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APPEARANCES

Commissioners Present:

Patricia Sinay, Co-Chair
Isra Ahmad, Co-Chair
Jane Andersen
Alicia Fernandez
Neal Fornaciari
J. Ray Kennedy
Antonio Le Mons
Sara Sadhwani
Pedro Toledo
Russell Yee

Staff Present:

Ravindar Singh, Administrative Assistant
Alvaro Hernandez, Executive Director
Marian Johnston, Legal Counsel
Ann Marx

Technical Contractors:

Kristian Manoff, AV Technical Director, Comment Moderator
Chris Hopkin, Assistant Comment Moderator
Interpreter (Johanna) (Jose)
Also Present

Mappers:

Andrew
John

Public Comment:

1. Gina Roberts
2. Speaker Number 2
3. Speaker Number 3
4. Joanna Ricketts
5. Mark T. Rush
6. Lori Stone

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7. Mark Sigmund
8. Carlos Cisneros
9. Rahmo Abdi
10. Kimberly Mead
11. Jose Luis Arellano
12. Speaker Number 12
13. Consuela Martinez
14. Speaker Number 14
15. Luis Olmedo
16. Sean Ellis
17. Rosa Quintero
18. Aida Castaneda
19. Kevin Cosney
20. Kristina Mananquil
21. Stan Weiler
22. Lauren Garces
23. Mae Case
24. Melanie Burkholder
25. Nao Kabashima
26. Mark Leo
27. Speaker Number 27
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P R O C E E D I N G S

Thursday, September 2, 2021 3:01 o'clock p.m.

CO-CHAIR SINAY (via Zoom): Good afternoon, everyone. Buenas tardes. Welcome, and thank you for tuning in to the California Citizens Redistricting Commission's Community of Interest, or COI for short, Input Meeting. I am Patricia Sinay, and I will be co-chairing today's meeting with Commissioner Ahmad.

Today we are offering one language line in Spanish, so that Spanish speakers can listen to the meeting in their native language.

Hola, Johanna or Jose. Can I have you please read the Spanish language line instructions?

SPANISH INTERPETER (via Zoom): Hi, Chair. This is the Spanish Interpreter.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Hola.

SPANISH INTERPETER: Hola.

[Instructions read in Spanish]

Thank you.

CO-CHAIR SINAY: Muchas gracias, Johanna.

And now we will go to Ravi to roll call.

MR. SINGH (via Zoom): Thank you, Chair.

Commissioner Taylor?

Commissioner Toledo?

Commissioner Turner?

1 Commissioner Vasquez?

2 Commissioner Yee?

3 COMMISSIONER YEE (via Zoom): Here.

4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

5 CO-CHAIR AHMAD (via Zoom): Here.

6 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

7 Commissioner Fernandez?

8 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN (via Zoom): Andersen?

9 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Andersen?

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

11 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI (via Zoom): Here.

13 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY (via Zoom): I am here.

15 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons? Commissioner

16 Le Mons?

17 Commissioner Sadhwani?

18 And Commissioner Sinay?

19 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Here.

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

21 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Ravi.

22 Before I begin, because later tonight I may

23 forget, I just want to say, it takes a lot to ensure that

24 we have a successful listening session. So I want to thank

25 our line drawers, interpreters, the many staff members who

1 make sure these meetings run smoothly. My fellow
2 Commissioners, I especially -- and I especially want to say
3 that [Introduction spoken in Spanish], thanks for all the
4 associations and individuals who have helped the community
5 understand the importance of participating in our
6 redistricting effort. Redistricting is thoroughly a team
7 effort. Thank you.

8 Okay. We're back to the script. Every 10 years
9 after the Federal Government publishes updated Census
10 information, California must redraw the boundaries of its
11 Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly and State Board
12 of Equalization Districts, so that the district correctly
13 reflects the State's population.

14 In 2008, California voters authorized the
15 creation of the Commission when they passed the Voters
16 First Act. It authorized the Commission to draw the new
17 lines for State Senate, State Assembly and State Board of
18 Equalization Districts. In 2010, the Congressional Voters
19 First Act added the responsibility of drawing Congressional
20 Districts to the Commission.

21 The 14-member Commission is made up of five
22 Republicans, five Democrats, and four not affiliated with
23 either of those two parties. The Commission must draw the
24 district lines in conformity with strict, nonpartisan rules
25 designed to create districts of relatively equal population

1 that will provide fair representations for all
2 Californians.

3 The Census redistricting data was released the
4 week of August 9th. When the Official Redistricting
5 Database is available in late September, the Commission
6 begins drawing maps in public using six line-drawing
7 criteria as outlined in the California Constitution.
8 Number Four on that list is minimizing the division of
9 cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities of interest
10 to the extent possible.

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

18 If you would rather submit your Community of
19 Interest on-line, you can use our tool found at
20 drawmyCAcommunity.org. Again, it's drawmyCAcommunity.org.
21 It is easy and fun to use. Skip the line, go on-line.

22 Now, I will call on the Commissioners to
23 introduce themselves. This group of 14 is the most
24 diverse, smart, fun and committed group of people I have
25 had the honor with which to serve.

1 Let's begin with my Co-Chair, Isra Ahmad.

2 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Chair, and welcome
3 everyone to yet another Community of Interest Input
4 Meeting. Today we are going to be focusing on East San
5 Diego and Imperial County regions and surrounding areas,
6 however, we are welcoming anyone from across California to
7 share their input with us today. And I look forward to a
8 great meeting.

9 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

10 Alicia Fernandez -- I'll come back to Alicia.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ (via Zoom): I'm like
12 unpacking, but that's okay.

13 CO-CHAIR SINAY: All right. I just saw you when
14 I looked up.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No. Thank you. I had
16 to drop off my son at the airport, and there was a little
17 bit more traffic than I thought.

18 But, anyway, I'm so glad that I made it.

19 [Introduction spoken in Spanish]

20 Good afternoon, everyone. Let me get my thoughts
21 together. But anyway, just happy to be here. I just learn
22 so much every single time. Actually, I was going to make a
23 comment about San Diego and Imperial. I just -- they never
24 -- they're always, I have to say, they always deliver in
25 terms of food, because I'm a foodie. So -- and when you

1 call in, if you have other recommendations, please let me
2 know. I'm very excited about that. And I'm from Yolo
3 County, and I'm just happy to be here, and thank you for
4 joining us.

5 CO-CHAIR SINAY: And Commissioner Andersen, our
6 goal today is to keep you on your feet. So, Commissioner
7 Andersen.

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

17 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner
18 Andersen.

19 Commissioner Kennedy.

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

1 makes your community special to you. Thank you.

2 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.
3 Commissioner Le Mons.

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS (via Zoom): Good afternoon.
5 Buenos tardes, California. Looking forward to hearing from
6 San Diego and Imperial County, and anyone else throughout
7 the State. This has been an amazing learning experience
8 hearing from all 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 robust
13 contribution this evening.

14 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons.
15 Commissioner Fornaciari. You're on mute.

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

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

1 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner
2 Fornaciari. Sorry, my list is not in alphabetical order
3 and (indiscernible). I don't know if Commissioner Sadhwani
4 has come -- has joined us yet.

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

7 All right. Commissioner Yee.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Wow, that one alphabetical.
9 All good. I'm Russell Yee, and I'm in my home town of
10 Oakland. Looking forward to hearing from our two southern
11 border counties today. And I learned recently that
12 Imperial County is actually the youngest county. It's over
13 100 years old, but it was of California's current counties
14 to be formed. Looking forward to hearing you today. Hello
15 to my aunt and cousins in San Diego, and my niece at Point
16 Loma Nazarene University. Go Sea Lions.

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

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO (via Zoom): I'm Pedro
20 Toledo, and I'm coming to you from Petaluma, California, up
21 in 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 you make you unique.

24 Back to you, Chair.

25 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

1 Is there any Commissioner I did not call that has
2 popped in?

3 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI (via Zoom): That's me.

4 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Commissioner Sadhwani.

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

9 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Great. Thank you, everyone.

10 To see our bios or for additional information on
11 redistricting or to sign up for our e-mails, please visit
12 our website at wedrawthelinesca.org.

13 Like most of you, we are active on social media.
14 So please follow the California Citizens Redistricting
15 Commission on social media. You can find us on Facebook,
16 Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube. Our handle is,
17 @wedrawthelinesca. Follow us on social -- following us on
18 social media is another way to get useful information about
19 the redistricting process and the updates, any updates from
20 us.

21 Before we continue, can I have Johanna read the
22 Spanish line instructions, please?

23 SPANISH INTERPETER: Hi, Chair. This is the
24 Spanish Interpreter.

25 [Instructions read in Spanish]

1 Thank you.

2 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Muchas gracias.

3 So a few housekeeping rules. This meeting is
4 primarily for communities of interest testimony focused on
5 Imperial Valley, San Diego County and their surrounding
6 areas, however, anyone in California can call in to provide
7 input. At the end of the meeting, we will take general
8 public comment, those items not related to communities of
9 interest.

10 The Commission divided California into 11 zones
11 to assist us in our outreach efforts only. These zones in
12 no way are related to or reflective of redistricting lines
13 or boundaries.

14 Today we are joined by our line drawing team,
15 Haystaq DNA, and Q2 Data & Research, who will be displaying
16 the maps of the areas that attendees describe. Please
17 start with the area you would like to discuss, and be as
18 specific as possible about the boundaries of where your
19 community is located.

20 It is our goal to find it -- find the area on the
21 map you would like -- the area you would like to discuss on
22 the map prior to your testimony. If you are within a
23 specific neighborhood of a large city, please mention it by
24 name. Once we are able to locate your area, your time will
25 begin. Attendees will not be able to share their screen.

1 We are also joined today by our Spanish
2 Interpreters, Jose and Johanna, as well as Kristian, our
3 Comment Moderator. We will be introducing attendees when
4 it's their turn to speak. When you join the meeting,
5 please use the raise the hand button on the bottom of your
6 screen to enter the queue. If you have registered for a
7 timeslot, we encourage you to call in during your appointed
8 timeslot.

9 When it is your turn to speak, Kristian, our
10 Comment Moderator, will be identifying you by your
11 assigned, unique I.D. number. You will be reconnected to
12 the session with the ability to enable your own video
13 and/or audio.

14 Registration is not required to participate in
15 this public input meeting. The public has the option of
16 calling in during the meeting to get in the queue to speak.
17 If you do not have an appointment and wish to call in to
18 provide public input, the number is 877-853-5247. Again,
19 the number to provide public input is, 877-853-5247. You
20 will need to enter the Meeting I.D. Number 86319353379.
21 Again, the Meeting I.D. Number is 86319353379. This call-
22 in information and access code is also listed on the live
23 stream. To give public input, you will need to dial this
24 number.

25 Today there are Spanish Interpreters available to

1 interpret Spanish testimony at the call-in number. The
2 comment moderator will assign you a speaker order number
3 before you begin speaking. Please make a note of this for
4 future reference. You will be able to use this number to
5 identify your COI, community of interest, on our website.
6 Our database is now up and running, but it takes a little
7 while to get your community interest there.

8 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute
9 time limit for English speakers, and a six-minute time
10 limit for those with an interpreter. There will be a
11 warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining.

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

17 If at the conclusion of the meeting there is
18 still members of the public in the queue to speak, we will
19 continue this Community of Interest Input Meeting at a new
20 date and time. We will attempt to schedule the remaining
21 members of the public to speak for an allotted three
22 minutes. Please monitor our website, as we expect to post
23 the continuation of this agenda, if needed, within 24
24 hours.

25 While there are no clear rules on how to define

1 your community of interest, here is some guidelines to help
2 you describe your community.

3 Begin with your county or city. Mention the
4 street names, significant locations in your neighborhood to
5 help us identify the parameters of your community. Number
6 three, what are you shared interests? What brings you
7 together? What is important to your community? Are there
8 nearby areas you want to be in a district with, and why?
9 Are there nearby areas you don't want to be in a district
10 with? Why not? Has your community come together to
11 advocate for important services, better schools, roads,
12 health centers in your neighborhood?

13 Also, we invite you to use the Communities of
14 Interest Tool to draw a map and describe your community.
15 You can use the tool -- or you can find the tool by
16 visiting drawmycacomunity.org. Again,
17 drawmycacomunity.org. This tool is available in 16
18 languages. Skip the line, go on-line to make your COI
19 input today. It's easy and fun. Also, please include your
20 network to do the same.

21 As a reminder, even though we are focusing on
22 specific counties, Californians from anywhere in the State
23 are welcome to provide input.

24 We will now begin the public input session, and
25 we'll start with people who are registered, and then open

1 the phone lines if there's time before the next session.
2 If you are calling without an appointment, please do not
3 hang up as you will lose your place in line.

4 I'll pass this over to Kristian, our Comment
5 Moderator.

6 MR. MANOFF (via Zoom): Thank you so much, Chair.
7 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the raise
8 hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the
9 comment queue. When it is your turn to speak, I will
10 identify you by your assigned, unique I.D. number from your
11 invite. You'll be reconnected to the session with the
12 ability to enable your own video and/or audio. You'll then
13 be assigned a speaker order number before you begin
14 speaking. Please make a note of your speaker order number
15 for future reference.

16 We have a plethora of public today, so the
17 Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time limit for
18 English speakers, and a six-minute time limit for those
19 will an interpreter. There will be a warning at 30 seconds
20 and 15 seconds remaining.

21 The Commission's goal is to find the area on the
22 map you'd like to discuss prior to your testimony. If
23 you're within a specific neighborhood of a large city,
24 please mention it by name. Once we're able to locate your
25 area, your time will begin. Attendees will not be able to

1 share their screen. We got you. 9

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

6 And I see those hands from our appointments.
7 Thank you so much. First up we will have 003. And up next
8 will be 007 -- I'm sorry. That wasn't 003. First up will
9 be 002, and then up next will be 007.

10 002, I will promote you now. Welcome, 002. You
11 can now enable --

12 MS. ROBERTS: Hi. How are you?

13 MR. MANOFF: Hi there. Just a moment. You can
14 now enable your audio and video, as you have done. Your
15 speaker order number will be number one. Please make a
16 note of that. And please remind us what you'd like to see
17 on the screen, and the floor is yours. Thank you.

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

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

23 MS. ROBERTS: Okay. Good afternoon. I'm
24 testifying today regarding the communities of Valley
25 Center, Escondido, Hidden Meadows, Bonsall, Fallbrook,

1 Pauma Valley, Pala and Rainbow. My name is Gina Roberts.
2 I'm a board member and secretary of the Valley Center Fire
3 Protection District. I also have the honor of serving as
4 president of the Valley Center Western Days, Inc., which is
5 responsible for presenting an annual parade and country
6 fair in the community of Valley Center.

7 Today I'm testifying about how the issues
8 surrounding wire file -- wildfire prevention unites the
9 rural communities of Valley Center, Escondido, Hidden
10 Meadows, Fallbrook, Pala, Pauma Valley and Rainbow in a
11 community of interest in inland North County San Diego.

12 Residents in our communities, inland -- inland
13 North San Diego County face the danger of wildfire almost
14 on a daily basis. Our communities have historically banded
15 together to fight and prevent wildfires across our region.
16 Our inland communities are served by several fire districts
17 that together comprise part of the San Diego Fire
18 Authority, including Valley Center Fire Protection
19 District, North County Fire Protection District for
20 Bonsall, 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 can continue to effectively collaborate together.
25 Many wildfires are called -- caused by vegetation

1 overgrowth, as we've seen in Northern California. Valley
2 Center and the other inland rural communities I've
3 previously mentioned are all located in chaparral and
4 coastal brush -- sage brush eco-region, which is a dry
5 climate with lots of wooded brush plants. These conditions
6 make our region very susceptible to wildfires. The County
7 of San Diego has declared many parts of our communities as
8 very high fire hazard severity zone. These dangers are not
9 faced to the same degree by communities living closer to
10 the City of San Diego and the coast, such San Marcos, Vista
11 and Oceanside.

12 For this reason it is imperative that Valley
13 Center and surrounding communities of Fallbrook, Hidden
14 Meadows, Pala, 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, went through my three
18 minutes.

19 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

20 Up next we have 007. And after that we will have
21 006.

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

1 SPEAKER NUMBER 2: Sure. Number two. Thank you
2 very much. Good afternoon --

3 MR. MANOFF: Please remind us of where you'd like
4 to discuss today, and the floor is yours.

5 SPEAKER NUMBER 2: Yes. We're going to almost
6 replicate your -- the mapping that you just did, with San
7 Diego North Inland County. And I am the CEO of the Greater
8 Escondido Chamber of Commerce. And I am here representing
9 small businesses in Escondido and the surrounding
10 communities of all the way to the northern reaches of
11 Rancho Bernardo, and to the southern reaches of Temecula,
12 including Valley Center, Pala and the inland areas that you
13 see that are on the map right up here.

14 Today I'm testifying on behalf of the Chamber to
15 request that the City of Escondido is included in the same
16 district as the other two entities along the I-15
17 transportation corridor, including Valley Center, Fallbrook
18 and Temecula. We see the 15 corridor as being the corridor
19 of commerce. And as increasing trade goes on through
20 NAFTA, that it is important that this area stay together as
21 a unified group and being represented.

22 There's been some residents along the 15 freeway
23 between Escondido and Temecula rely on this vital
24 transportation corridor to access products and services.
25 Similarly, many businesses in Escondido rely on a workforce

1 that commutes down to the 15 -- down the 15 to our city
2 from Temecula. We share commercial and workforce needs,
3 should be represented by including these communities in the
4 same district.

5 Another aspect of our community of interest along
6 the 15 freeway is the agro tourism in our region. Between
7 the greater Escondido area and Temecula our region is home
8 to numerous wineries frequented by tourists from all over
9 the country. Escondido is also tied to the surrounding
10 agricultural communities of Fallbrook, Valley Center, Pauma
11 Valley and Pala. Visitors to these agricultural
12 communities often stay in Escondido.

13 Escondido is the second highest sales tax
14 generator in the County. San Diego Inland North is a vital
15 artery and area for commerce in our community, and,
16 therefore, we believe that it should be -- remain intact
17 and represented by one particular area that is adjacent to
18 these areas that I just spoke about.

19 That's pretty much exactly where we wanted to be,
20 so I think I presented what we wanted to. We were
21 championing for the fact that we believe that we should be
22 shared together and included into this area, including
23 Valley Center, in the North Inland area of San Diego
24 County.

25 MR. MANOFF: Are you done today?

1 SPEAKER NUMBER 2: I am.

2 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

3 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

4 MR. MANOFF: Next up we will have 006. And after
5 them will be 005.

6 006, I'll be promoting you now. Welcome, 006.

7 SPEAKER NUMBER 3: Hello.

8 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment. Your speaker order
9 number is number three, if you'll make note of that for
10 future reference. And if you'd remind the mapper what
11 you'd like to see, the floor is yours.

12 SPEAKER NUMBER 3: Okay. So I am referring to
13 the Imperial Valley area, specifically, I am in the Brawley
14 area.

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

16 SPEAKER NUMBER 3: Okay. So, I am speaking today
17 as a citizen that has been born and raised in the Imperial
18 Valley. And I believe that it is in our district's best
19 interest to remain in the same district as all the way up
20 to the East Coachella Valley, up to where Salton City and
21 Desert Shores are.

22 And I also would like to mention, I believe our
23 district should extend all the way up to the Blythe area
24 and the Palo Verde area. These communities share similar
25 values, agricultural areas, and we have the common area of

1 the Salton Sea. These communities are affected by the
2 Salton Sea.

3 Growing up I have seen how many citizens have
4 developed asthma from the effects of the Salton Sea area.
5 And I think it is in our best interest to include all of
6 the Salton Sea in our district, so that we can address
7 these issues together as communities. We also share the
8 same issues of the possibility of the Salton Sea drying up,
9 and then affecting our health even further. So, I believe
10 that our district should be extending up all the way to the
11 end of the north Salton Sea.

12 And so I hope that you will consider that and
13 take into account that we are in the similar area. And
14 although Indio is right up -- Indio is right up north of
15 us, we do share most of the same issues as up to Oasis,
16 Mecca, those areas.

17 So, thank you for your time, and I hope that you
18 will make a decision that favors all of the neighboring
19 cities. Thank you so much.

20 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. Can I ask a follow-
21 up question?

22 SPEAKER NUMBER 3: Yes.

23 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Great. Thank you. So, if I'm
24 hearing you correctly, you want Imperial County, all of
25 Imperial County together, going up to Blythe, which would

1 be going into Riverside. And then going along -- would it
2 be going along the 10 to -- what was it on the northeast
3 that you were looking at? Was that Thermal, did you say?

4 SPEAKER NUMBER 3: Yes. Up to Thermal and Mecca,
5 I believe.

6 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thermal, Mecca, Oasis. Okay.
7 And all the way back down. Okay. Thank you so much.

8 SPEAKER NUMBER 3: Thank you.

9 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

10 Up next will be 005, and after that will be 003.
11 005, I will promote you now.

12 MS. RICKETTS: Hello?

13 MR. MANOFF: Hello. Just a moment, 005.

14 MS. RICKETTS: Okay.

15 MR. MANOFF: Okay. 005, you will be speaker
16 order number four.

17 MS. RICKETTS: Okay.

18 MR. MANOFF: If you'll make a note of that,
19 please. And if you'd remind the mapper what you'd like to
20 see, the floor is yours.

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

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

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

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

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

20 Temecula also shares a rural and agricultural
21 character with our neighboring communities along the 15
22 freeway to our south. Our region is home to countless
23 wineries between Temecula and Escondido, as well as avocado
24 and orange groves in Escondido, Pala, Pauma Valley and
25 Rainbow. Each of our communities are a mix of suburban and

1 rural neighborhoods and -- we prioritize protecting our
2 agricultural lands and our rural identity when it comes to
3 development and housing.

4 For these reasons, I'm requesting that Temecula
5 is kept in the same district as Pala, Pauma Valley, Valley
6 Center, Fallbrook and Escondido. Thank you so much.

7 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

8 And next up we have 003, and after that we will
9 go to caller 0981, who is 008. And then after that we'll
10 be going to callers, as we don't have any other
11 appointments logged in. But first we will hear from 003,
12 and then after that, 008.

13 003, I'll promote you now. 003, we had trouble
14 promoting you, so I'm going to try using the allow-to-talk
15 option. Let's try that. 003, you can (indiscernible) the
16 microphone in the lower, left-hand corner of your -- you've
17 got it there. Welcome.

18 MR. RUSH: Okay.

19 MR. MANOFF: Your speaker order number will be
20 number five, if you'll make a note of that, please. And if
21 you'd remind the mapper what you'd like to see, the floor
22 is yours.

23 MR. RUSH: All righty. Rancho Cucamonga and San
24 Bernardino County. And I'm going to be talking about the
25 -- yeah, near the -- just south of Lytle Creek, right

1 there. And the San Bernardino National Forest is just
2 north of Rancho Cucamonga and Upland and Fontana actually.
3 And, yes, you're circling the area right now. And
4 currently it belongs to District 8, which is north up into
5 Victorville and Hesperia, but primarily, the San Bernardino
6 National Forest is really serviced by the communities in
7 Rancho Cucamonga, Rialto and Fontana and Upland.

8 And we have access to Mount Baldy and to Lytle
9 Creek, and we provide services. We're directly impacted by
10 the flood control districts and the, you know, fire
11 districts. And a lot of the hiking trails start in these
12 communities, and 30-percent of our water is provided from
13 the San Gabriel Mountain Range, which is, you know,
14 directly north of our communities. It would be to our
15 interest to have that all within currently what's
16 considered District CD-31, instead of CD-8, which is north
17 of -- and they really have no interest in those areas, and
18 aren't really impacted by what goes on there.

19 We actually provide, you know, fire service. We
20 have trails that run along, vital trails, bike trails,
21 hiking trails, and access up into the Lytle Creek area and
22 the Mount Baldy areas all come from Upland and Fontana. We
23 actually maintain -- Rancho Cucamonga does, the Etiwanda
24 Preserve area, and we're dealing with the Etiwanda Heights
25 Neighborhood development program right at the base of the

1 mountains.

2 And right now, what we're looking at is getting
3 a, you know, congressional representation instead of out up
4 in the northern desert area, down in the valley area and
5 the Inland Empire where we live, to, you know, actually
6 manage our interests there. And since we do get, like I
7 say, 30-percent of our water, and we do actually provide
8 fire service and --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MR. RUSH: Okay. And flood control there, it
11 would be, you know, an effective way to manage it, to make
12 it part of currently CD-31. And so --

13 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

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

18 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

19 All right. We will now be going to caller 008.

20 And I'd like to invite those that have called in
21 to press star-nine. Please press star-nine to raise your
22 hand to enter the comment queue, if you have not done so
23 already. If you already have, we see your hand. Thank you
24 so much.

25 All right. Up next is going to be 008. And then

1 after that we will have caller 3585.

2 Caller 008, if you could please follow the
3 prompts to unmute. That's caller with the last four 0981.
4 Unique I.D. is 008 from your e-mail invite. If you could
5 please press star-six to unmute. There you go.

6 MS. STONE: Thank you very much. My name is Lori
7 Stone (phonetic) and I am city council --

8 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment. Just a moment, Lori.
9 Your speaker order number is six, number six, if you'll
10 please make a note of that. And please remind us what
11 you'd like to see on the screen. The floor is yours.

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

13 MR. MANOFF: The floor is yours. Yes, please go
14 ahead.

15 MS. STONE: All right. Thank you so much. My
16 name is Lori Stone, and I'm a city council woman from the
17 City of Murrieta. And I'd like to address southwest
18 Riverside County, which encompasses Lake Elsinore, Canyon
19 Lake, Menifee, Wildomar, Murrieta and Temecula.

20 In the southwest Riverside County, the
21 communities have a rich history of agricultural, and still
22 today it's considered the largest agriculture area in
23 Riverside County. Today the area continues to farm citrus,
24 row crops, (indiscernible), wine region, and one of the
25 strongest in the State of California.

1 The number of families commute outside of the
2 area to job centers in San Diego, Los Angeles and Orange
3 County, the families have chosen to live in this region
4 have traded larger homes, safer communities, and strong
5 academic programs in local schools for longer commutes.

6 The communities also share similarities in
7 housing types, schools, and the fact that most of the
8 communities are experiencing the challenges that come with
9 rapid growth.

10 The families that reside in the defined areas
11 share a similar median income, median home price,
12 educational level, community and healthcare network, and
13 community services that need to support their families.

14 The communities faces challenges of water supply,
15 stress on local and arterial road network, and overcrowding
16 of school facilities. It is important that these
17 communities continue to share the same representative who's
18 able to bridge all these communities to address the
19 concerns that come with the high-growth region. That
20 concludes my comments. Thank you.

21 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

22 Up next we have caller 3585. That's last four
23 digits 3585. And after them will be caller 1138.

24 Caller 3585, if you could please follow the
25 prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 3858 --

1 MR. SIGMUND: Perfect.

2 MR. MANOFF: Hi there. You are unmated. We can
3 hear you.

4 MR. SIGMUND: Sorry about that.

5 MR. MANOFF: No problem

6 MR. SIGMUND: Thank you.

7 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment.

8 MR. SIGMUND: I'm a --

9 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment.

10 MR. SIGMUND: Go ahead.

11 MR. MANOFF: Caller 3585, your speaker order
12 number is number seven, if you could please make a note of
13 that. And if you could remind us what you'd see --

14 MR. SIGMUND: Thank you.

15 MR. MANOFF: -- on the screen, your time begins
16 now.

17 MR. SIGMUND: I'm a resident of Fallbrook, so I
18 would like to see Fallbrook, Bonsall, Rainbow, Valley
19 Center, Pala, Escondido, that area, please.

20 My name is Mark Sigmund. I'm the agent and CEO
21 of my own agency, Mark Sigmund Insurance Agency. I'm also
22 the leader of the San Diego affiliate of NAIFA California,
23 the National Association of Insurance and Financial
24 Advisors, known as NAIFA, is the largest agent-focused
25 advocacy group working on behalf of both the agents and

1 clients. We present approximately over 2,000,000
2 Californians on advocacy issues. We don't represent
3 insurance carriers, but work on behalf of our clients. We
4 work for Main Street and not Wall Street.

5 I first moved to Fallbrook in 2008 while serving
6 in the military. Since I retired in 2015, I have been
7 active in my community and started a business here. I'm
8 honored to speak to you all today.

9 My role is very similar to a legislature. We are
10 in the business of keeping our communities safe. We
11 protect our clients during time of loss, fire, entering
12 into retirement, through the products that we offer them.
13 My phone rings when clients need me the most. I cannot
14 emphasize how important it is to the caller to have someone
15 on the line to understand their problems and address those
16 concerns.

17 My working relationship with legislators in my
18 area is just as important. In -- especially in the
19 unincorporated areas, we don't have mayors, city councils
20 or local representatives. We rely on our County and our
21 State legislators to represent us in matters just what I
22 mentioned before.

23 I implore you to really consider keeping these
24 communities together. We know -- we kind of know, respect
25 and trust our representatives. And one example has been

1 the Lilac Fire back in 2017. The damage incurred was over
2 4,100 acres. Our community, banded together, was able to
3 save one -- have one united voice through our legislators.
4 Imagine additional confusion and anguish those people would
5 have faced if they had more than one channel to address
6 their grievances.

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

15 As I stated before, we depend on these
16 representatives more than other areas in the State. So I
17 implore you keep Temecula, Bonsall, Fallbrook, Pala, Valley
18 Center, Rainbow and Escondido together.

19 On the medical side, access to care applies to
20 both health insurance and Medicare communities. You've
21 heard before that hospital districts --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MR. SIGMUND: -- and the responsibility there --
24 thank you. Clients within these groups and networks and
25 essential to make sure that they're billing and their

1 claims are processed in a timely manner. It is imperative
2 that you really take this into consideration.

3 I really appreciate your opportunity to speak
4 today.

5 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

6 MR. SIGMUND: Thank you so much.

7 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

8 Up next will be caller 1138. And after then will
9 be caller 8495.

10 Welcome, 1138. You are unmated. Thank you.
11 Your speaker order number is number eight, if you could
12 make a note of that, please. And if you could remind us
13 what you would like to see on the map, the floor is yours.

14 MR. CISNEROS: Thank you. Good afternoon. My
15 name is Carlos Cisneros. I am presenting the Imperial
16 County. Today I speak for all my fellow constituents who
17 cannot be here today. I'm asking to please keep the
18 Imperial County with the Eastern Coachella Valley. This
19 includes everything from Imperial County border to the City
20 of Indio. If we separate from Eastern Coachella Valley, we
21 will not be able to claim the Salton Sea.

22 It is in the best interest of both valleys that
23 we stay together. The Salton Sea has become one of the
24 most dangerous issues to ever threaten both valleys. If we
25 were to separate and not claim the Salton Sea, the

1 consequences would be catastrophic. The sea would dry up
2 and release all harmful pollutants that killed the once
3 beautiful sea.

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

9 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Caller, can I ask a follow-up
10 question?

11 MR. CISNEROS: Yes.

12 CO-CHAIR SINAY: You had said you wanted to go up
13 into Indio, but where would the boundary to the east be for
14 you?

15 MR. CISNEROS: Well, actually, I don't believe I
16 can answer that, but that is -- that is just keeping the
17 Imperial County with the Coachella -- for the Eastern
18 Coachella Valley is all I believe -- can speak on.

19 CO-CHAIR SINAY: That's perfect. That's helpful.
20 Thank you so much.

21 MR. CISNEROS: Thank you.

22 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

23 Up next we will have caller 8495. And after them
24 will be caller 3401.

25 Caller 8495, if you could please follow the

1 prompts to unmute.

2 MS. ABDI: (Indiscernible.)

3 MR. MANOFF: Hello.

4 MS. ABDI: Hello. Hi. My name is Rahmo Abdi.

5 I'm a community --

6 MR. MANOFF: Hello. Just a --

7 MS. ABDI: -- organizer with PANA.

8 MR. MANOFF: -- just a moment. Just a moment,
9 caller. Just a moment. Your speaker order number is
10 number nine, if you could please make a note of that. And
11 if you could let us what you -- let us know what you'd like
12 to see on the map, the floor is yours.

13 MS. ABDI: I'm calling from City Heights. My
14 name is Rahmo Abdi. I'm a community organizer with PANA,
15 calling from the neighborhood of City Heights, which is a
16 refugee hub/housing, coined it as Little Somalia. Our
17 community has shared language, cultural practice, food,
18 common goals for our children and families as a English
19 learner.

20 For many years our community have been
21 (indiscernible) -- have been contribute to this knowledge
22 and cultural vibrancy of City Heights, however, we lack
23 representation the way -- we should do in the ways of our
24 community are (indiscernible) between the 79th and 80th
25 Assembly Districts.

1 As a Black refugee, we have all been affected
2 differently by (indiscernible) community and
3 (indiscernible) immigration and criminal justice system.
4 And it is very important for our voice to be heard and
5 unified to have representation in politics and have someone
6 who has our community's best interest in mind. Which is
7 why it is important for our communities to stay together,
8 in a lot of community -- which is why our communities are
9 very important for us to stay together, when you draw the
10 map that accurately represent us. Thank you.

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

13 MS. ABDI: Sure.

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

17 MS. ABDI: For City Heights, between El Cajon
18 Boulevard to the north, and then 54th Street to the east,
19 and 805 to the west, and also Home Avenue to the side. And
20 then the City Heights college -- well, Colina Park and the
21 Community College City Adult Learning Center, and 50th
22 Street and University. That are the Somali community,
23 where the cultural is -- worship center, like we have the
24 mosque and everything.

25 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Great. Thank you so much for

1 the specification.

2 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

3 Up next we will have caller 3401, and after them
4 will be caller 9329.

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

7 MS. MEAD: Hello?

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

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

15 MR. MANOFF: Thank you --

16 MS. MEAD: -- Fallbrook and Bonsall.

17 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much. We see that now.
18 Please go ahead.

19 MS. MEAD: So, my name is Kimberly Mead, and I
20 just told you, I live in Pauma Valley. I'm at the base of
21 Palomar Mountain. I have a seat on the Pala-Pauma Valley
22 Planning Council Group, and I'm a small business owner out
23 here. My property is surrounded by the La Jolla Indian
24 Reservation, and also a smaller sub-community called,
25 "Kicker Ranch."

1 Just to -- out here it's all very rural, and it
2 -- and the bigger picture community, that includes, you
3 know, Valley Center, Temecula, Rainbow, Fallbrook, Bonsall
4 and also Escondido. It's important to me that many of
5 these rural areas out here are grouped together into one
6 district, because we have like a special set of issues and
7 needs out here in these rural areas. And it's important
8 that we have representatives that can understand our unique
9 needs when it comes to law enforcement, and more
10 importantly, fire protection, which is a huge deal out
11 here.

12 You know, and also living out here in Pauma
13 Valley, you know, like a lot of us we shop in Temecula.
14 Sometimes I go down and shop in Escondido. So, I just kind
15 of feel like, you know, after living here all these years
16 that, you know, from Escondido all the way up to Temecula,
17 and all those cities in between, you know, we're all kind
18 of one community. And it's just nice to have
19 representatives that understand it, because it's very
20 different in the rural areas from the cities. And with the
21 fire issues is my biggest deal. I want us all to stay
22 together. And that's all.

23 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

24 Up next we will have caller 9329, and after them
25 will be caller 3401.

1 Caller 9329, if you could please follow the
2 prompts to unmute. You are unmuted. Your speaker order
3 number will be number 11, if you could please make a note
4 of that. And if you could remind us where -- what area
5 you'd like to discuss, the floor is yours.

6 MR. ADELANTO: Hello. My name is Jose Luis
7 Arellano. I live in Imperial County. I actually grew up
8 in Riverside County, and as a young kid I remember going to
9 the Salton Sea and actually swimming there, fishing there,
10 and having picnics there. It was a great place back in the
11 60's and 70's.

12 One of the things that we see here in Imperial
13 County is the fact that the -- that Salton Sea is drying
14 up. The shoreline is declining, and the dust that has
15 picked up is causing asthma, and no telling what else it's
16 causing out here. Time will only tell if -- what's really
17 going on with this type of catastrophic infestation of this
18 dust, this pollution that is in the air. And, of course,
19 depending on which direction the wind is blowing, it's
20 going to contaminate maybe the Coachella Valley, maybe the
21 Imperial County, and taken, you know, further deep inland.
22 You never know.

23 However, I'm not looking to have this place to
24 become a recreational area, but I am really concerned about
25 the health issues that may arise from the Salton Sea. And

1 to keep the district as-is is one step, but to maybe even
2 let it grow, 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,
8 like I said, however, there's more to that in Imperial
9 County. There is 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.

12 I worked in the fields growing up in the
13 Coachella Valley, in Mecca, Thermal. And people even from
14 the Imperial Valley commute to go work in the fields in
15 that area. And people from that area come out here to
16 Imperial County to work in the fields. So it's very
17 productive between these two areas that -- for agriculture.

18 It is up to you to make a difference for the
19 smallest and least economical counties who suffer with the
20 lack of funds to present a catastrophic situation from all
21 that dust in --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 MR. ARELLANO: -- Salton Sea. Please, be a
24 solution. California needs a fair committee with balanced
25 and a righteous approach to fix areas that would not get

1 fixed without the funding and/or --

2 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

3 MR. ARELLANO: -- honest administrators 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 thank you. I hope
7 that --

8 MR. MANOFF: Time.

9 MR. ARELLANO: -- everything goes good. Thank
10 you.

11 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

12 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Can I ask a follow-up question?

13 MR. ARELLANO: Yes.

14 CO-CHAIR SINAY: You had mentioned Imperial
15 Valley and Coachella Valley. And then you said it would be
16 good to expand it. Did you have any thoughts on where to
17 expand it?

18 MR. ARELLANO: Well, a lot of the smaller
19 communities in -- that's close, would be, of course, Palo
20 Verde, Blythe, Ripley, the desert center area. You still
21 have parts of the Joshua Tree area, Coachella, Thermal,
22 Mecca, Indio. Those areas are mainly connected to a more
23 thriving part of Riverside County. It's more highly -- it
24 has a greater population. And Imperial County is -- people
25 live here because of seasonal agriculture, and then go to

1 Central Valley. So, the numbers change and fluctuate on a
2 regular basis. So sometimes the Census doesn't really make
3 sense because of that.

4 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Well, thank you so much
5 for that clarification and for your input today.

6 MR. ARELLANO: Thank you.

7 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

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

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

18 SPEAKER NUMBER 12: Perfect. Thank you.

19 MR. MANOFF: And if you could remind us what area
20 you'd like to discuss, the floor is yours.

21 SPEAKER NUMBER 12: Yes. I'm calling from the
22 area of Encinitas. My name is Paula. I'm a veteran. I'm
23 a long-time resident of the City of Encinitas, more
24 specifically, the community of Leucadia. Not only have I
25 served on the board of directors for our local Main Street

1 association, but I'm also an owner of a very popular
2 restaurant that's in downtown Encinitas.

3 As you guys are all aware, Encinitas is made up
4 of five separate boroughs. You've got Leucadia,
5 Olivenhain, Old Encinitas, New Encinitas and Cardiff.
6 Three of those are coastal, two of those are inland, and
7 each one has their own culture and their own needs. It's
8 the culture that makes Encinitas so wonderful, but it's the
9 needs that create a little bit of a divide. And I think
10 that that largest divide is between coastal Encinitas, as
11 well as -- and then with inland Encinitas, and it's kind of
12 split down with the 5 freeway.

13 I think that, you know, if we're restructuring, I
14 think it would be beneficial to kind of create two
15 different communities of interest there. Coastal Encinitas
16 it should be grouped with, you know, Del Mar, Solana Beach,
17 some of those other coastal beach cities, whereas inland
18 Encinitas would be more properly grouped with Carlsbad or
19 Oceanside, some of those inland areas.

20 The coastal cities, obviously, Del Mar, Solana
21 Beach, Cardiff, Encinitas and Leucadia, we share the beach
22 lifestyle. You know, you've got surfers that go between
23 all three looking for waves. And you've got the beach
24 commerce and the tourism that sort of has sprung up in the
25 areas, and it's just been kind of naturally created by that

1 coast. Because of that, the coastal infrastructure, beach
2 parking, bike paths, sand replenishment, all of those
3 things are something that they obviously are coordinated
4 on. I can speak to these because of my past history
5 serving on that board of directors, the Downtown Old
6 Encinitas Main Street Association.

7 There is issues like sea-level rise, pollution,
8 coastal erosion, tourism, and those are some of the highest
9 importance to the communities that I am speaking about.
10 They must have a representation that understands that and
11 supports those, you know, those unique needs.

12 As a business owner, obviously along the coast
13 we've seen first-hand kind of that friction between the
14 coastal Encinitas and inland Encinitas. The attitude of
15 people east of the freeway towards the coastal, you know,
16 is sometimes and often times agnostic towards like our
17 success and our ability to operate.

18 Encinitas that's inland tends to, you know, kind
19 of stifle the opportunities that the restaurants and bars
20 along the coast are trying to operate successfully. But
21 the residents, more importantly, of inland Encinitas have
22 made efforts to remove or block the businesses along the
23 coast for, you know, reasons that have kind of driven off
24 the investments along the coast.

25 The differences between inland Encinitas and

1 coastal Encinitas have huge, massive with density and
2 housing development --

3 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

4 SPEAKER NUMBER 12: -- restaurants, business
5 permitting, traffic mitigation. Coastal Encinitas features
6 more young people, renters, outgoing life, and it's
7 inconsistent with that single-family culture of inland
8 Encinitas.

9 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

10 SPEAKER NUMBER 12: It's much more similar to
11 Carlsbad or Bressi Ranch. So, I'd like to ask the
12 Committee to treat coastal Encinitas and the community with
13 Del Mar, Solana Beach and inland --

14 MR. MANOFF: You are at time.

15 Chair, did you have some additional questions for
16 the caller? No?

17 CO-CHAIR SINAY: No, thanks -- no. Thanks.

18 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

19 All right. To those who have just called in, if
20 you have not given comment during this session, if you
21 could please press star-nine to enter the comment queue.
22 That's for those who have not given comment during this
23 session, please press star-nine. There will be time at the
24 end of the day for general public comment, but right now we
25 are taking community of interest input.

1 Up next we've got caller 9723. And after them
2 will be caller 4444.

3 Caller 9723, if you could follow the prompts to
4 unmute, please. Caller 9723 you are unmuted. Thank you so
5 much. Your speaker order number will be number 13, if you
6 could please make a note of that. And if you could let us
7 -- what area you'd like to discuss, the floor is yours.

8 MS. MARTINEZ: Escondido.

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

10 MS. MARTINEZ: Hi. Good afternoon. My name is
11 Consuela Martinez. I'm a resident, long-time resident of
12 Escondido, and this is my first meeting that I've been able
13 to participate. As far as my communities of interest, I
14 really see alignment with the North County cities of --
15 with Escondido, San Marcos, Vista, as like the inland North
16 County region along the 78 corridor.

17 I would even identify Valley Center as being part
18 of our community, being that a lot of folks who live in
19 Valley Center, although rural, they do their shopping in
20 Escondido. So I very much consider Valley Center a part of
21 my community. And I would like to see the cities that I
22 mentioned, Valley Center, Escondido, San Marcos and Vista
23 part of the same district when redistricting is done. And
24 that is all I have. Thank you.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

1 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

2 MR. MANOFF: Up next we have caller 4444. And
3 after them will be caller 9952.

4 Caller 4444, if you could please follow the
5 prompts to unmute. Caller 4444, you are unmuted. Thank
6 you. Your speaker order number will be number 14, if you
7 could please make a note. And if you could let us know
8 what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

9 SPEAKER NUMBER 14: Jamul as a community of
10 interest. I grew up in East County, and Jamul is currently
11 out of place in SD-40, and doesn't get the same treatment
12 in the congressional plan, which stretches from San Diego
13 to Imperial County, as Jamul is included in these County
14 district plans.

15 Related -- well, Jamul is between Imperial and
16 urban San Diego as the crow flies. It doesn't really have
17 anything to do with either. The closest communities are in
18 the East County where it's connected, is Spring Valley by
19 Highway 94, Rancho San Diego by north Highway 54. You
20 know, it's a community that predominantly fits better with
21 East County than these two other communities mentioned.
22 And that the Commission put together in 2011 to create the
23 voting right seat.

24 I'd also note that Jamul shares education
25 districts with East County cities, not Imperial County or

1 San Diego City. It shares Grossmont High School Union
2 School District, El Cajon, La Mesa, Alpine and other East
3 County communities, as well as the Grossmont -- the
4 Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District with La Mesa,
5 El Cajon, Santee, and other East County districts.

6 And its public safety programs are also linked to
7 San Diego County, not Imperial County or San Diego City.
8 So like surrounding communities, Jamul is served by the San
9 Diego Sheriff's Office, not the city police or Department
10 of Imperial County Sheriff's Office. The fire protection
11 efforts are also run through San Diego County. And that's
12 all I have to say.

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

15 SPEAKER NUMBER 14: Sure.

16 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Where -- how do you define East
17 County? Is it at the line of the City of San Diego?

18 SPEAKER NUMBER 14: Yeah. I just, I'd have to
19 take a look at a map, and probably around that area. So
20 like La Mesa, El Cajon, Rancho San Diego area, Jamul.

21 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. And would you include
22 Santee, Spring Valley, La Presa?

23 SPEAKER NUMBER 14: Spring Valley, Santee.
24 Potentially, Santee, I'm not sure about Spring Valley.

25 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. So not Lemon Grove and La

1 Mesa?

2 SPEAKER NUMBER 14: Lemon Grove and La Mesa,
3 yeah.

4 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. So Spring Valley's
5 actually closer to Jamul. Is -- all right. And then would
6 you, would you include everything to the east all the way
7 to Imperial Valley? So, Crest, Harbison Ranch and Alpine?

8 SPEAKER NUMBER 14: Yes.

9 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Perfect. Thank you so
10 much.

11 SPEAKER NUMBER 14: Thank you.

12 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

13 Up next we've got caller 9952. And after them
14 will be caller 7821.

15 Caller 9952, if you could please follow the
16 prompts to unmute. You are unmuted. Thank you. Your
17 speaker order number will be number 15, if you could please
18 make a note of that. And if you could let us know what
19 area you'd like to discuss, the floor is yours.

20 MR. OLMEDO: Yes. Hi. This is Luis Olmedo. I
21 am the executive director of Comite Civico del Valle, and
22 working on social justice, environmental justice, public
23 health issues, and many issues in the Imperial Valley for
24 many years.

25 I understand the importance of having

1 representation in our region for many reasons, and believe
2 that the Imperial Valley and the east Coachella Valley, and
3 perhaps the Coachella Valley, but certainly the east
4 Coachella Valley, have the most similarity. We understand
5 that population is a big factor. We want to make sure that
6 the 56th District remains intact.

7 And further say that we feel in our work, because
8 I'm here, you know, speaking on behalf of Comite Civico del
9 Valle, that we have the same resemblance to San Diego,
10 however, we understand that the fact that California does
11 not give us a fair consideration when it comes to our
12 daytime population or population that travels south and
13 north and finds housing and so on, that we are kind of
14 forced to go north.

15 And we see that, if anything, we are more
16 consistent with the district as-is, to San Diego closest to
17 the border, to wherever we make just the minimum there,
18 numbers in terms of the Senate district. My understanding
19 is we need to have about 1,000,000 in population. Close as
20 we can get to the border is probably going to be the most
21 similar experience to the Imperial-Coachella Valley area.
22 And I like the Senate to be drawn between San Diego --
23 well, first and foremost, Imperial-Coachella, and stretch
24 out, you know, at the river I suppose, into San Diego
25 border. So that would be the boundaries based on the

1 numbers. I hope that came across clear in what we're
2 asking.

3 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

4 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Gracias.

5 MR. MANOFF: Up next we have caller 7821.

6 And after that, if those who have called in would
7 like to enter the comment queue, if you have not given
8 comment during this session, please press star-nine to
9 raise your hand.

10 Right now we'll go to caller 7821. If you could
11 please follow the prompts to unmute. Hello. You are
12 unmuted. Your speaker order number is 16, if you could
13 please make a note of that. And if you could please let us
14 know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is
15 yours.

16 MR. ELLIS: Hello, Commissioners. My name is
17 Sean Ellis. I live in Vista, and I am an organizer with
18 the United Association of Plumbers of Pipefitters, Local
19 230, in San Diego and Imperial County. I represent about
20 1,700 members throughout every region of San Diego and
21 Imperial County, and I wanted to highlight today for you
22 the need keep inland cities of North County together,
23 especially -- I'm sorry. Specifically, I am talking about
24 Vista, Escondido and San Marcos. This is my community, and
25 I wanted to share why it is different from the coastal

1 cities in North County.

2 I have kids in Catholic school that attend
3 Catholic school in Carlsbad, so I can kind of tell you some
4 of the differences between our cities and coastal cities.
5 I want to make all cities in the county as great as they
6 can be, absolutely right. We're all San Diegans living in
7 the same general region, right. But I need to tell you
8 what -- some of the differences between the inland and the
9 coast.

10 Just in terms of programs available for kids, in
11 Vista and Escondido there's a lot of programs focused on
12 keeping kids away from street gangs, keeping them out of
13 trouble, and really helping them get through schooling and
14 trying to get them a good job.

15 In coastal communities the programs are
16 drastically different. Based on the demographics, you have
17 surf camp. You know, when are kids were growing up now,
18 they want to be entrepreneurs, and in our Catholic school
19 and in a lot of programs at the adjacent park, they have
20 programs that teach these kids to how to be entrepreneurs.
21 If they want to be a politician, they've got a program for
22 them as well, a lot of programs that we just simply lack in
23 Vista, San Marcos and Escondido, where the majority of the
24 market is going to be rural and farmland, where those
25 programs are going to represent farmland, stuff like that.

1 Most of the people in San Marcos, Vista and
2 Escondido are working families. People have blue-collar
3 jobs like construction. There's also a big farming
4 presence out here because we have so many orchards, farms
5 and water is a big, real big issue for us, especially for
6 those businesses.

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

14 And their incomes actually reflect that. The
15 median income in Vista right now for an individual is
16 \$30,188, which is much less than the median income of
17 Carlsbad, for example, which a household income in Carlsbad
18 will be \$110,000 -- or \$110,478 households. So that
19 difference right there is staggering when it comes to
20 demographics --

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

22 MR. ELLIS: -- and the people that live
23 (indiscernible) cities. Like I said, both communities are
24 wonderful in their own way, but inland communities have
25 different needs. We just don't want to be steamrolled by

1 coastal communities when it comes to voting, when it comes
2 to the needs of our people and our cities.

3 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

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

8 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

9 And up next we have called 5842.

10 And after that, anybody who has just called in,
11 please press star-nine to enter the comment queue if you'd
12 like to give a comment today.

13 Right now we'll go to caller 5842. If you could
14 please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 5842, you are
15 unmuted. Thank you. Your speaker order number is 17, if
16 you could please make a note of that. And if you could
17 remind us what area you would like to discuss, the floor is
18 yours.

19 MS. QUINTERO: Yes. Imperial Valley, please, and
20 eastern Coachella.

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

22 MS. QUINTERO: Hi. Good afternoon. My name is
23 Rosa Quintero. I'm a Heber resident from Imperial Valley.
24 I'm here to ask you, CRC, to please keep our Imperial
25 County and Eastern Coachella Valley together, to be able to

1 work in one of the more interested problem that we have as
2 -- common with Eastern Coachella and us, Imperial County,
3 that is (indiscernible). As you know, we have a lot of
4 common. I am an Imperial Valley resident since 1988, and
5 as I've been growing up in this community, we, as a family
6 of immigrants, knew all the problems that this area is
7 (indiscernible) since they continue passing.

8 For me, one of the most important thing that we
9 have to be together is because the Salton Sea cannot be
10 completely clear only by the Imperial Valley, because we
11 are sharing the Salton Sea. And as a mom of a six year old
12 with allergies and asthma, I'm completely like -- I'm
13 honestly like worried about his future here in the valley.
14 So if we divide this part, it's going to be impossible to
15 clear or make a decision for what is going to happen to
16 Salton Sea.

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

22 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

23 And for those calling in who have not given
24 comment today, if you'd like to give comment, please press
25 star-nine. This will raise your hand for the comment

1 moderator.

2 This is for caller 7037. I see your hand. Thank
3 you so much. You will be up next. Please follow the
4 prompts to unmute. Caller 7037, you are unmuted. You'll
5 be speaker order number 18, if you could please make a note
6 of that. And if you could remind us what -- if you could
7 tell what area you would like to discuss, the floor is
8 yours.

9 MS. CASTANEDA: Sure. So I live in National City
10 in South San Diego County.

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

12 MS. CASTANEDA: Okay. Well, hello, everyone. My
13 name is Aida Castaneda, and I'm a resident of National City
14 in South San Diego County.

15 I'm calling today to urge you, the Commission, to
16 respect the working class community of interest by
17 connecting National City with San Ysidro, West Chula Vista,
18 greater Logan Heights, and City Heights. The voting rights
19 of the Latino community should be underscored in the South
20 Bay and the city areas where majority of Latinos and
21 Chicanos live.

22 The Latino community has been historically
23 marginalized, though we are empowered by our culture and
24 activities that are very obviously unique to our culture.
25 I'll show you a very clear example of this in what I want

1 to describe as cruising our lowriders up and down different
2 streets. This past year I've been working with the United
3 Lowrider Coalition to repeal a racist, anti-cruising
4 ordinance in National City that unfairly targets mostly
5 brown and black youths who coast, meander, drive their cars
6 along our neighborhood streets as an expression of cultural
7 prior or just plain fun. The city's anti-cruising
8 ordinance is 30 years old, when it was very rare that our
9 city leaders looked like the people who got arrested under
10 this ordinance.

11 The anti-cruising ordinance is unfair, and it has
12 served a pretext to the police to pull over members of our
13 community. We're hoping to repeal, fully repeal the law
14 this year.

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

23 Cruising is a celebrated pastime in a lot of our
24 neighborhoods, whether it's City Heights, West Chula Vista,
25 Logan Heights, or around Chicano Park in Barrio Logan.

1 This is just one example of why we need the right
2 representation in elected office. The Latino community of
3 interest needs to be empowered to ensure that Latinos can
4 not only influence and voice their needs and concerns, but
5 that this be done equitably to repair generations of bias
6 and neglect that have harmed our communities.

7 Please respect our community by connecting our
8 communities along the 5, I-5 and 805 freeway, together in
9 the redistricting process. Thank you so much for your
10 time. I appreciate it. Thank you.

11 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

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

15 CO-CHAIR SINAY: I was just going to ask if you
16 could read the call-in instructions right before our break,
17 and so that people can get ready. Thanks.

18 MR. MANOFF: You got it.

19 In order to maximize transparency and public
20 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
21 taking public comment by phone.

22 To call in, dial the telephone number provided on
23 the live stream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted,
24 enter the meeting I.D. number provided on the live stream
25 feed. It is 86319353379 for today's meeting. When

1 prompted to enter the meeting I.D. number -- or when
2 prompted to enter a participant I.D., simply press the
3 pound key.

4 Once you've dialed in you'll be placed in a
5 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press star-
6 nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When
7 it's your turn to speak you will hear a message that says,
8 "the host would like you to talk. Press star-six to
9 speak."

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

13 Please make sure to mute your computer or live
14 stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during
15 your call. Once you are waiting in the queue be alert for
16 when it is your turn to speak and, again, please turn down
17 the live stream volume.

18 At we do not have any callers at this time,
19 Chair.

20 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Great.

21 Johanna, can you also give the instructions for
22 the Spanish listening one and the --

23 SPANISH INTERPETER: Hi, Chair.

24 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

25 SPANISH INTERPETER: Yes. Would you like me to

1 give the full call-in instructions, how to listen and how
2 to provide public input?

3 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Yeah, that would be great.
4 Thank you.

5 SPANISH INTERPETER: Sounds good. You're
6 welcome.

7 [Instructions read in Spanish]

8 Thank you.

9 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Muchas gracias, Johanna.
10 With that, we do need to go to our required
11 break. It will be a 15-minute break. When we return from
12 break, Commissioner Ahmad will be chairing. She will begin
13 with individuals who have an appointment. If we have time,
14 we will then open the phone lines. See you soon.

15 (Off the record at 4:29 p.m.)

16 (Back on the record at 4:45 p.m.)

17 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome back to the California
18 Citizens Redistricting Commission Community of Interest
19 Input Meeting. We also encourage you to visit the
20 Communities of Interest Tool to draw a map and describe
21 your community. You can do so by visiting
22 drawmycacomunity.org.

23 For anyone who has joined us recently, we are
24 offering language lines for Spanish language speakers to
25 listen to the meeting in their language. And a separate

1 line for those who wish to provide public comment or public
2 input.

3 Could I please have the Spanish Interpreter
4 please read the site translation of full call-in
5 instructions?

6 SPANISH INTERPETER: Hi, Chair. This is the
7 Spanish Interpreter.

8 [Instructions read in Spanish]

9 Thank you.

10 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you so much. And as a
11 reminder, although we are focusing on specific counties,
12 Californians from anywhere in the State are welcome to
13 provide input. I will pass this over to Kristian, our
14 Comment Moderator for the day, to continue with public
15 input. We will start with people who are registered, and
16 then open the phone lines if there is time before the next
17 session.

18 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much, Chair.

19 Welcome to public input session two. Please use
20 the raised-hand button at the bottom of your screen to
21 enter the comment queue. When it's your turn to speak I
22 will identify you by your assigned U.D. -- I.D. number from
23 your invite. You'll be reconnected to the session with the
24 ability enable your own video and/or audio.

25 You will then be assigned a speaker order number

1 before you begin speaking. Please make a note of this
2 speaker order number for future reference. The Commission
3 will be enforcing a three-minute time limit for English
4 speakers, and a six-minute time limit for those with an
5 interpreter. There will be a warning at 30 seconds and 15
6 seconds remaining.

7 The Commission's goal is to find the area on the
8 map you'd like to discuss prior to your testimony. If
9 you're within a specific neighborhood of a large city,
10 please mention it by name. Once we are able to locate your
11 area, your time will begin. Attendees will not be able to
12 share their screen.

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

17 And starting us off in this session will be
18 unique I.D. number 009. And after them will be 012.

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

24 MR. COSNEY: I'll be discussing the area of San
25 Diego, specifically, City Heights, Southeast, and some of

1 the communities to the east.

2 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

3 MR. COSNEY: Well, thank you very much,
4 Commissioners. Good evening. My name is Kevin Cosney.
5 I'm a lifetime resident of California and a representative
6 of the California Black Census and Redistricting Hub. I'm
7 calling in today to summarize and uplift the communities of
8 interest that were identified by our coalition members, and
9 the community members that engaged in 10 community feedback
10 sessions with 184 San Diego residents.

11 Our coalition partners, Alliance San Diego, Black
12 American Political Association of California, Partnership
13 for the Advancement of New Americans, and Pillars of the
14 Community spent months engaging community members to hear
15 how they define their communities, and to identify the
16 issues they found more prevalent. During each these
17 sessions we also discussed the importance of the
18 redistricting process, the impact it will have on future
19 generations, and the importance of their input and
20 involvement.

21 The Black community of San Diego includes Black
22 Americans, Africans and Afro-Caribbeans, and celebrates a
23 wide array of languages, faiths and backgrounds, making
24 this neighborhood some of the most diverse in the State.
25 The Southeast and City Heights communities contain many

1 well-known Black neighborhoods with deep histories, vibrant
2 cultures and shared values. Southeast is home to some of
3 the most dense Black neighborhoods in San Diego, and City
4 Heights is a diverse community that is home to many
5 immigrant and refugees, including a strong and growing East
6 African community that has been part of San Diego for over
7 30 years.

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

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

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

1 communities along the coast or to the northern or eastern
2 ends of the County, that do not share similar interests,
3 needs, concerns or values.

4 It's imperative that these communities who are
5 the most vulnerable and most impacted by political
6 decisions are protected, kept whole, and districted
7 together or with other similar communities. This would
8 enable communities here to end racist development practices
9 and fight for more affordable housing, rent control and
10 tenants' protections. This would enable growing immigrant
11 and refugee communities to ensure they're supported,
12 welcome and able to address issues like language access,
13 access to housing, jobs and resources.

14 The opportunity to create communities that
15 thrive, celebrate their diversity, and invest in health,
16 rather than surveillance and punishment. All that's on
17 ability to create, strong, political voice at the State and
18 Federal level. Without appropriate lines --

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

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

1 your time --

2 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

3 MR. COSNEY: -- and consideration and commitment
4 to a transparent and equitable redistricting process.

5 Thank you.

6 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Caller, can I ask a clarifying
7 question?

8 MR. COSNEY: Absolutely.

9 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Would you please help me
10 understand what does Southeast mean? How would you define
11 Southeast by any roads or boundaries?

12 MR. COSNEY: You know, there's a bunch of them,
13 and I want to kind of give a (indiscernible). What I will
14 say is, is that we are -- we submitted a bunch of CY maps
15 to the tool, and we'll submit a summary. But I think the
16 easiest way to identify it is, essentially, like City
17 Council District 4 is probably the easiest way to identify
18 it. There are some parts of Southeast that overlap into 9
19 and overlap into City Council District 1. But I think
20 shorthand, District 4 is probably the easiest way to
21 identify Southeast, and District 9 is probably the easiest
22 way to identify City Heights. Again, we can provide detail
23 of the (indiscernible).

24 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you so much. That
25 was extremely helpful.

1 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

2 MR. COSNEY: Thank you.

3 MR. MANOFF: Next we will have 012, and after
4 them will be 018.

5 012, I will promote you now. 012, welcome.

6 MS. MANANQUIL: Hi.

7 MR. MANOFF: Your speaker order number is 20, if
8 you'd please make a note of that. And if you could remind
9 us what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

10 MS. MANANQUIL: Thank you. I will be discussing
11 National City, City Heights, Chula Vista, and the Kearny
12 Mesa-Convoy area.

13 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

14 MS. MANANQUIL: Hello. My name is Kristina
15 Mananquil, and I am an organizer with Asian Solidarity
16 Collective here in San Diego, California. I'll be speaking
17 on behalf of ASC on the mentioned areas, National City,
18 Chula Vista, City Heights, Kearny Mesa-Convoy.

19 ASC is a grassroots organization whose mission is
20 to activate Asian American social justice consciousness,
21 condemn anti-Blackness, and build Asian solidarity
22 intersectionally with Black, Brown and Indigenous folks,
23 people with disabilities, queer and trans people of color,
24 and all oppressed communities. Our work includes political
25 education, community building and collective action.

1 We currently have 45 active members, with a
2 larger base of over 600 members throughout San Diego
3 County, with 2.5 members who are South Asian, 26.3 who
4 identify as East Asian, and 53.8 of our members who are
5 Southeast Asians.

6 ASC is a regional lead organization for the AAPI
7 AMEMSA Redistricting Collaborative, and we hosted over
8 three -- three community workshops to educate the community
9 about redistricting, obtain communities interest
10 information and obtain community mapping priorities. The
11 following orgs have participated in our workshops, Karen
12 Organization of San Diego, Kuya Ate Mentorship Program,
13 ASC, and Asian Business Association of San Diego.

14 The AAPI and AMEMSA communities in San Diego are
15 diverse and face a variety of issues, such as lack of
16 equitable resources in social services, housing, education,
17 healthcare, reproductive health, disability and language
18 justice.

19 Many come from poor and working-class families
20 who (indiscernible) for rent and adequate living
21 conditions. Many families are multi-generational and are
22 refugees that take of elderly and young children. Youth in
23 these communities fight for ending policing in schools and
24 investing in providing equitable resources for mental
25 health and distance learning that is disability-justice

1 censored.

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

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

14 We ask that the Commission please to keep Convoy
15 whole with surrounding areas. That City Heights we kept
16 whole and paired with Southeastern San Diego, and that
17 Chula Vista be kept whole with most of National City --

18 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19 MS. MANANQUIL: -- based on these social and
20 political interests. We advocate to keep our AAPI
21 communities together, as being in close proximity to each
22 other is crucial to our survival and enables us to flourish
23 and thrive.

24 We would like to thank the Commission for your
25 time.

1 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

2 MS. MANANQUIL: Thank you.

3 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

4 Up next we will have 018, and after them will be
5 013.

6 018, I will promote you now. 018, we had some
7 trouble with that. We're going to do audio only. Just a
8 moment. It looks like -- there you are. 018, you can now
9 unmute. And if you -- your -- let's see. Your speaker
10 order number is number 21. And if you'll remind the mapper
11 what you'd like to see on the screen, the floor is yours.

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

17 Could I have a Spanish Interpreter, please?

18 SPANISH INTERPETER: Good afternoon. This is
19 Jose.

20 MR. MANOFF: Jose, could you please ask unique
21 I.D. 018 to unmute?

22 [Instructions read in Spanish]

23 MR. MANOFF: Gracias, Jose.

24 All right. We are going to come back to 018.

25 At this time we're going to go to 013, and after

1 that we will go to 011.

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

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

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

14 MS. GARCES: Hello, everyone. My name is Lauren
15 Garces, and I serve as the marketing outreach and events
16 director for the Asian Business Association San Diego, and
17 as a special events director for the Convoy District
18 Partnership Nonprofit. I'm also speaking today as part of
19 the AAPI and AMEMSA Redistricting Collaborative.

20 The Asian Business Association represents the
21 interests of over 30,000 Asian and Pacific Islander
22 businesses in the San Diego region, and the Convoy District
23 Partnership Nonprofit is dedicated to supporting the
24 economic growth and development of the Convoy District
25 region located in the Kearny Mesa, San Diego.

1 I've lived in San Diego for over a decade, and
2 previously lived five minutes away from the Convoy
3 District. And although I moved to the Rancho Penasquitos
4 area, I still actively work and visit the Convoy-Kearny
5 Mesa region multiple times each week.

6 I've had the honor of coordinating annual events
7 in the neighborhood, like the San Diego Night Market, which
8 draws over 10,000 attendees in normal years, brings art to
9 the region through box (indiscernible), (indiscernible) box
10 programs and supported are diverse business owners in the
11 region through advocacy and access to small business
12 resources, which helped them remain open during the
13 pandemic.

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

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

1 businesses, and in addition, the neighborhood also houses
2 multi-cultural community centers, like the Taiwanese
3 Center, and also Pan-Asian religious groups host their
4 service in various venues in the neighborhood.

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

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

21 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

22 Next up we will have 011, and after that we will
23 have 019.

24 011, I will promote you now. 011, you can now
25 unmute and enable audio on the lower, left-hand corner of

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

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

7 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

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

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

22 The 2020 Census data shows that of 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 each

1 culture, the small businesses that share the cuisine and
2 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 government
6 may come up short.

7 I have been personally a resident of Chula Vista
8 since March of 2020. My community of interest in Chula
9 Vista is largely made up of the Filopinx community. The
10 Catholic faith keeps this community of interest close
11 together, which would indicate that family values are a
12 strong driving force and a major consideration when voting.

13 There is a large Filopinx community around the
14 vicinity of Corpus Christi Catholic Church, which lies in
15 the community of Bonita, as well as around Mater Dei Church
16 and Academy further south in the Otay Ranch Community.

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

24 My broader community, the rest of the City of
25 Chula Vista, stretches to the coast through what is known

1 Old Chula Vista. Olympic Park Way turns into Orange
2 Avenue, which follows all the way to the coast where the J
3 Street Marina sits. North of the State Route 54 the
4 communities along the coast and west of Interstate 805 tend
5 to be the more affluent and well-resourced communities, but
6 south of the 54 the higher-income homes are east of the
7 805, and the working-class, single and multifamily homes
8 are west of the freeway.

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

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15 MS. CASE: I ask the Commission to please keep
16 the City of Chula Vista whole and within the same district
17 as most of National City, with the exception of the dense
18 Fil-Am community northeast of 16th Street and D Avenue,
19 which should be kept with the community of Paradise Hills
20 in Southeast San Diego.

21 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

22 MS. CASE: Thank you.

23 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

24 Next up we will have 019, and after them we have
25 016.

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

4 MS. BURKHOLDER: Okay.

5 MR. MANOFF: Your speaker order number is order
6 number 24, if you'll please make a note of that. And if
7 you could let the mapper know what area you'd like to see
8 on the screen, the floor is yours.

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

12 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

13 MS. BURKHOLDER: My name is Melanie Burkholder,
14 and I'm a long-time resident, homeowner, business owner,
15 mom and activist in Carlsbad. Carlsbad is a wonderful
16 place to live, work and play. It features small and large
17 businesses, ranging from the mom and pop all the way up to
18 Viasat and Calloway Golf. Carlsbad is home to Legoland
19 California, the McClellan-Palomar Airport and the County's
20 only desalinization plant.

21 It's very important that the Commission
22 understand Carlsbad and match to it other communities and
23 areas that share our culture and needs. Carlsbad should be
24 considered a community of interest with Vista, Carlsbad and
25 inland Encinitas, defined as east of the 5 freeway. Inland

1 Encinitas 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 Vista.

4 The use of El Camino Real is a critical
5 connection for businesses of this community of interest to
6 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
10 many of the same schools, and play in the same parks.
11 Furthermore, JC Golf Resort has multiple golf courses in
12 this community of interest, a sport made evermore important
13 and popular as a safe way to maintain fitness and mental
14 health during the pandemic.

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

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

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

3 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

4 Up next we will have 016, and after that will be
5 015.

6 016, I will promote you now. 016, you can now
7 enable your audio and video in the lower, left-hand corner
8 of your screen. Your speaker order number will be number
9 25, if you could please make a note of that. And if you'll
10 please let the mapper know what area you'd like to discuss,
11 the floor is yours.

12 MS. KABASHIMA: Hello. My name is Nao Kabashima.
13 I'm the executive director of the Karen Organization of San
14 Diego. We are a part of the AAPI and AMEMSA, the
15 (indiscernible) advocate. I am here to speak about City
16 Heights area.

17 Our office is located in the City Heights
18 neighborhood of San Diego on the corner of the University
19 Avenue and 64th Street. Since 2007 more than 2,200 refugees
20 from Burma have been resettled in San Diego, and this is
21 one of the newest refugee community in the region. More
22 than 90-percent of them live in City Heights within walking
23 distance of our office.

24 Each year KOSD serves more than 800 individual
25 from Burma through direct services, including case

1 management, implement services and emergency response. At
2 the same time, KOSD is a community space where refugee from
3 Burma can explore and build their new home together through
4 a strong community support system, while maintaining their
5 culture heritage.

6 We work with every Burmese ethnic community that
7 settle here, including Karen, Kayah, Kachin, Shan, Chin,
8 Burmese and Whoheda (phonetic). Most of them have spent
9 decades in the isolation of refugee camps. Camps lack
10 opportunity for education, employment and skill
11 development. As such, refugee family often arrive here
12 with little more than clothing on their backs, with no
13 formal educations, and with traumatic memories of human
14 rights violations back in their country.

15 Ninety-percent of the adult population has no or
16 very limited English proficiency, and most of them didn't
17 have opportunity to complete elementary education due to
18 the long civil wars, which are still not over yet since
19 1948. They are among the most vulnerable and underserved
20 community in San Diego, as most service provider lack the
21 language capacity and culture competence to work with this
22 populations. Ninety-percent of our clients are very low
23 and extremely low-income residents based on the high income
24 limits of City of San Diego.

25 I have been working with this community in City

1 Heights since 2009, and I have witnessed many, many
2 occasions that our community members from Burma didn't have
3 any opportunity to share their voices just because their
4 population is small. And over the past years we've been
5 working with many different refugee and new-comer groups in
6 City Heights who share similar backgrounds and needs. So
7 it is critical for us to keep the entire City Heights
8 community within one district, so that we can amplify all
9 refugee and new-comer voices and their needs are met.

10 Currently the City Heights are broken into three
11 districts, 78, 79 and 80. At the same time it is critical
12 for City Heights to be in the same --

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 MS. KABASIMA: -- district with southern eastern
15 San Diego, so that we can unite and work together with fair
16 representation. Thank you so much.

17 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Caller, may I ask a few
18 clarifying questions?

19 MS. KABASIMA: Yes. Thank you.

20 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Would you please help me
21 understand what the boundaries of City Heights is? And
22 then, also, you mentioned southeastern San Diego, if you
23 can define that for me as well.

24 MS. KABASIMA: Yeah, I can definitely follow-up
25 with the e-mails later on, but our family --

1 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Sure.

2 MS. KABASIMA: -- from Burma living in City
3 Heights, which is bounded by Highway 805 to the west, and
4 70th Street to the east. Highway 94 to the south, and Adams
5 Avenue to the north.

6 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you so much.

7 MS. KABASIMA: But we will follow-up. Uh-huh.
8 Thank you.

9 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

10 Up next we will have 015. And after that we will
11 have 021.

12 015, I will promote you now. 015, you can now
13 enable your audio and video in the lower, left-hand corner
14 of your screen.

15 MR. LEO: Hi. My name is Mark Leo, and I'm with
16 the --

17 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment, Mark.

18 MR. LEO: Okay.

19 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment here. I got a couple
20 things configured for your testimony. Your speaker order
21 number is order 26, if you could please make a note of
22 that. And if you could let the mapper know what area you'd
23 like discuss, the floor is yours.

24 MR. LEO: National City, please.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

1 MR. LEO: All right. My name is Mark Leo, and
2 I'm with Kuya Ate Mentorship Program, also known as KAMP,
3 and I'm also speaking today as part of the API and AMEMSA
4 Redistricting Collaborative.

5 My community of interest in National City is
6 composed of Asian and Pacific Islanders who constitute 19-
7 percent of National City's residents, with a forecasted 35-
8 percent growth for Asians, and 21-percent growth for
9 Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders between 2008 and 2050.

10 I propose the communities between Fourth Street
11 and 16th Street and connected with D Avenue, be kept whole,
12 to be able to encompass the significant API community of
13 National City, linking them to the large Filipino, Pacific
14 Islander and Laotian communities in the 79th District, which
15 is in the City of San Diego.

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

23 For example, even when my family moved out of
24 National City and into the Southeast area of San Diego, we
25 continued to switch off going to church in National City

1 and in Paradise Hills. We definitely continued to shop
2 there as well. Our communities are stronger together, and
3 now is an opportune time to unite them in a district, while
4 keeping our Latinx and Black communities with significant
5 political influence voting as well. Thank you.

6 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

7 Up next we will have 021, and after that we will
8 be returning to 018.

9 021, I will promote you now. 021, you can now
10 unmute and enable video --

11 SPEAKER NUMBER 27: Hello.

12 MR. MANOFF: -- in the lower, left-hand corner of
13 your screen. Hello. Your speaker order number is number
14 27, if you could please make a note of that. And if you
15 could let the mapper know what area you'd like to discuss,
16 the floor is yours.

17 SPEAKER NUMBER 27: Today I'd like to discuss
18 part of North County San Diego. Currently it's the
19 northeastern extremity of the current 39th District, which
20 juts out into the 38th District. I believe this area would
21 be part of the 38th District.

22 In particular the communities I'm referring to
23 are Black Mountain Ranch, Rancho Bernardo, San Pasqual,
24 Rancho Penasquitos north of the 56. And I believe that
25 these areas, as well as Carmel Mountain Ranch, the City of

1 Poway, South San Marcos and Scripps Ranch are all one
2 community of interest. This entire community of interest
3 is largely a sprawling, dry, suburban area, with pockets of
4 vegetation, including chaparral and some lightly forested
5 area -- areas. And you may notice that five of --eight of
6 these communities I've listed have "ranch" in the name.
7 There's a reason for that. I mention a (indiscernible) of
8 the area, and also they illustrate a certain theme that
9 these areas have, which can be hardly put into words.

10 The residents tend to be upper and -- or middle
11 and upper middle-class residents, as well as young
12 families, middle-aged empty nesters and retirees. The
13 residents in these areas share (indiscernible)
14 characteristics, and as a result the constituents that live
15 here also have common interests for their shared political
16 will. I might add that many of them work in this area as
17 well.

18 The people who live in these communities have
19 very similar demographics. The residents tend to have
20 similar income levels and rates of home ownership. From my
21 experience, the folks living in these areas have a common
22 culture and tend to have a lot of the same motivations and
23 goals, such as their views on crime, the family unit,
24 education, environment and taxes.

25 The area is also geographically very similar

1 throughout. For this reason, they have a shared fire
2 safety concern, and that's why the area comes together
3 whenever we have a fire emergency, which is fairly often.
4 The residents also tend to share the same roads, schools,
5 highways and freeways.

6 Finally, as a caveat, I'd argue that the Poway
7 Unified School District is itself a community of interest.
8 It includes the City of Poway, of course, as well as the
9 City of San Diego communities of Rancho Bernardo --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 SPEAKER NUMBER 27: -- and Rancho Penasquitos.
12 Rancho Bernardo and Rancho Penasquitos are both currently
13 in the 39th Congressional District, while the City of Poway
14 is part of 38th Congressional District. And it makes sense,
15 much more sense for all three of them to be part of the 38th
16 --

17 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

18 SPEAKER NUMBER 27: -- District. So, to
19 reiterate, I believe that that Black Mountain Ranch, Rancho
20 Bernardo, San Pasqual, Rancho Penasquitos, Carmel Mountain
21 Ranch, City of Poway, South San Marcos and Scripps Ranch
22 are all one community of interest --

23 MR. MANOFF: Time.

24 SPEAKER NUMBER 27: -- and should be in the 38th
25 District.

1 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

2 SPEAKER NUMBER 27: You're welcome.

3 MR. MANOFF: Up next we will be going back to
4 018. 018, I'm going to enable your microphone. 018, you
5 can now unmute. Can you hear me? In the lower, left-hand
6 corner of your screen, if you could please unmute. Thank
7 you. Can you hear me now?

8 MR. WEILER: Yes, I can. Thank you.

9 MR. MANOFF: Wonderful. Your speaker order is
10 order -- is number 21, if you could make a number -- make a
11 note of that, please. And if you could remind the mapper
12 what area you'd like to discuss, the floor is yours.

13 MR. WEILER: Yes. The area would be Escondido
14 and up into Temecula.

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

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

22 Today I'm testifying on behalf of my community to
23 request that Escondido is kept in the same district as the
24 City of Temecula, which is north of us off the I-15
25 corridor. Escondido and Temecula are connected by much

1 more than just a freeway. Our two communities are involved
2 in the agro-tourism industry, as many people travel through
3 and stay in our cities to visit the many wineries between
4 the San Pasqual Valley near Escondido, and the Temecula
5 wine country just outside the City of Temecula.

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

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

19 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

20 Up next we will have 014, and after that we'll go
21 to caller 2455.

22 014, I will promote you now. 014, you can now
23 enable your audio and video in the lower, left-hand corner
24 of your screen. Your speaker order number will be 28, if
25 you could please make a note of that. And if you could let

1 the mapper know what area you'd like to discuss, the floor
2 is yours.

3 MS. LIM: Chula Vista, National City and the
4 greater San Diego city area, please.

5 Good afternoon. My name is June Lim, and I am
6 the demographic research project director at Asian
7 Americans Advancing Justice, Los Angeles, which is a Census
8 Information Center, and an official program of the U.S.
9 Census Bureau designed to promote the dissemination of
10 Census data to underserved populations.

11 I am joining you today to present data supporting
12 the COI testimony. You've heard from our partners
13 representing the AAPI and AMEMSA Redistricting
14 Collaborative. These include COI's that are in City
15 Heights, Kearny Mesa, Clairmont Mesa, Linda Vista, Mira
16 Mesa, Chula Vista and National City.

17 The AAPI and AMEMSA community is a large and
18 fast-growing part of San Diego. The latest Census data
19 show that the Asian American population in the cities of
20 San Diego, Chula Vista and National City grew considerably
21 in the last decade. The Asian American community grew by
22 nearly 25-percent in San Diego and Chula Vista. The
23 Pacific Islander community grew by six-percent in Chula
24 Vista.

25 Within the City of San Diego, the Asian American

1 community grew over 11-percent in Mira Mesa, and 20-percent
2 in the Convoy District, Kearny Mesa, Linda Vista and
3 Clairmont Mesa areas. Our communities now make up over 20-
4 percent of the City of San Diego and National City, and
5 over 16-percent of Chula Vista. Where the COI's in the
6 collaborative identified are located within the City of San
7 Diego, AAPI and AMEMSA communities now make up over 17-
8 percent of City Heights, 20-percent of Kearny Mesa, and
9 over half of Mira Mesa. Half of the AAPI and AMEMSA
10 community in Chula Vista are foreign born.

11 The proportion of immigrants and refugees in the
12 City of San Diego and National City are higher at 56- and
13 67-percent. Eighty-percent of Burmese and Burmese
14 Americans in San Diego are foreign born. Over 55-percent
15 of Asian Americans in National City speak English less than
16 very well. This rate is even higher among Asian Americans
17 in San Diego and Chula Vista at 63- and 66-percent
18 respectively.

19 There are socioeconomic differences in the AAPI
20 and AMEMSA communities that vary across the COI's
21 identified by our collaborative. For example, while 14-
22 percent of the Asian Americans in Chula Vista are low-
23 income, 36-percent are in National City. Over 25-percent
24 of Asian Americans in the City of San Diego are low-income,
25 and the range of percentage low-income vary significantly

1 by ethnic group and by city neighborhood.

2 Over 30-percent of Pacific Islanders in National
3 City, and 35-percent of Pacific Islanders --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MS. LIM: -- in San Diego are low-income.

6 In closing, the AAPI and AMEMSA Redistricting
7 Collaborative asks the Commission to respect the integrity
8 of our COI's presented today. I will submit to the
9 Commission data maps and share files of the COI's with
10 (indiscernible) --

11 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

12 MS. LIM: -- testimony. Thank you for your time.

13 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

14 MS. LIM: Thank you.

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

18 MR. URENA: Hello. Good afternoon --

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

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

1 serve as the youngest council member in the history of the
2 border community of Calexico. I'm calling today to ask to
3 please keep Imperial County with East Coachella in this
4 redistricting process. I ask that you keep these two
5 regions in the same district for the following reasons.

6 The two regions need leadership and a voice that
7 understands the needs, concerns facing the Latinx
8 community. Latinos and Latinx make over 72-percent of the
9 population in Imperial County, and constitute over 95-
10 percent of the population in Coachella communities, with
11 the majority of Latinos and Latinx residing in East
12 Coachella cities of Indio, Coachella, Thermal and Mecca.

13 Imperial County and Eastern Coachella share deep
14 liabilities around the environmental impact of the drying
15 up of the Salton Sea, and the air-quality-related illness
16 that exist in the region, especially asthma. All of this
17 coming from the Salton Sea results in dust particles that
18 come from exposed playa, as the sea -- as the seas dry and
19 exposed lakebed recedes further.

20 We are also a growing communities, with families
21 across the sea's perimeter. We must have leadership that
22 understands this issue, as it is critical to the health and
23 economic well-being of this entire majority Latino district
24 that stretches all the way down south to the border.

25 These two regions have a proud history of being

1 predominantly Latino, Mexican American, Spanish speaking
2 and demographic. They have been a backbone and an economic
3 driver of a multi-million -- national dollar agriculture
4 industry. These hard-working farm-worker families have
5 been on the front line of the continued COVID pandemic,
6 with some of the highest death rates in the State of
7 California here in Imperial County.

8 They have risked their health and the lives of
9 their loved ones during the COVID pandemic. They deserve
10 to have a voice, and state and federal representatives who
11 are familiar and interested in addressing the issues that
12 collectively face their families' future. Their access to
13 health, their labor rights, their access to higher
14 education and higher paying jobs for their children.

15 It is for these reasons I ask that you please
16 keep Imperial County with the East Coachella communities
17 extending to Blythe. Thank you.

18 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Caller, can I ask some
19 clarifying questions?

20 MR. URENA: Absolutely.

21 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Would you please help me
22 understand where East Coachella Valley is located? If you
23 have certain cities or boundaries by freeways or streets,
24 that would be very helpful for our understanding.

25 MR. URENA: Sure. We're talking about south of

1 Indio. Right around the intersection of Interstate 10 and
2 Highway 111 and 86, where those two line up, all the way
3 south.

4 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Thank you so much.

5 MR. URENA: (Indiscernible.) Uh-huh.

6 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

7 And that is all our callers at this time, Chair.

8 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Kristian, is
9 it possible to read the full call-in instructions, and then
10 I'll ask our Spanish Interpreter to do the same.

11 MR. MANOFF: Sounds good.

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13 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
14 taking public comment by phone.

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

9 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you so much.

10 Can I call on our Spanish Interpreter? Would you
11 please read the full call-in instructions in Spanish?

12 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Hi Chair. This is the
13 Spanish Interpreter.

14 [Instructions read in Spanish]

15 Thank you.

16 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you so much.

17 Kristian, do we have any callers?

18 MR. MANOFF: We do, Chair.

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

24 MS. HAYES: Greetings. My name is Juanita Hayes.
25 Over the course of the past three decades I have had the

1 pleasure of living and working as a public affairs and
2 community affairs person in North County, and in
3 experiencing all of its diverse communities.

4 North County has its own reputation and value.
5 Thank you for this great opportunity for me to address in
6 particular Camp Pendleton, Oceanside and Fallbrook. Please
7 give serious consideration to them as a community of
8 interest. These communities work cohesively and look out
9 for one another. They know who their elected officials
10 are. They attend one another's community events. They
11 serve on boards, children attend schools together, et
12 cetera.

13 If you have attended any community functions, you
14 saw exactly what America is all about, fabulous communities
15 working and supporting one another. In particular,
16 military families need this type of environment. Years of
17 hard work have gone into making sure Camp Pendleton,
18 Fallbrook and Oceanside families, civilian workers,
19 military personnel have accessibility to one another. A
20 community of interest means sharing common entities, such
21 as educational institutions, places of worship, roads,
22 healthcare, youth sports, cultural, public and
23 transportation, et cetera.

24 For example, you can get to Camp Pendleton-
25 Fallbrook gate by bus, light rail or car. Additionally,

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

10 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Caller, can I ask you to hold
11 for one second?

12 MR. MANOFF: I'm sorry, Chair. They hung up.

13 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: If the caller is listening to
14 the live stream, if you can please share with us via e-mail
15 what mean by south and main side Camp Pendleton, that would
16 be very helpful.

17 Do we have any additional callers at this time?

18 MR. MANOFF: There are no callers in the queue at
19 this time.

20 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Kristian, can we go to
21 the five-minute video?

22 MR. MANOFF: Sure thing.

23 (Off the record at 5:39 p.m.)

24 (Back on the record at 5:45 p.m.)

25 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome back from our short

1 break. Just a reminder for everyone, we are talking all
2 callers who have community of interest input at this time,
3 not just those with an appointment. So if you do not have
4 an appointment and you wish to call in, you may do so now.

5 Kristian, do we have any callers in the queue?

6 MR. MANOFF: We do.

7 And caller 4644 called us back at your request.

8 So, we will --

9 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Great.

10 MR. MANOFF: -- take your questions to them now.

11 Just a moment.

12 Caller 4644, if you could please follow the
13 prompts to unmute. Caller 4644, if you could please press
14 star-six to unmute at this time. There you are. Welcome
15 back. Thank you for calling back in.

16 MS. HAYES: Hello.

17 MR. MANOFF: Hi there. The Chair had some
18 questions for you.

19 MS. HAYES: Yes.

20 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you so much for calling us
21 back. That was quite a quick response.

22 MS. HAYES: You're welcome.

23 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: I just wanted to make sure that
24 I understood you correctly when you said you would want to
25 keep it together. Were you -- what were you referring to

1 in terms of Camp Pendleton?

2 MS. HAYES: That they don't get separated.

3 That --

4 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. So --

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

7 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Got it. Thank you so much for
8 that clarification.

9 MS. HAYES: You're welcome.

10 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

11 And at this time we do have a caller, 3583.
12 3583, if you could please follow the prompts to unmute.

13 MR. DOWLING: Hi. This is Jim Dowling. I'm
14 the --

15 MR. MANOFF: Hi, Jim. Just a moment.

16 MR. DOWLING: Sure.

17 MR. MANOFF: If you -- your speaker order number
18 is number 31, if you could please make a note of that. And
19 if you could let the mapper know what area you'd like to
20 discuss, the floor is yours.

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

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

23 MR. DOWLING: All right. Yes. I'm vice
24 president of the Jamul-Dulzura School Board District. Up
25 until the last redistricting, the major of Jamul was in the

1 50th District. And then last redistricting, a chunk of it,
2 the majority of it, was switched over to the 41st District.

3 Unfortunately, the 41st District has nothing in
4 common with Jamul. It's largely -- it's largely Chula
5 Vista and -- which is a urban area compared to our rural
6 area, and Imperial Valley, which is a farming community,
7 and mostly the El Centro area, which is, again, urban as
8 opposed to rural.

9 We are much more in line with Alpine and East
10 County in general, Pine Valley, than we are with the urban
11 area. We have been solely -- sorely unrepresented since
12 the change. And so I would request that we go back into
13 the 50th District, as opposed to being in the 41st.

14 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

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

23 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

24 MR. DOWLING: Great.

25 MR. MANOFF: And that is all our callers at this

1 time, Chair.

2 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: All right. May I have the short
3 call-in instructions read? And then after that we'll see
4 if we get any callers. If not, we can hop over to the 20-
5 minute video.

6 MR. MANOFF: Sounds good.

7 The Commission will now take public comment on
8 community of interest public input. To give comment please
9 call 877-853-5247, and enter meeting I.D. number
10 86319353379. Once you've dialed in, please press star-nine
11 to enter the comment queue. The phone call-in instructions
12 are read at the beginning of the meeting and are provided
13 on the live stream landing page.

14 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you so much.

15 May I ask our Spanish Interpreter to please read
16 those same short call-in instructions in Spanish?

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

19 [Instructions read in Spanish]

20 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you.

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

1 (Off the record at 5:51 p.m.)

2 (Back on the record at 6:10 p.m.)

3 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome back from that very
4 informative video. We will jump right back into our
5 callers.

6 Kristian, do we have any callers in the queue?

7 MR. MANOFF: We do, Chair.

8 And I'd like to invite those who have called in
9 to give comment to please press star-nine. This will raise
10 your hand and get you in the comment queue.

11 Up next we have 8849. Caller 8849, and then
12 after that will be caller 7276. I see those hands. Thank
13 you so much.

14 Caller 8849, if you could please follow the
15 prompts to unmute. Caller 8849, if you could press star-
16 six to unmute. Thank you. You are unmuted. Your speaker
17 order number will be order -- will be number 32, if you
18 could make a note of that, please. And if you could please
19 tell the mapper the area you would like to discuss, the
20 floor is yours.

21 MR. HENDERSON: Hello, everyone. My name is Ian
22 Henderson. I'm a resident of Newport Beach, California,
23 and I want to talk about why it's important for the Orange
24 County coastal cities to be redistricted together.

25 So there's a historical precedent for districting

1 groups of interest together, so that their voting powers
2 aren't overly distributed and thus become weaker. Like any
3 other interest group, the people who live along the
4 coastline have a mutual interest in their elected officials
5 prioritizing the well-being and cleanliness of Orange
6 County's coast.

7 At a local level, ocean and coastline
8 preservation is of the highest priority and importance to
9 its residents who rely on economics, environmental and
10 energy benefits it yields. This interest, which extends
11 beyond politics, must be protected during the redistricting
12 process. The only way to truly protect these voices is to
13 ensure they remain united in California's 48th Congressional
14 District by maintaining their voting power, and not
15 dividing it across multiple districts.

16 California's 48th Congressional District should
17 move further south and encompass Dana Point, San Juan
18 Capistrano and San Clemente, for the beach communities to
19 get the most effective representation possible.

20 I want to go in a little bit into tourism, and
21 the importance why tourism in the economy is for this
22 particular area. It's important that we keep beaches clean
23 so it's vital for tourism and jobs. If we don't have these
24 beaches maintained and kept open to a level where tourists
25 want to visit them, thousands of people will lose their

1 jobs and livelihoods. That's why it's important and
2 critical to have a representative fighting for these Orange
3 County communities.

4 It's also important to know that elected
5 officials prioritize measures to keep these beaches clean
6 and beautiful for people to continue to visit the coast
7 from all around the world. Orange County's economy depends
8 on its ability to attract these tourists.

9 Seventy-seven-percent of Californians say the
10 condition of ocean and beaches is very important to
11 California's future, economy and quality of life. Orange
12 County deserves a representative who will prioritize the
13 cleanliness and quality of its beaches.

14 Coastal residents have previously felt the impact
15 of unfortunate oil spills in the past, and any
16 representation from Washington fighting on behalf of
17 policies that will prevent these kinds of catastrophes from
18 happening again (sic).

19 In California's 48th Congressional District travel
20 and tourism employs over -- around 30,000 people,
21 generating a little over 4.3 billion in spending. This
22 vital coastline-driven industry needs to be unified and
23 protected by members of -- a member of Congress in these
24 communities of interest would be best served by expanding
25 further south to Dana Point, San Juan Capistrano and San

1 Clemente.

2 Orange County beaches face serious questions,
3 whether they'll be receiving federal funding for several
4 years for standard replenishment projects. Standard
5 replenishment typically happens every five to seven years,
6 but has not occurred since 2010. The impact of the delay
7 is starting to show, and federal funding has --

8 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

9 MR. HENDERSON: -- not yet been secured. If the
10 coastline is kept together, the community can ensure their
11 voice is heard and their representative (indiscernible) --

12 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

13 MR. HENDERSON: -- these issues. Thank you very
14 much.

15 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you.

16 Kristian, do we have time for one more caller
17 before we take our mandatory break?

18 MR. MANOFF: I think we do. It looks like we are
19 actually right at 6:15, Chair.

20 CO-CHAIR AHMAD: All right. So what we'll do is,
21 we will take our mandatory 15-minute break. When we
22 return, Commissioner Sinay will be taking leadership role
23 in the rest of the meeting. We will open up the lines for
24 community of interest input for those who have an
25 appointment or did not have an appointment, as well as

1 general public comment.

2 So with that, we will meet back here at 6:30.

3 (Off the record at 6:15 p.m.)

4 (Back on the record at 6:30 p.m.)

5 CO-CHAIR SINAY: An interpretive line for Spanish
6 speakers to listen to the meeting, and a separate line for
7 those who wish to provide public comment or public input.

8 Could Jose please read the site translation of
9 full call-in instructions?

10 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Most certainly,
11 Commissioner.

12 [Instructions read in Spanish]

13 Madam Commissioner, did you want to read also on
14 how to give input?

15 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Sure.

16 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Very well.

17 [Instructions read in Spanish]

18 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Gracias, Jose.

19 SPANISH INTERPRETER: My pleasure.

20 CO-CHAIR SINAY: This session is specifically
21 dedicated to those who did not have an appointment,
22 however, if you had an appointment and you were unable to
23 call earlier, feel free to call in now. Also, we hope that
24 you've been inspired by some of the calls that we've
25 received earlier and will call in yourself.

1 As a reminder, even though we are focusing on
2 specific counties, Californians from anywhere in the State
3 are welcome to participate. We will continue to take
4 public input, and we will also invite public comment at
5 this time. Public comment is non-community of input items.

6 The phone line for public input and public
7 comments will close at 7:00 p.m. We will get to all
8 callers who are in the line or in the queue at that time.
9 And we'll go beyond 7:00 p.m., if needed, to hear from you.

10 I will pass this over to Kristian, our Comment
11 Moderator.

12 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much, Chair.

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14 participation in our process, the Commission will be taking
15 public comment by phone for community of interest input, as
16 well as general public comment for items not on the agenda.

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2 "the host would like you to talk. Press star-six to
3 speak."

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5 spell it for the record. You are not required to provide
6 your name to give public comment.

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8 stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during
9 your call. Once you are waiting in the queue be alert for
10 when it is your turn to speak and, again, please turn down
11 the live stream volume.

12 And we do have a caller with their hand raised.

13 Caller 7276, if you could please follow the
14 prompts to unmute. Caller 7276, thank you so much for your
15 patience tonight. Your speaker order number is speaker
16 order number 33, if you could please make a note of that.
17 And if you could let the mapper know what area you would
18 like to discuss, the floor is yours.

19 MR. DE MEO: Yes. Hi. My name's Lee De Meo. I
20 am a resident of Fallbrook, resident of over 10 years. And
21 I formerly served on the Fallbrook Junior High School
22 Board, and now for the last 10 years, still serve on the
23 Fallbrook Community Planning Board.

24 On behalf of -- I'm testifying on behalf of my
25 community to request that Fallbrook is kept in the same

1 district as our neighboring inland rural communities of
2 Bonsall, Valley Center, Pala, Pauma Valley, Rainbow, as
3 well as Temecula.

4 As a member of the Fallbrook Community Planning
5 Group, I represent my community's unique rural perspective
6 on housing and development issues. We want to keep
7 Fallbrook, Fallbrook. We are very different from coastal
8 and urban communities like San Marcos, Oceanside, Vista,
9 where recently we've seen an emphasis on high-rise condos
10 and mixed-use apartment buildings, which is not something
11 that fits in the Fallbrook area.

12 Fallbrook and other inland communities I
13 mentioned want to maintain our mix of rural and suburban
14 neighborhoods that make our communities special by
15 emphasizing a different type of development than our
16 coastal neighbors.

17 In many unincorporated communities in our region,
18 housing development is limited to one- and two-acre plots
19 per single family home in most areas. The more coastal and
20 urban cities of San Marcos, Vista, Oceanside, have also
21 adopted less restrictive marijuana regulations within their
22 jurisdiction, which is something that the community of
23 Fallbrook and other rural inland communities by and large
24 do not want to see.

25 Fallbrook is a mix of rural and suburban

1 neighborhoods which has its own special character, and we
2 share that with these other rural communities, Valley
3 Center, Bonsall, Pauma Valley, et cetera, Pala, Rainbow.
4 And for these reasons we're requesting -- or I'm requesting
5 that Fallbrook keep in the same district as these other
6 communities. Thank you.

7 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much for your
8 patience, and thank you for your input.

9 MR. DE MEO: You're welcome.

10 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

11 And at this time we are going to go to caller
12 9692. Caller 9692, if you could please follow the prompts
13 to unmute. Caller 9692 has decided to disconnect at this
14 time.

15 Up next we have caller 5694. If you could follow
16 the prompts to unmute, please. Caller 5694, you are
17 unmuted.

18 Yeah. Hi. This is --

19 MR. MANOFF: Hi. Your speaker order number is
20 34, if you could please make a note of that for future
21 reference. And if you could let the mapper know what area
22 you'd like to discuss, the floor is yours.

23 MR. GARCIA: My name is Jose Franco Garcia. I'm
24 the policy director with Environmental Health Coalition.
25 Discussing the San Diego -- the furthest south area of San

1 Diego. Just calling, you know, to reaffirm our desire to
2 be with the South County communities of Barrio Logan,
3 National City, Logan Heights, Sherman Heights, down to west
4 Chula Vista, and down to the border be kept together in an
5 assembly district and in other districts. You know, these
6 communities -- as an environmental justice organization, we
7 have worked in these communities for decades now to fight
8 for environmental justice, fight for reducing toxic
9 pollution, improving air quality, more access to healthy
10 communities for -- to green space to fair public transit
11 that's healthy and equitable.

12 And as we've, you know, fought for those we have
13 found, you know, our communities having a united voice in a
14 strong district is very crucial for that. Once we get put
15 into different districts our message gets -- our strength
16 gets watered down. And so we, you know, desire that these
17 communities be kept together.

18 We also have a very -- you know, keeping the
19 cultural relevance to those communities alive is also very
20 important. We have a strong background, historical
21 communities there. Many Latino families, many families of
22 color that have lived in those communities speak English as
23 a second language. A lot of cultural identify that brings
24 together those communities, along with the fight that we
25 are fighting for environmental justice and other social

1 justice issues.

2 So due to that, we really hope that this, this
3 Commission takes that into account and keeps those
4 districts together. Thank you for your time.

5 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

6 And that is all our callers at this time, Chair.

7 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. You just read the call-in
8 instructions, right?

9 MR. MANOFF: Yes. We opened the session with the
10 full call-in instructions.

11 CO-CHAIR SINAY: I thought we did. All right.
12 Let's see. And we've done -- have we -- we've done the 20-
13 minute video and one of the five-minute videos. We have
14 another five-minute video, right?

15 MR. MANOFF: We just have the one five-minute
16 video, but I do have a short two-minute video about
17 splitting counties that we could run.

18 CO-CHAIR SINAY: That would be really helpful,
19 because San Diego currently is split and represented in two
20 different counties often. So that would -- and we have a
21 caller.

22 MR. MANOFF: How about that.

23 And for those calling in, if you would like to
24 give comment, please press star-nine to raise your hand.

25 Thank you so much. We see that hand. Caller

1 2302, please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 2302, if
2 you could please press star-six to unmute. There you go.
3 Caller 2302, your speaker order number is 35. If you could
4 let the mapper know what area you'd like to discuss, the
5 floor is yours.

6 MS. FAGANUAL: Thank you, and good evening
7 everyone. Thank you for this opportunity. My name is
8 Cindy Faganual (phonetic), and I'm a resident and homeowner
9 in the community of Del Cerro. And I am just calling to
10 urge you to please keep the boundaries the way they are for
11 our area. Primarily because as a Latina -- one of the very
12 few Latinas in my neighborhood, I will say that for the
13 first time we have elected representatives that are not
14 only representative of who I am, but are also listening to
15 my voice. And so, their representative of my voice.

16 So it is important that as we're -- as we're
17 making progress, good progress, that things remain the same
18 just because this is a good opportunity for our community
19 to grow, especially as new, new opportunities are coming to
20 our community in increased development. And I just do hope
21 that you please put that into consideration, and
22 considering that we do have a new elected official that's
23 presenting us, that it remains the same. Thank you.

24 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Caller? Caller, are you still
25 there?

1 MS. FAGANUAL: Yes.

2 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Hi. You had said to keep it,
3 the districts as-is. Is that all the State Senate all
4 districts, or?

5 MS. FAGANUAL: That would be -- yes, correct,
6 just because we do have new electives. We have a new
7 assembly woman, we have a new Congresswoman, we have a new
8 city council member. And so, just for the sake of
9 simplicity, and also because we are making good progress,
10 that it please remain the same.

11 CO-CHAIR SINAY: All right. Thank you.

12 MS. FAGANUAL: Thank you.

13 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

14 And that is all our callers at this time, Chair.

15 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. We have a busy week
16 coming up ahead. And so I just wanted to let everybody
17 know that in the next week we have our final three
18 Communities of Interest Input Meetings. The summer has
19 flown by. I remember when we first started and we said we
20 were going to have 30 plus, we thought it was going to be a
21 long summer, but it really has flown by. And that's thanks
22 to Californians and calling in and giving us their input.

23 We've gotten to go on mini-vacations just hearing
24 you describe your communities. We wish we were in the
25 communities with you.

1 Anyway, so our three Communities of Interest
2 Input Meetings, the first one is on September 8th at 3:00
3 p.m., and we'll be focusing on Southern California and
4 their surrounding areas. This one we will have a Spanish,
5 Cantonese, Mandarin and Japanese listening lines and
6 interpreters available. Again, that's September 8th at 3:00
7 p.m.

8 The second meeting is on Thursday, September 9th
9 at 3:00 p.m., and that's focusing on the entire State of
10 California. We will have a Spanish listening line and
11 Spanish interpreters available.

12 And our third and last one is scheduled -- the
13 third and last scheduled meeting is on Friday, September
14 10th at 3:00 p.m., focusing on the -- again, on the entire
15 State, and again, we will have a Spanish listening line and
16 a Spanish interpreter's line.

17 We also have a business meeting on Tuesday,
18 September 7th starting at 12:00 p.m. And our first
19 Community of Interest Review Meeting on September 11th,
20 starting at 9:30.

21 Registration for the three COI meetings close two
22 calendar days ahead -- two calendar days before by 5:00
23 p.m. And as you know, you don't need to register. You can
24 have an opportunity -- you can call in, like many have
25 today, as well as yesterday in Orange County.

1 I also wanted to share other ways that you can
2 participate. We've talked about communities of interest
3 meetings. You can also visit our website,
4 wedrawthelinesca.org, and there you'll see -- you'll find
5 our phone number, our e-mail, as well as our Community of
6 Interest Tool, or you can do directly to the tool, which is
7 drawmycacomunity.org. The tool will walk you through the
8 steps to submit a strong narrative, as well as to draw your
9 map. And when you're done, you just hit a button and it
10 comes directly to us. Those who have used it have said
11 that it's easy and it is fun. So that is another way to do
12 it as well.

13 I just want to remind you all that we are on
14 social media, so please do, you know, like our pages. We
15 are on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube. Our
16 handle is @wedrawthelinesca, as in California.
17 Wedrawthelinesca.

18 Let's see. With that, does anybody -- I think
19 we're -- does anybody have anything they want to share
20 about San Diego? I know we're almost at the end, but just
21 in case someone wants to call in, I want to give them that
22 extra minute.

23 No, none? All right. So, well, Commissioner
24 Ahmad and I want to thank you all for joining our Community
25 of Interest Input Meeting today. Obviously, so do all the

1 staff and other Commissioners as well. We want to thank
2 the line drawers, the interpreters, the many staff members
3 who make this run so smoothly, thank you for making us look
4 so good.

5 I also want to thank our fellow Commissioners,
6 and I especially want to say, gracias [translating in
7 Spanish], thanks to all the association and individuals who
8 have helped the community understand the importance of
9 participating, has encouraged them and coached them and
10 supported them in calling in or submitting the -- a COI
11 through our tool. This is truly a team effort, and we want
12 to thank all of you.

13 With that, I think I can say this meeting is
14 adjourned.

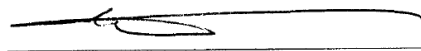
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And I further certify that I am not of counsel or attorney for either or any of the parties to said hearing nor in any way interested in the outcome of the cause named in said caption.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of September, 2021.



PETER PETTY
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I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript, to the best of my ability, from the electronic sound recording of the proceedings in the above-entitled matter.



September 17, 2021

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