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APPEARANCES

Commissioners Present:

Pedro Toledo, Co-Chair
Russell Yee, Co-Chair
Linda Akutagawa
Jane Andersen
Isra Ahmad
Alicia Fernandez
J. Ray Kennedy
Sara Sadhwani
Patricia Sinay
Derric H. Taylor

Staff Present:

Ravindar Singh, Administrative Assistant
Marian Johnston, Legal Counsel
Ann Marx

Technical Contractors:

Public Comment Moderator
Kristian Manoff, AV Technical Director
Interpreters (Johanna) (Margarita de la Torre)

Also Present

Mappers:

Andrew
Kennedy
Tamina

Public Comment:

1. Richard Konda
2. Larry Klein
3. Jugraj Singh Shoker

Public Comment (Cont'd):

4. John Sensiba
5. Aliza Kazmi
6. Gabriela Garzon Gupta
7. Angelica Cortez
8. Eli Beckman
9. Judy Lloyd
10. Raj Salwan
11. Caller Number 11
12. Caller Number 12
13. David McIntyre
14. Caller Number 14
15. Otto Lee
16. Dominique Donette
17. Caller Number 17
18. Christopher Chin
19. Frank Dale Gordon
20. Rob Chua
21. Juanita Towns
22. Yeri Shon
23. Daisy Maxion
24. Michael Deegan-McCree
25. Tiffany Ng
26. June Lim
27. Jamileh Ebrahimi

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P R O C E E D I N G S

Tuesday, August 24, 2021 3:00 o'clock p.m.

CO-CHAIR TOLEDO (via Zoom): Good afternoon, everyone. Welcome, and thank you for tuning in to California Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest input meeting.

I am Pedro Toledo, and I will be co-chairing today this meeting with Commissioner Yee.

Today we are offering four language lines in the following languages, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, and Russian. So, language speakers can listen to the meeting in their native language.

Can I please have our interpreters provide our call-in numbers?

Can I have the Spanish interpreter read the Spanish language line instructions?

SPANISH INTERPRETER (via Zoom): Hi, Chair. This is the Spanish interpreter.

[Instructions read in Spanish]

SPANISH INTERPRETER: Thank you, Chair.

CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

Can I have the Mandarin interpreter read the Mandarin language line instructions?

Can we come back to the Mandarin line?

Can I have the Cantonese interpreter read the

1 Cantonese language line instructions?

2 CANTONESE INTERPRETER (via Zoom): Yes. Thank
3 you.

4 [Instructions read in Cantonese]

5 CANTONESE INTERPRETER: Back to you, Moderator.

6 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

7 Can I have the Russian interpreter read the
8 Russian language line instructions?

9 There might be some connectivity issues, so we'll
10 try the Mandarin. Can I have the Mandarin interpreter read
11 the Mandarin language instructions?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair?

13 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The interpreter was
15 muted.

16 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Oh, okay.

17 RUSSIAN INTERPRETER (via Zoom): [Instructions
18 read in Russian]

19 Back to you, Chair. Thank you.

20 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much.

21 And let's go to Mandarin. Can I have the
22 Mandarin interpreter read the Mandarin language?

23 MR. MANOFF (via Zoom): If the Mandarin
24 interpreter could please unmute in Zoom?

25 MANDARIN INTERPRETER (via Zoom): [Instructions

1 read in Mandarin]

2 MANDARIN INTERPRETER: Back to you, Moderator.

3 Thank you.

4 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much. And thank
5 you to all of our interpreters.

6 Now we will go to Ravi for roll call.

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

8 Commissioner Turner?

9 Commissioner Vazquez?

10 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ (via Zoom): [Response in
11 Spanish]

12 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Yee?

13 COMMISSIONER YEE (via Zoom): I'm here.

14 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

15 COMMISSIONER AHMAD (via Zoom): Here.

16 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?

17 Commissioner Andersen?

18 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN (via Zoom): Here.

19 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ (via Zoom): Present.

21 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

22 Commissioner Kennedy?

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY (via Zoom): Here.

24 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

25 Commissioner Sadhwani?

1 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI (via Zoom): Here.

2 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY (via Zoom): Aqui.

4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

5 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR (via Zoom): Present.

6 MR. SINGH: And Commissioner Toledo?

7 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Present.

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

9 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much, Ravi.

10 I will start by sharing about the Commission.

11 Every 10 years after the Federal Government publishes

12 updated Census information, California must redraw the

13 boundaries of its Congressional State Senate, State

14 Assembly and State Board of Equalization Districts, so that

15 districts correctly reflect the State's population.

16 In 2008, California voters authorized the

17 creation of the Commission when they passed the Voters

18 First Act. It authorized the Commission to draw the new

19 district lines for the State Senate, State Assembly and

20 State Board of Equalization Districts.

21 In 2010, the Congressional Voters First Act added

22 the responsibility of drawing Congressional Districts to

23 the Commission.

24 The 14-member Commission is made up of five

25 Republicans, five Democrats, and four not affiliated with

1 either of those parties.

2 The Commission must draw the lines in conformity
3 with strict, nonpartisan rules designed to create districts
4 of relatively equal proportion that will provide fair
5 representations for all Californians.

6 Recently, the Census redistricting data was
7 released. When the Official California Redistricting
8 Database is available in late September, the Commission
9 will begin drawing maps using six line-drawing criteria, as
10 outlined in the California Constitution. One of these is
11 minimizing the division of cities, counties, neighborhoods,
12 and communities of interest to the extent possible.

13 We can obtain the city and county information
14 from those jurisdictions, but we need the neighborhood and
15 communities of interest information from Californians
16 directly. That's why we have launched these Communities of
17 Interest Input sessions, to get that valuable information
18 from you directly. We encourage all Californians to
19 participate in this process.

20 If you would rather submit community of interest
21 input over the internet, you can do so from our website, or
22 by visiting drawmyCAcommunity.org. Skip the line, and go
23 on-line.

24 Now I will call on the Commissioners to introduce
25 themselves and to say hello. To see the biographies for

1 all 14 Commissioners, or for additional information, or to
2 sign up for our e-mails, please visit our website at
3 wedrawthelinesCA.org.

4 We will begin with my co-chair, Commissioner Yee.

5 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

6 Greetings, California. Greetings, Bay Area. I
7 am Commissioner Russell Yee, here in my home town of
8 Oakland. My grandparents arrived from southern China here
9 a century ago, and so, ABC, American Boy Chinese. And I'm
10 actually very much more Cantonese than that. I'm glad to
11 be here with you.

12 There is traditionally considered nine counties,
13 and about 100 cities and towns.

14 Yesterday, we heard testimony from Sonoma and
15 Napa and the northern coast. So, today we're focusing on
16 the other seven (indiscernible) counties, as well as anyone
17 else (indiscernible) wants to give us input.

18 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

19 Commissioner Ahmed?

20 COMMISSIONER AHMED: Hello, everyone, and welcome
21 to the Bay.

22 Commissioner Yee, we also have a (indiscernible)
23 I'm an ABCD, American Born Confused Desi. So, I'm really
24 excited to hear more from the communities out here in the
25 Bay Area, and look forward to a great meeting.

1 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmed.
2 Commissioner Linda Akutagawa?
3 Commissioner Jane Anderson?

4 CO-CHAIR ANDERSEN (via Zoom): Good afternoon,
5 Bay Area.

6 I'm Jane Andersen. I'm coming to you from
7 Berkeley, California, so I can't wait to hear all about my
8 fellow Bay Area communities, and which ones I really need
9 to go and visit to see them a little more closely.

10 I'm looking forward to hearing everyone who's
11 coming in to speak to us today. Thank you.

12 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Commissioner Alicia Fernandez?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: [Introduction spoken in
14 Spanish]

15 Good afternoon, California. I'm Alicia Fernandez
16 from Yolo County to the east. Thank you for participating
17 in all our meetings. And with your help, each time I learn
18 more about California and your communities, and I look
19 forward to hearing more. Thank you.

20 Thank you, Chair.

21 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

22 Commissioner Neal Fornaciari?

23 Commissioner Ray Kennedy?

24 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Good
25 afternoon, California. I'm joining the meeting today from

1 my home in Morongo Valley. Morongo Valley is a rural
2 Joshua Tree gateway community in southern San Bernardino
3 County's desert, high desert, mid-desert. I'm looking
4 forward to hearing about your communities, and what makes
5 your community special to you. Thank you again.

6 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

7 Commissioner Antonio Le Mons?

8 Commissioner Sara Sadhwani?

9 S: Good afternoon, California. Thanks so much
10 for being here. My name is Sara Sadhwani. I'm calling in
11 today from my home in Los Angeles County in La Canada.
12 It's 3:00 o'clock, so kids are home from school. Please
13 excuse me if I have little guests in the background.

14 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner
15 Sadhwani.

16 Commissioner Patricia Sinay?

17 COMMISSIONER SINAY (via Zoom): [Introduction
18 spoken in Spanish]

19 I'm Patricia Sinay. I'm serving you from San
20 Diego. It's a pleasure to be with you today. The Bay Area
21 was home, and I still consider it one of my professional
22 homes. I lived in Haight Ashbury, and worked in San Mateo,
23 so I'm excited to hear from all of you.

24 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

25 Commissioner Derric Taylor?

1 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR (via Zoom): Good afternoon,
2 everyone. My name is Derric Taylor.

3 I'm joining you today from an unincorporated city
4 of Altadena at the base of the San Gabriel mountains, or
5 the Verdugo mountains, as some people describe it. I'm
6 looking forward to everyone's testimony, and keep it
7 coming. Looking forward to it. Thank you.

8 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much.

9 Commissioner Trena Turner?

10 Commissioner Angela Vazquez?

11 And I am Commissioner Pedro Toledo. I am
12 originally from Alameda, California. I was born in
13 Berkeley, raised in the City of Alameda, went to school in
14 the South Bay, and now living in Sonoma County, where I'm
15 at today, in Petaluma, California. And I'm looking forward
16 to hearing all about your communities of interest.

17 With that, I just want to share that we are
18 active on social media, so please follow us at the
19 California Citizens Redistricting Commission, and you can
20 follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, You
21 Tube. Our handle is wedrawthelinesCA. And of course you
22 can follow us on social media, and another way to get -
23 it's a great way to get information about the Commission,
24 about our redistricting process, and updates about what
25 we're doing.

1 Before we continue, could I please have the
2 interpreters provide our language line numbers one more
3 time?

4 Can I start with the Spanish interpreter?

5 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Thank you, Chair. This is
6 interpreter.

7 [Instructions read in Spanish]

8 Thank you.

9 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

10 Can I have the Mandarin interpreter read the
11 Mandarin language line instructions?

12 We'll come back to Mandarin.

13 Can I have the Cantonese interpreter read the
14 Cantonese language line instructions?

15 CANTONESE INTERPRETER: Yes. I'm going to give
16 the instructions in Cantonese.

17 [Instructions read in Cantonese]

18 Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

19 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much.

20 Can I have the Russian interpreter read the
21 Russian language line?

22 RUSSIAN INTERPRETER: Yes, Commissioner.

23 [Instructions read in Russian]

24 Thank you, Commissioner.

25 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

1 At this time, can we have the Mandarin
2 interpreter read the Mandarin language line instructions?

3 MANDARIN INTERPRETER: Yes, Chair.

4 [Instructions read in Mandarin]

5 Yes, Chair.

6 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: I appreciate that. Thank you
7 so much.

8 With that, I'll start with some housekeeping
9 rules and housekeeping information.

10 This meeting is primarily for communities of
11 interest testimony focused on Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin,
12 Sonoma, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano
13 Counties and surrounding areas. Again, it's Alameda,
14 Contra Costa, Marin, Sonoma, San Francisco, San Mateo,
15 Santa Clara, Solano Counties, and surrounding areas,
16 however, anyone in California can call in to provide input.
17 General public comment will take place at the end of the
18 meeting. Although the Commission has divided up California
19 into 11 zones, that in no way is related to or reflective
20 of redistricting lines or boundaries.

21 The Commission created the zones to assist
22 Commissioners and staff in our outreach efforts, not as an
23 indication of plan boundaries.

24 Today, we are joined by our line drawing team,
25 HaystaqDNA DNA and Q2 Data & Research, who will be

1 displaying a map of the area that attendees describe.

2 Please start with the area you would like to
3 discuss, and be as specific as possible about the
4 boundaries of where your community is located. It is our
5 goal to find the area on the map that you would like to
6 describe and discuss prior to your testimony. If you are
7 within a specific neighborhood of a large city, please
8 mention it by name. Once we are able to locate your area,
9 your timer will begin.

10 Attendees will not be able to share their screen.
11 We are also joined by Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, and
12 Russian Interpreters and Katy, our phenomenal Comment
13 Moderator, who will be introducing attendees when it is
14 their turn to speak.

15 When you join the meeting, please use the raise-
16 hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the
17 queue. If you have registered for a time slot, we
18 encourage you to call in during your appointment time slot.
19 When it is your turn to speak, Katy, our Comment Moderator,
20 will be identifying you by your assigned unique I.D.
21 number. You will be reconnected to the session with the
22 ability to enable your own video and/or audio.

23 Registration is not required to participate in
24 this public input meeting. The public has the option of
25 calling in during the meeting to get in the queue to speak.

1 If you do not have an appointment and wish to call in to
2 provide public input, the number is 877-853-5247. Again,
3 the number to provide public input is 877-853-5247. You
4 will need to enter Meeting I.D. Number, and that is
5 87919203919. Again, the Meeting I.D. Number is
6 87919203919. This call-in information and access code is
7 also listed on our live stream. You will need to dial this
8 number in order to give public input.

9 Today there will be Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese,
10 and Russian interpreters throughout, and a Tagalog
11 interpreter during Session 2, available to interpret non-
12 English input at this call-in number. The comment
13 moderators will assist you with your speaker number before
14 you begin speaking, and please make a note of this number
15 for future reference. You will be able to use this number
16 to identify your community of interest testimony on our
17 website at a future date.

18 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute
19 time limit for English speakers, and a six-minute time
20 limit for those who need interpretation. There will be a
21 warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining.

22 At the beginning of your input you will see a map
23 on the screen. Please remind the mapper what area you
24 would like to see on the screen, and be as specific as
25 possible about the boundaries of where your community is

1 located.

2 If, at the conclusion of the meeting, there is
3 still a need to allow for members of the public in the
4 queue to speak, we will continue this community of interest
5 input meeting at a new date and time, and will attempt to
6 schedule the remaining members of the public to speak for
7 the allotted three minutes. Please monitor the website, as
8 we expect to post the continuation of this agenda within 24
9 hours.

10 While there is no clear rules on how to define a
11 community of interest, we've identified ways for you to
12 describe your community.

13 Begin with your county or city.

14 Mention the street names and specific or
15 significant locations in your neighborhood to help us
16 identify the parameters of your community.

17 What are your shared interests?

18 What brings you together?

19 What is important to your community?

20 Are there nearby areas you want to be in your
21 district?

22 Are there nearby areas you don't want to be in a
23 district with? Why or why not?

24 Has your community come together to advocate for
25 important services, such as better schools, roads, or

1 health centers in your neighborhood?

2 Also, we invite you to use the Communities of
3 Interest Tool to draw a map and describe your community by
4 visiting drawmyCAcommunity.org. This website is available
5 in 16 languages. Skip the line, and go on-line. Submit
6 your community of interest input today.

7 And please encourage at least three other people
8 to do the same.

9 As a reminder, even though we are focusing on
10 specific counties today, anyone from California is welcome
11 to provide input.

12 We will now begin the public input sessions, and
13 we'll start with people who are registered, and then open
14 the lines, if there is time before the next session.

15 If you are calling without an appointment, please
16 do not hang up, as you will lose your place in line.

17 I will pass this over to Katy, our Comment
18 Moderator. Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

20 Good morning. Welcome to the public input
21 session. Please use the raise-hand button at the bottom of
22 your screen to enter the queue. When it is your turn to
23 speak, I will identify you by your assigned, unique I.D.
24 number from your invite. You will be reconnected to the
25 session with the ability to enable your own video and/or

1 audio. You will then be assigned a speaker order number
2 before you begin speaking. Please make a note of your
3 speaker order number for future reference.

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

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

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

19 I would like to again invite those with
20 appointments to use the raise-hand button at the bottom of
21 your screen.

22 This is for 001, 002, 004, 006, and 013. If you
23 would all please use the raise-your-hand button at the
24 bottom of your screen to get in line for the comment queue
25 line.

1 At this time, we will have 005, and then up next
2 will be 012.

3 005, I will be promoting you now.

4 005, your speaker order number will be number
5 one, if you will please make note of that for future
6 reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the
7 lower-left corner of your screen. If you will please let
8 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the
9 floor is yours.

10 MR. KONDA: Berryessa neighborhood in north San
11 Jose.

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

13 MR. KONDA: Hello. My name is Richard Konda.
14 I'm the executive director of the Asian Law Alliance
15 located in San Jose, California. I'm calling in today to
16 provide input on the Berryessa neighborhood in north San
17 Jose, and to provide an introduction to the AAPI and AMEMSA
18 State Redistricting Collaborative.

19 Over the past few months, the Asian Law Alliance
20 has worked as a regional anchor partner with the AAPI and
21 AMEMSA State Redistricting Collaborative in the South Bay.

22 The testimony of my colleagues that I - and I
23 have prepared for you today is a reflection of our
24 coalition's engagement with our communities, collecting
25 feedback from multiple stakeholders to map South Bay COIs.

1 This past summer, our state collaborative held
2 five community workshops reaching 17 different community-
3 based organizations, and over 40 community members on
4 staff. Across these workshops, we have met multiple COIs
5 that captured the diversity of the AAPI and AMEMSA
6 community in the South Bay, while providing education on
7 the ways to engage with the state redistricting process.
8 Outside these meetings, members have also engaged in direct
9 outreach to religious leaders, business owners, students,
10 and families. We hope our collaborative work helps the
11 Commission better understand the diverse AAPI and AMEMSA
12 communities in the South Bay.

13 With the most recent data released from the 2020
14 Census, we now know that Asian Americans make up 38.9-
15 percent of Santa Clara County, making us the largest and
16 fastest-growing racial group in the region. Both the
17 Berryessa area in north San Jose and (indiscernible) have
18 large Chinese and South Asian populations, and which share
19 many similarities with Asian American communities in Santa
20 Clara and Fremont, including languages spoken and poverty
21 rates.

22 The Clara and Berryessa run from the 880 Freeway
23 and up past 680 to the hills, from Berryessa Road to the
24 south, extending north of Calaveras.

25 My colleague, Gabriel Gupta, will be able to

1 speak more about these COIs in detail.

2 As you may know, in 2001, prior to the creation
3 of independent redistricting commission, the Berryessa
4 neighborhood was split into four assembly districts. This
5 prevented Berryessa residents from having a strong voice at
6 the state level for the next 10 years. Last redistricting
7 cycle, the (indiscernible) worked up with the needs of
8 Berryessa's successfully advocating for its reunification
9 in 2011.

10 Today, I am urging the Commission to keep the
11 Berryessa neighborhood whole with the areas of Santa Clara
12 and Fremont, and -

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 MR. KONDA: -- drawn together to continually to
15 amplify the voice of Asian Americans across north Santa
16 Clara County. Thank you so much for hearing from me today,
17 and the rest of the AAPI and AMEMSA State Redistricting
18 Collaborative. Thank you very much.

19 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 Right now, we will have 012, and then up next
22 will be caller 9445, unique I.D. number 009.

23 But right now is 012. I will be promoting you.

24 012, your speaker order number is number two, if
25 you'll please make note of that for future reference. You

1 can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
2 corner of your screen. If you'll please let the mapper
3 know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is
4 yours.

5 MR. KLEIN: Yes. I would like to speak about the
6 City of Sunnyvale in Santa Clara County.

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

8 MR. KLEIN: Thank you.

9 Good afternoon. I am Sunnyvale Mayor, Larry
10 Klein, and I want to first thank the redistricting
11 commissioners for their hard work and performing this very
12 important task for the state.

13 You know, on behalf of the residents of City of
14 Sunnyvale, I wanted to speak to you concerning, you know,
15 our communities of interests, and we have quite a few in
16 our city.

17 Sunnyvale is the seventh largest city in the Bay
18 Area, and the second largest city in Santa Clara County.

19 Sunnyvale is a very diverse city with more than
20 50-percent of our residents being born outside of the
21 United States, and we celebrate that diversity of our city,
22 and that diversity actually makes us a better community
23 overall, and we're especially mindful of our city's place
24 in the 17th Congressional District, which is the only
25 minority majority congressional district in the continental

1 United States.

2 You know, Sunnyvale's residents - Sunnyvale
3 residents share very close professional, cultural, and
4 personal connections to the other cities within the 17th
5 District. Recently, our counsel voted unanimously to
6 advocate to remain in the 17th Congressional District, and
7 that is mainly because to maintain those AAPI voices, which
8 is one of the strongest communities of interest across that
9 district.

10 We urge the Commissioners to keep Sunnyvale in
11 one congressional district and, similarly, in one state
12 assembly district and one state senate district, as opposed
13 to, conceivably, splitting up our city. You know, it's
14 really important that you do not dilute the voting power of
15 our Asian American and Pacific Islander majority, and we
16 ask that you group Sunnyvale residents with communities
17 that share our regional concerns.

18 You know, Sunnyvale communities of interest are
19 similar to other cities in Silicon Valley, such as Fremont,
20 Cupertino, Milpitas, San Jose, Santa Clara, Mountainview,
21 with which Sunnyvale shares a lot of similar regional
22 concerns, economic interests, living standards,
23 transportation facilities, and work opportunities, of
24 course.

25 You know, it's critical to make sure that - you

1 know, it's a varied diversity, but that AAPI influence and
2 those voices are heard both within our city, and making
3 sure they're heard within our congressional -

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MR. KLEIN: -- districts and state districts, as
6 well.

7 So, on behalf of the Sunnyvale City Council and
8 my city's residents, I want to thank you for your
9 consideration and your service to the community. Thank
10 you.

11 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 Right now, we will have caller 9445, unique I.D.
14 009, and then up next will be 007.

15 Caller 9445, if you will please follow the
16 prompts to unmute at this time, and press star-six.
17 Perfect. Caller 9445, your speaker order number will be
18 number three, if you'll please make note of that for future
19 reference. If you'll please let the mapper know what area
20 you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

21 MR. SINGH: Yes. Santa Clara County, please.

22 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

23 MR. SINGH: Okay. Hello, my name is Jugraj
24 Singh, and I'm the president of Santa Clara University Sikh
25 Student Association, and I'm speaking with the Jakara

1 Movement.

2 I would like to provide input on the Punjabi Sikh
3 community of interest located in Santa Clara County.

4 I am also calling in as a member of the AAPI and
5 AMEMSA Redistricting Collaborative.

6 Our organization works with primarily the Punjabi
7 community in the Bay Area and throughout California. We
8 have been active in the community for over 20 years
9 organizing and empowering Punjabi Sikhs and other
10 marginalized communities to advance their health,
11 education, and economic, and social political power.

12 I'm born and raised in Sunnyvale, California, and
13 attended Homestead High School here, and remained fairly
14 local, because I'm going to Santa Clara University.

15 My community primarily lives in the San Jose
16 area, specifically Berryessa, Evergreen, and Silver Creek
17 neighborhoods. And important landmark is the San Jose
18 Gurdwara, which is in the Evergreen area.

19 In addition, our community lives in Santa Clara
20 Districts 1, 2, and 3, and surrounds - the surrounding
21 Silicon Valley area.

22 So, Punjabi is our ethnic background, whereas
23 Sikh is our religious identity.

24 Our community has many educated folks working in
25 the corporate field, but we also have many immigrants. And

1 so, that has led us to also having a lowest proficiency in
2 English out of all the other south Asian groups here in the
3 Bay Area. And so, that means we need language and more
4 transportation affordability resources. And around 67-
5 percent of Punjabi Sikh's youth meet racism and prejudice
6 in their schools, and they had a lot of hate against them.
7 And personally, I have experienced this, too.

8 Today, I am calling for the Commission to respect
9 the integrity of the Punjabi community, and primarily the
10 Berryessa, Santa Clara, and southern San Jose areas, and
11 thank you for your service, and just hoping for the
12 community to gain more representation. Thank you very
13 much.

14 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 Right now we will have 007, and then up next will be 002.

17 007, I will be promoting you now.

18 007, your speaker order number will be number
19 four, if you'll please make note of that for future
20 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
21 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

22 MR. SENSIBA: Thank you. I'd like to discuss
23 southeastern Alameda County, and southwestern Contra Costa
24 County.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

1 MR. SENSIBA: Thank you. My name is John
2 Sensiba, and I'm calling from Pleasanton in the east Bay
3 Area, in the heart of what is identified as the Tri-Valley.
4 I've lived here for 28 years. It's important to keep the
5 Tri-Valley together, as a whole, for legislative and policy
6 representation. Combining us with similar communities to
7 the east would also make sense, if necessary.

8 The Tri-Valley's five main cities in Alameda and
9 Contra Costa that are collectively referred to as the Tri-
10 Valley, Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, San Ramon, Danville,
11 and the unincorporated areas that are closely aligned with
12 them, Alamo, Blackhawk, Diablo, Casa Bella, and Sunol.
13 These are suburban and semi-rural cities with people who
14 work in the Tri-Valley or the same two or three major
15 population centers in the inner Bay Area, who socialize,
16 shop, and work together as a broader community.

17 Each of these communities has unique features and
18 characteristics, but they are closely intertwined and
19 interconnected and widely known as comprising the Tri-
20 Valley. Government collaboration and coordination is
21 extensive. Tri-Valley local governments collaborate
22 significantly in policy setting locally, and in advocacy
23 and other levels of government. Examples like the city
24 government leaders who meet regularly hold an annual
25 Mayor's summit, and work as a team on major policy issues

1 like housing, transportation, land use, water use, parks,
2 and school boards. Many special districts overlap both
3 counties within the Tri-Valley. Alamo is a part of the
4 Tri-Valley transportation planning, and connected by Iron
5 Horse Trail and 680, that connects the greater Tri-Valley.
6 (Indiscernible) in the county connection, as well as the
7 Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority also serve the
8 entire Tri-Valley.

9 Our Chambers of Commerce and broader business
10 communities also collaborate. They collaborate on
11 advocacy, and often have members who are involved in other
12 chambers within the Tri-Valley.

13 Our non-profit community also works together
14 within the Tri-Valley, and you can see it in the names,
15 Innovation Tri-Valley Leadership Group, the Tri-Valley Non-
16 Profit Alliance, the Tri-Valley Conservancy, Tri-Valley
17 Haven, and the very recently formed Three Valleys Community
18 Foundation, among many others.

19 In sum, all this connectivity within the Tri-
20 Valley is because of the shared interests, common goals,
21 intertwined economies and cultures, and it's critical that
22 we be seen as one community and not split up. Thank you
23 very much.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 Right now we will have 002, and then up next will

1 be 001.

2 002, I will be promoting you now.

3 002, your speaker order number will be number
4 five, if you'll please make note of that for future
5 reference. If you'll please let the mapper know what area
6 you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

7 MS. KAZMI: Thank you. I'll be discussing
8 Fremont and Santa Clara, the City of Santa Clara starting
9 with the Irvington neighborhood of Fremont.

10 All right. I can go ahead and start then. So,
11 hi. My name is Aliza Kazmi, and I'm the advocacy manager
12 at the Council on American Islamic Relations, San Francisco
13 Bay area chapter, and our organization is a regional lead
14 organization for the AAPI and AMEMSA Redistricting
15 Collaborative. I will be speaking about some of the Muslim
16 communities in Fremont, as well as Santa Clara. And I
17 speak from our perspective as a civil rights, equal aid,
18 and civic engagement organization that is based in Santa
19 Clara and serves the Bay Area regions 250,000 plus Muslims,
20 including recently arrived and other immigrants from around
21 the world.

22 Working with different community leaders, we see
23 that Muslims in our region are highly and increasingly
24 civically engaged on a range of issues including fighting
25 for basic economic opportunities for immigrants and

1 refugees, and accountability and change in the various ways
2 that AMEMSA and BIPOC people are (indiscernible).

3 Because of our diversity, socio-economically, in
4 terms of citizenship status, and across - I think -
5 identities, our 100-plus mosques are one (indiscernible)
6 space that characterize our community. Over the past 15
7 years alone, at least 10 new mosques have been formed in
8 the Bay Area, and the location of mosques also impacts
9 where Muslims can move to the Bay Area, rent, and own
10 homes.

11 I would like to highlight that in Fremont there
12 are many Muslims living around the Islamic Center of
13 Fremont on Irvington Avenue. Over 200 families, including
14 many Indians and Pakistanis, live in Irvington
15 neighborhood, which is also home to a number of highly-
16 frequented Muslim-owned businesses.

17 There are also many Muslims, especially Afghans,
18 residing near Washington Street, up the street from the
19 Khalilullah Ibahim Islamic Center on Osgood Road.

20 Another area of Fremont with a strong Muslim,
21 especially Afghan residential and small business presence,
22 is the Centerville neighborhood, also known as Little
23 Kabul. This area is also where Afghan Coalition, one of
24 our partners and direct service social agency, is located.
25 And I believe that they're the largest Afghan social

1 service agency in the country.

2 And then in Santa Clara there is also significant
3 density of Muslims, especially around the original location
4 of the Muslim Community Association, which is Masjid Al-
5 Noor on Catherine Street, just south of El Camino Real.

6 While many of its congregants exclusively attend
7 Masjid Al-Noor, many also attend the (indiscernible) -

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 MS. KAZMI: -- Muslim communities on
10 (indiscernible) Boulevard just south of Highway 101 and
11 east of the San Tomas Expressway.

12 So, we ask that the Commission please keep the
13 two concentrations of Muslims that I've described in
14 central and south Fremont, and in Santa Clara together as
15 much as possible, given these communities shared
16 characteristics of ethnic and linguistic backgrounds, as
17 Arab Middle-Eastern (indiscernible) central and south Asian
18 -

19 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

20 MS. KAZMI: -- also share various social and
21 political interests. Thank you.

22 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: -- the connection for the
23 speaker?

24 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment, Chair.

25 Unique I.D. 002, if you could please unmute? The

1 Chair had a couple extra questions for you.

2 MS. KAZMI: Sure.

3 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: I just a little bit of
4 additional information for our line drawers, could you
5 describe the Irvington boundaries?

6 MS. KAZMI: Yes. So, I was just describing the
7 neighborhood of Irvington. And I will be sure to - And I'm
8 going to be sure to also follow up with written testimony
9 to the commission e-mail, and I can define that in there,
10 as well, but I can just give you a quick overview here.

11 So, the western boundary of Irvington is Grimmer
12 Boulevard, and then the southern is Blacow Road, and the
13 northern is Paseo Padre. So, basically, if you go - if you
14 start at Paseo Padre Parkway and Grimmer Boulevard, that's
15 the northwest corner of Irvington.

16 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: That's very helpful. And thank
17 you so much. We look forward to getting your written
18 comments, as well.

19 MS. KAZMI: Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 Right now we will have 001, and then up next will
22 be 004.

23 001, I will be promoting you now.

24 001, your speaker order number will be number
25 six, if you'll please make note of that for future

1 reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the
2 lower left corner of your screen. If you'll please let the
3 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor
4 is yours.

5 MS. GUPTA: Hi. I will be discussing the
6 Berryessa area and north San Jose.

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

8 MS. GUPTA: Good afternoon. My name is Gabriela
9 Garzon Gupta, and I am with the Asian Law Alliance. I will
10 be addressing the area that contains Assembly District 25,
11 particularly, the Berryessa area of San Jose, and the
12 southern part of Santa Clara County.

13 The Asian Law Alliance is a non-profit based in
14 San Jose that provides legal services in Santa Clara
15 County, with a particular focus on our AAPI and low income
16 populations.

17 I am speaking today in conjunction with the AAPI
18 and AMEMSA Redistricting Collaborative. I'm here today to
19 talk specifically about the Chinese community in the
20 Berryessa area of north San Jose. Berryessa can also be
21 defined through the zip codes 95131, 95132, and part of
22 95133.

23 Berryessa is especially notable for its high
24 concentration of the AAPI population. Over 60-percent of
25 the population identifies as AAPI. Over half of Berryessa

1 residents work in white collar jobs and commute using the
2 highways of 680 and 101 to get to those type related jobs.

3 Berryessa also has its own school district that
4 serves 13 elementary and middle schools. There is a strong
5 community of Chinese immigrants and U.S. born residents
6 with Chinese heritage.

7 Approximately 14-percent of the population in
8 95132, and 20-percent of 95131 are Chinese immigrants,
9 while surrounding zip codes have percentages that hover
10 around two to eight percent. With a high concentration of
11 Chinese immigrants, the neighborhood resources and schools
12 reflect this demographic.

13 There are three Chinese language schools in the
14 Milpitas and Berryessa area, and Berryessa Union School
15 District also serves a much higher percentage of ESL
16 students who speak either Mandarin or Cantonese than the
17 neighboring Alum Rock School District.

18 There is also a very strong religious Chinese
19 community. Berryessa and Milpitas have seven temples and
20 churches for the Chinese community specifically.

21 Please keep the Berryessa community intact, and
22 keep this community with cities like Fremont and Milpitas.

23 The Chinese community in Berryessa has much more
24 in common with its neighbors up to the north, like Fremont
25 and Milpitas, and (recording indiscernible) its neighbors

1 to the southeast, like the Alum Rock and the other east-
2 side San Jose neighborhoods.

3 The Chinese communities in Milpitas and Fremont
4 has similarities when it comes to home ownership rates,
5 poverty rates, languages spoken, and types of jobs. Thank
6 you for hearing my input today.

7 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. And I have a quick
8 question.

9 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment, Chair.

10 Unique I.D. 001, if you could please unmute, the
11 Chair had some questions for you.

12 MS. GUPTA: Hello.

13 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Hi. Thank you for your
14 comments. Can you elaborate on the boundaries for the
15 Berryessa community, specifically what - if there are
16 street boundaries or any other boundaries that you'd like
17 to give us?

18 MS. GUPTA: I think something to - I think my
19 colleague already mentioned the 880 Freeway and the 680 up
20 to the hills, and Berryessa Road in the south, and
21 Calaveras Boulevard, which is kind of near Milpitas.

22 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: That's helpful. Thank you very
23 much.

24 MS. GUPTA: Yes. And then just another thing to
25 note, too, is it is different from the Alum Rock

1 neighborhood, which is pretty close - so, you see that east
2 foothills and the Alum Rock, that's where I would
3 differentiate it, as well.

4 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Are you suggesting that the
5 Alum Rock is not part of the Berryessa community?

6 MS. GUPTA: No. We don't really consider it as
7 part of the Berryessa community.

8 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. And that's not part of
9 your community of interest?

10 MS. GUPTA: No. Not in my testimony today, and
11 not as most people consider the area existing from the east
12 foothills in the Alum Rock area.

13 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: I appreciate it. Thank you for
14 the specificity.

15 MS. GUPTA: Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 Right now, will be 004, and then up next will be
18 006. And I'd like to invite those that have called in
19 today to please press star-nine on their telephone keypad
20 to get in the comment queue line, as I will be going to
21 callers here shortly.

22 004, I'll be promoting you now.

23 004, your speaker order number will be number
24 seven, if you'll please make note of that for future
25 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what

1 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

2 MS. CORTEZ: Hi. Good afternoon. I'd like to
3 discuss the Berryessa neighborhood, as well, and San Jose.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

5 MS. CORTEZ: Good afternoon, everyone. I'm
6 Angelica Cortez, and I'm calling as a representative of
7 Lead Filipino. We're a local non-profit organization based
8 in San Jose and in the south Bay Area, and we're focused on
9 advancing civic participation and civil rights within
10 Filipina X and O, American and broader communities. And in
11 the six years that we have been active, we've spearheaded a
12 coalition of hundreds of organizations, and have helped
13 thousands of Fil-Ams in leadership education and advocacy.

14 We're calling in as a member of the AAPI and
15 AMEMSA State Redistricting Collaborative. So, our
16 community members are concentrated in two main areas in San
17 Jose. The first includes downtown Berryessa and north San
18 Jose, which we also call Milpitas in different contexts.
19 So, the boundaries for this concentration are captured
20 within the 680 and 880 corridors, starting with East Santa
21 Clara Street. We're very technical here - in the south,
22 and extending to West Calaveras Boulevard in the north, and
23 east-side San Jose, specifically the roads of South White
24 Road, Tully Road, Quimby Road in Evergreen. And I will
25 also submit these in a written comment, because I know that

1 I'm naming a lot of streets.

2 The boundaries that capture this community of
3 interest begins south of East Santa Clara, and follow the
4 101 to the foothills.

5 We're calling in today to ask the Commission to
6 keep our north San Jose community of interest with Fremont
7 and Santa Clara.

8 The Fil-Am community in north San Jose would be
9 best served by being placed together with Fremont and Santa
10 Clara, as they share similar socio-economic and home
11 ownership statuses, whereas our community in east-side San
12 Jose would be better served in Assembly District 27,
13 because of the shared interests in employment, community
14 spaces, and housing resources with neighboring communities
15 of interest.

16 The communities in which Fil-Ams live have shared
17 needs and interest around transportation, public health and
18 safety, housing, jobs, and community spaces, and landmarks,
19 and education. For instance, the 200-percent increase in
20 anti-Asian hate crime incidents in the United States and,
21 of course, in our county concerns our communities' safety
22 to run simple errands like grocery shopping, going to the
23 bank, the mall, church, or even walking around our
24 neighborhood.

25 In addition, our community needs workplace

1 protections for frontline workers, noting that an estimated
2 one-third of employed Fil-Ams are healthcare workers and/or
3 domestic caregivers.

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MS. CORTEZ: With the majority being Filipina
6 women.

7 Our community has shared public policy concerns
8 with other AAPI communities, and we believe that these
9 communities would best be served if the areas in which they
10 lived are kept together and held intact. Thank you.

11 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

13 Right now will be 006, and then up next will be
14 caller 0100, unique I.D. 010. That's a lot of zeros and
15 ones. And then after that, we will be going into the
16 callers and those that are here from the next session
17 early.

18 006, I will be promoting you now.

19 006, your speaker order number will be number
20 eight, if you'll please make note of that for future
21 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
22 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

23 MR. BECKMAN: Thank you. I'd like to focus on
24 the north coast from Marin County to Trinity County.

25 Good afternoon, Commissioners, and thanks for the

1 opportunity to speak.

2 My name is Eli Beckman, and I'm the Mayor of
3 Corte Madera in Marin County, although I'm speaking today
4 in my personal capacity as a member of the north coast
5 community.

6 There are a few points I'd like to highlight as
7 we discuss redistricting. The first is the importance of
8 keeping the north coast community intact. The north coast
9 is a vibrant group of many small communities that are bound
10 tightly together by shared social, cultural, and economic
11 ties.

12 On the social front, north coast communities
13 share similar demographics containing many long-time and
14 older residents with deep ties to the north coast.

15 Culturally, the north coast is tied together by a
16 deeply ingrained love of outdoor recreation, and a
17 reverence for the north coast's natural beauty.

18 And economically, we are tied together by the 101
19 Corridor, which is the nerve center that connects many of
20 these communities.

21 But equally important beyond the 101 Corridor,
22 north coast communities are also tied together by vast and
23 productive agricultural lands which form the other economic
24 backbone of the region. Agriculture is a shared tradition
25 in these communities.

1 The second issue I'd like to highlight is the
2 negative impacts on north coast communities if they were to
3 be combined with San Francisco in a district. Being a
4 major international city, San Francisco exerts a kind of
5 field of gravity in the minds of policymakers. This is
6 natural and logical, but it also makes it critical that the
7 small north coast communities remain in their own district.

8 I see three major dangers to lumping any north
9 coast community in with San Francisco. First, grouping any
10 of these smaller communities with a major city like San
11 Francisco would effectively deprive that smaller community
12 of political representation. In all likelihood, the chance
13 of a political candidate from a small community outside San
14 Francisco being elected to represent a district containing
15 San Francisco is highly improbable, effectively locking
16 smaller communities out of representation.

17 Second, when state and federal resources are
18 distributed to state senate or congressional districts, we
19 know from experience that larger communities can sometimes
20 overshadow smaller communities in the same district.
21 Grouping any north coast community with San Francisco would
22 risk that community losing out on resources due to be
23 overshadowed by the prominence of San Francisco.

24 Finally, the north coast is extraordinarily
25 vulnerable to numerous types of disaster, including

1 earthquake, wildfire, and sea level rise. For smaller
2 communities like ours, federal and state assistance are
3 often our only chance of coping. If grouped in with San
4 Francisco, in the event of a shared disaster I fear federal
5 and state attention would go first and foremost to San
6 Francisco, leaving smaller north coast communities to fend
7 for themselves.

8 These points illustrate why it's so critical that
9 our redistricting -

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

11 MR. BECKMAN: -- keep the counties of the north
12 coast intact. Thank you.

13 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: One quick question for the
14 speaker.

15 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment, Chair.

16 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

17 MR. MANOFF: 006, if you could please unmute, the
18 Chair had an additional question for you.

19 MR. BECKMAN: Please.

20 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes. Thank you. You mentioned
21 north coast communities, and I believe from Marin to
22 Trinity Counties. Can you specify the counties or cities
23 that you would contain, or communities that you would -
24 that are part of the north coast?

25 MR. BECKMAN: Yeah. Absolutely. So, in the -

1 you know, the cultural sense in which that term is often
2 used, the north coast entails Marin County, Sonoma County,
3 Mendocino County, Humboldt County, Trinity County, and Del
4 Norte County. These are the counties that I was really
5 talking about, and the smaller communities maintained
6 therein.

7 Some of these counties actually only have, you
8 know, like one or a handful of incorporated communities,
9 but it's - you know, this kind of broader tapestry of
10 smaller communities Census designated places, whatnot, that
11 are really tied together in the ways that I described.

12 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Appreciate it.

13 MR. BECKMAN: My pleasure. Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

15 Right now, we will have caller 0100, unique I.D.
16 010, and then up next after that will be unique I.D. 029.

17 So, caller 0100, if you will please follow the
18 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing star-six?

19 Caller 0100, your speaker order number will be
20 number nine, if you'll please make note of that for future
21 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
22 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

23 MS. LLOYD: Well, thank you so much.

24 This is Judy Lloyd calling. I am the CEO of the
25 Danville Area Chamber of Commerce in Danville, California.

1 We're located along Highway 680 and East Bay of San
2 Francisco.

3 I really want to thank all of you as
4 commissioners and staff for your service as part of the
5 Citizen's Redistricting Commission. We really admire your
6 commitment to public service, and drawing fair lines that
7 keep communities together.

8 I'm here today representing the five chambers of
9 commerce in the Danville area, Dublin, Livermore,
10 Pleasanton, San Ramon and, of course, Danville. Together,
11 we represent these communities, along with others in
12 unincorporated areas, including Alamo, Blackhawk, Diablo,
13 Sunol, and others in the unincorporated part of Alameda and
14 Contra Costa.

15 Today we submitted a written letter regarding our
16 interest in keeping the Tri-Valley communities together.
17 Though each of our communities has unique features, they're
18 closely intertwined and well-known as the Tri-Valley
19 community.

20 Here are some facts about what binds us as a
21 community. Our Tri-Valley local government, including the
22 town of Danville and the cities of Dublin, Livermore,
23 Pleasanton, and San Ramon, collaborate significantly in -
24 most local policy, and together we advocate on the county,
25 state, and federal level. We work on regional issues, like

1 housing, transportation, healthcare, and jobs, and partner
2 with non-profit organizations serving our region, like the
3 Tri-Valley Haven, Tri-Valley Conservancy, Tri-Valley Non-
4 Profit Alliance, Innovation Tri-Valley, and Visit Tri-
5 Valley.

6 We also share special districts, including water
7 districts, fire districts, and school districts, and many
8 of these elected bodies have representation from several
9 different cities in our Tri-Valley region.

10 Our residents work, live, and play here. We shop
11 here along the 580/680 Corridor. Many of our kids play in
12 leagues based in the Tri-Valley, including soccer,
13 football, baseball, and cricket. All this connectivity
14 within the Tri-Valley is because we all share interests,
15 common goals, our regional economy, culture, and commutes
16 to and from work. We respectfully request that you keep
17 our Tri-Valley region and our communities whole and
18 together. This will allow our elected legislative leaders
19 to represent us effectively and efficiently, and for our
20 government to function better. Thank you so much.

21 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 Right now, we have 029, and then up next we will
24 have caller 8454.

25 029, I will be promoting you now.

1 029, your speaker order number will be number 10,
2 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.
3 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
4 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

5 MR. SALWAN: Good afternoon. My name is Raj
6 Salwan. I'm from Fremont City Council, so I'm focusing on
7 City of Fremont, as well as a larger CA-17.

8 Fremont is a very diverse community. We're one
9 of the few minority majority communities. We have a very
10 large Asian American population, very heavy south Asian, as
11 well as East Asian. And so, we are interested in
12 continuing the relationship we have now, as far as how
13 Fremont, Milpitas, Berryessa, Sunnyvale, and Santa Clara,
14 and Cupertino are all one big district. And we have
15 similar interests, as far as affordable housing, as far as
16 the tech jobs. A lot of our workers go to those places.
17 We have much in common, as far as our demographics, as far
18 as the education, and as far as the needs of the community.

19 And our community is definitely increasing, and
20 we want to continue to be in that same - you know,
21 neighborhood.

22 Also, I want to say that Fremont has been
23 divided, you know, for a while in assembly districts, as
24 well as our congressional districts, and we would like to
25 be made whole, and to be one big district, so that we can

1 have - you know, a dedicated congress member, as well as
2 dedicated assembly member. The senate is not a concern
3 right now, but hopefully we can continue to maintain that.

4 And this comment is not just myself, it's also
5 with our mayor, Lily Mei, as well as Vice Mayor, Yang Shao,
6 as well as council member, Rick Jones.

7 So, again, I look forward to listening to your
8 comments and your suggestions, and I hope that you will
9 continue to respect the new district that we have, both our
10 AD-25, as well as C-17, our new districts, and they have
11 served us well. So, we look forward to your dialogue, and
12 appreciate all the hard work that all of you are doing.
13 Thank you.

14 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 Right now, will be caller 8454, and up next will
17 be caller 1899. And I'd also like to invite those that
18 have called in to please press star-nine to raise your
19 hands, indicating you wish to give comment.

20 Caller 8454, if you will please follow the
21 prompts to unmute at this time?

22 Caller with the last four digits 8454, if you
23 will please - There you go.

24 Your speaker order number will be number 11, if
25 you'll please make note of that for future reference. And

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

3 SPEAKER NUMBER 11: Hi. Good afternoon,
4 everyone. My name is TJ, and I'm going to represent on the
5 district - District 25, and Council District 17, and also
6 (indiscernible) 10. I agree with the council member Raj
7 Salwan, so we can - I need - appreciate you guys
8 (indiscernible) hard work. So, continue to keep on our
9 same way to our district, and we have all the Indian Asian
10 community, Chinese community all work together. And also,
11 we have a (indiscernible) issues that we have - keep
12 continue working a lot. So, we want to make - continue to
13 keep the same our district to - going to the whatever we
14 have right now. So, keep it in the same way. So, I really
15 appreciate for your hard work, and thank you for council
16 member Raj Salwan to give updates, and I agree with him.
17 Thank you.

18 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you very much for your
19 comments.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Up next will be caller
21 1899, and after that will be caller 9055.

22 Caller 1899, if you will please follow the
23 prompts to unmute at this time?

24 Caller 1899, your speaker order number will be
25 number 12, if you'll please make note of that for future

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

3 SPEAKER NUMBER 12: Thank you very much. Del
4 Norte County.

5 I can start now? As a member - As a lifelong
6 resident of Del Norte County, I am very concerned that we
7 make sure our representation keeps us on the coast. Almost
8 everything we do, because we are extremely isolated, only
9 26,000 people in our county, and in order to access
10 services like support services for health, or support
11 services for education, our parent communities are based in
12 Humboldt County, which is to the south of us. And in order
13 to get there it's already a two hour drive to get to
14 Humboldt County to Eureka. And if I were to go to Redding,
15 where my center would be if I were transferred into the
16 area immediately east of me, it would require me to
17 literally leave the state and reenter the state to get to
18 my congressional district, or I could leave my
19 congressional district and drive south and enter a new
20 congressional district and cross the mountains and get to
21 my - back to mine.

22 So, Del Norte County is extremely isolated. And
23 if you move us into a - if you move us east into the - our
24 neighboring counties, the only way we can get there is
25 either to A, leave the state or, B, continue to be part of

1 Humboldt County and always access Humboldt County before we
2 would enter - before we would move to the east. So, it's
3 just imperative that we stay north/south. All of our
4 services, our education, our health services, even our
5 churches have their dioses or parent organizations, so to
6 speak, are all north/south, and are all on the coast,
7 because we have unique needs on the coast that differ just
8 based on our geographic location and our isolation. So, I
9 urge you to please make sure that the little communities
10 stay put where they are, because their representation has
11 been developed over years, and our hope and voice to any
12 needs that we have when we reach to either the state or
13 federal level, or even national organizations, we need to
14 do it through Humboldt County because of our -

15 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

16 SPEAKER NUMBER 12: -- because of our location
17 north/south. So, I'm just wanting everyone to remember on
18 the Commission, and I appreciate your help, that we're
19 isolated and little, and we really need to be part of
20 Humboldt County. Thank you for listening.

21 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: A clarifying question for the
22 caller.

23 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment, Chair.

24 Could caller 1899 please press star-six? The
25 Chair had some additional questions for you.

1 SPEAKER NUMBER 12: Yes?

2 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you so much for calling
3 in today. A quick question about your community of
4 interest. The communities that you consider part of your
5 community of interest are Del Norte County, and was it
6 Humboldt? Are there any other communities, or is that -

7 SPEAKER NUMBER 12: Humboldt County is our
8 primary community. We are the only incorporated community
9 in our county of 26,000. And so, Crescent City is the only
10 - the only city within 100 miles of here, the only
11 incorporated city. We reach to Humboldt County where they
12 have Arcadia and Eureka. So, our only incorporated
13 structure reaches north/south.

14 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Appreciate it, and thank you
15 for taking the time to -

16 SPEAKER NUMBER 12: Thank you for hearing us.

17 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Absolutely. Thank you very
18 much.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

20 Right now, will be caller 9055, and then up next
21 will be caller 1693.

22 Caller 9055, if you will please follow the
23 prompts to unmute at this time? Caller 9055, your speaker
24 order number will be number 13, if you'll please make note
25 of that for future reference. And if you'll please let the

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

3 MR. MCINTYRE: Hello. I am in Loma Mar in south
4 coastal San Mateo County.

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

6 MR. MCINTYRE: Hi. My name is David McIntyre.
7 I'm very concerned about the way my area is districted.
8 Right now, I'm in District 18, which has a mismatched set
9 of priorities. We're split between the Silicon Valley and
10 rural coastal areas.

11 The valley has a heavy focus on businesses and
12 innovation, and has a transit system that's concentrated on
13 commuting between relatively high density housing and
14 offices up and down the peninsula.

15 The coast has a much lower population density,
16 and more agrarian economy, with sparse transit system and a
17 vastly different housing situation.

18 It seems difficult for the District 18
19 representative to fully understand and support the dual
20 nature of the district. I'd like to propose that the part
21 of District 18 containing Pacifica to Santa Cruz from the
22 south - from the coast to the ridge be removed from
23 District 18 and added to District 20, which contains
24 Monterey, Santa Cruz, and other lower density agrarian
25 populations. This will allow the representative to

1 consider issues that are more universal to their
2 constituency. Thank you for your consideration, and for
3 taking our input into the process.

4 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will
6 have caller 1693, and then up next will be caller 7387.

7 Caller 1693, if you'll please follow the prompts
8 to unmute at this time.

9 Caller 1693, your speaker order number will be
10 number 14, if you'll please make note of that for future
11 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
12 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

13 SPEAKER NUMBER 14: Sure. Can you please hear
14 me?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

16 SPEAKER NUMBER 14: Yeah. I would like to talk
17 about the San Gabriel area.

18 So, I am a Silicon Valley resident, and I work in
19 San Gabriel for a big tech company, and I am very much
20 interested in having a (indiscernible) because I'm
21 (indiscernible) from Silicon Valley - from original
22 District 18. I am an immigrant from like - I'm an
23 immigrant who suffered persecution (indiscernible) at the
24 hands of some (indiscernible) radical ideology, so I - as I
25 moved to the Bay Area basically (indiscernible) diversity,

1 and not really basically - so, I would like to maintain
2 that balance. So, but I share an American community in
3 (indiscernible) Silicon Valley (indiscernible) economy. We
4 are launching start-ups, and we are the power of a
5 (indiscernible) economy with our (indiscernible) technology
6 skills and (indiscernible) obligation, and we do not have
7 much (indiscernible) politics (indiscernible) Asian
8 American (indiscernible) of the community by
9 (indiscernible) San (indiscernible) education, healthcare,
10 public services, and more importantly, immigrant community.
11 Asian Americans are largest minority community from
12 regional District 18, but this district has never had any
13 (indiscernible) and minority (indiscernible). Can the
14 redistricting commission ensure that more Asian Americans
15 have a chance to (indiscernible) communities of interest
16 (indiscernible) in a city (indiscernible) ethnic group -
17 political representation to voting. The redistricting in
18 Silicon Valley (indiscernible) will have a chance to be
19 elected to congress.

20 My recommendation is that you include cities of
21 San Gabriel (indiscernible) and Santa Clara into
22 (indiscernible) Asian communities in the district
23 (indiscernible) with a chance to have Asian representation
24 from both 17 and 18.

25 So, yeah. So, to conclude, I (indiscernible)

1 speak (indiscernible) they want the community to be one
2 place, but I will say the diversity should spread - why we
3 want to have -- (indiscernible) District 17 like to have
4 all the (indiscernible) District 18 should also have some
5 Asian (indiscernible) chance to get the (indiscernible)

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 SPEAKER NUMBER 14: So, yeah. That's the idea.
8 Thank you.

9 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will
11 have caller 7387, and then up next will be caller 5302.

12 And I would like to invite those that have called
13 in that have not given comment today to please press star-
14 nine if they wish to give comment, to raise their hand.

15 Caller 7387, if you will please follow the
16 prompts to unmute at this time?

17 Caller 7387, your speaker order number will be
18 number 15, if you'll please make note of that for future
19 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
20 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

21 MR. LEE: Good afternoon. My name is Otto Lee.
22 I live in the City of Sunnyvale for the past 25 years, and
23 served as Mayor about a dozen years ago. Currently, I'm
24 serving as the County Supervisor for the District 3, which
25 includes north Sunnyvale, Milpitas, Berryessa area, and San

1 Jose, and actually wraps around the foothill to the
2 Evergreen area. That's what the current district is for
3 the county district.

4 I'm talking about the current district we have in
5 both CD-17, which includes Sunnyvale, and also another
6 assembly district, even though Sunnyvale is not in there,
7 but I am also talking about this area which includes
8 Milpitas and various - and these areas actually are
9 extremely highly populated by the Asian community.

10 There was a bit of a travesty that took place
11 about the prior redistricting, and that got corrected, and
12 I'm talking about AD-25.

13 Prior to the last redistricting, the Berryessa
14 area, which is, like I mentioned, a very high Asian
15 population, was divided into four assembly districts, which
16 is really unfortunate, and that was one inequity which we
17 believe that's been corrected. And we believe the current
18 drawing of AD-25 has a very good community of interest to
19 include the area which includes we said like Fremont,
20 includes Milpitas, includes Berryessa, and keeping this
21 Asian - being one of the largest Asian represented the
22 district in the state assembly.

23 Along the same lines the Congressional District
24 17 right now, as I understand, is actually one of the
25 highest, if not the highest Asian represented congressional

1 district in the country. So, we are happy and satisfied
2 with the current line the way it's been drawn.

3 So, I just wanted to bring those points up. And
4 as a county supervisor, even though we are (indiscernible)
5 but we certainly have very close overlapping area for the
6 same reasons. And I urge the Commission to take note of
7 these important consideration, and thank you so much for
8 your service serving our community on this very important
9 work. Thank you very much.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 Right now, we will have caller 5302, and then up
12 next will be caller 7545.

13 Caller 5302, if you'll please follow the prompts
14 to unmute at this time.

15 Caller 5302, your speaker order number will be
16 number 16, if you'll please make note of that for future
17 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
18 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

19 MS. DONETTE: Hi. My name is Dominique Donette.
20 I'm representing the California Hawaii State Conference
21 National Association for Advancement of Colored People,
22 NAACP. We represent 56 branches of members who are deeply
23 invested in this topic throughout the State of California.

24 Our main concern is keeping African American
25 businesses and communities strong throughout the state. We

1 have sincere desire to unite the black communities in
2 Oakland under one state assembly and one state senate
3 district.

4 The City of Oakland specifically should be united
5 into one assembly, AD-18, and Senate District SD-9, and
6 there's no real reason or rationale why the areas of the
7 city north of downtown and I-580 should be bifurcated from
8 the rest of the city by assembly districts. This split not
9 only hurts representation for Oakland residents, but
10 continues the division of the black community along a
11 freeway barrier.

12 In the northern east Bay Area, another area of
13 concern is the City of Vallejo. While located in Solano
14 County, Vallejo has much more in common with the urban
15 areas of the East Bay (indiscernible) San Pablo, and the
16 Commission should consider including Vallejo and East Bay
17 (indiscernible) in East Bay Assembly District 15 and Senate
18 District SD-9. That includes the shores of the San
19 Francisco Bay.

20 Additionally, we want to continue to encourage
21 you all to think about who and how you're partnering with
22 to get the word out about this community input process. I
23 believe I said this last time. It's very important to us
24 (indiscernible) equality and the drawing of the lines is
25 important to us, as well. Community involvement and

1 collaboration is critical to this (indiscernible) and
2 keeping communities whole and not causing disruption is
3 most critical to us.

4 On behalf of the California Hawaii State
5 Conference NAACP, we thank you for your consideration of
6 our concerns.

7 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for calling in.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 And right now, we will have caller 7545, if
10 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute at this time.

11 Caller with the last four 7545, if you'll please
12 press star-six at this time to unmute?

13 Again, caller with the last four 7545, if you'll
14 please press star-six to unmute?

15 Caller 7545, your speaker order number will be
16 number 17, if you'll please make note of that for future
17 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
18 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

19 SPEAKER NUMBER 17: Hi. My name is
20 (indiscernible). I'm from Cupertino, California 95014 is
21 my zip code. I (indiscernible) Silicon Valley, and I work
22 for a company called Palo Alto Networks. We're located in
23 the City of Santa Clara.

24 I wanted to thank you for your commitment to
25 listen to me first time. I (indiscernible) interested in

1 having an Asian representative from Silicon Valley's
2 Congressional District Number 18.

3 My recommendation is that you kindly include the
4 cities of Sunnyvale, Cupertino, and Santa Clara into
5 Congressional District 18, which is grouped the Asian
6 community into District 18, and will help with the chance
7 of having an Asian representation from both the
8 Congressional District 18 and 17.

9 Thank you for addressing the needs of the Asian
10 American community. We hope you will draw the lines to
11 (indiscernible) our community.

12 I have another point, is we (indiscernible)
13 District 18 we have a (indiscernible) community of
14 (indiscernible) of Palo Alto, Mountainview, Menlo Park
15 (indiscernible) coastline of San Mateo and Santa Cruz
16 County that has their own issues (indiscernible).

17 I submit that you kindly consider moving the
18 rural coastline into Congressional District 20 which has
19 similar issues. Our coastline residents complain of a lack
20 of representation. That will fix the coastline issue
21 (indiscernible) compliance with the Voting Right Act 1965
22 and (indiscernible) preserve (indiscernible) to ensure the
23 Hispanics have the opportunity to elect a Hispanic
24 congressional representative but has never happened yet in
25 (indiscernible) 19 District.

1 Consider kindly moving areas of San Jose from 18
2 and CR-17 into a Hispanic majority of CR-19.

3 Honestly, the Asian American communities can be
4 (indiscernible) in the central Silicon Valley's economy.
5 We are launching start-ups, and we (indiscernible) with our
6 hard work (indiscernible) skill and technical education,
7 but we do not have much say in politics, to be honest.
8 Having Asian American representatives (indiscernible) our
9 community by accessing services such as education,
10 healthcare, public services, and more for our -

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 SPEAKER NUMBER 17: -- (indiscernible) community,
13 hence I would request (indiscernible) submission for your
14 kind consideration. Thank you very much for your continued
15 service.

16 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you for your comments and
17 for calling in.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 And Chair, at this time we are up against a
20 break.

21 CO-CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes. We are at the 4:30 break,
22 so we will be breaking for 15 minutes, and when we come
23 back, Commissioner Yee will be chairing the meeting for the
24 next session. With that, we will be back at 4:45.

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

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

2 CO-CHAIR YEE: Welcome back to the California
3 Citizens Redistricting Commission Community of Interest
4 Input meeting.

5 I'm Commissioner Russell Yee, and I'll be
6 chairing this portion of the meeting.

7 As always, we encourage you to check out our
8 communities of interest mapping tool. It's at
9 drawmyCAcommunity.org. And there you can draw us a map and
10 provide us a description of your community, and you're
11 welcome to do that instead of or in addition to calling in
12 today.

13 As a reminder, we're offering language lines for
14 those who would like to listen in Spanish, Mandarin,
15 Cantonese, or Russian, and instructions for those listen-
16 only lines are on the live stream web page.

17 For those who wish to give their testimony in one
18 of those languages, we have a separate line.

19 And we'll now have our interpreters give
20 instructions for those call-in lines.

21 So, if we could start with the Spanish
22 interpreter, please read the full call-in instructions.

23 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Hi, Commissioner. This is
24 the interpreter for Spanish.

25 [Instructions read in Spanish]

1 Thank you.

2 CO-CHAIR YEE: Gracias. We'll now have our
3 Mandarin interpreter provide the full call-in instructions.

4 MANDARIN INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in
5 Mandarin]

6 Thank you, Chair.

7 CO-CHAIR YEE: And now for our Cantonese
8 translator - to provide the full call-in instructions.

9 CANTONESE INTERPRETER: Thank you, Commissioner
10 Yee. The following is the full call-in instruction in
11 Cantonese.

12 [Instructions read in Cantonese]

13 CO-CHAIR YEE: And then our Russian interpreter,
14 please provide the call-in instructions.

15 RUSSIAN INTERPRETER: Thank you, Chair. What
16 follows is the full list of the Russian instructions.

17 [Instructions read in Russian]

18 Back to you, Chair.

19 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you. Okay. As a reminder,
20 even though we're focusing on the Bay Area today,
21 Californians from anywhere in the state are welcome to
22 provide input on any part of the state.

23 I'll now pass this over to Katy, our comment
24 moderator, to - public input. We'll start with people that
25 are registered, and then open the phone lines if there's

1 time before the next session.

2 Katy, when you have completed the instructions,
3 please also request the Tagalog interpreter to read the
4 site translation for the open public input session
5 instructions.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.
7 Thank you so much.

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

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

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

1 Attendees will not be able to share their screen.

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

7 Could I please invite the Tagalog interpreter to
8 read the instructions? Thank you.

9 TAGALOG INTERPRETER (via Zoom): Yes, Ma'am.
10 This is the Tagalog interpreter.

11 [Instructions read in Tagalog]

12 Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 The Tagalog interpreter, if you could just stay on? The
15 person who requested your services is here. It is unique
16 I.D. 105. I will go ahead and be promoting you now.

17 TAGALOG INTERPRETER: Okay. Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There appears to be
19 some connectivity issue, so I will just be allowing them to
20 talk. One moment.

21 Is the Tagalog interpreter there?

22 TAGALOG INTERPRETER: Yes.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Could you please
24 interpret unique I.D. 015?

25 If you could please unmute at this time?

1 TAGALOG INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in
2 Tagalog]

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment. I'm
4 going to try sending a chat real fast.

5 All right. We will come back to 015.

6 TAGALOG INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in
7 Tagalog]

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time, we will
9 go to 013, and then up next will be 023.

10 013, I will be promoting you now.

11 013, your speaker order number will be number 18,
12 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.

13 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
14 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

15 MR. CHIN: Hello, everyone. I would like to
16 speak to the San Francisco Trenton neighborhood. Great.

17 Hello. My name is Christopher Chin, and I am the
18 community advocate on the voting rights team at Advancing
19 Justice Asian Law Caucus, located in San Francisco,
20 California.

21 I'm calling in to share some information about
22 the communities where our clients live in San Francisco,
23 and to provide an introduction for the AAPI and AMEMSA
24 State Redistricting Collaborative for the San Francisco
25 Peninsula and the East Bay.

1 As the Commission may know, along with Advancing
2 Justice Los Angeles, the Asian Law Caucus leads the AAPI
3 and AMEMSA State Redistricting Collaborative, and have
4 worked to engage organizations and individuals in the San
5 Francisco Peninsula and the East Bay.

6 The testimony that my colleagues and I have
7 prepared for you today reflects our engagement with our
8 community members and community-based organizations to
9 identify COIs that capture the diversity of our regions.

10 Similar to the Collaborative's work in the South
11 Bay, our San Francisco Peninsula and East Bay regional
12 tables each held four community workshops reaching 18
13 community-based organizations, and over 30 community
14 members and staff. Besides identifying COIs, we also used
15 these meetings to educate attendees on the importance of
16 redistricting, and share the various ways for community
17 members to engage with the CCRC.

18 The feedback that we have collected for you today
19 comes from a variety of stakeholders, including community
20 health providers, families, leaders, and community
21 organizers.

22 As the nation's first legal and civil rights
23 organization serving low income Asian Americans and Pacific
24 Islanders, the Asian Law Caucus is committed to utilizing
25 advocacy, community engagement, and direct legal service to

1 uplift the most vulnerable of our communities.

2 In San Francisco alone, our housing and worker's
3 rights programs provided legal counseling and
4 representation to over 200 clients in 2020. Significant
5 concentrations of these clients that we serve are found in
6 historic San Francisco Chinatown, as well as the Excelsior
7 and Balboa Park neighborhoods. As the oldest Chinatown in
8 North America, San Francisco's Chinatown houses a large
9 portion of senior limited English proficient immigrants.
10 Many of the community members we serve in Chinatown are
11 working class and single room occupant residents having
12 similar policy needs, including a need for language
13 assistance, as well as tenant and employment protections.

14 Farther south, there is another concentration of
15 low income and immigrant communities in the Excelsior and
16 Balboa Park neighborhoods. Many of the client we serve
17 within these areas are low income Chinese residents, many
18 of whom have historically been displaced due to rising
19 housing costs in the city.

20 Many residents in these neighborhoods have come
21 to us with concerns relating to their unemployment
22 assistance and eviction from their homes.

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MR. CHIN: Language barriers are also a challenge
25 for many of our clients from Excelsior and Balboa Park.

1 Today I am urging the Commission to respect the
2 integrity of both these COIs, each holding importance for
3 the Chinese communities we serve in San Francisco.

4 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

5 MR. CHIN: Thank you so much for hearing from me
6 today, and the rest of the AAPI and AMEMSA State
7 Redistricting Collaborative. Thank you so much.

8 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

10 Right now, we will have 023, and then after that
11 will be 018.

12 023, I will be promoting you now.

13 023, your speaker order number will be number 19,
14 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.
15 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
16 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

17 023, you are still on mute, sir.

18 MR. GORDON: There we go.

19 My name is Frank Gordon, and I would like to
20 speak to the area of northern Contra Costa County and
21 southern Solano County.

22 MR. MANOFF: 023, go ahead.

23 MR. GORDON: Thank you.

24 I spent 12 years on the Contra Costa County
25 Environmental Protection Commission, the Industrial Safety

1 Commission, and I'd like to speak to the issue of the fact
2 that Contra Costa County is the second largest industrial
3 in the state, and we share a lot of similiarities with
4 southern Solano County with the refineries and major
5 industrial areas.

6 And my feeling is that those two areas should be
7 kept pretty much together when it comes to state
8 representation, because of the industrial similarities, and
9 the fact that Contra Costa County has its own industrial
10 safety ordinance of which Solano County has had an interest
11 in, and has actually had an interest in us managing an
12 industrial safety ordinance for them. So, it would be
13 appropriate to have our state representation pretty much
14 the same areas that would include Mission, Martinez,
15 Benicia, parts of Vallejo, all the way out to Pittsburg.
16 So, that is my input.

17 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 Right now, we will have 018, and then up next
20 will be 027.

21 018, I will be promoting you now.

22 018, your speaker order number will be number 20,
23 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.
24 You can now enable your audio and video on the lower-left
25 corner of your screen. If you'll please let the mapper

1 know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is
2 yours.

3 MR. CHUA: Perfect. Good evening, everyone. I
4 will be speaking to north San Mateo County, Daly City and
5 South City.

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

8 MR. CHUA: Perfect. Good afternoon,
9 Commissioners. My name is Rob Chua, representing the
10 Filipino Bayanihan Resource Center, PRBC, a non-profit
11 community-based organization located in Daly City.

12 PRBC has provided direct services since 1989 to
13 the Filipino population of San Mateo County, giving legal
14 services, immigration services for distribution, and
15 cultural activities.

16 Today I'll be speaking as part of the AAPI AMEMSA
17 Redistricting Collaboratives to cover the following areas,
18 Daly City and South City, including the Westborough and
19 Buri Buri neighborhoods. Most of our Fil-Am COIs are
20 encapsulated within the boundaries of Daly City, including
21 Serramonte, (indiscernible) Square, Westlake and Hillside.
22 Daly City also houses the largest concentration of
23 Filipinos in the United States per capita, and according to
24 the 2019 Census, one in three individuals in Daly City
25 identifies as Filipino.

1 As seen on the map, our community has grown
2 exponentially, and has eventually moved south, covering the
3 Westborough and Buri Buri neighborhoods.

4 Westborough begins north on King Drive, and
5 follows the Junipero Serra and Skyline Boulevard south to
6 Valley Wood Drive, and Buri Buri begins south on
7 Westborough Boulevard, moving north along the 280 Corridor
8 to Arlington Drive. This northern boundary extends to
9 Mission Street, and wraps around the Holy Cross Cemetery.
10 The neighborhood is closed off along Hillside Boulevard to
11 the west, finally connecting the Chestnut Boulevard to the
12 south.

13 These neighborhoods house major places of
14 worship, the service community hubs. And since many
15 Filipino families in the region are immigrants, we are
16 concerned about language barriers, institutional
17 accessibility, and civic participation.

18 As the community continues to be divided, we fear
19 that the growing number of Filipino immigrants will be in
20 isolation from other Filipino Americans. Inequities in
21 health disproportionately affect the Filipino community,
22 and the health disparities are shaped by socio-economic
23 challenges. And the lack of culturally competent resources
24 with a high representation of Filipino Americans performing
25 essential services are community members have been asked to

1 risk their lives to make ends meet, in particular, the
2 great presence of Filipino Americans in the healthcare
3 industry has led to an alarming rate of death for
4 registered nurses from amongst our community, and according
5 to the L.A. Times, approximately one-quarter of the Asian
6 American population in California represents Filipino
7 Americans, yet Filipino Americans account for at least 35-
8 percent of Covid-19 deaths in the state's Asian population.

9 During Covid-19, our community members have also
10 faced added mental stressors from unemployment, lack of
11 social support -

12 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

13 MR. CHUA: -- food and housing and security, and
14 an increase in racial violence and a (indiscernible) across
15 the Bay Area.

16 As these issues (indiscernible) the Filipino
17 community, they also attest the need for visibility. Our
18 communities' experiences must not be homogenized or reduced
19 under the (indiscernible) Asian American population.

20 PBRC respectfully requests that the Commission
21 keep our communities in Daly City in the Westborough and
22 Buri Buri neighborhoods as a whole, and not be divided.

23 Thank you to the Commission for the opportunity
24 to speak today on behalf of PBRC and the Fil-Am community.

25 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
2 Right now, we will have 027, and then up next
3 will be 022.

4 027, I will be promoting you now.

5 27, your speaker order number will be number 21,
6 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.
7 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
8 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

9 MS. TOWNS: Yes. I would like to discuss
10 Richmond, California Richmond, South Richmond, North
11 Richmond, and Central Richmond.

12 So, my name is Juanita Towns, and I'm calling to
13 speak about the Iron Triangle in Richmond, California,
14 which includes South Richmond, Central Richmond, and North
15 Richmond.

16 I am the policy advocacy organizer for Building
17 Blocks for Kids. Building Blocks for Kids is a non-profit
18 organization that helps parents and caregivers to become
19 active advocates and leaders in their community.

20 I am speaking to you today to uplift the
21 importance of protecting communities of interest in
22 Richmond. In the last five years, Richmond has drastically
23 changed due to (indiscernible) that has displaced the black
24 community and caused disorder to the neighborhood.

25 Some of the major concerns for the black

1 community in this area is the violence going on in this
2 community due to lack of resources, as well as housing
3 issues that cause many people to be in fear of losing their
4 housing or being displaced.

5 What's particularly at stake from our
6 organization's perspective is the children in these
7 communities and their parents who are experiencing poverty
8 and worried about not having enough income to provide for
9 their families. There is a high need for rent programs,
10 mental health programs, as well as need for safe, clean
11 spaces for the homeless community.

12 There is also a huge educational gap for black
13 children, and we want better for our education for them.
14 The black community throughout this region shares similar
15 concerns and fears, and it is why we are passionate about
16 changing our community.

17 As you begin mapping, we hope that you all are
18 mindful of the community, so that we are able to represent
19 who can address these issues. I thank you for listening.
20 I hope you have a blessed evening.

21 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you, caller. Could you stay
22 on just a second?

23 MS. TOWNS: Yes. Please.

24 CO-CHAIR YEE: I just wanted to get a clear sense
25 of your - the boundaries that you're speaking of. So, you

1 mentioned North, Central, and South Richmond. Is that all
2 of Richmond, then, or just part of Richmond?

3 MS. TOWNS: That is part of Richmond.

4 CO-CHAIR YEE: So, what would the boundaries of
5 that part be?

6 MS. TOWNS: Most of the boundaries is going to
7 also include Park Fiesta Village.

8 CO-CHAIR YEE: So, would there be a street or
9 somewhere that you could -

10 MS. TOWNS: Yes. It can also (indiscernible)
11 south of Carson Boulevard, and that would be in the South
12 Richmond area. Carson Boulevard, McDonald Avenue.

13 CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. And how far north? You're
14 on mute.

15 So, how far north would you go?

16 MS. TOWNS: I would go as far as - I would say
17 Parkway, if that's easier, Richmond Parkway.

18 CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay.

19 MS. TOWNS: And McLaughlin.

20 CO-CHAIR YEE: And McLaughlin?

21 MS. TOWNS: Uh-huh.

22 CO-CHAIR YEE: Excellent. Thank you so much.

23 MS. TOWNS: No worries. Have a good evening.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will
25 have 022, and then up next after 022 will be 015.

1 022, I will be promoting you now.

2 022, your speaker order number will be number 22,
3 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.
4 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
5 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

6 MS. SHON: Hi. I hope to speak about Oakland
7 area from the Temescal area kind of stretching down through
8 the Chinatown and Lake Merritt area and Oakland.

9 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

10 MS. SHON: All right. Hi. My name is Yeri Shon,
11 and I've been an Alameda County resident for the past 25
12 years (indiscernible) program integration and community
13 impact at Korean Community Center of the East Bay, which is
14 a non-profit that has been serving the Bay Area community
15 for the past 44 years.

16 I'm also calling in as a member of the AAPI and
17 AMEMSA Redistricting Collaborative.

18 To (indiscernible) about our organization, we
19 provide social services, health access (indiscernible)
20 support, case management for low income seniors,
21 immigration legal services, health (indiscernible)
22 programs, and mental health services.

23 Over 80-percent of our clients are Asian
24 Americans residing in Alameda County that are low income
25 and low English proficient, and due to our long-time

1 physical presence in the City of Oakland, a significant
2 number of our clients have also been Oakland residents.

3 I am calling to ask the Commission to keep
4 Oakland's Koreatown Northgate, also known as KONO, which
5 extends from 20th to 35th Street along the Telegraph Avenue,
6 to - and keep it together with the Temescal area - sorry, I
7 just lost the street - sorry - okay - together with
8 Temescal, which is a neighborhood also centered around
9 Telegraph, and is located immediately north of KONO.

10 This combined area is very diverse, with Asian
11 American communities working and operating businesses who
12 have similar (indiscernible) experience and common
13 interests when it comes to small business support, language
14 access, legal protection, and neighborhood safety.

15 And furthermore, this area is also a hub for many
16 Korean small businesses that have been rooted in the
17 community for many decades.

18 I also want to ask that the Commission maintains
19 Oakland Chinatown, Uptown, and the close perimeter
20 surrounding the Lake Merritt area within one district, as
21 well. The boundaries for this COI is Freeway 980, Grand
22 Avenue, 880, and the Lakeshore Avenue. These areas
23 combined have over 10 large senior housing complexes which
24 (indiscernible) residents, including Chinese, Korean,
25 Vietnamese and more.

1 Many of the senior committee members
2 (indiscernible) can be found in close proximity to the Lake
3 Merritt and Chinatown area. With a large Asian elderly
4 population in the area, there's a shared need and
5 challenges, which has English access, culturally fitting
6 community resources and programming, and (indiscernible)
7 best that this community of interest is kept together.

8 So, overall, I'm asking the Commission -

9 MR. MANOFF: Twenty seconds.

10 MS. SHON: -- COIs, the first one is KONO and
11 Temescal, second one being the Chinatown, Uptown, and the
12 (indiscernible) neighborhood to be unified -

13 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

14 MS. SHON: -- neighborhoods for the Korean and
15 greater (indiscernible) community. Thank you for your time
16 and your effort and supporting the communities to thrive.

17 CO-CHAIR YEE: Caller, could you stay on just a
18 bit? Could you - more -

19 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment, Chair. Just a
20 moment.

21 022, if you could please unmute, the Chair had
22 some additional questions for you.

23 Go ahead, Chair.

24 MS. SHON: I've unmuted myself.

25 CO-CHAIR YEE: Hi, caller. Thank you so much for

1 your input. Could you give us just a little bit more
2 detail about the boundaries for KONO and Temescal?

3 MS: SHON: So, it's along the Telegraph Avenue.
4 KONO extends from 20th, 35th Street, and Temescal is actually
5 right above, like kind of north bordering 35th Street, and
6 also along the Telegraph Avenue.

7 CO-CHAIR YEE: So, how far north would you go -
8 Telegraph - Temescal?

9 MS. SHON: I could actually submit a more
10 detailed map, actually, in like in a written or the - as a
11 document if that helps.

12 CO-CHAIR YEE: That would be excellent. Yes.
13 Please do.

14 MS. SHON: We can do that. Yeah. Thank you.

15 CO-CHAIR YEE: And you can reference you're - the
16 caller number, number 22, today, and we'll link that up.
17 Yeah. Thank you so much.

18 MS. SHON: Okay.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

20 If I could ask the Tagalog interpreter to please
21 make themselves available, as we have unique I.D. 015 has
22 chose to raise their hand?

23 I will be promoting you now.

24 TAGALOG INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in
25 Tagalog]

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 015, your
2 speaker order number will be number 23, if you'll please
3 make note of that.

4 You can now enable your audio and video in the
5 lower-left corner of your screen. If you'll please let the
6 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor
7 is yours.

8 Interpreter?

9 MS. MAXION: Good evening. I will be speaking to
10 Alameda County directly to the Union City area.

11 MR. MANOFF: 015, do you require interpretation?

12 MS. MAXION: No for this one.

13 TAGALOG INTERPRETER: Not for this one.

14 MR. MANOFF: Please stand by just a moment.

15 Go ahead.

16 MS. MAXION: Hello. My name is Daisy Maxion, and
17 I'm currently the civic engagement organizer for Filipino
18 Advocates for Justice. I was born and raised in Alameda
19 County and have lived here for 24 years.

20 Filipino Advocates for Justice is an advocate for
21 immigrant worker and civil rights. I am also with the AAPI
22 and AMEMSA Redistricting Collaborative.

23 FAJ serves more than 130,000 Filipinos who call
24 the East Bay area home, through our offices in Oakland's
25 Chinatown and Union City.

1 For the past 45 years, we have held the most
2 marginalized in the Filipino community navigate challenges
3 in the U.S. through middle and high school aged youth, low
4 wage workers, vulnerable to exploitation immigrants, and
5 tenants and families in working class neighborhoods.

6 FAJ also holds space for a lot of youth
7 leadership development through our after-school activities
8 and civic engagement opportunities in Union City.

9 According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the AAPI
10 community makes up 53.4-percent of the population in Union
11 City. Union City geographically covers 19.4 square miles,
12 but has increased in growth since 2010 by 5.8-percent. The
13 total population is currently at approximately 73,000, with
14 a population density of 3,773 people per square mile. This
15 is a considerable amount of Asian immigrants who reside in
16 Union City.

17 The Asian community in Union City continues to
18 grow, with the Filipino community being more than 20-
19 percent of the population. The Asian communities, as a
20 whole, have shared concerns regarding socio-economic,
21 education, and healthcare interests.

22 I ask the Commission to keep Union City all
23 together, going into a new assembly, state senate, and
24 congressional districts. I recommend that the Commission
25 also keep Union City with its neighboring areas, such as

1 Hayward, San Leandro, San Lorenzo as a whole to respect our
2 community of interest, from sharing the same businesses,
3 community organizations, churches, and educational
4 institutions, Filipino Americans of Alameda County have
5 created a sense of belonging with one another. Therefore,
6 it is imperative to keep these communities intact. Thank
7 you again for your time.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 Right now, we will have 021, and up next after
10 that will be 020.

11 I would like to invite 014 to use the raise-your-
12 hand button at the bottom of your screen if you wish to
13 give comment.

14 021, I will be promoting you now.

15 021, your speaker order number will be number 24,
16 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.
17 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left
18 corner of your screen. If you'll please let the mapper
19 know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is
20 yours.

21 MR. DEEGAN-MCCREE: Good evening, Commissioners.
22 My name is Michael Deegan-McCree, and this evening I will
23 be talking about (indiscernible) West Contra Costa County,
24 specifically Richmond, California, and I will also be
25 talking about Alameda County closer to the East Oakland

1 area, as well.

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

3 MR. DEEGAN-MCCREE: Thank you so much. Again, as
4 I stated, my name is Michael Deegan-McCree, and I'm a long-
5 time resident of Richmond and Oakland, California.

6 Tonight I'm speaking as a representative of the
7 California Black Census and Redistricting Hub. In addition
8 to my own experience as a black Californian, our coalition
9 of Bay Area based organizations engage members from all
10 across the Bay Area to collect a greater understanding of
11 the historical implications of redistricting on our
12 community.

13 Tonight I decided to call in to summarize and
14 uplift the communities of interest identified by our
15 coalition members, and the community members engaged in
16 seven community feedback sessions with more than 54 Bay
17 Area residents.

18 Our coalition partners are (indiscernible)
19 Rising, the Safe Return Project, Lift Up Contra Costa, the
20 Rise Center, Black Women Organized for Political Action,
21 and Building Blocks for Kids. Each spent months engaging
22 members in the community to get a greater understanding of
23 the issues most prevalent for our community in this region.

24 Each session we held provided an opportunity for
25 our community to come together and discuss the importance

1 of redistricting, as well as the impact it will eventually
2 have on our families, our friends, and the future
3 generations of black people in the Bay Area.

4 We are able to shed light on how they could
5 engage in this process, and the significant opportunity we
6 have to ensure equitable district lines are drawn to
7 protect our communities.

8 Looking at the issues that impact us, the impact
9 of the tech boom over the past two decades has been
10 especially difficult, as (indiscernible) alters the fabric
11 of our communities. It has ushered in an unaffordable cost
12 of housing, which has pushed our community out of areas we
13 have historically called home.

14 Business pushed black folks in the East Bay area
15 further north across the Cartinas Bridge, and more have
16 done what they can to relocate east into Pittsburg,
17 Antioch, Pleasanton, and as far as Discovery Bay or Tracy.

18 In addition, the conditions of environmental
19 hazards that have threatened both Richmond by way of
20 Chevron and Oakland, especially East Oakland by way of the
21 Oakland Airport, have been issues that continue to threaten
22 our health. Lack of similar life experiences by elected
23 officials on the state level has stunted representative
24 advocacy, and prolonged the issues plaguing our community.

25 Also, scarcity in quality education due to failed

1 support of -

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

3 MR. DEEGAN-MCCREE: -- OUSC and West Contra Costa
4 Unified School District by the state, inadequate levels of
5 emergency beds with a threat of another hospital closure,
6 and continuation of core relationships between law
7 enforcement and our people stands as good reason for the
8 black community -

9 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

10 MR. DEEGAN-MCCREE: -- to be taken seriously
11 during this process.

12 The ability to live in an environment safely,
13 securely, confidently, is the foundation from which
14 existing communities (indiscernible) thriving communities.

15 Division is only possible if we have
16 representation from elected officials who understand -

17 MR. MANOFF: Time.

18 CO-CHAIR YEE: Caller, if you could stay on?

19 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment, Chair.

20 021, if you could please unmute, the Chair has
21 some questions for you.

22 MR. DEEGAN-MCCREE: Yeah. Of course.

23 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you so much for your input.
24 We wanted to get just a clearer sense of the geography that
25 you have in mind.

1 MR. DEEGAN-MCCREE: Yeah. So, when I'm talking
2 about Richmond, I'm mostly talking about South Richmond and
3 North Richmond that push all the way to Point Richmond.
4 So, the areas that mostly border along the 80 Freeway and
5 down, and then also reaching all the way to the Richmond
6 San Rafael Bridge.

7 CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. And then you also mentioned
8 East Oakland?

9 MR. DEEGAN-MCCREE: Yes. So, then if you go over
10 to East Oakland, most of the area that I'm talking about is
11 if you go - if you do the intersection of International and
12 Hegenberger, so around the Havenscourt neighborhood, and
13 then pulled all the way down to the area of the Oakland
14 Coliseum, all the way further down to the Oakland
15 International Airport.

16 CO-CHAIR YEE: So, further south (indiscernible)

17 MR. DEEGAN-MCCREE: Yes. Further south. Down
18 880.

19 CO-CHAIR YEE: That's actually where I grew up.
20 That's a ways.

21 MR. DEEGAN-MCCREE: There you go. So, those two
22 areas specifically.

23 CO-CHAIR YEE: Very good. Thank you so much.

24 MR. DEEGAN-MCCREE: Thank you so much,
25 Commissioners. I appreciate it.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
2 Right now, we will have 020, and then up next
3 after that will be 014.

4 I'd also like to invite those that have called in
5 today to press star-nine on their telephone keypads. This
6 will raise your hand if you wish to give comment.

7 020, I will be promoting you now.

8 020, your speaker order number will be number 25,
9 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.
10 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left
11 corner of your screen. If you'll please let the mapper
12 know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is
13 yours.

14 MS. NG: All right. Can you hear me?

15 SF County.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

17 MS. NG: All right. My name is Tiffany Ng. I'm
18 the civic engagement director at the Chinese
19 (indiscernible) Association. We're participating with the
20 AAPI and AMEMSA Redistricting Collaborative to share about
21 our communities of interest in San Francisco County.

22 My org is membership-based, and we primarily work
23 with low income working class immigrant Chinese community
24 over the past 50 years.

25 We have a range of services and programs, such as

1 a worker rights wage clinic. We do voter education. We
2 have PPE distribution, and we're very active in doing
3 specific neighborhoods that include Chinatown, Excelsior,
4 and the Oceanview, Merced, Ingleside Heights neighborhood
5 that we call OMI, because it's really long.

6 Chinatown is one of the most densely populated
7 neighborhoods, and serves as a major hub that connects
8 people from across San Francisco to community services,
9 language resources, and job opportunities. And as of 2017,
10 the median household income in Chinatown was really low, at
11 31,700.

12 Many Chinatown residents struggle with
13 affordability and finding livable housing. Many of them
14 live in single room occupancy residential housing.

15 I also wanted to highlight the important
16 connection between the Excelsior and the OMI - the
17 Oceanview, Merced, Ingleside Heights neighborhood. These
18 neighborhoods share many demographic (indiscernible) and
19 interests that are actually part of the - and they're
20 actually part of the same supervisorial district 11 --
21 (indiscernible) a lot of shared political power in San
22 Francisco, both in the OMI and Excelsior, residents have
23 concerns about affordability, food security, and access to
24 adequate healthcare services.

25 The San Francisco's OMI neighborhood had

1 experienced a lot of population shifts over the past few
2 decades with the Asian population making up 54-percent.

3 The general boundaries of the OMI neighborhood
4 begin with the Holloway Avenue to the north, extending to
5 the 280 Freeway to the east and south, as well as the
6 Brotherhood Way and Junipero Serra Boulevard to the west.
7 And the Excelsior boundaries can be drawn starting north
8 along Silver Avenue with eastern and western boundaries of
9 the University Street and Mission. Its southern boundary
10 follows Geneva Ave, and includes John McLaren Park.

11 In closing, I'm asking that the Commission unite
12 Asian American communities in the Excelsior and the OMI
13 neighborhoods, while respecting the integrity of Chinatown.
14 Thank you for your time and consideration.

15 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will
17 have 014, and then up next after that will be 028.

18 014, I will be promoting you now.

19 014, your speaker order number will be number 26,
20 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.
21 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
22 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

23 MS. LIM: Hello. I'll be talking about Alameda,
24 San Mateo, San Francisco, and Santa Clara Counties.

25 Good evening. My name is June Lim, and I am the

1 demographic research project director at Asian Americans
2 Advancing Justice Los Angeles, which is a census
3 information center and official program of the U.S. Census
4 Bureau designed to promote the dissemination of census data
5 to underserved populations.

6 I am joining you today to present data supporting
7 the COI testimony you've heard from our partners
8 representing the AAPI and AMEMSA Redistricting
9 Collaborative.

10 These include COIs in Berryessa, Milpitas,
11 Evergreen, and Silver Creek, Santa Clara, Union City,
12 Fremont, Oakland Chinatown, KONO, Oakland Eastlake, San
13 Francisco Japantown and Chinatown, Daly City, and Excelsior
14 and OMI neighborhoods.

15 The AAPI and AMEMSA community is a large and
16 fast-growing part of the Bay Area. The latest census data
17 show that the Asian American population in Alameda, Contra
18 Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties
19 grew considerably more in the last decade than the
20 counties' overall populations.

21 The Asian American community grew by over 30-
22 percent in each of the aforementioned counties, with the
23 highest growth in Contra Costa County at 44-percent.

24 Similarly, the Pacific Islander community grew by
25 32-percent in Contra Costa.

1 Given the substantial growth, the AAPI and AMEMSA
2 communities now comprise more than one-third of Alameda,
3 San Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties.

4 Our communities make up over half of the
5 communities in Daly City, Union City, Fremont, Sunnyvale,
6 and Milpitas, and over 40-percent of San Jose, South San
7 Francisco, and Santa Clara. More than half of AAPI and
8 AMEMSA communities in these counties are immigrants with
9 percent of foreign born communities ranging from 52 to 62-
10 percent. In some of the cities where our COIs are located,
11 such as in Oakland, San Francisco, San Jose, and San
12 Leandro, over 50-percent of AAPI community members are
13 limited English proficient, meaning they speak English less
14 than very well. Over 70-percent of Chinese Americans in
15 Oakland and - Oakland, and Korean Americans in Union City
16 are LEP, and over 60-percent of Vietnamese Americans in
17 Oakland, San Jose, San Leandro, and Union City do not speak
18 English very well.

19 There are socio-economic differences in the AAPI
20 and AMEMSA communities that vary across counties and across
21 cities and ethnic groups within these counties.

22 When we look at the cities -

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

24 MS. LIM: -- in which the COIs identify by our
25 collaborative are located, our communities experience

1 significant economic disparities.

2 I will submit to the Commission data maps and
3 (indiscernible) files of these communities of interest with
4 my written testimony, and including the AAPI and AMEMSA
5 Redistricting Collaborative ask the Commission to respect -

6 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

7 MS. LIM: -- the integrity of the communities of
8 interest presented today. Thank you for your time.

9 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 Right now, we will have 028, and then up next
12 after that will be caller 8913.

13 028, I will be promoting you now.

14 028, your speaker order number will be number 27,
15 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.
16 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
17 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

18 MS. EBRAHIMI: Excuse me. Sorry. Is this for
19 028?

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: It sure is. That's
21 okay.

22 Your speaker order number will be number 27, if
23 you'll make note of that. And if you'll let the mapper
24 know what area you would like to discuss, the floor is
25 yours.

1 MS. EBRAHIMI: West Contra Costa.

2 Hello, everyone. My name is Jamileh Ebrahimi.
3 I'm calling in to represent the RYSE Center and covering
4 Richmond and West Contra Costa.

5 RYSE is a safe and welcoming center for diverse
6 West Contra Costa youth ages 13 to 21, and we seek to build
7 youth power and leadership towards the larger vision of
8 personal and community health and transformation.

9 Since opening in 2008, RYSE has served over 5,000
10 youth members and reached 15,000 more through outreach
11 workshops, census education and outreach, civic and voter
12 mobilization, and community events in Richmond and West
13 Contra Costa County.

14 As an extension of our census and voter education
15 efforts, we conducted a local COI session where black
16 (indiscernible) and AAPI adults who grew up in or live in
17 Richmond and West Contra Costa County.

18 Young people in Richmond and West Contra Costa
19 County bear the burden of multiple systemic inequities, and
20 face persistent dehumanization, stigma, and criminalization
21 by schools, police, media, and public systems. These
22 inequities are exacerbated by historical disinvestment,
23 jobs, food, transportation deserts, and escalating
24 displacement and push out.

25 Also - Excuse me. In our COI session, residents

1 lifted up the need for investment in violence prevention
2 that truly addresses the root causes of violence,
3 reallocating money from criminalization to programs for
4 youth and mental health supports, education equity for
5 public schools, ending gender based violence, increasing
6 supports and programs for the unhoused, addressing public
7 work issues, such as more stop signs, preventing flooding
8 when it rains, littering and illegal dumping, supporting
9 communities negatively impacted by the pandemic, and
10 ensuring protections for renters. Many of these strategies
11 are present and need continued support and investment to
12 increase their impact.

13 In my work at RYSE, I've had the opportunity to
14 work with BIPOC young leaders who have (indiscernible)
15 adults that represent systems in government to listen,
16 partner, and implement solutions grounded in visions and
17 expertise of local residents. This has been possible by
18 building unity and solidarity, and when our representatives
19 are committed to listening and being responsive to our most
20 vulnerable community members.

21 It's imperative that Richmond, North Richmond,
22 San Pablo, and all cities represented in the West Contra
23 Costa Unified School District remain together so that BIPOC
24 residents' voices are elevated and listened to by those who
25 are voted in to represent them and their interests on

1 behalf of -

2 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

3 MS. EBRAHIMI: -- RYSE, we appreciate the
4 opportunity to be here today. Thank you for listening and
5 for your consideration.

6 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

8 Right now, we will have caller 8913, and then up
9 next after that will be caller 6145.

10 I would also like to invite those that have
11 called in today to press star-nine to raise your hand,
12 indicating you wish to give comment.

13 Caller 8913, if you'll please follow the prompts
14 to unmute at this time.

15 Caller 8913, your speaker order number will be
16 number 28, if you'll please make note of that for future
17 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
18 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

19 SPEAKER NUMBER 28: Thank you. I am a resident
20 of the Silicon Valley, and I work in the high tech Silicon
21 Valley industry. Interested in having (indiscernible) for
22 the (indiscernible) Asian American community is very
23 invested in the Silicon Valley's economy, from start-ups,
24 to CEOs of big companies, corporations, and a number of
25 media and tech companies. They share (indiscernible) in

1 the politics (indiscernible) not reflected in the politics
2 and I believe having an Asian American (indiscernible)
3 community (indiscernible) diversity of the (indiscernible)
4 but unfortunately (indiscernible) Can the Commission ensure
5 that we have more representation of the Asian American into
6 (indiscernible) There are a number of ways to bring
7 diversity into the (indiscernible) origin will surely be
8 (indiscernible) to join (indiscernible)

9 With that aspect, my recommendation is if you
10 could include (indiscernible) Sunnyvale, Cupertino and
11 Santa Clara into the congressional district 18, which will
12 (indiscernible) to have (indiscernible) from the
13 (indiscernible) the interest of the Asian American
14 community.

15 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will
17 have caller 6145, and then up next after that will be
18 caller 3029.

19 And again, I would like to invite those that have
20 called in to press star-nine if you have not given comment
21 today.

22 Caller 6145, if you'll please follow the prompts
23 to unmute at this time.

24 Caller 6145, your speaker order number will be
25 number 29, if you'll please make note of that for future

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

3 SPEAKER NUMBER 29: Hi. My name is Arjin, and
4 I'm a citizen of Silicon Valley. I would like to talk
5 about Congressional District 19, specifically my concerns
6 with the district lines of the congressional district.

7 So, currently, Hispanic Americans constitute over
8 40-percent of the district's population, making them the
9 largest ethnic group in the district. But there's never
10 been a Hispanic congressional representative from CA-19 in
11 American history. This poses a direct threat to the
12 Hispanic community of not only Congressional District 19,
13 but generally the Hispanic American community of
14 California.

15 The Hispanic population is currently the largest
16 ethnic group in California. And despite their
17 contributions to both the Californian and American economy,
18 their interests as an ethnic group have often been ignored
19 in politics. This is especially true in CA-19, because it
20 has always lacked a Hispanic congressional representative.
21 This reality is in violation of what the Voting Rights Act
22 stands for. The Voting Rights Act was obviously passed
23 with the intention of protecting minorities from voting
24 discrimination. But currently, the Hispanic population of
25 CA-19 is unfortunately facing discrimination as their

1 voices are not heard because of the district lines today.

2 So, I think this problem can be resolved by
3 moving areas of San Jose from CA-17 and TA-18 that have a
4 Hispanic majority into CA-19 to ensure that a Hispanic
5 representative is elected in CA-19 for the first time.

6 Thank you for giving me this time, and thank you
7 to the redistricting commission for all of your work.

8 Thank you.

9 CO-CHAIR YEE: Caller, please stay on.

10 MR. MANOFF: They are still connected.

11 CO-CHAIR YEE: Could you - You mentioned portions
12 of San Jose. Could you be more specific about the
13 geography of which portions you would like to see in CA-19?

14 SPEAKER NUMBER 29: Yeah. Sure. I would like -
15 Unfortunately, I'm not entirely sure which areas have the
16 largest Hispanic populations, but I'm specifically
17 targeting those areas of San Jose that are perhaps closest
18 to CA-19 and have a large Hispanic population from CA-17
19 and CA-18, and moving those to CA-19.

20 CO-CHAIR YEE: Are there particular neighborhoods
21 that you have in mind, or anything you could --

22 SPEAKER NUMBER 29: Sorry. I don't have anything
23 more specific, unfortunately.

24 CO-CHAIR YEE: It's okay. Thanks so much.

25 SPEAKER NUMBER 29: Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will
2 have caller 3029, and then up next will be caller 9743.

3 Caller 3029, if you'll please follow the prompts
4 to unmute at this time.

5 Caller 3029, your speaker order number will be
6 number 30, if you'll please make note of that for future
7 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
8 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

9 SPEAKER NUMBER 30: Sure. Thank you so much.
10 Can you hear me?

11 CO-CHAIR YEE: We sure can. Go ahead, please.

12 SPEAKER NUMBER 30: Okay. So, now my name is Ohm
13 Batchu (phonetic). I'm not a representation for any PAC or
14 any party or (indiscernible) or anything. I'm representing
15 (indiscernible) mainly for Asian community.

16 I've been in the California for about 27 years,
17 paying taxes in California. So, I lived in Congressional
18 District T-17, and I work in the Congressional District 18.

19 So, the (indiscernible) difference
20 (indiscernible) Asian communities here is very wide, and
21 Asian community serves (indiscernible) innovations here.
22 And I would like to see some kind of (indiscernible)
23 distribution between 17 and 18, because 17 actually has
24 about a 50-percent of (indiscernible) in 17, but whereas 18
25 has less than 20-percent of workers here. Even though I

1 work in District 18, and all the property taxes and the
2 company taxes will be paid in 18 when we don't get the
3 advantage of having our representation in the policymaking
4 in the congress. So - even the problems, such as
5 (indiscernible) crime, and transportation (indiscernible)
6 we contribute into the - in the world of innovation
7 technology, and all that, and we are the worst in the
8 transportation conveniences. If I try to take a
9 transportation from my home to office it takes about three
10 hours (indiscernible) the public transportation. So, that
11 is like insane. So, the optimal way of doing that is the
12 people who actually represent this community, Asian
13 American community, and all that, would be ideal, and it
14 hasn't been any such voices in the congress so far
15 (indiscernible) reshuffling some of (indiscernible) I heard
16 other voices before me, you know, moving some of the
17 District 18 to District 19 for protecting the Hispanic, you
18 know. I welcome that in the same manner from District 17
19 to 18. If we can move that mainly for Santa Clara, you
20 know, Sunnyvale, and Cupertino and (indiscernible) in other
21 districts into 17 to keep up the total population there, as
22 well. You know, that will be ideal.

23 CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. Thank you so much.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will
25 have caller 9743.

1 And I would like to invite those that have called
2 in today that have not given comment that wish to do so.

3 Caller 2326, if you would like to do that, please
4 press star-nine on your telephone keypad.

5 All right. Now we have Caller 9743.

6 Caller 9743, your speaker order number will be
7 number 31, if you'll please make note of that for future
8 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
9 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

10 CALLER NUMBER 31: The area (indiscernible) is
11 Cupertino, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara.

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

13 CALLER NUMBER 31: Hi. My name is Kishor
14 (phonetic). I've been living and working and paying taxes
15 in (indiscernible) for the past 15 years. First, we thank
16 you for giving me an opportunity to speak here.

17 (Indiscernible) I am very much interested in
18 having an Asian representative from Congressional District
19 18. I've seen how the demography and landscape change over
20 the years. Every time I see someone relocate out of
21 California or a segment of population (indiscernible) Asian
22 Americans ending up on the receiving end, I feel there
23 needs to be someone who can put their hand up and try to do
24 something about it. And that someone needs to understand
25 the relevant local issues very well, issues concerning the

1 Asian American community, the education, public services,
2 immigration, healthcare, and so on and so forth.

3 (Indiscernible) the Congressional District 18 has
4 never had a minority congressional representation, even
5 though Asian Americans are the largest minority community
6 of the district. The redistricting in Silicon Valley
7 should ensure that more Asian Americans will have a chance
8 to be elected to congress.

9 So, my request for the Redistricting Commission
10 is if they can please ensure that more Asian Americans have
11 a chance to be elected to congress, and if - can the
12 commission group communities of interest so that
13 (indiscernible) surroundings are a specific ethnic group
14 have political representation (indiscernible), and my
15 specific recommendation is you include the cities of
16 Sunnyvale, Cupertino, and Santa Clara in to Congressional
17 District 18, which will group the Asian community into
18 District 18, and will help with the chance to have an Asian
19 representation from the Congressional District 18, actually
20 to help with a chance to have Asian representation from
21 both Districts 18 and 17.

22 So, thank you for hearing me out, and for your
23 efforts (indiscernible) everyone, in particular
24 (indiscernible) represent the Asian American community.
25 And I hope you will draw the lines to favor

1 (indiscernible). Thank you.

2 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will
4 have caller 0564, and then up next will be caller 8441.

5 Caller 0564, if you'll please follow the prompts
6 to unmute at this time.

7 Caller 0564, if you could press star-six one more
8 time? There you are. Your speaker order number will be
9 number 32, if you'll please make note of that for future
10 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
11 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

12 MS. SHAH: -- District Number 18, California.

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

14 MS. SHAH: Yeah. My name is Manisha Shah, and I
15 see there's a very low representation of the Asian
16 community in Congressional District 18, and we need to have
17 a voice in Washington. And basically, you need to
18 redistribute District 17 with 18, because (indiscernible)
19 from Santa Clara to (indiscernible) to the (indiscernible)
20 exchange because of the Silicon (indiscernible), so we are
21 a large number of Asian Indians and Asian Chinese, which
22 represent the minority community, and we have no voice in
23 Washington. So, we need to regroup this District 17 and
24 18.

25 Hello?

1 CO-CHAIR YEE: Yes. So, can you be more specific
2 about which communities or cities you have in mind?

3 MS. SHAH: Yes. I think Sunnyvale, Cupertino,
4 Milpitas, Fremont, Palo Alto (indiscernible) Saratoga
5 (indiscernible) because that actually represents the large
6 chunk of the Silicon Valley with its tech workers, and they
7 are the minority, and they are not - never represented in
8 District 18. So, we need our representation in Washington
9 to hear our voice over there, so that I think 17 and 18
10 need to be regrouped and merged according to the
11 (indiscernible) that we have, so we can have an elected
12 representative over there in Washington.

13 CO-CHAIR YEE: Very good. Thank you so much.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will
15 have caller 8441, and then up next after that will be
16 caller 2326.

17 Caller 8441, if you'll please follow the prompts
18 to unmute at this time.

19 Caller 8441, your speaker order number will be
20 number 33, if you'll please make note of that for future
21 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
22 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

23 MR. DAVIDSON: Yeah. I'd like to discuss the
24 area of Hercules, California, where I'm from. My name is
25 Charles Davidson.

1 And Mike Thompson is our representative, and I
2 live in Contra Costa County. And I think it would be more
3 appropriate for our district for Rodeo and Hercules, maybe
4 East Crockett, who are in Contra Costa County to be
5 included in DeSaulnier's district, number 11, as opposed to
6 Mike Thompson's number five, because our demographic is
7 very, very similar in our area to the rest of Contra Costa
8 County, that we live right near each other. We're only
9 separated by hills along the San Pablo Bay. We go to each
10 other's stores, and people go to each other's churches in
11 the various cities, and we go back and forth to work. So,
12 I think it would be more appropriate, especially because
13 our demographics are very, very similar in our area, and
14 the children go to each other's schools, such as Richmond
15 and Hercules both have the same school district. So, it
16 would be really - I think - more appropriate for us to be
17 in District 11, which is DeSaulnier's district that
18 includes a large part of Contra Costa County. So, thank
19 you very much. And if there's any questions, I'd be more
20 than happy to answer them. Thank you.

21 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

23 Right now, we will have caller 2326, and then up
24 next after that will be caller 5927.

25 Caller 2326, if you'll please follow the prompts

1 to unmute at this time.

2 Caller 2326, your speaker order number will be
3 number 34, if you'll please make note of that for future
4 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
5 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

6 SPEAKER NUMBER 34: Good evening, Commissioners.
7 My name is Tutapo Misee (phonetic). I am from Silicon
8 Valley, and I am working in the Silicon Valley high tech
9 industry for last 21 and-a-half years. Thank you for
10 listening to me.

11 I am very much interested in having an
12 (indiscernible) Silicon Valley Congressional District 18.
13 The Asian American community is (indiscernible) in the
14 (indiscernible) of Silicon Valley's economy, and we - but
15 we don't have much say in politics.

16 Having Asian American (indiscernible) mobility of
17 our community. So, Asian Americans are the largest
18 (indiscernible) community of Congressional District 18, but
19 the district has never had a minority congressional
20 representative (indiscernible) commission ensure that the
21 more Asian Americans have a chance to be elected to
22 congress. Can we please group communities of interest so
23 that residents in our city, neighborhood, or ethnic group
24 have (indiscernible) representation (indiscernible) voting.
25 The redistricting in Silicon Valley could ensure that more

1 Asian Americans will have a chance to be elected to
2 congress.

3 My recommendation is to include (indiscernible),
4 Cupertino, and Santa Clara into Congressional District 18,
5 which will group Asian community into District 18, and will
6 have a chance to have Asian representative from both the
7 Congressional District 18 and 17. Thank you for addressing
8 the needs of Asian American communities. We hope you will
9 redraw the lines in favor of our community.

10 Within District 18 we have a (indiscernible) with
11 thriving economies of Palo Alto, Mountainview, Menlo Park
12 (indiscernible) San Mateo and Santa Cruz County. That has
13 (indiscernible) with -

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15 SPEAKER NUMBER 34: -- yeah. I'm sorry.

16 MR. MANOFF: You still have time remaining.

17 SPEAKER NUMBER 34: Oh, okay. So, I submit that
18 you kindly consider moving the (indiscernible) line into
19 Congressional District 20 which has similar issues. Our
20 (indiscernible) residents complain of our lack of
21 representation -

22 MR. MANOFF: Five seconds.

23 SPEAKER NUMBER 34: (indiscernible) congress
24 (indiscernible). Yeah. Thank you.

25 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

2 Right now, we will have caller 5927, and then up
3 next will be caller 8766.

4 Caller 5927, if you'll please follow the prompts
5 to unmute at this time.

6 Caller 5927, your speaker order number will be
7 number 35, if you'll please make note of that for future
8 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
9 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

10 SPEAKER NUMBER 35: Yes. Thank you very much.

11 The (indiscernible) Sunnyvale. Yeah. So, my name is
12 (indiscernible) Alay (phonetic). Very good evening to all
13 of you.

14 I live in Sunnyvale, and work in Palo Alto, as
15 part of the information technology industry. As we are all
16 aware, there is a considerable (indiscernible) of Asians in
17 the San Francisco Bay area. I'm a (indiscernible)
18 immigrant to the United States myself, and have been living
19 in the Bay Area with my family for the last (indiscernible)
20 years. However, the Asian population (indiscernible)
21 congressional districts. Specifically, congress
22 (indiscernible) has (indiscernible) population, whereas
23 Congresswoman (indiscernible) district 18 has around 20-
24 percent. Asians have contributed significantly to the
25 success of the high tech industry in the Silicon Valley.

1 And through hard work, innovation, technical
2 (indiscernible) we continue to (indiscernible) Silicon
3 Valley forward. However, our community has not got its
4 fair share of representation in government and
5 (indiscernible) the commission draws lines to redistribute
6 Asians evenly, then (indiscernible) Asian representative
7 from District 18, the heart of Silicon Valley will
8 (indiscernible) help Asians like me (indiscernible) to
9 empower us to engage in (indiscernible) policymaking
10 matters. So, considering that, my sincere request to the
11 Redistricting Commission is that you include the city of
12 Sunnyvale where I live, and the nearby areas like Cupertino
13 and Santa Clara into District 18. Asian Americans are the
14 largest minority community in District 18, but this
15 district has never had a minority congressional
16 representation (indiscernible) which I'm requesting, will
17 give a fair chance for the Asian community to elect a
18 representative from their community for District 18. Thank
19 you so much for your consideration.

20 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

21 Just so everyone knows, our next (indiscernible)
22 will come at 6:15.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will
24 have caller 8766, if you'll please follow the prompts to
25 unmute at this time.

1 Caller 8766, your speaker order number will be
2 number 36, if you'll please make note of that for future
3 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
4 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

5 MR. NGUYEN: Good evening. My name is Tam
6 Nguyen. I'm speaking on behalf of the (indiscernible)
7 organization. It's 38 years old agency, so (indiscernible)
8 Rock Spring and McLaughlin neighborhood.

9 I would like to bring your attention today to the
10 (indiscernible) community in that area surrounded by to the
11 north (indiscernible) Those are the general area that a lot
12 of (indiscernible) people concentrate. And it has
13 (indiscernible) monuments that I want to share with you.
14 The community (indiscernible) want to keep those
15 (indiscernible) Thank you very much for your consideration.

16 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you, caller. Could you stay
17 on just a minute, please?

18 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment, Chair.

19 Caller 8766, the Chair had some additional
20 questions for you, please.

21 Go ahead, Chair.

22 CO-CHAIR YEE: Yes. Thank you so much for those
23 landmarks and various places that you mentioned. Could you
24 maybe describe the outer boundaries that would include all
25 the areas that you mentioned?

1 MR. NGUYEN: The outer boundary would be
2 (indiscernible) the north is Story (phonetic) Road, and the
3 south is (indiscernible) Expressway. From the west is like
4 Monterey Road, and from the east is Highway 101.

5 CO-CHAIR YEE: Perfect. Thank you so much.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: That was our last
7 caller at this time, Chair.

8 CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. Why don't we go ahead and
9 read the instructions for public comment, and get started
10 on that?

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I can sure go ahead
12 and do that.

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

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19 to enter the meeting I.D. number provided on the live
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7 stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during
8 your call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
9 when it is your turn to speak, and, again, please turn down
10 the live stream volume.

11 And at this time, Chair, we do not have anyone in
12 the queue.

13 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you. (Indiscernible) roll
14 our five-minute video, and then go straight into our break,
15 and then I'll return at 6:30.

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

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

18 CO-CHAIR YEE: Welcome back to the California
19 Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest
20 Input Meeting.

21 If you're just joining us and would like to
22 listen in on the meeting in Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese,
23 or Russian, we have listening lines for you, and call-in
24 information for those is on the live stream web page.

25 We also have separate lines for those who wish to

1 give their public input via interpretation in one of those
2 languages.

3 And right now, for one last time, let's have the
4 instructions for that read by our various interpreters.

5 So, if we could start with our Spanish language
6 interpreter, and we could have the full call-in
7 instructions, please?

8 Is there a Spanish interpreter available?

9 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Sorry about that. The full
10 call-in instructions, Chair?

11 CO-CHAIR YEE: Yes, please.

12 We'll be taking public input, as well as public
13 comment in this final session.

14 SPANISH INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in
15 Spanish]

16 Thank you, Chair.

17 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

18 And if we could have our Mandarin interpreter
19 provide the full call-in instructions?

20 MANDARIN INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in
21 Mandarin]

22 Thank you, Chair.

23 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

24 And our Cantonese interpreter, the full call-in
25 instructions, please?

1 CANTONESE INTERPRETER: Thank you, Commissioner
2 Yee. The following is the full call-in instructions in
3 Cantonese.

4 [Instructions read in Cantonese]

5 Back to you, Commissioner Yee.

6 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you so much. Very good.

7 And then our Russian interpreter, full call-in
8 instructions please. You're muted. One more time. You're
9 still muted.

10 RUSSIAN INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in
11 Russian]

12 Thank you. Back to you, Chair.

13 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

14 So, as a reminder, this final segment we will be
15 taking public input whether or not you had an appointment,
16 as well as any public comment anyone wishes to make.

17 We'll take calls, and anyone who is in line
18 before 7:00 o'clock p.m. we will get to you. So, time
19 looks like it's getting short and close to 7:00. Don't
20 worry, as long as you're in line we will get to you.

21 I will now pass this over to Katy, our comment
22 moderator.

23 And Katy, after reading your instructions, please
24 also invite the Tagalog interpreter to provide site
25 translation at the beginning of open line instructions.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

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3 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
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21 stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during
22 your call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for
23 when it is your turn to speak, and, again, please turn down
24 the live stream volume.

25 And can I ask the Tagalog interpreter to please

1 interpret the public comment instructions?

2 TAGALOG INTERPRETER: [Instructions read in
3 Tagalog]

4 Thank you, Chair.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

6 And right now, we will be going to caller 3985, and then up
7 next will be caller 0085.

8 Caller 3985, if you'll please follow the prompts
9 to unmute at this time.

10 Caller 3985, good evening. Your speaker order
11 number will be number 37, if you'll please make note of
12 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the
13 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor
14 is yours.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you. My name is Jana
16 Johnson. I'm a Richmond resident. And I would like to
17 speak on congressional redistricting.

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

19 MS. JOHNSON: Yeah. Thanks. I am very concerned
20 that we - that Richmond remain in Congressional District
21 11. This is - We want to be with our neighbors in West
22 County. We share many concerns. I'm an environmental
23 justice organizer. And we have several refineries here,
24 both in Richmond and in Rodeo. Those are the closest ones.
25 And we also have other concerns, the toxic waste sites that

1 ring the Bay. So, our neighbors in West County - We need
2 to stay together, and we need to stay in District 11, that
3 congressional district. Thank you so much.

4 CO-CHAIR YEE: Caller?

5 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment, Chair.

6 Caller 3985, if you could please follow the
7 prompt to unmute? Caller 3985, if you could please press -
8 I think they're gone, Chair. I'm sorry.

9 CO-CHAIR YEE: No worries. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 0085, if you'll
11 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time.

12 And then up next after that will be caller 4163.

13 Caller 0085, your speaker order number will be
14 number 38, if you'll please make note of that for future
15 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
16 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

17 CALLER NUMBER 38: Hello. Hi. This is
18 (indiscernible) - So, I want to voice my opinion about
19 including Sunnyvale, Cupertino, and Santa Clara in
20 Congressional District 18, so that the Asian community
21 (indiscernible) District 18 can have better representation.

22 So, as you know, the Asian American
23 (indiscernible) largest community of the Congressional
24 District 18. The (indiscernible) representation. Can the
25 redistricting commission ensure that the more Asian

1 Americans have a chance to be elected to the congress? Can
2 you please group the communities of interest so that the
3 residents in a city, neighborhood, or ethnic group have
4 quality (indiscernible) to ensure that the (indiscernible)
5 Asian American will have a chance to be elected to the
6 congress.

7 So, my recommendation is that you include the
8 cities of Sunnyvale, Cupertino, and Santa Clara into
9 Congressional District 18, which will group all the Asian
10 community into District 18 and will help with the chance to
11 have an Asian representation from both the Congressional
12 Districts 18 and 17.

13 Thank you for addressing the needs of the Asian
14 American community. We hope you will redraw the lines to
15 favor our community. Thank you.

16 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 And right now, we will have caller 4163, if
19 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute at this time.

20 Caller with the last four 4163, if you will
21 please press star-six at this time to unmute?

22 Hi. You are unmuted. Your speaker order number
23 will be number 39, if you'll please make note of that for
24 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know
25 what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

1 CALLER NUMBER 39: Thank you. I want to say - My
2 name is Maureen (indiscernible). I live in Rodeo in Contra
3 Costa County. And I wish to be part of District 11 and
4 represented by Mark DeSaulnier.

5 Mike Thompson is a nice guy, but his interests
6 lie in Napa County and Solano.

7 So, please let all of Contra Costa be part of
8 Contra Costa District 11. It just makes so much sense.
9 Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 That was all of our callers at this time, Chair.

12 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Katy. We will wait a
13 few minutes. And while we wait, I'll mention that in the
14 coming weeks we will have additional communities of
15 interest input meetings.

16 The first is tomorrow, the 25th, same time, 3:00
17 p.m. We'll be back in the San Joaquin Valley and
18 surrounding areas, in Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced,
19 San Joaquin, Stanislas, and Tulare Counties, and the
20 surrounding areas.

21 Then on Friday the 27th at 3:00 p.m. we'll go out
22 to the coast and focus on Monterey, San Bonito, San Luis
23 Obispo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, and Ventura Counties and
24 their surrounding areas.

25 And on Monday the 30th, we'll head south and focus

1 on San Bernardino, the largest county in the nation, and
2 Riverside Counties and their surrounding areas.

3 All those days we'll have Spanish listening
4 lines, as well as Spanish interpreters available. You do
5 not need to request those ahead of time.

6 Registration for each of those meetings closes
7 two calendar days before, at 5:00 p.m., however, you do not
8 need to register to give input. We simply recommend it in
9 order to secure a time slot and to help us prepare for any
10 interpretation needs they have.

11 Our next business meeting will be on August 31st
12 at 9:30 a.m.

13 As always, for all our meetings, community of
14 interest meetings, you're not limited to the area that we
15 are focusing on. You're always welcome to give your input
16 on any part of the state.

17 If you do need an interpreter, please request
18 that ahead of time. And you can do that through our office
19 at (916) 323-0323. And if you can give us five business
20 days of advance notice, we can arrange that for you. And
21 also e-mail us at interpreter.request@ca.gov.

22 As always, we encourage you to check out our
23 website at wedrawthelinesCA.org. There you can sign up for
24 e-mails and learn more about commission meetings. You can
25 see videos of past commission meetings, and eventually

1 you'll be able to view the input that we're getting at
2 these community of interest input meetings, as well as all
3 the other input that we're getting through other channels.

4 We're also on social media, and you can check us
5 out on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, LinkedIn, and You
6 Tube. Our handle is @wedrawthelinesCA.

7 It looks like we don't have any other callers.

8 Katy, do you want to read instructions for raised
9 hands one last time?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely, Chair.

11 In order to maximize transparency and public
12 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
13 taking community of interest input by phone, and general
14 public comment for items not on the agenda.

15 To call in, dial the telephone number provided on
16 the live stream feed. It is (877) 853-5247. When prompted
17 to enter the meeting I.D. number provided on the live
18 stream feed, it is 87919203919 for this meeting. When
19 prompted to enter a participant I.D., simply press the
20 pound key.

21 Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a
22 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press star-
23 nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When
24 it is your turn to speak you will hear a message that says,
25 "the host would like you to talk," and to press star-six to

1 speak. If you would like to give your name, please state
2 and spell it for the record. You are not required to
3 provide your name to give public comment.

4 Please make sure to mute your computer or live
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 And Chair, we do not have any callers in the
10 queue at this time.

11 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Katy.

12 One last chance? Anyone want to raise hand?

13 If not, thank you to all our staff today,
14 especially our several interpreters. I love listening to
15 you guys. And thank you so much for your help.

16 Thank you to Katy, our moderator, and Kristian,
17 handling all the tech and video background.

18 Thank you to our mapping staff and commission
19 staff.

20 And so, our next meeting will be tomorrow, same
21 bat time, same bat channel.

22 With that, our meeting is adjourned.

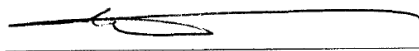
23 (Session recessed until August 25, 2021.)
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