the Otay Ranch  
17 community.

18 My immediate neighborhood is in the community of  
19 Otay Ranch, which is a newer subdivision that lies in the  
20 southeastern portion of the greater city of Chula Vista  
21 boundaries. I'm a block away from a Latter-Day Catholic  
22 Church and Academy. We're about 1.5 miles west of Otay  
23 Ranch mall on Birch Road, and about half a mile southeast  
24 of Otay High School.

25 My broader community, the rest of the city of Chula



1 Vista, stretches to the coast through what is known as  
2 Old Chula Vista. Olympic Parkway turns into Orange  
3 Avenue, which follows all the way to the coast where the  
4 J Street Marina sits. North of the State Route 54. The  
5 communities along the coast and west of Interstate 805  
6 tend to be the more affluent, well-resourced communities.  
7 But south of the 54, the higher income homes are east of  
8 805, and the working class single and multi-family homes  
9 are west of the freeway.

10 I ask the Commission to consider the new district  
11 boundaries in a way that will strengthen the voice of the  
12 Filipino community of San Diego South County, which is  
13 currently split between Assembly 79th and 80th Assembly  
14 Districts.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

16 MS. CASE: I ask the Commission to please keep the  
17 city of Chula Vista whole and within the same district as  
18 most of National City, with the exception of the dense  
19 community north east of 16th Street and the avenue which  
20 should be kept with the community of Paradise Hills and  
21 Southeast.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

23 MS. CASE: Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Next  
25 up, we will have 019 and after them we have 016. 019, I



1 will be promoting you now. 019, we're going to try audio  
2 only. Standby. 019, you can now enable your audio.

3 MS. BURKHOLDER: Okay.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number  
5 is order number 24. If you can please make a note of  
6 that. And if you could let the mapper know what area  
7 you'd like to see on the screen, the floor is yours.

8 MS. BURKHOLDER: Yes, sir. I will be talking about  
9 Encinitas, Carlsbad, Oceanside, and Vista. Thank you for  
10 that.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Go ahead.

12 MS. BURKHOLDER: My name is Melanie Burkholder, and  
13 I'm a long-time resident homeowner, business owner, mom  
14 and activist in Carlsbad. Carlsbad is a wonderful place  
15 to live, work and play. It features small and large  
16 businesses ranging from the mom and pops all the way up  
17 to ViaSat and Callaway Golf.

18 Carlsbad is home to Legoland, California, the  
19 McClellan Palomar Airport and the county's only  
20 desalinization plant. It's very important that the  
21 commission understand Carlsbad and match it to other  
22 communities and areas that share our culture and needs.

23 Carlsbad should be considered a community of  
24 interest with Vista, Carlsbad, and inland Encinitas,  
25 defined as east of the 5 Freeway. Inland Encinitas



1 features the same density of homeowners, similar  
2 businesses that connect the areas via El Camino Real and  
3 Open Space Preservation as Carlsbad, Oceanside, and  
4 Vista. The user of El Camino Real is a critical  
5 connection for businesses of this community of interest  
6 to the 78 corridor. Billions of dollars annually are  
7 generated through the 78 corridor, with El Camino Real  
8 being one of its central arteries.

9       Our kids join the same sports leagues, attend many  
10 of the same schools, and play in the same parks.  
11 Furthermore, J.C. Golf Resorts has multiple golf courses  
12 in this community of interest a sport made ever more  
13 important and popular as a safe way to maintain fitness  
14 and mental health during the pandemic.

15       Coastal Encinitas, Del Mar, and Solana Beach have  
16 their own set of issues and needs and should be  
17 considered their own community of interest. Carlsbad,  
18 Oceanside, and inland Encinitas often find themselves at  
19 odds over issues like density housing development,  
20 restaurant and business permitting, and traffic  
21 mitigation with respect to the coastal enclaves Del Mar,  
22 Solana Beach, and Coastal Encinitas.

23       For example, Coastal Encinitas features more young  
24 people, renters and an outgoing life that is inconsistent  
25 with the more single-family culture of inland Encinitas

1 that is more similar to the areas of Carlsbad, Bressi  
2 Ranch. Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up  
4 next, we will have 016. And after that, we'll be 015.  
5 016, I will promote you now. 016, you can now enable  
6 your audio and video in the lower left-hand corner of  
7 your screen. Your speaker order number will be number  
8 25. If you could please make a note of that. And if you  
9 will please let the mapper know what area you'd like to  
10 discuss, the floor is yours.

11 MS. KABASHIMA: Hello. My name is Nao Kabashima.  
12 I'm the executive director of the Karen Organization of  
13 San Diego. We are a part of the AAPI and AMEMSA, the  
14 District collaborative. I am here to speak about City  
15 Heights area. Our office is located in the City Heights  
16 neighborhood of San Diego on the corner of the University  
17 Avenue and the 54th street.

18 Since 2007, more than 2,200 refugees from Burma have  
19 been resettled in San Diego, and this is one of the  
20 newest refugee community in the region. More than ninety  
21 percent of them live in City Heights within walking  
22 distance of our office.

23 Each year, KOSD serves more than 800 individuals  
24 from Burma through direct services, including case  
25 management, employment services, and emergency response.



1 At the same, KOSD is a community space where refugees  
2 from Burma can explore and build their new home together  
3 through a strong community support system while  
4 maintaining their cultural heritage. We work with every  
5 Burmese ethnic community that settle here, including  
6 Karen, Karenni, Kachin, Ching, Rakhine, Burmese, and most  
7 of them have spent decades in the isolation of refugee  
8 camps.

9       Camps lack opportunity for education, employment and  
10 skill development. As such, refugee families often live  
11 here with little more than clothing on their backs, with  
12 no formal educations and with traumatic memories of human  
13 rights violations back in their country. Ninety percent  
14 of the adult population has no or very limited English  
15 proficiency, and most of them didn't have opportunity to  
16 complete elementary education due to the long civil wars,  
17 which are still not over yet since 1948.

18       They are among the most vulnerable and underserved  
19 community in San Diego, as most service providers lack  
20 the language, capacity and culture competence to work  
21 with this populations. Ninety-eight percent of our  
22 clients are very low or extremely low-income residents  
23 based on the hard income limits of City of San Diego.

24       I had been working with this community in City  
25 Heights since 2009, and I have witnessed many, many



1 occasions that our community members from Burma didn't  
2 have any opportunity to share their voices just because  
3 their population's small. And over the past years, we've  
4 been working with many different refugee and newcomer  
5 groups in City Heights who share similar backgrounds and  
6 needs.

7       So it is critical for us to keep the entire City  
8 Heights community within one district so that we can  
9 amplify all refugee and newcomer voices and their needs  
10 are met. Currently, the City Heights are broken into  
11 three districts 78, 79, and 80.

12       At the same time, it is critical for City Heights to  
13 be in the --

14       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

15       MS. KABASHIMA: -- with southeastern San Diego so  
16 that we can unite and work together with fair  
17 representation. Thank you so much.

18       VICE CHAIR AHMED: Caller, may I ask a few  
19 clarifying questions?

20       MS. KABASHIMA: Yes. Thank you.

21       VICE CHAIR AHMED: Would you please help me  
22 understand what the boundaries of City Heights is? And  
23 then also you mentioned southeastern San Diego. If you  
24 can define that for me as well.

25       MS. KABASHIMA: Yeah, I can definitely forward the

1 emails later on. But our family from Burma living in  
2 City Heights, which is bounded by Highway 805 to the  
3 west, and 70th Street to the East, Highway 94 to the  
4 south, and Adams Avenue to the north.

5 VICE CHAIR AHMED: Great. Thank you so much.

6 MS. KABASHIMA: Um-hum.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up  
8 next, we will have 015. And after that, we will have  
9 021. 015, I will promote you now. 015, you can now  
10 enable your audio and video in the lower left-hand corner  
11 of your screen.

12 MR. LEO: Hi. My name is Mark Leo (ph.) and --

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Just a moment Mark.

14 MR. LEO: Sure.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I get a couple of things  
16 configured for your testimony. Your speaker order number  
17 is order 26. If you could please make a note of that.  
18 And if you would let the mapper know what area you'd like  
19 to discuss, the floor is yours.

20 MR. LEO: National City, please.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Go ahead.

22 MR. LEO: All right. My name is Mark Leo, and I'm  
23 with Quiatay (ph.) Mentorship Program, also known as CAMP  
24 (ph.). And I'm also speaking today as part of the AAPI  
25 and AMEMSA Redistricting Collaborative. My community of



1 interest in National City is composed of Asian and  
2 Pacific Islanders, who constitute nineteen percent of  
3 National City residents, with a forecasted thirty-five  
4 percent growth for Asians and twenty-one percent growth  
5 for Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders between 2008 and 2050.

6 I propose the communities between Fourth Street and  
7 16th Street and connected with D Avenue be kept whole to  
8 be able to encompass the significant AAPI communities in  
9 National City, linking them to the large Filipino Pacific  
10 Islander and Laotian communities in the 79th District,  
11 which is in the city of San Diego.

12 The area houses not only AAPI residents, but many  
13 businesses, schools and centers of -- centers of  
14 community gathering. For example, the Bay Terrace Senior  
15 Center, Sons and Daughters of Guam, Seafood City are  
16 integral to the AAPI community. Historically, our  
17 communities are linked with one another through these  
18 businesses and community centers, despite the boundaries.

19 For example, even when my family moved out of  
20 National City and into the southeast area of San Diego,  
21 we continued to switch off going to church in National  
22 City and in Paradise Hills. We definitely continued to  
23 shop there as well. Our communities are stronger  
24 together and now is an opportune time to unite them in a  
25 district while keeping our Latin X and black communities

1 with significant political influence voting as well.

2 Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up  
4 next, we will have 021. And after that, we will be  
5 returning 2018. 021, I will promote you now. 021, you  
6 can now unmute and enable video in the lower left  
7 corner --

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- of your screen.  
10 Hello. Your speaker order number is number 27. If you  
11 could please make a note of that. And if you could let  
12 the mapper know what area you'd like to discuss, the  
13 floor is yours.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Today I'd like to discuss  
15 part of North County, San Diego. Currently, it's the  
16 north eastern extremity of the current 39th District,  
17 which juts out into the 38th District. I believe this  
18 area should be part of the 38th District in particular.  
19 The communities I'm referring to are: Black Mountain  
20 Ranch, Rancho Bernardo, San Pasqual, Rancho Penasquitas  
21 north of the 56.

22 And I believe that these areas, as well as Caramel  
23 Mountain Ranch, the city of Poway, South San Marcos, and  
24 Scripps Ranch are all one community of interest. This  
25 entire community of interest is largely a sprawling, dry



1 suburban area with pockets of vegetation, including  
2 chaparral and some lively forested area areas. And you  
3 may notice that some of these communities that are listed  
4 have ranch in their name, and there's a reason for that.

5 I mentioned a picture of the area and also to  
6 illustrate a certain theme that these areas have which  
7 can be put into words. The residents tend to be upper  
8 and or middle and upper middle-class residents. There's  
9 a lot of young families, middle aged, empty nesters,  
10 retirees. And the residents in these areas share  
11 homogeneous characteristics.

12 And as a result, the constituents that live here  
13 also have common interests for their share of political  
14 will. I might add that many of them work in the areas as  
15 well. The people who live in these communities have very  
16 similar demographics. Residents tend to have similar  
17 income levels and rates of homeownership.

18 From my experience, the folks living in these areas  
19 have a common culture and tend to have a lot of the same  
20 reservations and goals such as abuse, crime, family unit,  
21 education, environment, taxes. The area is also  
22 geographically very similar throughout. For this reason,  
23 they have a shared fire safety concern. And it's why the  
24 area comes together when we're -- whenever we have a fire  
25 emergency, which is fairly often.



1 Residents also tend to share the same roads,  
2 schools, highways, and freeways. Finally, as a caveat,  
3 I'd argue that Poway a unified school district is itself  
4 a community of interest. That includes the city of  
5 Poway, of course, as well as the City of San Diego  
6 communities of Rancho Bernardo --

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- and Racho Penasquitas  
9 currently in the 39th Senatorial District, while the city  
10 of Poway is part of the 38th Senatorial District, and it  
11 makes sense -- much more sense for all three of them to  
12 be part of the 38th --

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- District. So to  
15 reiterate, I believe that Black Mountain Ranch, Racho  
16 Bernardo, San Pasqual, Rancho Penasquitas, Caramel  
17 Mountain Ranch, the city of Poway, South San Marcos, and  
18 Scripp Ranch --

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Time.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- should be one community of  
21 interest and should be in the 38th District.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up  
23 next, we will be going back to 018. 018, I'm going to  
24 enable your microphone. 018, you can now on mute. Can  
25 you hear me? In the lower left-hand corner of your



1 screen. If you could please unmute. Thank you. Can you  
2 hear me now?

3 S3: Yes, I can. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Wonderful. Your speaker  
5 order number is order -- is number 21. If you could make  
6 a number -- make a note of that, please. And if you  
7 could remind the mapper what area you'd like to discuss,  
8 the floor is yours?

9 MR. WEILER: Yes. The area would be Escondido and  
10 up into Temecula.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Go ahead,  
12 please.

13 MR. WEILER: Well, good afternoon. My name is Stan  
14 Weiler. I'm an Escondido resident of over 50 years. I'm  
15 a managing partner in a land use planning and civil  
16 engineering firm called Howes, Weiler, Landy. And I'm  
17 currently serving my community as a member of the  
18 Escondido Planning Commission.

19 Today, I'm testifying on behalf of my community to  
20 request that Escondido is kept in the same district as  
21 the city of Temecula, which is north of us off the I-15  
22 corridor. Escondido and Temecula are connected by much  
23 more than just a freeway. Our two communities are  
24 involved in the agro-tourism industry, as many people  
25 travel through and stay in our cities to visit the many



1 wineries between the San Pasqual Valley near Escondido  
2 and the Temecula wine country, just outside the City of  
3 Temecula.

4       The San Diego Region Integrated Lands Group serves  
5 and represents wineries and farmers in areas around both  
6 Temecula and Escondido. Our cities also share  
7 considerable workforce beyond agriculture. As a member  
8 of the Escondido Planning Commission, I know firsthand  
9 some of our city staff travel to Escondido from Temecula,  
10 and likewise some of my neighbors work in Temecula.

11       As a personal note, one of my former colleagues from  
12 the Escondido Planning Commission actually moved up to  
13 the City of Temecula. And for these reasons, I am  
14 requesting that Temecula and Escondido are included in  
15 the same district. Thank you very much for listening to  
16 my comments and I appreciate your service.

17       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Up  
18 next, we will have 014. And after that, we'll go to  
19 caller 2455. 014, I will promote you now. 014, you can  
20 now enable your audio and video in the lower left-hand  
21 corner of your screen. Your speaker order number will be  
22 28. If you could please make a note of that. And if you  
23 could let the mapper know what area you'd like to  
24 discuss, the floor is yours.

25       MS. LIM: Chula Vista, National City and the Greater



1 San Diego City Area, please. Good afternoon. My name is  
2 June Lim and I am the Demographic Research Project  
3 Director at Asian-Americans Advancing Justice Los  
4 Angeles, which is a Census Information Center, and an  
5 official program of the US Census Bureau designed to  
6 promote the dissemination of census data to underserved  
7 populations.

8 I am joining you today to present data supporting  
9 the COI testimony you've heard from our partners  
10 representing the AAPI and AMEMSA Redistricting  
11 Collaborative. These include the allies that are in City  
12 Heights, Kearny Mesa, Clairemont Mesa, Linda Vista, Mira  
13 Mesa, Chula Vista, and National City.

14 The AAPI and AMEMSA community is a large and fast-  
15 growing part of San Diego. The latest census data show  
16 that the Asian-American population in the cities of San  
17 Diego, Chula Vista, and National City grew considerably  
18 in the last decade. The Asian-American community grew by  
19 nearly twenty-five percent in San Diego and Chula Vista.  
20 The Pacific Islander community grew by six percent in  
21 Chula Vista.

22 Within The City of San Diego, the Asian-American  
23 community grew over eleven percent in Mira Mesa and  
24 twenty percent in the Convoy District, Kearny Mesa, Linda  
25 Vista, and Clairemont Mesa areas. Our communities now



1 make up over twenty percent of the City of San Diego and  
2 National City and over sixteen percent of Chula Vista.

3       Where the COI and their collaborative identified are  
4 located within the City of San Diego, a AAPI and AMEMSA  
5 communities now make up over seventeen percent of City  
6 Heights, twenty percent of Kearny Mesa, and over half of  
7 Mira Mesa. Half of the AAPI and AMEMSA community in  
8 Chula Vista are foreign born. The proportion of  
9 immigrants and refugees in the City of San Diego and  
10 National City are higher at fifty-six and sixty-seven  
11 percent.

12       Eighty percent of Burmese and Burmese-Americans in  
13 San Diego are foreign born. Over fifty-five percent of  
14 Asian-Americans in National City speak English less than  
15 very well. This rate is even higher among Asian-  
16 Americans in San Diego and Chula Vista at sixty-three and  
17 sixty-six percent, respectively.

18       There are socio economic differences in the AAPI and  
19 the AMEMSA communities that vary across the COIs  
20 identified by our collaborative. For example, while  
21 fourteen percent of Asian-Americans in Chula Vista are  
22 low-income, thirty-six percent are in National City.  
23 Over twenty-five percent of Asian-Americans in the City  
24 of San Diego are low-income, and the range of percentage  
25 low-income vary significantly by ethnic group and by city

1 neighborhood.

2 Over thirty percent of Pacific Islanders in National  
3 City and thirty-five percent of --

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

5 MS. LIM: -- Pacific Islanders in San Diego are low-  
6 income. In closing the AAPI and AMEMSA Redistricting  
7 Collaborative ask the Commission to respect the integrity  
8 of our COIs presented today. I will submit to the  
9 Commission data maps and shape files of these --

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

11 MS. LIM: -- COIs with my written testimony. Thank  
12 you for your time.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

14 VICE CHAIR AHMED: Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And up next, we will have  
16 caller 2455. Caller 2455, if you could follow the  
17 prompts to unmute, please. Hello, caller --

18 MR. URENA: Hello. Good afternoon.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello, caller 2455, your  
20 speaker order number is 29. If you could make a note of  
21 that, please. And if you could remind the mapper of what  
22 area you'd like to discuss, the floor is yours.

23 MR. URENA: I would like to discuss East Coachella  
24 to Blythe all the way down to Imperial County. Hello.  
25 My name is Raul Urena. I was elected last fall to serve



1 as the youngest councilmember in the history of the  
2 border community of Calexico.

3 I'm calling today to ask to please keep in Imperial  
4 County with East Coachella in this redistricting process.  
5 I ask that you keep these two regions in the same  
6 district for the following reasons. The two regions need  
7 leadership and a voice that understands the needs,  
8 concerns facing the Latinx community.

9 Latinos and Latinx make over seventy-two percent of  
10 the population in Imperial County and constitute over  
11 ninety-five percent of the population in Coachella  
12 communities, with the majority of Latinos and Latinx  
13 residing in East Coachella cities of Indio, Coachella,  
14 Thermal, and Mecca.

15 Imperial County and Eastern Coachella share deep  
16 liabilities around the environmental impact of the drying  
17 up of the Salton Sea and the air quality related  
18 illnesses that exists in the region, especially asthma.  
19 All of this coming from the Salton Sea results in dust  
20 particles that come from explosive playa.

21 As the sea --as the sea is dry and exposed lakebed  
22 recedes further. We are also both growing communities  
23 with families across the Sea's perimeter. We must have  
24 leadership that understands this issue as it is critical  
25 to the health and economic well-being of this entire



1 majority Latino district that stretches all the way down  
2 south to the border.

3       These two regions have a proud history of being  
4 predominantly Latino, Mexican-American, Spanish speaking  
5 and demographic. They have been a backbone and an  
6 economic driver of a multimillion-dollar national  
7 agriculture industry. These hardworking farmworker  
8 families have been on the front line of the continued  
9 COVID pandemic with some of the highest death rates in  
10 the State of California here in Imperial County.

11       They have risked their health and the lives of their  
12 loved ones during the COVID pandemic. They deserve to  
13 have a voice in State and Federal representatives who are  
14 familiar and interested in addressing the issues that  
15 collectively face their family's future, their access to  
16 health, their labor rights, their access to higher  
17 education and higher paying jobs for their children.

18       It is for these reasons I ask that you please keep  
19 Imperial County with the East Coachella communities  
20 extending to Blythe. Thank you.

21       VICE CHAIR AHMED: Caller, can I ask some clarifying  
22 questions?

23       MR. URENA: Absolutely.

24       VICE CHAIR AHMED: Would you please help me  
25 understand where East Coachella Valley is located? If



1 you have certain cities or boundaries by freeways or  
2 streets, that would be very helpful for our  
3 understanding.

4 MR. URENA: Sure. We're talking about south of  
5 Indio, right around the intersection of Interstate 10 and  
6 Highway 111 and 86, where those two line up all the way  
7 south.

8 VICE CHAIR AHMED: Okay. Thank you so much.

9 MR. URENA: (Indiscernible). Um-hum.

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

12 VICE CHAIR AHMED: Great. Thank you. Kristian, is  
13 it possible to read the full call-in instructions and  
14 then I'll ask our Spanish interpreter to do the same.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sounds good. In order to  
16 maximize transparency and public participation in our  
17 process, the Commissioners will be taking public comment  
18 by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided  
19 on the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When  
20 prompted, enter the meeting ID number provided on the  
21 live stream feed. It is 86319353379 for this meeting.

22 When prompted to enter a participant ID simply press  
23 the pound key. Once you've dialed in, you'll be placed  
24 in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please  
25 press star 9. This will raise your hand for the



1 moderator. When it's your turn to speak, you'll hear a  
2 message that says the host would like you to talk. Press  
3 star 6 to speak.

4 If you'd like to give your name, please state and  
5 spell it for the record. You are not required to provide  
6 your name to give public comment. Please make sure to  
7 mute your computer or livestream audio to prevent any  
8 feedback or distortion during your call. Once you're  
9 waiting in the queue, be alert for when it is your turn  
10 to speak. And again, please turn down the livestream  
11 volume.

12 VICE CHAIR AHMED: Great. Thank you so much. Can I  
13 call on our Spanish interpreter? Would you please read  
14 the full call-in instructions in Spanish?

15 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Hi, Chair. This is the  
16 Spanish interpreter. [Spanish spoken]. Thank you.

17 VICE CHAIR AHMED: Thank you so much. Kristian, do  
18 we have any callers?

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do, Chair. We have  
20 caller 4644. If you could please follow the prompts to  
21 unmute. Caller 4644, your speaker order number is 30.  
22 If you could please make a note of that. And if you  
23 could let the mapper know what area you'd like to  
24 discuss, the floor is yours.

25 MS. HAYES: Greetings. My name is Juanita Hayes.



1 Over the course of the past three decades, I have had the  
2 pleasure of living and working as a public affairs and  
3 community affairs person in North County and in  
4 experiencing all of its diverse communities. North  
5 County has its own reputation and value. Thank you for  
6 this great opportunity for me to address, in particular,  
7 Camp Pendleton, Oceanside, and Fallbrook.

8 Please give serious consideration to them as a  
9 community of interest. These communities work cohesively  
10 and look out for one another. They know who their  
11 elected officials are. They attend one another's  
12 community events, they serve on boards, children attend  
13 schools together, et cetera. If you have attended any  
14 community functions, you saw exactly what America is all  
15 about.

16 Fabulous communities working and supporting one  
17 another. In particular, military families need this type  
18 of environment. Years of hard work have gone into making  
19 sure Camp Pendleton, Fallbrook, and Oceanside families,  
20 the civilian workers, military personnel have  
21 accessibility to one another.

22 A community of interest means sharing common  
23 entities such as educational institutions, places of  
24 worship, roads, health care, youth sports, cultural,  
25 public transportation, et cetera. For example, you can



1 get to Camp Pendleton and Fallbrook by bus, light rail,  
2 or car.

3       Additionally, many military members live in  
4 Fallbrook and commute in to the base along Ammunition  
5 Road directly into Camp Pendleton. It is a critically  
6 important that the commissioners think about North County  
7 and its citizens and voting citizens in particular, and  
8 especially designate Fallbrook, Camp Pendleton, and  
9 Oceanside as a community of interest in all districts  
10 they create. This compatibility exists now, and it  
11 should remain as it is. I appreciate your time. And  
12 good afternoon.

13       VICE CHAIR AHMED: Caller, can I ask you to hold for  
14 one second?

15       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'm sorry, Chair. They  
16 hung up.

17       VICE CHAIR AHMED: Great. If the caller is  
18 listening to the livestream, if you can please share with  
19 us via email what you mean by South and Main Side Camp  
20 Pendleton. That would be very helpful. And do we have  
21 any additional callers at this time?

22       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There are no callers in  
23 the queue at this time.

24       VICE CHAIR AHMED: Great. Kristian, can we go to  
25 the five-minute video?



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure thing.

2 VICE CHAIR AHMED: Welcome back from our short  
3 break. Just a reminder for everyone, we are taking all  
4 callers who have community of interest input at this  
5 time, not just those with an appointment. So if you do  
6 not have an appointment, you would wish to call in, you  
7 may do so now. Kristian, do we have any callers in the  
8 queue?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do. And caller 4464  
10 called us back at your request, so we will --

11 VICE CHAIR AHMED: Oh, great.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- take your questions to  
13 them now. Just a moment. Caller 4464, if you could  
14 please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 4464, if you  
15 could please press star 6 to unmute at this time. There  
16 you are. Welcome back. Thank you for coming back in.

17 MS. HAYES: Hello.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi there. The Chair had  
19 some questions for you.

20 MS. HAYES: Yeah.

21 VICE CHAIR AHMED: Thank you so much for calling us  
22 back. That was quite a quick response.

23 MS. HAYES: Your welcome.

24 VICE CHAIR AHMED: I just wanted to make sure that I  
25 understood you correctly when you said you would want to



1 keep it together. What were you referring to in terms of  
2 Camp Pendleton?

3 MS. HAYES: That they don't get separated --

4 VICE CHAIR AHMED: Okay. So --

5 MS. HAYES: -- as a community of interest, the three  
6 entities: Fallbrook, Oceanside, and Camp Pendleton.

7 VICE CHAIR AHMED: Got it. Thank you so much for  
8 that clarification.

9 MS. HAYES: You're welcome.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
11 at this time, we do have a caller, 3583. 3584, if you  
12 could please follow the prompts to unmute.

13 MR. DOWLING: This is a Jim Dowling.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi, Jim. Just a moment.  
15 If you get your speaker order number is number 31. If  
16 you could please make a note of that. And if you could  
17 let the mapper know what area you'd like to discuss, the  
18 floor is yours.

19 MR. DOWLING: I'd like to discuss Jamul.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Go ahead,  
21 please.

22 MR. DOWLING: All right. Yes. I'm vice president  
23 of the Jamul-Dulzura School Board District. Up until the  
24 last redistricting, the majority of Moore was in the 50th  
25 District. And in the last redistricting, a chunk of it,



1 the majority of it, was switched over to the 41st  
2 District. Unfortunately, the 41st District has nothing  
3 in common with Jamul.

4 It's largely -- it's largely Chula Vista and --  
5 which is a urban area compared to our rural area. And in  
6 the Imperial Valley, which is a farming community and  
7 mostly El Centro area, which is again urban as opposed to  
8 rural. We are much more in line with Alpine and East  
9 County, in general, Pine Valley than we are with the  
10 urban area. We have been sorely, sorely unrepresentative  
11 since the change. And so I would request that we go back  
12 into the 50th District as opposed to being in the 41st.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 MR. DOWLING: And just -- just real quick, one other  
15 thing on that is all our school districts aligned with  
16 the East County school districts, not with the Chula  
17 Vista school district. So again, Chula Vista's getting  
18 all the representation through their school districts, we  
19 have nothing representing our school district, which is  
20 more with Grossmont and then our own Jamul. Really all I  
21 wanted to say.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

23 MR. DOWLING: Thanks.

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

1 VICE CHAIR AHMED: All right. May I have the short  
2 call-in instructions read. And then after that, we'll  
3 see if we get any callers. If not, we can hop over to  
4 the twenty-minute video.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sounds good. The  
6 Commission will now take public comment on community of  
7 interest public input. To give comment, please call 877-  
8 853-5247 and enter meeting ID number 86319353379. Once  
9 you've dialed in, please press star 9 to enter the  
10 comment queue. The full call-in instructions are read at  
11 the beginning of the meeting and are provided on the live  
12 stream landing page.

13 VICE CHAIR AHMED: Thank you so much. May I ask our  
14 Spanish interpreter to please read those same short  
15 calling instructions in Spanish?

16 SPANISH INTERPRETER: It will be my pleasure. Short  
17 call-in instructions. Give me one second, please.  
18 [Spanish spoken].

19 VICE CHAIR AHMED: Thank you. And with that, since  
20 we don't have any other callers in the queue, let's go to  
21 that twenty-minute video which at the close of that we'll  
22 come back to this session, check in, and if we have any  
23 callers and then open the lines for public comment,  
24 general public comment as well.

25 Welcome back from that very informative video and we



1 will jump right back in to our callers. Kristian, do we  
2 have any callers in the queue?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We do, Chair. And I'd  
4 like to invite those who have called in to give comment  
5 to please press star 9. This will raise your hand and  
6 get you in the comment queue. Up next, we have 8849.  
7 Caller 8849, and then after that will be caller 7276. I  
8 see those hands. Thank you so much.

9 Caller 8849, if you could please follow the prompts  
10 to unmute. Caller 8849, if you could please press star 6  
11 to unmute. Thank you. You are unmuted. Your speaker  
12 order number will be order -- will be number 32. If you  
13 could make a note of that, please. And if you could  
14 please tell the mapper the area you would like to  
15 discuss, the floor is yours.

16 MR. HENDERSON: Hello, everyone. My name is Ian  
17 Henderson. I'm a resident of Newport Beach, California.  
18 I want to talk about why it's important for the Orange  
19 County coastal cities to be redistricted together. So  
20 there is a historical precedent for a districting groups  
21 of interest together so that their voting powers aren't  
22 overly distributed and thus become weaker.

23 Like any other interest group, the people who live  
24 along the coastline have a mutual interest in their  
25 elected officials, prioritizing the well-being and



1 cleanliness of Orange County's coasts. At a local level,  
2 ocean and coastline preservation is of the highest  
3 priority and importance to its residents who rely on  
4 economic, environmental and energy benefits and yield.

5 This interest which extends beyond politics must be  
6 protected during the redistricting process. The only way  
7 to truly protect these voices is to ensure they remain  
8 united in California's 48th Congressional District by  
9 maintaining their voting power and not dividing it across  
10 multiple districts.

11 California's 40th Congressional District should move  
12 further south and encompass Dana Point, San Juan  
13 Capistrano, and San Clemente for the beach communities to  
14 get the most effective representation possible. Let's go  
15 in a little bit into tourism and the importance of  
16 tourism in the economy.

17 As for this particular area, it's important that we  
18 keep beaches clean. So it's vital for tourism jobs. If  
19 we don't have these beaches maintained and kept open to a  
20 level where tourists want to visit and thousands of  
21 people will lose their jobs and livelihoods while  
22 important and critical to have representative fighting  
23 for these Orange County communities.

24 It's also important to know that elected officials  
25 prioritize measures that keep these beaches clean and

1 beautiful for people to continue to visit those from all  
2 around the world. Orange County's economy depends on its  
3 ability to attract these tourists. Seventy-seven percent  
4 of Californians say the condition of ocean and beaches is  
5 very important to California's future economy and quality  
6 of life.

7 Orange County deserves a representative who will  
8 prioritize the cleanliness and quality of its beaches.  
9 Coastal residents have previously felt the impact of  
10 unfortunate oil spills in the past, and they need  
11 representation from Washington, fighting on behalf of  
12 policies that will prevent these kinds of catastrophes  
13 from happening again. I

14 n California's 40th Congressional District travel  
15 and tourism employs over 30 -- around 30,000 people,  
16 generating a little over 4.3 billion in spending. This  
17 vital coastline driven industry needs to be unified and  
18 protected by members of -- a member of Congress. These  
19 communities of interest would be best served by expanding  
20 further south to Dana Point, San Juan Capistrano, and San  
21 Clemente.

22 Orange County beaches faces serious questions  
23 whether they'll be receiving federal funding for several  
24 years for sand replenishment projects. And replenishment  
25 typically happens every 5 to 7 years, but has not



1 occurred since 2010. The impact of the delay is starting  
2 to show and federal funding --

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty seconds.

4 MR. HENDERSON: -- has not yet been secured. If the  
5 coastline is kept together, the community can ensure  
6 their voice is heard and the representation --

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

8 MR. HENDERSON: -- of these issues. Thank you very  
9 much.

10 VICE CHAIR AHMED: Thank you. Kristian, do we have  
11 time for one more caller before we take our mandatory  
12 break?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I think we do. Well, it  
14 looks like we are actually right at 6:15, Chair.

15 VICE CHAIR AHMED: All right. So what we'll do is  
16 we will take our mandatory fifteen-minute break. When we  
17 return, Commissioner Sinay will be taking a leadership  
18 role in the rest of the meeting. We will open up the  
19 lines for community of interest input for those who have  
20 an appointment or did not have an appointment, as well as  
21 general public comment. So with that, we will meet back  
22 here at 6:30.

23 CHAIR SINAY: Welcome back, California to the  
24 California Citizens Redistricting Commission's  
25 Communities of Interest or COI like we like to call them.



1 For anyone who has joined us recently, we're offering an  
2 interpretive line for Spanish speakers to listen to the  
3 meeting and a separate line for those who wish to provide  
4 public comment for public input. Could Jose please read  
5 the site translation of full call-in instructions?

6 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Most certainly, Commissioner.  
7 [Spanish spoken]. Madam Commissioner, did you want me to  
8 read also on how to give input?

9 CHAIR SINAY: Sure.

10 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Very well. [Spanish spoken].

11 CHAIR SINAY: Gracias, Jose.

12 SPANISH INTERPRETER: My pleasure.

13 CHAIR SINAY: This session is specifically dedicated  
14 to those who did not have an appointment. However, if  
15 you had an appointment and you were unable to call  
16 earlier, feel free to call in now. Also, we hope that  
17 you've been inspired by some of the calls that we've  
18 received earlier and will call in yourself.

19 As a reminder, even though we are focusing on  
20 specific counties, Californians from anywhere in the  
21 state are welcome to participate. We will continue to  
22 take public input and we will also invite public comment  
23 at this time. Public comment is noncommunity of input  
24 items. The phone line for public input and public  
25 comments will close at 7 p.m. We will get to all callers



1 who are in the line or in the queue at that time and  
2 we'll go beyond 7 p.m. if needed to hear from you. I  
3 will pass this over to Kristian, our comment moderator.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.  
5 In order to maximize transparency and public  
6 participation in our process, the Commission will be  
7 taking public comment by phone for community of interest  
8 input as well as general public comment for items not on  
9 the agenda.

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17 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When  
18 it's your turn to speak, you'll hear a message that says  
19 the host would like you to talk. Press star 6 to speak.  
20 If you'd like to give your name, please state and spell  
21 it for the record. You're not required to provide your  
22 name to give public comment.

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24 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your  
25 call. Once you're waiting in the queue, be alert for



1 when it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn  
2 down the livestream volume. And we do have a caller with  
3 their hand raised.

4       Caller 7276, if you could please follow the prompts  
5 to unmute. Caller 7276, thank you so much for your  
6 patience tonight. Your speaker order number is --  
7 speaker order number 33. If you could please make a note  
8 of that. And if you could let the mapper know what area  
9 you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

10       MR. DEMEO: Yes. Hi, my name is Lee DeMeo. I am a  
11 resident of Fallbrook, resident of over ten years, and I  
12 formerly served on Fallbrook Union High School Board.  
13 And now for the last ten years, I've served on the  
14 Fallbrook Community Planning Board.

15       On behalf of -- I'M testifying on behalf of my  
16 communities' request that Fallbrook is kept in the same  
17 district as our neighboring inland rural communities of  
18 Bonsall, Valley Center, Pala, Pauma Valley, Rainbow, as  
19 well as Temecula.

20       As a member of the Fallbrook Community Planning  
21 Group, I represent my community as unique rural  
22 perspective on housing and development issues. We want  
23 to keep Fallbrook, Fallbrook. We are very different from  
24 coastal and urban communities like San Marcos, Oceanside  
25 Vista, where recently we've seen an emphasis on high --



1 high-rise condos and mixed-use apartment buildings, which  
2 is not something that fits in the Fallbrook area.

3       Fallbrook and other inland communities I mentioned,  
4 we want to maintain our mix of rural and suburban  
5 neighborhoods that make our communities special by  
6 emphasizing a different type of development than our  
7 coastal neighbors.

8       In many unincorporated communities in our region,  
9 housing development is limited to one or two-acre plots  
10 per single family home in most areas. The more coastal  
11 and urban cities of San Marcos, Vista, and Oceanside also  
12 adopted less restrictive marijuana regulations within  
13 their jurisdictions, which is something that the  
14 community of Fallbrook and other rural inland communities  
15 by and large do not want to see.

16       Fallbrook is a mix of rural and suburban  
17 neighborhoods, which has its own special character, and  
18 we share that with these other rural communities: Valley  
19 Center, Bonsall, Pauma Valley, et cetera Pala, Rainbow.  
20 And for these reasons, we're requesting -- I'm requesting  
21 that Fallbrook keep in the same district as these other  
22 communities. Thank you.

23       CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much for your patience  
24 and thank you for your input.

25       MR. DEMEO: You're welcome.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
2 at this time we are going to go to caller 9692. Caller  
3 9692, if you could please follow the prompts to unmute.  
4 Caller 9692 has decided to disconnect at this time. Up  
5 next, we have caller 5694. If you would follow the  
6 prompts on mute, please. Caller 5694, you are unmuted.

7 Yeah. Hi, this is --

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. Your speaker order  
9 number is 34. If you could please make a note of that  
10 for future reference. And if you could let the mapper  
11 know what area you'd like to discuss, the floor is yours.

12 S3: My name is Jose Franco Garcia. I'm the policy  
13 director with Environmental Health Coalition discussing  
14 the San Diego -- further south area of San Diego. Just  
15 calling to reaffirm our desire to be -- that the south  
16 county communities of Barrio, Logan, National City, Logan  
17 Heights, Sherman Heights down to West Chula Vista and  
18 down to the border be kept together in an assembly  
19 district and in other districts.

20 You know, these communities as an environmental  
21 justice organization, we have worked in these communities  
22 for decades now to fight for environmental justice, fight  
23 for reducing toxic pollution, improving air quality, more  
24 access to healthy communities for greenspace to fair  
25 public transit. And it's healthy and equitable.



1           And as we fight for those, we've found, you know,  
2 our communities having a united voice and a strong  
3 district is very crucial for that. Once we get to  
4 different districts, our message gets -- our -- our  
5 strength gets watered down. And so we desire that these  
6 communities be kept together. We also have a very, you  
7 know, keeping the cultural relevance of those communities  
8 alive is also very important.

9           We have a strong background, historical communities  
10 there, many Latino families, many families of color that  
11 have lived in those communities speak English as a second  
12 language. A lot of cultural identity that brings  
13 together those communities along with the fight that we  
14 are fighting for environmental justice and other social  
15 justice issues, so due to that, we really hope that this  
16 commission take that into account and keep those  
17 districts together. Thank you for your time.

18           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
19 that is all our callers at this time, Chair.

20           CHAIR SINAY: Okay. You just read the call-in  
21 instructions, right?

22           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. We open the session  
23 with the full call-in instructions.

24           CHAIR SINAY: I thought we did. Okay. All right.  
25 Let's see. And we've done -- we've done the twenty-

1 minute video and one of the five-minute videos. We have  
2 another five-minute video, right?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We just have the one  
4 five-minute video. But I do have a short two-minute  
5 video about splitting counties that we could run.

6 CHAIR SINAY: Oh, that would be really helpful  
7 because San Diego currently is split and is represented  
8 in two different counties often. So that was -- and we  
9 have a caller.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: How about that? And for  
11 those calling in, if you would like to give comment,  
12 please press star 9 to raise your hand. Thank you so  
13 much. We see that hand. Caller 2302, please follow the  
14 prompts to unmute.

15 Caller 2302, if you could please press star 6 to  
16 unmute. There you go. Caller 2302, your speaker order  
17 number is 35. If you could let the mapper know what area  
18 you'd like to discuss, the floor is yours.

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you and good evening,  
20 everyone. Thank you for this opportunity. My name is  
21 Denise (indiscernible) and I'm a resident and homeowner  
22 in the community of Del Cerro. And I am just calling to  
23 urge you to please keep the boundaries the way they are  
24 for -- for our area, primarily because as a Latina, one  
25 of the very few Latinas in my neighborhood, I will say

1 that for the first time, we have elected representatives  
2 that are not only representative of who I am, but are  
3 also listening to my voice and so they are representative  
4 my voice.

5 So it is important that as we're -- as we're making  
6 progress, good progress, that things remain the same just  
7 because this is a good opportunity for our community to  
8 grow, especially as new -- new opportunities are coming  
9 to our community, an increased development. And I just  
10 do hope that you please put that into consideration. And  
11 considering that we do have a new elected official that's  
12 representing us, that it remains the same. Thank you.

13 CHAIR SINAY: Caller, are you still there?

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

15 CHAIR SINAY: Hi. You had said to keep that -- the  
16 districts as is that all the State, Senate, all districts  
17 or?

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That would be -- yes,  
19 correct. Just because we do have new elected, we have a  
20 new assemblywoman, we have a new congresswoman. We have  
21 a new city council member. And so just for the sake of  
22 simplicity and also because we are making good progress,  
23 that it please remain the same.

24 CHAIR SINAY: All right. Thank you.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
2 that is all our callers at this time, Chair.

3 CHAIR SINAY: Okay. We have a busy week coming up  
4 ahead. And so I just wanted to let everybody know that  
5 in the next week we have our final three communities of  
6 interest input meetings. The summer has flown by. I  
7 remember when we first started and we said we were going  
8 to have 30 plus.

9 We thought it was going to be a long summer, but it  
10 really has flown by. And that's thanks to Californians  
11 in calling in and giving us their input. We've gotten to  
12 go on many vacations just hearing you describe your  
13 communities. We wish we were in the communities with  
14 you.

15 Anyway, so our three communities of interest input  
16 meetings, the first one is on September 8th at 3 p.m.,  
17 and we'll be focusing on Southern California and the  
18 surrounding areas. This summer we will have a Spanish,  
19 Cantonese, Mandarin, and Japanese listening lines and  
20 interpreters available. Again, that's September 8th at 3  
21 p.m.

22 The second meeting is on Thursday, September 9th at  
23 3 p.m., and that's focusing on the entire State of  
24 California. We will have a Spanish listening line and  
25 Spanish interpreters available and our third and last one



1 is scheduled -- the third and last scheduled meeting is  
2 on Friday, September 10th at 3 p.m., focusing on the --  
3 again on the entire state. And again, we will have a  
4 Spanish listening line and a Spanish interpreter's line.

5 We also have a business meeting on Tuesday,  
6 September 7th, starting at 12 p.m. and our first  
7 Community of Interest Review meeting on September 11th,  
8 starting at 9:30. Registration for the three COI  
9 meetings close two calendar days ahead -- two calendar  
10 days before by 5 p.m.

11 And as you know, you don't need to register. You  
12 can have an opportunity -- you can call in like many have  
13 today as well as yesterday in Orange County. I also  
14 wanted to share other ways that you can participate.  
15 We've talked about communities of interest meetings.

16 You can also visit our website [wedrawthelines.org](http://wedrawthelines.org)  
17 and there you'll see -- you'll find our phone number, our  
18 email, as well as our Community of Interest tool. Or you  
19 can go directly to the tool which is  
20 [drawmycacommunity.org](http://drawmycacommunity.org).

21 The tool will walk you through the steps to submit a  
22 strong narrative as well as to draw your map. And when  
23 you're -- when you're done, you just hit a button that  
24 comes directly to us. Those who have used it has said  
25 that it's easy and it is fun. So that is another way to



1 do it as well. I just want to remind you all that we are  
2 on social media, so please do like our pages. We are on  
3 Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube. Our  
4 handle is @wedrawthelinesca, as in California,  
5 wedrawthelinesca.

6 Let's see, with that, does anybody -- or does  
7 anybody have anything they want to share about San Diego?  
8 I know we're almost at the end, but just in case someone  
9 wants to call in, I want to give them that extra minute.  
10 No? None? All right.

11 So while Commissioner Ahmed and I want to thank you  
12 all for joining our Community of Interest Input meeting  
13 today, obviously, all the staff and other Commissioners  
14 as well. We want to thank the line drivers,  
15 interpreters, the many staff members who make this run so  
16 smoothly. Thank you for making us look so good. I also  
17 want to thank our fellow Commissioners and I especially  
18 want to say [Spanish spoken].

19 Thanks to all the association and individuals who  
20 have helped the community understand the importance of  
21 participating, has encouraged them and coached them and  
22 supported them in calling in or submitting the -- a COI  
23 through our tool. This is truly a team effort and we  
24 want to thank all of you. With that, I think I can say  
25 this meeting is adjourned.



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(Whereupon, the COI Meeting adjourned at 7:00  
p.m.)



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