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APPEARANCES

Commissioners Present:

Patricia Sinay, Co-Chair
Russell Yee, Co-Chair
Isra Ahmad
Linda Akutagawa
Jane Andersen
Alicia Fernandez
Neal Fornaciari
J. Ray Kennedy
Derric H. Taylor
Pedro Toledo
Trena Turner
Angela Vazquez

Staff Present:

Anthony Pane
Ravindar Singh, Administrative Assistant
Marcy Kaplan, Director of Outreach
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Technical Contractors:

Public Comment Moderator
Kristian Manoff, AV Technical Director
Interpreter (Johanna) (Lisa) (Jose)

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Karin MacDonald
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Public Comment:

1. Speaker Number 1
2. Lindsey Hyde
3. Speaker Number 3
4. Speaker Number 4
5. Jerry Handy
6. Speaker Number 6
7. Sherice Stevens
8. Angelina Cook
9. Speaker Number 9
10. Speaker Number 10
11. Speaker Number 11
12. Donna Bachfaluppi
13. Speaker Number 13
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15. Danielle Linder
16. Cynthia Elsmore
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 Monday, August 9, 2021 4:02 o'clock p.m.

3 CO-CHAIR SINAY (via Zoom): Buenos tardes. Good
4 afternoon, everyone. Welcome and thank you for tuning in
5 to the California Citizen Redistricting Commission's
6 Community of Interest Input Meeting.

7 Before we begin we want to acknowledge all those
8 who are being impacted by the Dixie Fire and other
9 wildfires burning now in California. Know that we're
10 thinking of you, your families and your communities. We
11 understand that you may not be able to participate today,
12 but encourage you to do so later. Your voice and the voice
13 of all Californians is important to ensure fair and
14 representative maps.

15 I am Commissioner Patricia Sinay, and I will be
16 co-chairing today's meeting with Commissioner Russell Yee.
17 Today we are offering, we're offering one language line for
18 Spanish language speakers to listen to the meeting in their
19 native language.

20 Could I please have Joanna or Jose provide our
21 call-in number?

22 SPANISH INTERPRETER (via Zoom): This is the
23 Spanish Interpreter.

24 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Hi, Joanna. Lista (phonetic)?

25 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Yes.

1 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Lista.

2 CO-CHAIR SINAY: (Indiscernible.)

3 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Thank you -- go ahead.

4 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. Spanish listeners, please
5 call 888-950-9566 and enter meeting I.D. Number 3891010.
6 Again, that number for listening in Spanish is 888-950-
7 9566, and please enter Meeting I.D. Number 3891010 to
8 listen in Spanish.

9 Joanna.

10 [Instructions read in Spanish]

11 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Muchos gracias.

12 SPANISH INTERPRETER: De nada.

13 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Ravi, will you please take roll
14 call?

15 MR. SINGH (via Zoom): Yes, Chair.

16 Commissioner Taylor?

17 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR (via Zoom): Present.

18 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Toledo?

19 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO (via Zoom): Here.

20 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

21 Commissioner Vazquez?

22 Commissioner Yee?

23 CO-CHAIR YEE (via Zoom): Here.

24 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

25 COMMISSIONER AHMAD (via Zoom): Here.

1 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?
2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA (via Zoom): Here.
3 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?
4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN (via Zoom): Here.
5 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez.
6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ (via Zoom): Presente.
7 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari:
8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI (via Zoom): Here.
9 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?
10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY (via Zoom): Here.
11 MR. SINGH: Commissioner LeMons?
12 Commissioner Sadhwani?
13 And Commissioner Sinay?
14 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Here.
15 MR. SINGH: Roll call is complete, Chair.
16 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Ravi.
17 I will start by sharing a little bit about the
18 Commission. Every 10 years after the Federal Government
19 publishes updated Census information, California must
20 redraw the boundary of its Congressional State Senate,
21 State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization district,
22 so that districts correctly reflect the State's population.
23 In 2008, Californian voters authorized the
24 creation of the Commission when they voted the Voters First
25 Act. It authorized the Commission to draw the new district

1 lines for State Senate, State Assembly and State Board of
2 Equalization Districts. In 2010, the Congressional Voters
3 First Act added the responsibility of drawing Congressional
4 District lines to the Commission.

5 The 14-member Commission is made up of five
6 Republicans, five Democrats, and four not affiliated with
7 either of those two parties. The Commission must draw the
8 district lines in conformity with strict, nonpartisan rules
9 designed to create districts of relatively equal population
10 that will provide fair representation for all Californians.

11 Later this week the Census district will be --
12 sorry. The Census redistricting data will be released.
13 When the Official California Redistricting Database is able
14 in late September, the Commission will begin drawing maps
15 using six line-drawing criteria as outlined in the
16 California Constitution. One of these criteria is
17 minimizing the division of cities, counties, neighborhoods
18 and communities of interest to the extent possible.

19 We can obtain the city and county information
20 from those jurisdictions, but we need the neighborhood and
21 communities-of-interest information from Californians
22 directly. We ask that you help us put a face and stories
23 to the data. We launched these Communities of Interest
24 input sessions to get all this valuable information from
25 you directly. We encourage all Californians to participate

1 in this process.

2 If you would rather submit your Community of
3 Interest on-line, you can do so from our website or by
4 visiting drawmyCAcommunity.org. Skip the line and go on-
5 line.

6 Now, it is my honor to ask all the Commissioners
7 to introduce themselves. Please note that for the past
8 year we have been working together through Zoom. In that
9 time my admiration for each of my colleague's commitment
10 and ability keeps growing. I encourage you to learn more
11 about each one by viewing their biographies on our website,
12 www.wedrawthelinesCA.org. While you're on our website,
13 review and share the information on redistricting. It is
14 in 12 languages. And do not forget to sign up for our e-
15 mails. Our website again is, wedrawthelinesCA.org.

16 We're also active on social media, so please
17 follow us, follow us on social media. You can find us on
18 Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube at --
19 and our handle is @wedrawthelinesCA.

20 All right. So I am going to begin the
21 introductions with my Co-Chair, Commissioner Yee.

22 CO-CHAIR YEE: Hello to California, and
23 especially those in the far north. I'm Russell Yee, and
24 I'm here in my home town of Oakland, and looking forward to
25 your input today.

1 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

2 Commissioner Ahmad.

3 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner
4 Sinay.

5 And welcome to everyone who is tuned in today.
6 And I echo my colleague's sentiments about our hearts are
7 being with you up there in Northern California with
8 everything you all are going through. And I look forward
9 to hearing your input today and throughout the process, as
10 we are here to hear your input.

11 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

12 Commissioner Akutagawa.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: All right. Thank you.

14 And hi there to everybody who is in the far
15 north. I, too, want to echo our, just our concerns and our
16 best wishes to all of you. We thank all of you who are
17 calling in right now. And for anybody else, we do want to
18 hear from you, and just really want to encourage when you
19 have a chance, to share your thoughts. Definitely our
20 prayers are with you. So, thank you.

21 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

22 Commissioner Andersen.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair. As my
24 fellow Commissioners have said, really, our hearts are with
25 you. This is a terrible time in many, many of your lives,

1 as for the whole State. Thank you for those who are able
2 to take time and speak to us today. We really appreciate
3 that. We want to hear from everybody. And we encourage
4 you whenever possible, if you actually get a chance, please
5 tune into our -- into the Commission. And thank you for
6 all those who we'll be hearing from today.

7 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Great. Thank you.
8 Commissioner Fernandez.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Buenos tardes,
10 California.

11 [Introduction in Spanish.]

12 Hello, everyone. I'm Alicia Fernandez from Yolo
13 County, your neighbors to -- neighbor to the north. And as
14 everyone else has mentioned as well, our hearts do go out
15 to those impacted by the fires, and we pray for your
16 safety.

17 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Great. And I think you're their
18 neighbor to the south.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: To the south. [Speaking
20 in Spanish]. Okay. I'm directionally challenged. My
21 family will attest to that.

22 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Commissioner Fornaciari.

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Thank you.

24 Yeah. I'm Neal Fornaciari. I'm -- I live in
25 Tracy, California in San Joaquin County. And I just also

1 want to echo the thoughts of my fellow Commissioners. And
2 I just especially want to send a -- some thoughts to a good
3 friend of mine who lost his house outside of Chester. And
4 so, our thoughts are with you all.

5 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thanks.

6 Commissioner Kennedy.

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair.

8 Good afternoon, California. I'm Ray Kennedy
9 joining this afternoon from my home on Morongo Valley, a
10 rural Joshua Tree gateway community in Southern San
11 Bernardino County. We are no strangers to fire danger. I
12 know the fear that everyone is living in, and I wish
13 everyone the best. I look forward to hearing what makes
14 your community special to you. Thank you so much.

15 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner.

16 Did Commissioner LeMons join us?

17 Commissioner Sadhwani? No?

18 And I'm not sure. Did Commissioner Turner join
19 us? Okay.

20 Commissioner Taylor.

21 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Good afternoon, California.

22 I am Derric Taylor joining you from L.A. County in Los
23 Angeles proper. As a first responder, I definitely can
24 emphasize with the fires going on. So, although it's
25 slightly sombering, I think that those that are able to

1 provide testimony can brighten the atmosphere, and we look
2 forward to hearing everyone else later in the process.

3 Thank you.

4 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner.
5 Commissioner Toledo.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. Thank you,
7 Chair.

8 My name is Pedro Toledo from Petaluma,
9 California, up in wine country, in Sonoma County. And
10 certainly I echo the concerns and thoughts and prayers go
11 out to those who are in a fire area. And I wish you to
12 best and a speedy recovery.

13 I'm looking forward to today's meeting, and
14 listening and hearing from all of you and your communities
15 of interest and what makes your communities unique. And
16 thank you very much.

17 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.
18 Commissioner Vazquez, have you joined us? All
19 right.

20 And as I said earlier, I'm Patricia Sinay, and I
21 -- it's an honor to serve you from San Diego.

22 Before we continue, could I please have Jose or
23 Joanna provide our call-in number one more time?

24 SPANISH INTERPRETER: This is Joanna. I can
25 provide it.

1 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Gracias. If you want to listen
2 in Spanish, please call 888-950-9566 and enter the Meeting
3 I.D. Number 3891010. Again, that number is 888-950-9566,
4 and please enter the Meeting I.D. number 3891010 for -- to
5 listen in Spanish.

6 This number -- sorry. One -- this number is for
7 listening to the meeting only. We will be providing in a
8 bit a number if you want to give us input and you don't
9 have an appointment.

10 Go ahead, Joanna.

11 [Instructions read in Spanish]

12 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Gracias.

13 This meeting is primarily for communities-of-
14 interest testimony focused on Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen,
15 Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Siskiyou and Tehama (sic) Counties
16 and their surroundings areas. However, anyone in
17 California can call in to provide input. We would like to
18 especially invite Spanish speakers from throughout
19 California, since today we have -- we're all set, set up to
20 listen.

21 General, general public comments, anything that
22 does not pertain to communities of interest will take place
23 at the end of the meeting. Although the Commission has
24 divided up California in 11 zones, that is in no way
25 related to or reflective of restricting lines or

1 boundaries. The Commission created the zones to assist us
2 in our outreach efforts only, and not as an indication of
3 planned boundaries.

4 Today we are joined by our line drawing team,
5 Haystaq DNA and Q2 Data & Research, who will be displaying
6 the maps of the areas that attendees describe. When you
7 call in please start with the area you would like to
8 discuss, and be specific as possible about the boundaries
9 about of where your communities are located.

10 It is our goal to find the area on the map you
11 would like to discuss prior to your testimony. If you are
12 within a specific neighborhood or a large city, please
13 mention it by name. Once we are able to locate your area
14 your timer will begin. Please note that there is some
15 delay between the meeting and the live feed. Attendees
16 will not be able to share their screen.

17 We are also joined by Jose and Joanna, our
18 Interpreters, and Katy, our Comment Moderator, who will be
19 introducing attendees when it's time -- when it's their
20 turn to speak. When you join the meeting, please use the
21 raise-hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter the
22 queue. So when you're ready to speak, please raise your
23 hand.

24 If you have registered for a timeslot, we
25 encourage you to call in during your appointed timeslot.

1 When it is your turn to speak, Katy, our Comment Moderator,
2 will identify you by your assigned unique I.D. number. You
3 will be reconnected to the session with the ability to
4 enable your own video and/or audio.

5 Registration is not required to participate in
6 today's meeting. The public has the option of calling in
7 during the meeting to get the queue -- to get into the
8 queue to speak. If you do not have an appointment and wish
9 to call in to share your community of interest, the number
10 is 877-853-5247. Again, the number to participate is 877-
11 853-5247. You will need to enter the Meeting I.D. Number,
12 which is, 81231366136. Again, the Meeting I.D. Number is
13 81231366136, and then press star-nine to enter the queue.
14 This call information and access code is also listed on the
15 live stream, which could be found on our website.

16 You will need to dial the second number in order
17 to give public input. If you will be using a Spanish
18 interpreter to provide input, there will be a Spanish
19 interpreter for you at this call-in number.

20 The comment moderator will assign you a speaker
21 order number before you begin speaking, and please make --
22 take note of this for future reference. You will be able
23 to use that number to identify your community of interest
24 testimony on our website at a future date.

25 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute

1 time limit for English speakers, and six-minute time limit
2 for those with an interpreter. There will be a warning at
3 30 seconds and at 15 seconds remaining. At the beginning
4 of your input you will see a map on the screen. Please
5 remind the mapper what areas you would like to see on the
6 screen, and be as specific as possible about the boundaries
7 where your community is located.

8 If at the conclusion of the meeting there is
9 still a need to allow for members of the public in the
10 queue to speak, we will continue this meeting, this
11 Community of Interest Input session at a new date and time,
12 and we'll attempt to schedule the remaining members of the
13 public to speak for the allotted three minutes. Please
14 monitor our website, as we expect to post a continuation of
15 this agenda within 24 hours.

16 Community of Interest Tool. While there's no
17 clear rules on how to define your community of interest,
18 we've identified ways for you to describe your community.
19 Begin with your county or city, mention the street names
20 and significant locations in your neighborhood to help us
21 identify the parameters of your community.

22 Tell us with who do you work, live, play, learn,
23 pray, protest and celebrate. Those would be your
24 community. What are your shared interests? What brings
25 you together? What is important to your community or

1 communities? We all belong to more than one. Are there
2 nearby areas you want to be in a district with? Are there
3 nearby areas you don't want to be in a district with? Why
4 or why not? Has your community come together to advocate
5 for important services, better schools, roads or health
6 centers, fire safety? Please tell us.

7 Also, we invite you to use our Communities of
8 Interest Tool to draw the map -- draw map and describe your
9 community or communities by visiting drawmyCAcommunity.org.
10 Again, drawmyCAcommunity.org. This tool is available in 16
11 languages, so feel free to skip the line and go on-line to
12 submit -- please, we are inviting everyone to submit your
13 community of interest input today. And I'm going to ask
14 you to please tell at least three friends to do the same.

15 We will begin the Public Input Session, and I
16 will pass this over to Katy, our Comment Moderator. We
17 will start with people who are registered, and then open
18 the phone line. If there is time before the next session,
19 we'll open the phones if there's time before the next
20 session. If you are calling without an appointment, please
21 do not hang up, as you will lose your place in line.

22 All right, Katy, it's yours.

23 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

24 Good afternoon. Welcome to the Public Input
25 Session. Please use the raise-hand button at the bottom of

1 your screen to enter the queue. When it is your turn to
2 speak you will identified by your assigned, unique I.D.
3 number which you were e-mailed yesterday. You'll be
4 reconnected to the session with the ability to enable your
5 own video and/or audio. You'll then be assigned a speaker
6 order number before you begin speaking. Please make a note
7 of your speaker order number for future reference.

8 If you are calling without an appointment please
9 do not hang up, as you will lose your place in line. If
10 you will be using an interpreter, please identify the
11 language you speak as soon as you are connected.

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

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

22 At this time we will have 002, and then up next
23 will be caller 8144.

24 002, I will be promoting you now. 002, your
25 speaker order number will be number one, if you'll please

1 make note of that for future reference. You can now enable
2 your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your
3 screen. And if you'll please let the mapper know what area
4 you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

5 Unique I.D. code 002, you should be seeing a
6 prompt on your screen to unmute at this time. There you
7 are.

8 SPEAKER NUMBER 1: Are we -- there we go.

9 COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. There you go. The floor
10 is yours.

11 SPEAKER NUMBER 1: Well, thank you, thank you,
12 folks. I have a dual residence. I live in Biggs most --
13 or in Butte County most of the time, but I also have a
14 summer home in Modoc County. And this is the first time --
15 I've been involved politically for 40 years, but this is
16 the first time that I've ever actually sat down with you
17 folks and talked.

18 I'm not trying to be funny at all, because it
19 isn't funny at all, but if I could find some way to
20 redistrict the fires, I would do it. The -- I'm sick at
21 heart. I -- but I don't know if that's -- I don't know if
22 that should be fodder for discussion today, or if I should
23 move on to general lines in general, so to speak. Can you
24 help me?

25 CO-CHAIR SINAY: So when you say, "redistrict the

1 fires," what do you mean?

2 SPEAKER NUMBER 1: Well, ma'am, this is such a
3 convoluted subject with me. I'll -- in about 15 days I
4 will turn 80 years old. And I grew up in Modoc County,
5 which is right in the northeastern corner of the State. I
6 worked (indiscernible) -- now in Butte County full-time,
7 but we still have, we will have property in Modoc, which we
8 enjoy.

9 And I, for one, I'm just, my heart is broken for
10 those people in the little town of Greenville, those people
11 of Oroville and Paradise and so on and so forth, that faced
12 all the things. My dad worked for the Forest Service in
13 the 20's and 30's on a lookout tower. I was born -- I was
14 mostly raised on a ranch in Modoc in the 50's, and so on
15 and so forth.

16 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Sir, do you think that keeping
17 Modoc and Butte and other areas in -- you know, the other
18 fire-prone areas should be in the same district or not? Or
19 do you think --

20 SPEAKER NUMBER 1: No, I don't think that's --
21 California is such a large state --

22 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Uh-huh.

23 SPEAKER NUMBER 1: -- that I don't think that
24 that's entirely possible. We -- you know, I deal with --
25 congressionally I deal with District 1 and District 4. I

1 have -- although District 1 catches both of my hometown
2 counties, or District 1 catches both of my hometown
3 counties, so to speak.

4 People in Plumas and so on and so forth, my son's
5 family just lost -- I won't guess at the number, but two
6 houses and 60 acres when Greenville burned down over the
7 weekend. And they -- I don't know if -- there again, it's
8 really a great thought if we could figure out how to
9 legislate, or how we could get back to reality the terms of
10 our forest and the fire protection and the whole thing.

11 I'm -- I hope to think I'm reasonable. I'm not
12 speaking for any government agency at this point, but I am
13 on Biggs City Council. And as I said, I've been involved
14 for years and years. So --

15 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Could you -- you had said that
16 you had some thoughts on boundaries and lines. Could you
17 share those with us?

18 SPEAKER NUMBER 1: Well, how could I do that?
19 Just in terms -- at one time Modoc I think was in a
20 different district than it is now. I think it's in
21 District 1, Doug LaMalfa's district, I believe. I'm sure
22 it is. And Mr. LaMalfa and I go back for years, but that
23 -- and then further down the road, further to the south, we
24 have Congressman McClintock, and he and I are also close.
25 And I worked as a volunteer for Tom for years and years.

1 But it -- I don't know, and I have absolutely nothing
2 negative floating around here in my mind. As I say, Doug
3 LaMalfa and I are close, and so is the other group. But I
4 wouldn't -- I don't know that it might be -- Doug has a
5 tremendous load the way we're drawn, where he's included
6 clear up in Modoc County. He comes all the way to Butte
7 County. I think it might be a little bit easier to move
8 Modoc to District 4.

9 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay.

10 SPEAKER NUMBER 1: That's -- that would be my,
11 that would be my thinking.

12 CO-CHAIR SINAY: All right. Well, that's
13 helpful. Thank you so much for calling in today.

14 SPEAKER NUMBER 1: Yes, ma'am. Thank you for
15 having me. Take care.

16 CO-CHAIR SINAY: You, too.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

18 And at this time we will have caller with the
19 last four 8144. And up next will be caller 8824.

20 Right now, caller 8144, if you could please
21 follow the prompts to unmute. Caller with the last four
22 8144, if you could please follow the prompts to unmute by
23 pressing star-six at this time.

24 Again, caller with the last four 8144, if you
25 could please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star-

1 six at this time.

2 May I have a Spanish Interpreter, please?

3 Hello? Jose or Joanna?

4 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Hello.

5 COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. Could you please
6 interpret the instructions to press star-six on the
7 telephone keypad to unmute, in case the caller is a Spanish
8 speaker?

9 SPANISH INTERPRETER: That would be the how to
10 call in instructions or the --

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: No, the --

12 SPANISH INTERPRETER: How to speak --

13 MS. HYDE: Hi. Can you hear me now?

14 COMMENT MODERATOR: You're unmuted now.

15 We've got her. Thank you so much.

16 MS. HYDE: My goodness. So sorry.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: That's okay. No, that's
18 fine. I'm glad you were able to get through. That's
19 fabulous. So your speaker order number is number two, if
20 you'll please make a note of that. And then if you'll let
21 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the
22 floor is yours.

23 MS. HYDE: Perfect. Thank you. So my name is
24 Lindsey, and I will be talking about the Butte, Yuba and
25 Sutter Counties. So I live in Butte County and I work in

1 all three counties. I'm the Education and Outreach
2 Coordinator for the Butte-Yuba-Sutter Water Quality
3 Coalition. So for those of you who aren't familiar with
4 the Coalition, I'll just give a little bit of a background
5 on it.

6 So the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, or the
7 ILRP, was created and mandated at the State level. The
8 ILRP regulates the discharge from irrigated agricultural
9 lands for protection of this water and ground water. There
10 are 12 sub-watersheds throughout the Sacramento Valley
11 region, (indiscernible) representatives to help our growers
12 comply with the State regulations and provide any outreach
13 that is necessary.

14 So, our sub-watershed represents Butte, Yuba and
15 Sutter Counties together. Our counties are also close
16 together both geographically and community based. We have
17 over 1,700 members in the sub-watersheds, and many of those
18 growers own or operate property in all three counties.

19 With such a tight-knit community, I believe that
20 it is very important for the counties to stay connected as
21 they are in terms of the legislative districts.

22 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much.

23 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 And right now we will have caller with the four
25 8824. And up next will be caller 7083. And I would like

1 to invite those that have called in to please press star-
2 nine on their telephone keypad. This will raise your hand
3 indicating you wish to comment. Please press star-nine to
4 raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.

5 All right. Now we do have some raised hands.

6 Caller 8824, if you will be please follow the
7 prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 8824, you are
8 unmuted. Your speaker order number will be number three,
9 if you will please make note of that for future reference.
10 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
11 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

12 SPEAKER NUMBER 3: Would -- a few questions. I
13 live in Portola in Plymouth County, and I'm interested in
14 the forest communities of Humboldt County in the northwest,
15 down to Sierra Nevada counties in the southeast.

16 The counties in this region are all united by a
17 strong dependence upon the forest. They largely have in
18 common a sense of alienation from access to power in this
19 State and community, in part, because historically the
20 voting has been dominated by large suburban communities,
21 particularly around Sacramento.

22 I think it would be unwise to combine Placer
23 County into a district -- into the -- where there's not a
24 first congressional district. I'd be better to have
25 Humboldt County.

1 I am very concerned about how we deal with Yuba
2 County. Of course I agree with the previous caller, that
3 Yuba, Sutter and Butte County have strong ties, however,
4 it's useful to distinguish between the agricultural-based
5 communities right around Marysville, which has much more in
6 common with Sutter County and western Butte County from the
7 forest-dependent towns.

8 We -- we're tired of these fires, and we know
9 we're going to have to continue to be used to them, but
10 there is room for a policy that is directed strictly at the
11 challenges of the forest communities. And this is an
12 important issue for all of us, for the rest of the State as
13 well. The forest communities need to have a voice separate
14 from the larger communities that make up the rest of this
15 great State. Thank you.

16 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Caller, can you -- can you hold
17 on one second?

18 CALLER NUMBER 3: Still here.

19 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay, great. You said from
20 Humboldt on the north to Sierra. Can you name --?

21 CALLER NUMBER 3: So let's -- I'll be more
22 precise.

23 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Yeah.

24 CALLER NUMBER 3: Would that help? I have sent
25 you a map, and it includes the Humboldt, Del Norte,

1 Trinity, Siskiyou, Modoc -- laugh and see how I do here,
2 Tehama, Butte, Lassen, Sutter -- not Sutter. Plumas,
3 Sierra Nevada and parts of Shasta Counties and parts of
4 Yuba County.

5 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Great. And you said you sent us
6 a map. So we will make sure to connect that with your
7 testimony. Do you know exactly which parts of Shasta you
8 would like to connect, and which parts of Yuba?

9 CALLER NUMBER 3: Yes. Yuba, I would draw the
10 line to the east of the Marysville city limits. The upper
11 parts of Yuba County, including the communities of
12 Hamptonville and Dobbins, are forest areas.

13 In Shasta County, while Anderson and Redding are
14 also to some extent forest dependent, they fit better with
15 the primarily agricultural areas of the bottom lands of the
16 Sacramento River. So, I would say east of the Redding
17 metropolitan area would go into the forest-communities
18 piece.

19 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much for taking the
20 time today to call in.

21 CALLER NUMBER 3: Thank you.

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller
23 7083, and up next will be caller 6129.

24 Caller 7083, if you will please follow the
25 prompts to unmute at this time. Caller 7083, you are

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

5 SPEAKER NUMBER 4: Hey, can you guys hear me? My
6 name is Zain (phonetic).

7 COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Go ahead.

8 SPEAKER NUMBER 4: Okay. Awesome. Yeah, the
9 areas that I would like us to see on the map is the
10 counties of Del Norte, Siskiyou, Modoc, Humboldt, Trinity,
11 Shasta, Lassen, Tehama, (indiscernible) and Sierra County.
12 A little bit of Mendocino and Yuba County as well.

13 So, I currently live in Butte County, and for me
14 what's common for all these counties I just mentioned is
15 our shared interest in forestry. We all have significant
16 agroforestry industries in these counties. And currently
17 we don't have good representation, especially around
18 climate change and the impacts that it will have on
19 managing these forests into the future.

20 And I think it's really important that we connect
21 all the way from the east of the State all the way through
22 to the west of the State. We have more in common both
23 across that whole range in terms of forestry, than we do
24 have along the sort of vertical, up and down access,
25 especially in the North Central Valley through the Central

1 Valley, which is more focused on farming. So, I think
2 that's really important.

3 The other thing is there is the Klamath watershed
4 in the north area of the State. That's really mostly in
5 Siskiyou County, as well as Trinity and Humboldt Counties,
6 as well then in Del Norte County, and the management of
7 that watershed is critically important I think for this
8 area, and for our like long-term survival. And so I would
9 like to see our future legislative districts include
10 (indiscernible) watershed that contains U.S. community of
11 interest. There's a lot tourism activity around that
12 watershed as well, again, the forestry industry, as well as
13 just outdoor activities. A lot of folks cross the region.
14 We share common interests in hiking and outdoor sports, and
15 biking and other activities that make use of that
16 watershed. And so, that is something that's also really
17 important to me. So, thank you so much for your time.

18 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Great. Can I just -- a little
19 bit of clarification from you, please?

20 SPEAKER NUMBER 4: Sure.

21 CO-CHAIR SINAY: You had said bits of Mendocino
22 and bits of Yuba. Can you be a little more specific on the
23 bits?

24 SPEAKER NUMBER 4: Yeah. So I think maybe a
25 little bit the northern portion of Mendocino County, as

1 well as maybe northern portion of Yuba County. I think,
2 you know, it's -- what's kind of similar there is just the
3 industry connections, the watershed connections. So, I
4 think as a former caller said, Sutter, Butte and Yuba all
5 share a kind of a similar watershed attachment, but then
6 also Siskiyou and Modoc and Shasta and Trinity, Humboldt
7 and Del Norte all have a similar watershed.

8 So, I think including both of those watersheds
9 would make sense, but if not possible, I think just
10 including more northern counties, more northern spaces is
11 incredibly important.

12 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Is this (indiscernible) area
13 where that -- the north becomes south, or, you know, where
14 you put the line for the northern county?

15 SPEAKER NUMBER 4: You know, I would say if you
16 could like close in a little bit, I would say Dobbins there
17 and Yubin (phonetic) in Yuba County is probably kind of
18 where I would say, and then I think Mendocino. You know, I
19 didn't have a exact line in mind, but I think just parts of
20 -- have more of the forestry industry in the Mendocino
21 County.

22 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Great. That's really helpful.
23 Thank you so much for calling today.

24 SPEAKER NUMBER 4: Absolutely. Thank you.

25 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller

1 6129, and up next will be caller 9819. I would also like
2 to invite those that have called in to please press star-
3 nine on their telephone keypad to raise their hand. Star-
4 nine will raise your hand.

5 Caller -- I see that hand. Called 6129, if
6 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute at this time.
7 Caller 6129 you are unmuted. Your speaker order number
8 will be number five, if you'll please make note of that for
9 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know
10 what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

11 MR. HANDY: Yeah. I'm calling in. This is Jerry
12 Handy, Director and Founder of the 4G Foundation out of
13 Sutter County. And I would like to talk about just the
14 areas of Colusa, Butte, Yuba, Sutter, Shasta and Plumas.

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

16 MR. HANDY: And the point of the call is really
17 just to express our strong connection between all of these
18 counties. As the director of this -- of the foundation,
19 we're a foundation that helps those in need. And over the
20 last four years, we've had a strong presence working
21 together with all of these counties through the disaster
22 relief efforts that we've been able to do with the Carr
23 Fire, Camp Fire, and now the Dixie Fire.

24 For instance, this weekend we were serving up in
25 the Plumas region, actually in Quincy. We gathered a team

1 of volunteers from across probably three of the counties --
2 or four of those counties, actually. So both Yuba, Sutter,
3 Butte and Plumas. And we went up and served 250 meals, and
4 we did a supply drive to where we handed out hygiene
5 products, sleeping bags, tents, and just general things
6 that we could gather together to help those in need. And
7 obviously as we all know, this has been a continual thing
8 over the last three or four years.

9 And just the bonds that, you know, we're creating
10 with people in these rural communities. Obviously, we're a
11 rural community in the Sutter County area. I live in
12 Sutter. Our kids go to the schools here. It's a small,
13 rural school, and we actually play in sports a lot of the
14 schools in Butte, Colusa and Plumas and Shasta County. So,
15 just wanted to call in and express the fact that we are
16 strongly connected to the more rural areas, rural schools,
17 rural people. So I'd like to see, obviously, you know,
18 these, these areas continue to stay connected, if possible.

19 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much for calling
20 in.

21 MR. HANDY: Yup.

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller
23 9819, and up next will be caller 5352.

24 Caller 9819, if you will please follow the
25 prompts to unmute at this time. Is caller with the last

1 four 98 -- there you are. Your speaker order number will
2 be number six, if you'll please make note of that for
3 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know
4 what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

5 SPEAKER NUMBER 6: Can you hear me? Hello?

6 COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. Yes, I can. Perfect.

7 SPEAKER NUMBER 6: Can you hear me?

8 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Go ahead.

9 SPEAKER NUMBER 6: Excellent. I live in Sierra
10 City in Sierra County. And we have been in Congressional
11 District 1 for, you know, the last 10 years. And -- hold
12 on a second. I've got a -- I would like to talk about
13 Congressional District 1. We feel -- we have been working
14 together in the counties of Congressional District 1 to get
15 better representation, but also we have very similar needs
16 around forestry. We -- most of our counties are also heavy
17 tourism communities, but outdoor sort of tourism, not high-
18 end tourism, like the Tahoe area.

19 And we've gotten to know each other really well.
20 We are concerned that it's like with the population
21 changes, we think that Nevada County and Placer County,
22 which are both partial counties in our congressional
23 district, will probably be absorbed into a congressional
24 district south of us, presently named Congressional
25 District 4. And that means that we need to reach out to

1 other counties to have enough population for our district.

2 Because we're largely forestry oriented and
3 outdoor tourism oriented, we think that heading west and
4 adding Trinity, Humboldt and Del Norte would be the most
5 compatible arrangement as far as communities of interest.
6 We do have a big problem with fires up here. We really
7 need to have better coordination and support from the
8 Federal Government, as well as the State Government in fire
9 prevention. And --

10 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds remain.

11 SPEAKER NUMBER 6: -- we hope that that will --
12 that would be a compact district. And it makes sense to --

13 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

14 SPEAKER NUMBER 6: For a community of interest.
15 So, thank you for your, all your work. It's got to be
16 really hard. We appreciate what you're doing. Thank you.

17 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much for your call.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have caller
19 5352. And I would like to invite those that have called in
20 to please press star-nine on their telephone keypad.

21 Right now we have caller 5352. If you will
22 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller
23 5352 you are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be
24 number seven, if you'll please make note of that for future
25 reference. And if you'll please let the map know -- mapper

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

3 MS. STEVENS: Hi. This is Sherice Stevens. Can
4 you hear me?

5 COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

6 MS. STEVENS: Okay. Well, I am wanting to
7 address the counties of Shasta -- or the Yuba-Sutter area,
8 Butte, Plumas, Shasta areas. I did hear Jerry Handy speak.
9 He is also from Yuba City where -- or from Sutter, and I'm
10 from Yuba City, and I'm going to piggyback off of some of
11 the things that Jerry said.

12 We are rural and we identify a lot of our areas,
13 specifically our agriculture and more of the rural areas.
14 We're just more like minded along with them, versus if we
15 were to be absorbed into a larger metropolitan area. Some
16 of the things that we have been involved with, and as Jerry
17 said, there's been a kinship or a bond that's taken place
18 over the last several years with some of the disasters that
19 we've, that we've faced.

20 The Carr Fire was one of the first fires that I
21 know myself, and as Jerry spoke, I was involved with him on
22 the Carr Fire, to go and bring aid to the Redding area. We
23 have also helped with the Oroville Dam situation that
24 happened a few years ago. Again, with Camp Fire, we joined
25 with other nonprofits. We have a nonprofit ourselves

1 called SAYLove that is helping bring resources and
2 solutions to problems in the Yuba and Sutter area. And
3 it's just, it's important that we continue being able to be
4 with people that we feel like share our same issues.

5 And so we would like to see that when the lines
6 are being considered, that these areas are kept together.

7 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much for your input
8 today.

9 MS. STEVENS: Yes. So are there -- is there
10 anything that you'd -- is a question or anything as far as
11 what I'm trying to express or?

12 CO-CHAIR SINAY: No. I think you did a really
13 good job. So, thank you.

14 MS. STEVENS: Okay. Okay. Well, thank you, and
15 please consider that these areas are, you know, supported
16 and kept together when those lines are drawn. Because it's
17 just -- you know, we were just up there in Quincy working
18 on the --

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 MS. STEVENS: -- Dixie Fire this last weekend.
21 And it's just, it's something that we feel like we have
22 that kind of bond with those -- the people in our counties.

23 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you for sharing. And
24 please --

25 MS. STEVENS: Thank you.

1 CO-CHAIR SINAY: -- and please do share that
2 we're here to others in your network. We would love to
3 hear from them as well.

4 MS. STEVENS: All right.

5 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you.

6 MS. STEVENS: Great. Thank you so -- thank you.
7 Bye-bye.

8 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Bye.

9 COMMENT MODERATOR: I would like to invite those
10 that have called in to please press star-nine on their
11 telephone keypad -- would you believe that is one of our
12 regular listeners?

13 At this time, Chair, we do not have any other
14 raised hands in the queue. I will defer to you.

15 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Could you read the call-in
16 instructions, please, Katy?

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely.

18 The Commissioner will now be taking Community of
19 Interest input by phone. To call in, dial the telephone
20 number provided on the live stream feed. It is 877-853-
21 5247. When prompted enter the meeting I.D. number
22 81231366136 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a
23 participant I.D., simply press the pound key.

24 Once you've dialed in you'll be placed in a
25 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press star-

1 nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When
2 it is your turn to speak you will hear a message that says,
3 "the host would like you to talk," and to press star-six to
4 speak.

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

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

13 And we do have a caller with their hand raised at
14 this time.

15 Caller with the last four 2083, if you will
16 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller
17 2083 you are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be
18 number eight, if you will please make note of that for
19 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know
20 what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

21 MS. COOK: Hi. Thank you. Can you hear me?

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Go ahead.

23 MS. COOK: My name is Angelina Cook, and I've
24 been working on watershed stewardship in Siskiyou County
25 for about 15 years. I live and work at the base of Mount

1 Shasta, the volcano, and I am a huge proponent for
2 reconnecting source water communities with their downstream
3 outlet. So the Klamath River watershed would obvious -- or
4 the Shasta River, which drains into the Klamath, it would
5 make a lot of sense in my mind to connect with Humboldt
6 County and Del Norte.

7 I'm still unclear from the presentation materials
8 if there is a proposed map of redistricting where the lines
9 would be drawn. But in Siskiyou County it's difficult
10 because half of our county drains to the north coast, and
11 the southern portion of the county drains through the
12 Sacramento River out into the bay delta. And I do think
13 that in the past our District 1 has been vastly
14 underrepresented by the conservative politics that have
15 historically governed our region.

16 And I think listening to some of the callers
17 today about the concerns with increasing risk of
18 catastrophic forest fire and extreme drought, I think we
19 need to get really coordinated and little more cohesive
20 about our planning and legislative efforts to make
21 resilient forestry and water conservation and local food
22 more cost-effective in our region.

23 So I guess I'm -- my comment is that, yes, please
24 redistrict District 1, so that our source actually meets
25 with the sea. And I'm also looking for guidance as far as

1 how to learn what the proposed redistricting lines to be
2 drawn are. Thank you.

3 CO-CHAIR SINAY: So, thank you for your input.
4 Just to answer your question quickly, we are taking your
5 input now. There are no redistricting proposed lines right
6 now. That we'll be starting to draw the lines in October
7 -- yeah, September-October-November. So -- and onward.
8 So, what you're providing us is exactly what we need for
9 right now.

10 MS. COOK: Okay. Great. Well, thank you very
11 much.

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

14 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Do you want to give instructions
15 just on how to raise your hand if you're waiting?

16 COMMENT MODERATOR: I can. I don't know if it's
17 necessary, but I can.

18 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay.

19 COMMENT MODERATOR: For those that have called
20 in, please press star-nine to raise your hand indicating
21 you wish to comment.

22 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Gotcha. Great. Well, we've
23 started a tradition when we don't have callers to kind of
24 touch base with each other as Commissioners and learn some
25 things.

1 And I was thinking about this the other day.
2 That when we've all done presentations, and many in the
3 public know the answer of why we applied to be in the
4 Redistricting Commission, but we've never told each other
5 our why. And so I thought it would be interesting for each
6 of us to hear each other's why, as well as for the public
7 to hear all of us at one time.

8 Of course, you don't have to participate, but it
9 would be great to hear your story on why -- you know, when
10 you saw that there was a Commission or you heard that there
11 was a Commission, why you submitted the first easy
12 application. I also want to know why, when they sent you
13 the grad school application you thought, hey, I still want
14 to do this.

15 Well, let's just start with the first one.
16 Anyone want to share? Come on, don't be shy.

17 Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

18 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. You
19 know, I started working in the field of international
20 electoral assistance in 1989-1990. And one of my first
21 experiences after starting full-time in late 1990 was going
22 to Haiti for the 1990 elections and, you know, doing all
23 the work to provide the equipment and supplies and organize
24 training and so forth, and then getting to see election
25 day.

1 And I remember the smiles on people's faces as
2 they flooded into the school yard to vote, even though the
3 poles were like an hour or an hour-and-a-half late opening,
4 and they had been standing in line for three or four hours
5 before the normal opening time. And yet people were so
6 thrilled to have the opportunity, to have a say in their
7 country's future.

8 And that sort of interest in having a voice
9 inspired me, and, you know, has been a factor keeping me
10 focused on helping people have a voice in their community's
11 future over the last 30 years. And then, you know, seven
12 years into it I learned that my grandfather had been a
13 member of the County Board of Elections in the county in
14 North Carolina where my father grew up. So, it's in my
15 blood as well.

16 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much for sharing.
17 Anyone else would like to share? This was an
18 easy one. You've all shared at the beginning -- okay.
19 Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

20 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Chair. You know, I
21 think in the past several years it has just really felt to
22 me that our democracy has been hanging in the balance, you
23 know. And I wanted to do something, and I saw friends
24 getting involved this way or that way. None of the ways
25 they were getting involved really grabbed me, because it

1 seemed to be always taking one side against another.

2 And in my church work and seminary teaching and
3 just kind of growing up bi-cultural, I always felt, you
4 know, there's usually two sides for a reason. And, you
5 know, you really need to have a bridge builders and people
6 to talk to both sides.

7 And so when the opportunity for the Commission
8 came along, this is perfect, because it's a way of being on
9 everyone's side. You know, you don't have to take sides to
10 be on this Commission. In fact, the whole point of the
11 Commission is to be on everyone's side, and to be able to
12 tell all 40,000,000 Californians, you're on their side.

13 And so, I thought this was a perfect way to get
14 involved to try to do my part to help one little piece of
15 democracy. And a very small piece, but a very needful
16 piece. And what an opportunity to try to give back to my
17 State, which I love so much. It's been home to my family
18 for over a century. So, put the application in and played
19 survivor for a year, and here I am with all of you
20 wonderful people.

21 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Great. Thank you so much for
22 sharing, Commissioner Yee.

23 Anybody else want to share what inspired them?
24 Thank you, Commissioner Taylor.

25 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Hello, and good afternoon.

1 Like most of us, I'm a married father of three, and I'm
2 trying to instill in my children a level of civic
3 responsibility, so you need to practice what you preach.
4 And so I thought this was a wonderful opportunity for me to
5 practice what I preach to my children. And it's at such a
6 rudimentary level in that this redistricting goes back to,
7 you know, one vote in representation.

8 So I thought that that is a optimal lesson, that
9 as Russell says, is a bridge builder, because it doesn't
10 necessarily relate to choosing a particular side one way or
11 another, but safeguarding that one vote and that concept of
12 representation for each person.

13 So from that standpoint especially, that we have
14 to mimic the behavior that we want others to emulate. So I
15 thought this was my opportunity to step up and mimic the
16 behavior I want other people to emulate, that got us here
17 after playing survivor.

18 CO-CHAIR SINAY: I'm glad I asked this question,
19 because you guys are getting me all, you know, verklempt or
20 however you -- however I'm supposed to say it. And I know
21 my Yiddish grandmother is upset with me right now.

22 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: And, Patricia, if I can
23 also add in here --

24 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Yes.

25 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: -- as it relates to that

1 whole bridge building thing. You know, I consider myself
2 for every man, you know. And I thought that if I was
3 fortunate enough to get seated, that I would be a good
4 witness to the process, because so often we hear people
5 talk about how they are just enfranchised from the process.
6 And I thought that I was pretty representative of at least
7 my community, my friends, in that I can speak to the
8 thoughtfulness given to a process. That I can speak to the
9 individuals that were in the room, and that I could be a
10 faithful witness to the -- what was done to secure our
11 democracy. Thank you.

12 CO-CHAIR SINAY: No, thank you.

13 Anybody else want to share, or I'll -- right now?
14 Okay. Commissioner Fornaciari.

15 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, thanks, Patricia.
16 Let's see. In 2000 the Legislature drew the lines. Most
17 of the San Joaquin County wound up in one district, except
18 for Stockton, which is the largest city. It wound up in a
19 district -- there was a little sliver that went all the way
20 up through the center of the County and grabbed Stockton
21 and kept it, put it with Stanislaus County.

22 And my district wound up snaking its way through
23 the uninhabited hills into eastern Alameda County, southern
24 Contra Costa County, and all the way down to southern Santa
25 Clara County. And, you know, the only reason my district

1 looked like that was to try to ensure that the
2 congressional representative continued to get elected
3 indefinitely. It clearly had no -- you know, I mean the
4 people in those different areas only had party affiliation
5 in common and nothing, nothing else, and it just really
6 rubbed me the wrong way. You know, politicians are not
7 suppose to elect their voters, voters are supposed to elect
8 their politicians.

9 And so, you know, when I heard about this
10 opportunity, that was part of the reason. And, you know,
11 the other part of the reason is being a systems engineer.
12 This is about the toughest systems engineering problem you
13 can find, and so it seemed like a fun problem to work on.

14 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you. I was just reading a
15 lot around systems change last week, and all of the sudden
16 it hit me that this is the perfect example of how you
17 change a system. And it was an interesting -- to take what
18 I was reading and apply it to what we're doing and thinking
19 it through for different audiences.

20 I -- we have a person, I believe. Do we have a
21 person or do we not have a person, Katy?

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: No, Chair, we do not have
23 anyone in the queue at this time.

24 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. For some reason there was
25 a little hand for a second.

1 Do we want to --

2 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ (via Zoom): It might have
3 been me, Chair.

4 CO-CHAIR SINAY: I'm sorry?

5 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: It might -- sorry. It
6 might have been me. I threw off your groove.

7 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Because you were --

8 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I was raising -- I was
9 raising my hand to join you.

10 CO-CHAIR SINAY: As a panelist.

11 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

12 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Please, Commissioner Vazquez,
13 can you please share? Sorry about that.

14 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: That's okay. I was
15 encouraged by several folks independently to put in an
16 application, which I took as a sign from the universe that
17 I was -- I was not doing -- I was not doing enough
18 community work. I feel like I had a lot of folks encourage
19 me, having been an organizer and a policy advocate for
20 systems change. I seem to be the right amount of policy
21 wonk and community organizer to be on a citizen's
22 commission.

23 I know a lot of folks who I think would have done
24 an equally great job holding space, particularly for young
25 folk and young adults, although I am older than I look.

1 And I feel like, I feel like one of the, one of the
2 reasons, a big reason that I decided to apply was because I
3 actually had no interest in running for public office. And
4 I know that that was a huge -- that the restrictions on our
5 holding public office, especially after -- during and after
6 our term as Commissioners, was a big barrier to a lot of my
7 like organizer friends. And I actually think that I would
8 make a terrible politician.

9 And so -- and, yeah, I just, I really thought
10 both the fact that multiple people independently said, this
11 is something you would, you know, excel in, was a sign, but
12 also this really I think speaks to my skills as a community
13 advocate, but also a little bit of a policy wonk. So,
14 yeah.

15 And I have to say, I did -- I think I shared this
16 in another meeting. I did recently learn that our family,
17 the Vazquez family, has been in the Central Valley since
18 before the Mexican-American War. And I mean, for me, that
19 very clear says, boundaries matter. Lines absolutely
20 matter. The border crossed us. So, you know, one day we
21 were, you know, Mexican citizens, and the next day we were
22 disenfranchised because we also were not -- we also were
23 not considered U.S. citizens at that point either. So, I
24 think this process also feels like my ancestors speaking
25 through me, that who represents us and where those lines

1 are drawn are essential. So, yeah.

2 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Thank you so much for sharing.
3 Anybody else want to share their why? Thank you,
4 Commissioner Turner.

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER (via Zoom): Well, hello. I
6 snuck in on all of you today. And so I just definitely do
7 want to share. Listening to the stories are always
8 exciting. And I was thinking through my story, because I
9 was one that did not know anything about, did not slow down
10 long enough to figure out how lines were drawn. I managed
11 a couple of degrees, a whole lot of decades in life, and
12 just did not know.

13 And so when the position -- when the opportunity
14 to was listed and someone approached me about doing it, I
15 -- they had difficulty helping me understand what they were
16 asking me to do. And like -- and like I needed another
17 thing in life. It's like, my goodness. And then they said
18 the challenging words for me, is that there is not a whole
19 lot of Black women that apply for this position. They knew
20 how to play my strings, right. And it was like, well,
21 shoot, if I know about it, I certainly should apply.

22 And looking at the previous Commission and the
23 process, I'm like, well, what could that hurt? At least I
24 won't have someone telling me I didn't participate in the
25 process. So, I applied. And, yeah, as that survivor, I

1 think you said, Commissioner Yee, the mentality set it in.
2 Initially it was like, okay, let me just fill out more
3 paperwork. I'll submit it. And keep doing my other jobs
4 that I was doing.

5 And as that thing began to narrow it down --
6 first it was like, whatever, what's the likelihood? Couple,
7 what, 20-some-thousand people applying, no wish. But then
8 when it started getting narrow, I started getting serious
9 about it, because now it felt like a competition. I really
10 wanted to participate. I had some things to share. And
11 besides that, I feel like, much like Commissioner Taylor
12 mentioned earlier, I'm just being a witness in the process.
13 I like his word choice, because I didn't have, necessarily
14 have it that well thought out.

15 But I have spent a lot of time talking to people
16 that's in my network about being on the Commission and
17 about what it entails and about the importance of the
18 Commission. And I'm finding most people are exactly where
19 I started out, not sure why they should care, not sure why
20 they need to know this or participate.

21 So, it's been an absolute lesson in my life
22 already, just being able to share broadly about the
23 importance of this position, about the power of the
24 position. Not to be drunk in it, but so that people will
25 understand why they need to engage, and why we're here

1 representing their voices. And if their voices are muted,
2 then we're just, you know, just representing our own
3 voices, which is what we don't want to do. And so I've
4 enjoyed being here so far. I do look forward to continuing
5 to serve on the Commission and hearing from Californians,
6 and being able to talk about what it's like to be on the
7 Commission, and just every step of the process. I've got
8 some stories to tell.

9 And I think if there were 26,000 that applied
10 this time, by the time we finish sharing, I think they're
11 going to have to come up with a new process. I'm hoping
12 there's like 40,000 people that starts to participate in
13 the process, because they are more aware of it. So, it's
14 been a journey for me, but I kind got hoodwinked into doing
15 it, and then I fell in love with it. Thanks.

16 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Well, Commissioner Turner, we're
17 glad you were hoodwinked into doing that.

18 And we have two callers, so, Katy, do you want to
19 explain how they can raise their hand?

20 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

21 For those that have called in, please press star-
22 nine on your telephone keypad. This will raise your hand
23 indicating you wish to give comment at this time. Please
24 press star-nine on your telephone keypad to raise your hand
25 indicating you wish to give comment.

1 Caller 1126, I do see your hand. And, again, if
2 you'll please press star-nine to raise your hand indicating
3 you wish to give comment. But right now we'll go to caller
4 1126. If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute at
5 this time.

6 Caller 1126 you are unmuted. Your speaker order
7 number will be number nine, if you'll please make note of
8 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the
9 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor
10 is yours.

11 SPEAKER NUMBER 9: Great. So I live in Chico,
12 but I guess, you know, I'm talking about the whole north
13 State, because obviously -- you know, I did some research
14 and it's like 750,000 people or something, and Chico's not
15 that big. So you don't need to go down into like the
16 street level or anything, although there are communities
17 there, too.

18 I guess, you know, I just think that we need a
19 district on forestry. I want to, you know, echo a lot of
20 the people that called in earlier. And, you know, like we
21 have basically three districts in this State that touch
22 forestry and they're all split up.

23 We have District 1 where I live, and it's mostly
24 an ag -- well, it's not mostly an ag district, it's like
25 50-50, but you know, it's a lot more focused on ag.

1 There's District 2 on the coast, which is, you know, most
2 of the people are basically suburban San Francisco. And,
3 you know, the people -- you know, the northern counties
4 where the timber is, you know, there's not that many
5 people, so they get outvoted. You have District 4 down in
6 the Central Sierra by Sacramento, and that's mostly -- I
7 mean, most of the people there live in the western parts of
8 like El Dorado and Placer, which is basically suburban
9 Sacramento.

10 So, you have three forest districts and you have
11 no forest representative, right. Like I know the
12 district's not about politics. I get it. But, you know, I
13 think it's telling that all three of those districts are
14 represented by people that don't live in forests. You
15 know, like District 1, our guy is like, you know, a rice
16 farmer, and that's cool, like whatever, no problem. And he
17 probably does, you know, think more like he's in Yolo or
18 Sutter, like some of the irrigation people we're talking
19 before, and that's fine, you know, like there's a lot of
20 farmers in our district, too.

21 And District 2, he lives only at the very
22 southern tip of the district. So like he lives in like San
23 Rafael. That's like basically Bay Area. Like that has
24 nothing to do with Humboldt. It has nothing to do with
25 forests.

1 In District 4 the guy lives in like suburban
2 Sacramento. So, you know, all these guys they see a forest
3 on fire, they drive up, make a comment, like we really care
4 and isn't this a shame. And then they makes some partisan
5 comment about how it is related to climate change and how
6 it is related to regulation, and then they go home to their
7 house and they never see a fire. And, you know, they don't
8 have to worry about that.

9 And here in Chico, you know, 80-percent of our
10 homeless population are refugees from the town of Paradise,
11 which burned down. You know, my brother lives in Redding.
12 He lost his house in the fire. I just, I think we could
13 use a district in this State, and it was one of 50, that
14 cares about forests. And I know there's not many people
15 that live in forests, but it's still important. And I
16 think, if anything, the news is telling us rights just how
17 important it is, because they're on fire. And they've had
18 20 years of bad policy, and I know that's not your fault,
19 and I get it. And, you know, you can basically make -- I
20 read --

21 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thirty seconds.

22 SPEAKER NUMBER 9: -- I read your guide. It's
23 not like I'm -- I'm not trying to do your job, and I've
24 only got 30 seconds, but, you know, it says, compact.
25 Great. You know, you can draw lines from Humboldt County

1 to Sierra County. That gets what most of the people on the
2 call are talking about. You know, like those counties,
3 that's like 700,000 people --

4 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

5 SPEAKER NUMBER 9: -- you know, maybe a little
6 more. And I just think that would be a better district for
7 the State and for these people and for my community. I
8 (indiscernible). Thank you.

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

10 COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment, Chair.

11 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay.

12 COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 1126? There you are.

13 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Hi.

14 SPEAKER NUMBER 9: I'm sorry. I couldn't hear
15 you at all. They said the host would like to unmute my
16 microphone, but I kind of went over you as the host.

17 CO-CHAIR SINAY: That's okay. I just wanted to
18 ask you, do you -- if you could clarify what you mean by
19 forest -- what would be a good forest district for you?
20 What would be the counties in them?

21 SPEAKER NUMBER 9: I mean, I think the big forest
22 counties of the State are like Mendocino, Humboldt, Del
23 Norte, Trinity, like I'm just trying to kind of go around
24 like the horn, right. It's like Trinity, Siskiyou, Shasta,
25 Lassen, Modoc -- I might miss one. Tehama's got a couple

1 mills. Butte has a couple mills. I live in Butte,
2 obviously, so like Chico has a lot of like forest refugees.
3 Plumas obviously, Sierra County. You know, I think if you
4 just googled like "mills," like "lumber mills," you'd
5 probably find them.

6 I guess -- like I do understand that people that
7 think Butte's part of Yolo and everything, but like maybe
8 if you need like, I don't know, maybe another line is like
9 irrigation district. Like a lot of Butte's on groundwater.
10 Maybe you say like, cool, if you're on irrigation land then
11 you're in one district, and if you're on groundwater,
12 you're in another. I don't really know. Like I don't want
13 to cut anyone apart from their community, but I just think
14 we could use a forest community.

15 CO-CHAIR SINAY: That sounds great. Thank you so
16 much for taking the time to call in and to clarify for us.
17 Thank you.

18 SPEAKER NUMBER 9: Thank you, ma'am.

19 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Katy, I think we time for one
20 more caller, if either of the two people who have called in
21 would like to press star-nine.

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: There you go.

23 CO-CHAIR SINAY: We got one.

24 COMMENT MODERATOR: It's the other -- yeah, the
25 other caller star-nined.

1 If you'll please follow the prompts to unmute at
2 this time. Caller 1430, your speaker order number will be
3 number 10, 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 10: Is that me?

7 COMMENT MODERATOR: It sure is.

8 SPEAKER NUMBER 10: Hello?

9 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

10 SPEAKER NUMBER 10: It is. I've never done this
11 before. I'm a newbie at this.

12 COMMENT MODERATOR: That's okay.

13 SPEAKER NUMBER 10: I'm from Siskiyou County, and
14 I was listening to the other caller talking about forest
15 area. And Siskiyou County did have 26 mills at one time,
16 before the spotted owl. We do have a lot of forest, and
17 we've had lots of fires here. In fact, we just got
18 finished with the Lava Fire, and we've had fires in Happy
19 Camp, et cetera.

20 And so -- and I'm in District 1, and I really
21 like the way our district is districted. I don't want to
22 see any changes at all. We've got farming, we've got
23 ranching. We're mostly rural. We have all these things in
24 common. Our vets, we have an awful lot of veterans here in
25 Siskiyou County, which we're very proud of. And they have

1 access to going to Redding for care. And if they can't
2 take care of them, then some of our veterans have gone up
3 to Medford.

4 We're -- I don't know if you're familiar with
5 Siskiyou County. We're the fifth largest county in the
6 State geographically, and we are only about 50 miles from
7 the Oregon border. So, I would ask you to keep us together
8 in District 1. I'm very happy with it.

9 You know, our Congressman has 1,000,000 that he
10 represents. Our Assemblywoman and Senator have 500,000
11 people that they represent. And they are -- our assembly
12 people are from a rural community, up -- I think he was in
13 -- no, where was he? Lassen County. That's where all the
14 prisons were. Yes, that we're -- that they're trying to
15 close.

16 And then our Congressman from District 1 is Doug
17 LaMalfa. He is a rice farmer, but Doug LaMalfa is very
18 familiar with our problems with our forests and our fires,
19 and he's up here all the time. So we're extremely happy,
20 at least I am, with the District 1, and I would like to
21 keep it that way.

22 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Great. Thank you so much for
23 calling in.

24 With that, I think we're ready to go to our first
25 break, unless I'm mistaken. Kristian?

1 MR. MANOFF: Sounds good, Chair.

2 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Okay. So our first break is a
3 15-minute break. So, we'll see you at 5:45.

4 (Off the record at 5:29 p.m.)

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

6 CO-CHAIR YEE: Welcome back. We continue with
7 the California Citizens Redistricting Commission Community
8 of Interest Input Meeting. We also encourage you to visit
9 our on-line mapping tool. That's at drawmyCAcommunity.org,
10 drawmyCAcommunity, all one word, dot org. There you can
11 draw a map and describe your community of interest.

12 Let's see. Let's go ahead and have the call-in
13 instructions repeated, Katy, and then we can have them also
14 repeated in Spanish, please, by our interpreters.

15 COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. One moment, Chair.

16 CO-CHAIR YEE: Sure.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: The Commission will be now
18 taking community of interest input by phone. To call in
19 dial the telephone number provided on the live stream feed.
20 It is 877-853-5247. When prompted, enter the meeting I.D.
21 number 81231366136 for this meeting. When prompted to
22 enter a participant I.D., simply press the pound key.

23 Once you have dialed in you'll be placed in a
24 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press star-
25 nine. This will raise your hand for the moderator. When

1 it is your turn to speak you will hear a message that says,
2 "the host would like you to talk," and to press star-six to
3 speak.

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

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

12 And, again, for those that have called in, please
13 press star-nine on your telephone keypad if you wish to
14 raise your hand and give comment.

15 So, Chair, you would like the instructions read
16 in Spanish outside the Spanish line? Are you -- I'm
17 unclear as to what to do right now.

18 CO-CHAIR YEE: Yes, because somebody might want
19 to join the listening line and not know how to.

20 COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

21 CO-CHAIR YEE: Yeah.

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: The Spanish Interpreter, I
23 believe you have the call-in instructions?

24 SPANISH INTERPRETER: All right. And, Chair,
25 just to confirm, I'll go ahead and read the instructions

1 for the simultaneous interpretation line, correct, not the
2 ones that Katy just provided?

3 CO-CHAIR YEE: The listening line, yes, but then
4 also the call-in instructions.

5 SPANISH INTERPRETER: Okay.

6 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

7 SPANISH INTERPRETER: No problem. For the
8 simultaneous interpretation:

9 [Instructions read in Spanish]

10 Thank you.

11 CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. With that, Katy, so we're
12 taking community of interest input from those with or
13 without appointments for this segment. So, let's go ahead
14 and take calls.

15 COMMENT MODERATOR: All right.

16 Caller 4016, if you will please follow the
17 prompts to unmute at this time -- or 4061. Caller 4061, if
18 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by
19 pressing star-six. Caller 4061 you are unmuted. Your
20 speaker order number will be number 11, if you'll please
21 make note of that for future reference. And if you'll
22 please let the mapper know what --

23 SPEAKER NUMBER 11: All right.

24 COMMENT MODERATOR: -- area you would like to
25 discuss, the floor is yours.

1 SPEAKER NUMBER 11: All right. Thank you very
2 much. I appreciate the opportunity to speak. I'm a long-
3 time homeowner in Chico. I live close to Butte Park, and
4 I've seen the ravages of the drug culture and what's been
5 happening to the population, and the degradation of
6 intellect. What human beings should be and actually is
7 after years of drug abuse.

8 And it sounds antiquated, but pot is a gateway
9 drug, and a lot of folks are not prepared for what gets
10 mixed with it these days. And I see this as being another
11 blithe and another weight on this social services system.
12 I've spoken with many of the homeless. I've helped them.
13 I've called the police on some of the ones that were
14 causing a problem in the park. And it is just the most
15 heart wrenching and horrific display of the deterioration
16 of our culture and our societal contracts that I've seen
17 taking place.

18 And one of the epic, most big stages I can tell
19 you about in Chico is the Comanche Creek Greenway Park. At
20 one end of the park you have a multi -- it looks like a
21 multi-million-dollar facility for mosquito abatement, which
22 is a beautiful building with marble and tile floors and
23 displays of all of the natural wonders of Bidwell Park.

24 Less than a quarter of a mile from that display,
25 in which a lot of tax dollars went into building, is a

1 heart-wrenching encampment with people that have so
2 destroyed their front lobe and their reasoning set, that
3 their basic needs come up to getting high for the day.
4 They have no ability or resources to save themselves at
5 this point. And a few of them were -- are there, and I
6 will say just a few, based on a series of unfortunate
7 events that have happened in their life and they're very
8 lucid, but most of the people that I've spoken with -- and
9 I've taken water there. I've done a few things to try to
10 assist, but a lot of the people there are high at any given
11 time, 24/7, and living in squalor. There is -- it's the
12 wild west at night.

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds remaining.

14 SPEAKER NUMBER 11: I would challenge anybody to
15 do there. The idea of redistricting is untenable. It's
16 bizarre. It's unsupportable by any stretch of the
17 imagination on the county's budget. And to bring more --

18 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

19 SPEAKER NUMBER 11: -- drugs into the area is
20 unacceptable, and it will destroy what's left of our social
21 contract for the people living in this great county. I
22 appreciate your time.

23 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you, caller.

24 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 And for those who have called in and wish to give

1 comment, please press star-nine on your telephone keypad.
2 As for caller with the last 5546, if you wish to give
3 comment please press star-nine on your telephone keypad.

4 At this time, Chair, we do not have any raised
5 hands.

6 CO-CHAIR YEE: There we go. The now-connected
7 words.

8 COMMENT MODERATOR: We do. I know. I just have
9 to say that. I should just start with that or lead with
10 that.

11 If you could just please follow the prompts to
12 unmute at this time by pressing star-six. And caller 5546,
13 your speaker order number will be number 12, if you'll
14 please make note of that for future reference. And if
15 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like
16 you discuss, the floor is yours.

17 MS. BACHFALUPPI: Yes. This is Donna Bachfaluppi
18 (phonetic). I live in Siskiyou County. Doug LaMalfa is my
19 Assemblyman. And I would like to see our district remain
20 the same. There's many reasons for that. We're a rancher.
21 We raise cattle. We really would have nothing in interest
22 with the coastal area as far as agriculture. Our
23 Congressman is a farmer, so he understands our issues.

24 Another thing we -- the -- are you there?

25 CO-CHAIR YEE: Yes, we can.

1 MS. BACHFALUPPI: Hello?

2 MR. MANOFF: Continue. Continue, please.

3 CO-CHAIR YEE: Yes.

4 MS. BACHFALUPPI: Yes. The Republican women at
5 one -- at one time had our area, and the coast area
6 together and that never worked, because we never -- the
7 representative could never get over here in the winter
8 time, could never get over here. It's just a long, long
9 windy, windy road. In the wintertime it's bad weather. I
10 fear we would never see a representative over here. And
11 when we did, they really wouldn't understand our issues.

12 Right now we have a lot of problems with the drug
13 cartel. Our Congressman has been working on that. He's
14 made commitments and he's been up here. We're working on
15 getting through that. I fear that would be interrupted. I
16 just think it would be a huge, huge mistake for our area to
17 be mixed with the coastal areas. I'd say we have
18 absolutely nothing in common. They really aren't
19 agricultural as we are.

20 So I would like the districts to remain the way
21 they are. I really appreciate your allowing me to speak on
22 this issue, because I do feel very, very strongly about it.

23 CO-CHAIR YEE: Very good. Thank you so much for
24 your comments.

25 COMMENT MODERATOR: And at this time caller with

1 the last four 1520, if you will please follow the prompts
2 to unmute at this time. Caller 1520, your --

3 SPEAKER NUMBER 13: Hello.

4 COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. Your speaker order
5 number --

6 SPEAKER NUMBER 13: Hi.

7 COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. Real quick, your speaker
8 order number will be 13, if you'll please make note of that
9 for future reference. And if you have an area you would
10 like to discuss, please let the mapper know what that area
11 is. And with that, the floor is yours.

12 SPEAKER NUMBER 13: Thank you. And thank you so
13 much, all of the Commissioners, for hearing public comment.
14 It's a great process.

15 I live in northeast Nevada County, about 100
16 yards from the Sierra County line in unincorporated Nevada
17 County in the forest. And I feel very strong ties to what
18 a lot of people call the "I-80 corridor," meaning all of
19 Nevada County and Truckee. I live outside of Truckee as my
20 economic center. But I've worked in tourism. I've worked
21 at the ski resorts. I've worked in real estate --
22 currently I work in real estate. And economically, we are
23 in constant contact with Placer County, the town of
24 Truckee, El Dorado County, the I-50 and I-80 corridors.

25 And the reason I'm calling into this call, even

1 though this is predominantly focusing on people north of
2 me, is that I am in CD 1 now, but I feel that the economic
3 ties and the community of interest socially, and with
4 environmental concerns, is really strongly tied to people
5 who are south and west of me.

6 And I'm hoping that the Redistricting Commission
7 will consider moving us in Nevada County into CD 4, and
8 drawing the lines on a more east-west alignment that goes
9 with not only the economic movement of people around the
10 State, but also the watersheds, you know, from Donner
11 Summit down to Nevada City is a really strong connection
12 with the Yuba River watershed, and then Lake Tahoe people
13 come through the American River watershed to come up here,
14 and have very strong feelings about that watershed.
15 There's just many, many ways that those of us in Nevada
16 County are connected with Placer and El Dorado County and
17 Alpine County and the people south of us. And I'm hoping
18 that you will look at a more east-west alignment of the
19 district.

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 SPEAKER NUMBER 13: I would -- okay. I heard 30
22 seconds. I really appreciate your time, and thank you so
23 much.

24 CO-CHAIR YEE: Sure. Caller, stay on. So many
25 are mentioning Nevada County. Are you thinking of the

1 county as a whole, or are there -- are you thinking of just
2 the portion of the county?

3 SPEAKER NUMBER 13: I -- personally, I think it
4 makes a lot more sense for all of Nevada County to be in CD
5 4, because, I mean, I'm in -- even though I'm in the far
6 northeast corner of the county on the other side of
7 Truckee, I'm in constant economic relations real estate
8 wise and tourism wise with people in Grass Valley, people
9 in Penn Valley, people in Nevada City, but, you know, my
10 work and our tourism center is Truckee and Lake Tahoe and
11 El Dorado County and Placer County and all of -- and so, it
12 -- I feel that there's a much stronger community between
13 all of Nevada County and Placer County and El Dorado County
14 versus -- I mean, I very rarely have opportunity or reason
15 to, you know, conduct business or address environmental
16 concerns with the counties to the north of me.

17 CO-CHAIR YEE: Great.

18 SPEAKER NUMBER 13: So I see all of Nevada County
19 as more bonded with Placer and El Dorado.

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

21 COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all of our
22 callers at this time, Chair.

23 CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. Well, while we wait for any
24 more callers to come in, any other Commissioners want to
25 pick on Commissioner Sinay's question of, why did you apply

1 to the Commission?

2 Commissioner Sinay.

3 CO-CHAIR SINAY: I guess it's only fair that
4 share my story. The way I tell it at least for the -- when
5 I do -- when I was doing the redistricting basics was, the
6 family folklore is that I came running home in third grade
7 and said, mommy, mommy, mommy, I know what I want to be
8 when I grow up. And I -- and she said, what? And I said,
9 I'm going to be the first female president of the United
10 States. And she didn't know if to support me or to
11 actually tell me the truth.

12 And the truth was that I couldn't be the
13 president of the United States because I wasn't born in the
14 United States. And according to my mom, I couldn't be
15 president -- so she told me, you can't be president of the
16 United States because you were born in Mexico. And you
17 also can't be president of Mexico, because according to
18 her, your mother or your father had to be Mexican. So, I
19 kind of walked away and said, okay, I'll have to figure
20 this out.

21 And when my dad came home, I went running to my
22 dad and said, poppy, poppy, poppy, life's not fair, and I
23 told him the story. And he said, hey, honey, I grew up in
24 Argentina, and I always knew I couldn't be president of
25 Argentina even though I was third generation, but I was

1 Jewish, and the constitution said you had to be Catholic.

2 And to me it was kind of the start of realizing
3 democracy's good, but it's not always inclusive. And so
4 how do you create more inclusive processes, and how do you
5 find your way to make a difference in democracy.

6 CO-CHAIR YEE: And here you are. That's great.
7 Thanks so much.

8 CO-CHAIR SINAY: Couldn't be president, but I can
9 be a Commissioner.

10 CO-CHAIR YEE: Yes.

11 I think we have a caller, Katy?

12 COMMENT MODERATOR: We do, Chair.

13 Caller with the last four 9516, if you will
14 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time. Caller
15 9516 you are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be
16 number 14, if you'll please make note of that for future
17 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know area
18 you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

19 SPEAKER NUMBER 14: Hi. I'm calling in from
20 Siskiyou County, specifically, Mount Shasta. I have heard
21 other people call in from Siskiyou County, and it's like
22 we're living in a different place. I clearly understood
23 we're not supposed to talk about specific legislators, but
24 I've heard a name a couple of times, and that name is
25 somebody that does not represent me at all, and does a

1 horrible job up here. I would love to have somebody that
2 believes in climate change work to make things better.

3 I hear agriculture, that everybody is -- we are
4 so into agriculture, and there's a lot of things here that
5 are not agriculture. And I think by starting this map off
6 just at the top of this State, without, you know, splitting
7 off the coast, because we have a lot in common with the
8 coast.

9 We're all very remote. We, you know, we don't
10 have a lot of people. We don't -- we have some of the same
11 problems, lack of healthcare that's close, lack of
12 shopping, those kind of things. I mean, I've been up there
13 and it's very similar. So, when people say that it's so
14 different, I completely disagree with that.

15 By grouping the top counties and kind of going
16 straight across, I think it would be a really easy way for
17 you guys to start with your redistricting, to have a
18 compact square kind of at the top, and then work your way
19 down, without gerrymandering stuff. You know, you could
20 just have these areas -- I mean, obviously we are close
21 together and we do belong together.

22 Bringing in Humboldt County would be really a
23 plus for us because we, we could use another college. We
24 could, you know, get more people educated, have that in our
25 district, have that same interest. I'm not sure, you know,

1 people want to talk about drugs or whatever. I don't see
2 how that really fits in here. But, anyway, my suggestion
3 would be the very top, which would be Siskiyou County,
4 Modoc County, Del Norte, Humboldt, Trinity, Shasta, Tehama,
5 Lassen, Butte, Sierra, Plumas. And then if you needed some
6 more people, you could grab the northern sections of either
7 Mendocino County or Yuba County, if you needed. From what
8 I understand, we can't stay the same. We're going to have
9 to get more people in here. And just like one of the
10 callers said, Placer County and Nevada County --

11 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

12 SPEAKER NUMBER 14: -- seem like they belong more
13 with the Tahoe area. So that would be -- that would make
14 more sense, and we could just have one, one district at the
15 top of the State. And maybe we could get some good
16 representation.

17 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

18 SPEAKER NUMBER 14: Okay. All right. Thank you
19 for your time.

20 CO-CHAIR YEE: Yeah, please stay on. Thank you
21 so much for your input. And your reference to the top part
22 of Mendocino County, where would you consider that to be?
23 Where would be the lower boundary at the top part of
24 Mendocino County?

25 SPEAKER NUMBER 14: Well, I would say the

1 northern part, just as much as you needed to fill in for
2 population, kind of number-wise. I mean, from what I
3 understand it, some people are advocating to stay exactly
4 the same. I don't think we can. I don't think the numbers
5 are going to match with the redistricting. I think it has
6 to grow.

7 So, I would say the -- and the other benefit
8 would -- instead of right now we have a lot of partial
9 counties. We could get mostly complete counties, and then
10 if we had to get a partial county, it could be either,
11 either the very top part of Mendocino or the very top of
12 Yuba, or both of those.

13 CO-CHAIR YEE: I see. Okay. Very good. Thank
14 you so much.

15 SPEAKER NUMBER 14: Okay. Thank --

16 CO-CHAIR YEE: Glad you called.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all of our
18 callers at this time, Chair.

19 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Katy.

20 Okay. Any other Commissioner stories? We can
21 also throw in any Commissioner stories about experiences in
22 the far north, your connections. I know we've heard some
23 of those already in prior meetings, but others?

24 COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, we do have someone who
25 just called in. And I'd like to remind those calling in to

1 please press star-nine on your telephone keypad indicating
2 you wish to give comment.

3 And we do have a raised hand. All right, caller
4 4040. 4040, if you will please follow the prompts to
5 unmute by pressing star-six at this time. Caller 4040,
6 your speaker order number will be number 15, if you'll
7 please make note of that for future reference. And if
8 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like
9 to discuss, the floor is yours.

10 MS. LINDLER: Siskiyou County.

11 COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Go ahead.

12 MS. LINDLER: So, hi. My name is Danielle
13 Lindler. I'm a small business owner based out of Siskiyou
14 County, and a professional forester. And it's my
15 understand that this discussion about redistricting
16 Siskiyou County out of District 1.

17 And my concern is the geographic region of being
18 on the I-5 corridor makes it easier for us to access our
19 legislative district, versus being a part of the coast,
20 which there's no easy way to get to the coast, especially
21 like right now when we have fires prohibiting our access to
22 Highway 299. So, I would encourage our -- the parties that
23 be to leave Siskiyou County in District 1 because of our
24 geographic region in relationship to I-5. Thank you.

25 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you, caller.

1 COMMENT MODERATOR: And that was all of our
2 callers at this time, Chair.

3 CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. Thank you, Katy, and we'll
4 continue to wait.

5 Any Commissioner shares while we're waiting?

6 When I was growing up, for a good number of years
7 I would spend a week each summer in Yuba County. Because
8 there's a church camp there, Mt. Hope, outside of -- or
9 near the town of Challenge. It was near Yuba City. And it
10 seemed like the end of the world driving up there. And it
11 was very famous for having -- the geology there is such
12 that the dirt is red, very red. Red. And, of course, in
13 week of summer of camp, that would get all in your clothes
14 and you would bring it home.

15 But I remember visiting Lake Collins there, and
16 then Lake Oroville at one point during the week of camping.
17 A lot of good memories, just in a very different part of
18 the State of course than the Bay Area where we were from as
19 kids, and quite an adventure there in Yuba County.

20 Any other stories or shares?

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Just going to -- Chair, was
22 just going to riff off your story to say that the dirt in
23 Redlands is also actually red. Redlands is where I grew
24 up in San Bernardino County. And, yes, the clay there is
25 red clay. Yeah.

1 CO-CHAIR YEE: Something about the oxidation
2 state of iron.

3 Let's see. It looks like we have a caller.

4 COMMENT MODERATOR: We do. Caller 9819, if you
5 will please follow the prompts by pressing star-nine to
6 raise your hand indicating you wish to give comment.
7 Please press star-nine -- there's that hand.

8 If you will now please follow the prompts to
9 unmute by pressing star-six. Caller 9819 you are unmuted.
10 Your speaker order number will be number 16, if you will
11 please make note of that for future reference.

12 MS. ELSMORE: Hello. My name is Cynthia Elsmore,
13 and I already made a comment. I didn't know if I could
14 embellish on that a bit.

15 COMMENT MODERATOR: You may.

16 MS. ELSMORE: Okay. So, Congressional District 1
17 has three partial counties in it. Part -- a very small
18 part of Glenn County, a very smart part of Placer County,
19 and the western part of Nevada County.

20 If Nevada County joins CD 4, and it only seems
21 logical that they should with their (indiscernible)
22 orientation, we would have far fewer people in our
23 district. And so we need to have a larger population.
24 We're trying to be a compact and continuous district that
25 has common values and common issues, which is why Humboldt

1 and Del Norte and Trinity would be logical additions to our
2 district.

3 In addition, many of our kids -- I live in Sierra
4 County, which is about the farthest remote, but our kids
5 have gone to college at Humboldt State, and we have family
6 ties there, and also a number of friends in that area.

7 All of the counties in our district are poor.
8 You know, we all have problems with like terrible broadband
9 access, and the fires, and all of that. But we all pretty
10 much have rural values and like where we live, and it is
11 miserable going shopping an hour and a half to get to a
12 Safeway. But we put up with that because we love where we
13 live. And I think this is the best --

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15 MS. ELSMORE: This is the most comfortable
16 orientation that we would like, instead of being grouped
17 with the Central Valley counties, Glenn, Colusa --

18 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

19 MS. ELSMORE: -- Yuba, Sutter. And so, just
20 consider that. Thank you. You have a hard job to do, I --

21 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you, caller.

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: And that is all of our
23 callers at this time.

24 CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. Unless there is any other
25 Commissioner shares or stories, I'm thinking we should go

1 to one of our videos. And we have a five-minute video on
2 our COI Input Tool, and also another video on how to divide
3 counties.

4 I wonder if you could run those back to back.
5 How much would that be, Kristian?

6 MR. MANOFF: That will be 10 minutes, Chair.

7 CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. Why don't we go ahead and
8 run those back to back then.

9 (Off the record at 6:18 p.m.)

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

11 CO-CHAIR YEE: Welcome back to our California
12 Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest
13 Input Meeting. We continue to take calls from those
14 whether or not you had an appointment for this meeting. At
15 this point we'll also take public comment on any other
16 matter for the Commission. So, community of interest input
17 or public comment at this time.

18 COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, would you like the
19 instructions read, or were you just -- I was unclear.

20 CO-CHAIR YEE: I'm sorry. Yeah, sure, let's have
21 the instructions as well.

22 COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

23 The Commission will be now taking community of
24 interest input and general public comment for items not on
25 the agenda at this time. To call in dial the telephone

1 number provided on the live stream feed. It is 877-853-
2 5247. When prompted, enter the meeting I.D. number
3 81231366136 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a
4 participant I.D., simply press the pound key.

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

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

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

19 And at this time, Chair, we do not have any
20 callers in the queue.

21 CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. Thank you, Katy. We'll
22 continue to wait.

23 Any other Commissioner shares, why you joined the
24 Commission or any shares about experiences in the far
25 north.

1 Okay. Here's one more prompt Commissioner Sinay
2 and I came up with. What are some things you want
3 Californians to know or to learn about redistricting?

4 Commissioner Sinay.

5 CO-CHAIR SINAY: I would say the number one thing
6 I try to tell everybody or I want people to know, is that
7 everybody can participate in this process. And it's not as
8 complicated as sometimes we make it out to be. You know,
9 we all know our communities and can share, you know, who
10 our communities are and where they're on a map. But I
11 think what's most important is that anybody who lives in
12 California can participate. That's the one thing I'm very
13 passionate about letting the community know.

14 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

15 Others?

16 CO-CHAIR SINAY: I know Commissioner Andersen has
17 a few things she's passionate about.

18 CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. You're getting called out.
19 Commissioner Andersen.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I've been called out.
21 Well, I was actually thinking, I haven't said why I joined
22 the Commission and why I applied. And it's hard to go
23 after all the Commissioners have been so eloquent, but I
24 actually applied because I have -- I've been involved, you
25 know, get involved locally, you know, think globally, act

1 locally, and I've always done that. But I've always been
2 similar to what I think Commissioner Yee said, I've always
3 been a person who -- people who don't want to speak up come
4 over and quietly tell me what they want me to say.

5 And I've heard that from many, many people who --
6 from very conservative to very liberal, because I live in
7 Berkeley, so you have very extremes. And I've been the one
8 who stands up and said, well, you know, some people think
9 this and this and this. So, I've always felt I'm a voice
10 of multiple sides, and someone has to speak up. And to get
11 all of those voices who don't -- who really have creative
12 things to say, but don't want to speak up.

13 And so I've often been looking for, how can I get
14 involved? How can I make everyone realize we have a lot
15 more in common? We don't have to be extreme on one side,
16 extreme on the other. That's, you know, the politicians
17 job, that's the newspaper's job, to sell product. And --
18 but it's not the way to get things done.

19 And -- but most of the activities that you --
20 that have come about or something, aren't very political,
21 which is what Commissioner Vazquez said, is a -- you know,
22 I don't have -- you know, I have no intention of running
23 for office. But I like to say, I speak for the trees, you
24 know, I speak for the other people who don't speak up. And
25 I do speak for the trees, actually. That is one of my

1 issues as well. But I also look, how could I participate?
2 And I'm a structural engineer. And when I heard about this
3 Commission and this idea, I thought, here's a way I can
4 help.

5 What I do every day professionally is I take
6 abstract ideas, well, I think this, I think that, well, it
7 might be, and put them together on paper, two dimensional.
8 And I'm used to working with, you know, well, you know, how
9 do we do this or how do we do that over there, and putting
10 all those together like a puzzle piece and going, this will
11 address that and this answer will address this, and putting
12 it all together, that multiple pieces. Like Commissioner
13 Fornaciari said, systems. That's what I do.

14 And so I thought, this is something I could
15 really help bring people together, get voices, listen to
16 voices, and do my part for this great State, which I've
17 been in for a long time. Wasn't born here, but I have
18 relatives who have been here since, goodness, probably the
19 late 50 -- or, nah, mid 40's on. And, you know, been here
20 for quite a long time.

21 And so it's -- I just thought it would be my part
22 to do something, and this is the way I could do that. So
23 which is why I applied, and also went through the, you
24 know, I can't believe I'm still in the group. Can't
25 believe I'm still in the group, and there I came. So,

1 thank you very much for letting me give the chance to
2 share.

3 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
4 Well, that calling out seems to work pretty well.
5 So, I don't know if Commissioner Akutagawa or Commissioner
6 Toledo want to share their story of why they applied.

7 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Do you want to go first,
8 Commissioner Akutagawa, or go after?

9 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was watching, trying
10 to scroll --

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I can go first, too. It
12 doesn't matter.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was trying to scroll
14 down to you to see if like, are you going to talk first or
15 you want me to talk first. I'm fine either way.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm fine either way, too.

17 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: All right. I guess --
18 okay, I'll go, I'll go then, and I'll share why I applied.

19 I guess, one, I do want to just acknowledge, you
20 know, Commissioner Taylor, I really appreciated what you
21 said. And it was, it was -- once you said it, I thought,
22 yeah, that makes so much sense. I think for me I
23 initially, I did apply partly because -- kind of like
24 Commissioner Turner, I had just heard through community
25 sources that, okay, you know, the -- that there was a

1 desire to have, you know, additional applicants who, you
2 know, brought diversity to the pool. So I thought, okay,
3 I'll just, you know, at least -- kind of like what she
4 says, at least I know I applied and I was -- but honestly I
5 never really thought I would get this far. And I just
6 thought, well, at least then, you know, the possibility of
7 having a more diverse slate happens when you have a diverse
8 pool to begin with. So I just figure, well, I'll just kind
9 of, you know, be part of that.

10 But also partly, I mean, you know, I also
11 thought, all right, there's some work involved in putting
12 in the application, and so I thought, okay, I'll -- I
13 really had to think hard about why -- and part of it is, is
14 I think not unlike a lot of others, I wanted to do
15 something -- I guess in some ways I feel like I am just
16 kind of like a normal, everyday person.

17 You know, that my knowledge and my involvement in
18 redistricting was pretty limited other than, you know, I
19 knew about that redistricting is something that happens. I
20 didn't know the ins and outs of redistricting in itself.
21 But I felt that as a person who runs an organization
22 focused on developing and really trying to inspire and
23 empower a diverse community to really step up to leadership
24 opportunities, I felt like I needed to do something
25 similar, and I wanted to do something in which I would be

1 able to give back to a diverse group of people, but to be
2 able to do so in a way that -- I find of feel like I'm --
3 you know, a lot of what everybody has already said, I have
4 reflected in my story.

5 I'm not interested in running for office. I like
6 the idea of being not one side or the other, but really to
7 ensure fair representation for, you know, for the people of
8 California, and to bring my experiences and my perspectives
9 to a body that represents a diverse State. And to also
10 listen and hear and to ensure that, you know, the voices
11 amongst all of the different, you know, places, counties,
12 corners of, you know, up and down the State of California
13 could be, could be included. And so that's, lo and behold,
14 the (indiscernible).

15 Like I think Commissioner Turner and Commissioner
16 Andersen both said, you know, every time I got a note that
17 said I got moved to the next part, I thought, my gosh,
18 okay. Well, you know, I'm sure I'm not going to make it to
19 the next one, and then next thing I know I'm like, my gosh,
20 this could actually happen. So, you know, here I am, and,
21 you know, just really want to say that I have enjoyed the
22 time and the conversations and the considerations of this
23 entire body.

24 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you so much, Commissioner
25 Akutagawa.

1 I think we do have a caller.

2 COMMENT MODERATOR: We do, Chair. I would like
3 to invite those who have called in to please press star-
4 nine if they wish to give comment. Please press star-nine
5 on your telephone keypad if you wish to give comment at
6 this time. Thank you so much. I see that hand.

7 If you'll now please follow the prompts to unmute
8 by pressing star-six on your telephone keypad. Caller 0286
9 you are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be number
10 17, 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 Hello?

14 SPEAKER NUMBER 17: Hello. Sorry, I've never
15 done this before. I wasn't sure if I was like waiting
16 until the number 17 to be called up.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: No. The 17 is your -- for
18 your future reference, in case you need to call in, and
19 make note of that. And you can let the floor -- the mapper
20 know what area you would like to discuss, and the floor is
21 yours.

22 SPEAKER NUMBER 17: Thank you so much. I'm from
23 Shasta County in Redding, and I was just looking at some of
24 your bullet points. I don't know if you want me to answer
25 all of those seven questions, but I'd love if we could be

1 in the district -- redistricted with Humboldt.

2 CO-CHAIR YEE: Sure. And let us know why that
3 is. What connects the two together for you?

4 SPEAKER NUMBER 17: I love just like how green it
5 is out there. And like obviously, it's like a little bit
6 different from this area, but I'm part of Sunrise Redding,
7 and we're really, really marching tomorrow for a tree
8 ordinance, and I just think it would be really cool to work
9 together more with Humboldt and like be connected and have
10 more common goals in making Redding a greener space.

11 CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. And, of course, you have
12 Trinity County right there between the two. I'm wondering
13 if you -- what you're thinking where the boundaries would
14 be. Would it be the three counties or -- I don't want to
15 put words in your mouth, you know. How are you seeing a
16 district?

17 SPEAKER NUMBER 17: I'm not really sure. If it
18 could be like a broader, like inclusive area -- I'm sorry.

19 CO-CHAIR YEE: No problem.

20 SPEAKER NUMBER 17: Let's see (indiscernible)
21 figure out that specific partner.

22 CO-CHAIR YEE: But it sounds like the forest
23 interests are what you have in mind, honestly?

24 SPEAKER NUMBER 17: Yeah.

25 CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay.

1 SPEAKER NUMBER 17: Yeah.

2 CO-CHAIR YEE: So just geographically the coastal
3 forest of course, and then are you thinking all of Shasta
4 County or -- just trying to get some geography to put on
5 paper for your thoughts.

6 SPEAKER NUMBER 17: I'm looking at -- trying to
7 pull the map of the counties just to like make sure I have
8 like the same visual in my head. We're you asking if like
9 to group Humboldt, Trinity and Shasta together, or --

10 CO-CHAIR YEE: Just wondering. You know, if it's
11 just Shasta and Humboldt, and that's really the two that
12 you feel like -- that's fine. You know, that's plenty, and
13 we can just go with that. Just wanted to make sure we
14 didn't miss anything.

15 SPEAKER NUMBER 17: Yeah. Yeah.

16 CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. That's fine. All good.

17 SPEAKER NUMBER 17: Thanks.

18 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you. Thank you for calling.

19 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

20 At this time we do have a unique I.D. number 004.
21 If you will please use the raise your hand button at the
22 bottom of your screen to raise your hand. If you will
23 please use the raise your hand button at the bottom of your
24 screen to raise your hand indicating you wish to give
25 comment at this time, as you do have an appointment during

1 this session. That is unique I.D. number 004.

2 Awesome, there's your hand. Perfect. I will be
3 promoting you now. 004, your speaker order number will be
4 number 18, if you'll please make note of that for future
5 reference. You can now enable your audio and video in the
6 lower-left corner of your screen. If you'll please let the
7 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today, the
8 floor is yours.

9 You are unmuted. Unique I.D. code 004. Hello?
10 Can you hear me? Hello? Can you hear me? Cameron
11 Middleton? Hello? I am on via phone. Okay. 7106, got
12 it. I will unmute you. One moment -- or will you unmute.
13 On the phone if you can press star-six, it will unmute you
14 on your phone.

15 So, caller 7106, which was unique I.D. 004, if
16 you will press star-six on your phone you will be unmuted.
17 I can hear you. Hello? I cannot hear you because of -- if
18 you are on your phone, if you check your audio settings,
19 you'll have to see what microphone you have selected. We
20 cannot hear you at this time. If you would like to hang up
21 and then just call in on your telephone? I will do that.
22 Okay. Perfect.

23 Okay. So they will be hanging up and calling in
24 on their phone momentarily. And at this time we do have
25 one other caller. Caller 2964, if you wish to give

1 comment, please press star-nine to raise your hand
2 indicating you wish to comment.

3 Perfect. Caller 2964, if you will please follow
4 the prompts to unmute at this time.

5 SPEAKER NUMBER 19: Okay. Am I unmuted?

6 COMMENT MODERATOR: You sure are.

7 SPEAKER NUMBER 19: I'm unmuted?

8 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, you are. One moment.

9 Your speaker order number will be number 19, if you'll
10 please make note of that for future reference. And if
11 you'll please let the mapper know --

12 SPEAKER NUMBER 19: Okay.

13 COMMENT MODERATOR: -- what area you would like
14 to discuss, the floor is yours.

15 SPEAKER NUMBER 19: I'm in 81. I'm in Shasta
16 County.

17 COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. Go ahead.

18 SPEAKER NUMBER 19: Okay. I'm free to make
19 comment now?

20 MR. MANOFF: Yes, go ahead, please.

21 SPEAKER NUMBER 19: I have -- I've been living in
22 Shasta County for 20-something years. I'm in my 30's. I
23 live in Redding, California. And as long as I've been here
24 we've had a gigantic district covering the whole northeast
25 corner -- or a lot of the northeast corner of the State.

1 And so, I think it would be really wonderful to
2 be redistricted a little bit, and get more connection to
3 the coastal area in our State as well. I know that I have
4 gone over there many times to the coastal area. It is a
5 very diverse group of people there. There is much more of
6 consciousness about environmentalism there. And I think
7 that adding some of that into our mix and our district
8 would really strengthen our district, and diversify
9 opinions, beliefs, and bring more of a respect for some of
10 the issues that we face here in regards to fires, global
11 warming, stuff like that.

12 CO-CHAIR YEE: Very good. Thank you for your
13 thoughts. I'm wondering when you speak of the coast, what
14 area in particular are you thinking of?

15 SPEAKER NUMBER 19: I'm sorry, your voice is just
16 a little muffled in my phone. Could you repeat that?

17 CO-CHAIR YEE: Sure. So, as you speak of the
18 coast, I'm wondering what particular part of the coast
19 you're thinking of.

20 SPEAKER NUMBER 19: I'm thinking specifically in
21 this case about the area around Humboldt, the area north of
22 Eureka, that whole area.

23 CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. And how far south in
24 Humboldt County would you go?

25 SPEAKER NUMBER 19: Let's see. I -- let's see,

1 where is Eureka located in that? I'm not looking at a
2 county map I'm afraid on my phone.

3 CO-CHAIR YEE: It's about two-thirds up the
4 county.

5 SPEAKER NUMBER 19: Yeah. So I would say
6 extending down the coast from there, not as far down as
7 like Fort Bragg or some of those more Bay Area kind of
8 parts, but certainly all around the upper part of that
9 area, between Fort Bragg and Eureka.

10 CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. All right. Thank you so
11 much. Yeah.

12 SPEAKER NUMBER 19: And some place that I have a
13 lot of experience traveling. So, yes, anyway, thank you.

14 CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. Thank you.

15 COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 Looks like we do have our appointment back. They
17 did try with their link again. What I'm going to try to
18 do, unique I.D. number 004, I'm going to do the audio-only
19 option at this time.

20 MR. MIDDLETON: Can you hear me now?

21 COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Perfect.

22 MR. MIDDLETON: Okay. Wonderful. So sorry about
23 the technical difficulties on my --

24 COMMENT MODERATOR: That's okay.

25 CO-CHAIR YEE: All good. All good.

1 COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor -- so your speaker
2 order number will be number 18 still, if you'll make note
3 of that for future reference.

4 MR. MIDDLETON: Will do.

5 COMMENT MODERATOR: And if you'll let the mapper
6 know what area you'd like to discuss, the floor is yours.

7 MR. MIDDLETON: Yes. My name is Cameron
8 Middleton from Shasta County, and would like to discuss
9 current Assembly District 1, Shasta, Modoc, Siskiyou,
10 Plumas, Lassen, Sierra and Trinity Counties.

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

12 MR. MIDDLETON: Yeah. I think really from our
13 standpoint here, one of the critical issues of our area is
14 fire, between the Dixie Fire, Carr Fire, Rush, Camp. Gosh,
15 we've had the Hirz Fire, so many, that to keep these areas
16 together is very important. I think to have a
17 representative in this area that could work with emergency
18 services, as well as media in this area, really can help
19 truly keep people informed, and what we've seen as well
20 having lived through it, has saved lives.

21 A big portion of that is Redding. Being from
22 Redding, you know, we are the major media market in this
23 area. And we really cover this greater extended area.
24 People watch the news, listen to the radio from Redding,
25 and it's where we are -- a single point of central services

1 as well. Emergency services are organized with Shasta
2 County really being at the core, and Redding being at the
3 core.

4 Cal OES, our fire and rescue division, is Shasta,
5 Siskiyou, Lassen, Modoc, Sierra, Trinity, Plumas, parts of
6 Butte County. Caltrans District 2 is another. We have
7 different breakdowns. That breakdown includes Shasta and
8 Siskiyou, Lassen, Modoc, you know, Plumas and Trinity.
9 California Public Health and even emergency medical
10 operations include Shasta, Siskiyou, Modoc, Lassen, Plumas.

11 My family's been from Shasta, Trinity and Lassen
12 Counties for about 150 years, and they really are a
13 cohesive unit for so many, so many reasons. And the
14 smaller, rural counties up here in the north really look in
15 a lot of ways to Shasta County and Redding for those
16 emergency services, medical services, media, even
17 educational opportunities.

18 So, I think it's very important as well that we
19 really keep those counties that border Shasta County in all
20 directions, but particularly north, west and east, and keep
21 those counties in a cohesive unit. I think the other one,
22 too, where we're really starting to see some progress,
23 especially starting out of Redding and now moving outward,
24 is with better broadband services.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

1 MR. MIDDLETON: And we really have the pipeline
2 going up through Shasta and Siskiyou Counties, and are able
3 to then work on getting those to the counties both to the
4 west and the east. So I think it's very, very important
5 that we do try and keep --

6 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

7 MR. MIDDLETON: -- this northeastern portion as
8 cohesive a unit, and stay within one district as we
9 possibly can. Thank you.

10 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you. Thank you for calling.

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

13 CO-CHAIR YEE: Okay. That means it's time for
14 Commissioner Toledo to tell his story.

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thanks, Commissioner Yee.

16 So, my story is not -- I don't think it's that
17 interesting. But, you know, I actually held off on
18 applying for a while, because I hadn't see all of the ads
19 on social media and all over the place about the
20 Redistricting Commission.

21 But at that time my brother had been diagnosed
22 with colorectal cancer, and so I had been really focused on
23 that, and just family and whatnot. And so once he got on
24 his treatment plan, and I was able to -- because he was --
25 he lived in my community. And so once things settled down

1 a little bit, and -- so I think I applied the last day you
2 could possibly apply, and I believe it was after the
3 extension. And it mostly because of the stories in the
4 paper and in the social media about the lack of diversity,
5 and the need for more diverse voices of different types.

6 And so I figured I should apply, mostly just to
7 diversify the pool, because I -- you know, with such a --
8 so many people applying, you know, you never -- it was
9 difficult to think through the process. And, honestly, it
10 was as difficult to think through a long term -- and
11 certainly I didn't understand how long and complex the
12 application process would be. And so every step of the way
13 I was wondering, is this something that, you know, that I
14 can do?

15 And so, you know, and he -- and, honestly,
16 through that process, he progressively got worse and worse,
17 so, just, you know -- but I figured that this was a very
18 important process, and a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to
19 really impact the direction of the State, and to help
20 develop fair maps that are reflective of the, of the -- and
21 inclusive and -- of the State of California. And where we
22 can hear voices from all over California, differing
23 opinions and different just -- and an opportunity to work
24 with individuals of different backgrounds. And so, that
25 was why I applied.

1 And he did pass right around the time when I was
2 -- right, it was right after the interview process. So
3 like I actually made it through the interview process, and
4 had them in the back of my mind as I -- and -- but it was,
5 I think it was a week or two after then that he -- you
6 know, it was -- it's tough.

7 And I think colorectal cancer is difficult. Some
8 of those -- he was 37 when he was diagnosed, and just one
9 of those things that is happening with younger and younger
10 individuals, especially -- I mean all over the country.
11 And so it was just a shock to have someone that young
12 diagnosed with something like that, because at that point
13 they're not even screening. And so -- but, you know, he
14 definitely got the best care he possibly could, it was just
15 a little bit too late.

16 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo,
17 and sorry, sorry for your loss.

18 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you.

19 CO-CHAIR YEE: Did anyone else want to share?
20 Did we get to everyone who wants to share?

21 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Commissioner Yee.

22 CO-CHAIR YEE: Yes, Commissioner Ahmad.

23 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Yeah, I can share.

24 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thanks.

25 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you to everyone who

1 shared their story. It's really heartwarming to hear we
2 have such a great group of Californians here at the table
3 doing this work.

4 But for me, I heard the ad on the radio, and I
5 had to go home and google and check to see if I even
6 qualified. And it turned out that I had barely made the
7 cutoff, as one of the qualifications was you had to have
8 voted in two out of the three previous statewide elections.
9 And I only had two statewide elections after I turned 18.
10 So, I would have had to have been civically engaged as soon
11 as I turned 18 to qualify for this cycle's redistricting
12 process to serve on the Commission.

13 So I checked all the boxes, and I put in my
14 application, not thinking, just like many of you, that I
15 would continue through the process. And every step of the
16 way that I did, I got more and more invested.

17 I googled a lot more. I looked at just
18 redistricting overall, the process around the country, how
19 different states are conducting the process. And then, and
20 what we have here in California, and just looking at the
21 history of the initiative itself and how it came to be.

22 And it was really inspiring to see that, you
23 know, from top to bottom, this process was built by
24 Californians. There was no one in a seat of power that
25 turned around and said, hey, how about we give this to the

1 people? We had to fight for it. And we had to fight for
2 our Commission to exist, and we're going to continue having
3 to fight for our Commission to exist to do this work for
4 the people.

5 And I similarly heard from others, that I don't
6 really have an interest in serving in politics. It's
7 become quite contentious just watching it from afar, so I
8 can't imagine day in and day out if that was my job. So,
9 this opportunity kind of was the perfect way for me to get
10 involved in something sort of political, but also not too
11 involved in the long run.

12 So I'm excited to be here, and so grateful, and
13 still in shock and awe that I'm serving on the Commission,
14 and get to learn from all of you, and as well as all of our
15 fellow Californians. And thank you for these prompts.
16 They're very interesting.

17 CO-CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.

18 I happened to see your interview and you were
19 great. I was pulling for you to get on the Commission.

20 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I watched it afterwards, and
21 it was very cringe.

22 CO-CHAIR YEE: Oh, no.

23 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: I was like, this is so weird
24 watching myself talk on these questions. I could have done
25 better on certain questions, but, hey, we're all here now,

1 so.

2 CO-CHAIR YEE: Absolutely.

3 Anyone else? Well, let me spiel a bit, and if we
4 don't have any more callers, we'll think about winding down
5 here.

6 I'd like everyone to know that we do have two
7 more Community of Interest Public Input Meetings coming up
8 this week. The first one is on Thursday the 12th at 3:00
9 p.m. For that one we'll be back focused on Los Angeles
10 County and its surrounding areas. And we will have
11 Spanish, Armenian, Farsi and Khmer listening lines. And
12 you don't have to request those. Those will be
13 automatically provided.

14 On the next day, on Friday the 13th at 3:00 p.m.,
15 our meeting will focus on Imperial and San Diego Counties
16 and their surrounding areas. And for that meeting on
17 Friday the 13th, we'll have Spanish, Tagalog and Arabic
18 listening lines.

19 Registration for those meetings will close two
20 calendar days before each of the meetings at 5:00 p.m.,
21 however, you do not have to have an appointment to give
22 comment, although we do suggest it.

23 The next business meeting that we have coming up
24 is tomorrow the 10th, at 9:30 a.m. You're always welcome
25 to call any Community of Interest Meeting whether or not

1 the focus is on the area you wish to comment about.

2 You can also always submit a Community of
3 Interest map and narrative at our mapping tool on-line,
4 drawmyCAcommunity.org. DrawmyCAcommunity, all one word.

5 You can also always find us on social media. Our
6 website, wedrawthelinesCA.org. It's wedrawthelinesCA, all
7 one word, CA, for California. WedrawthelinesCA.org. There
8 you can sign up for our e-mails and learn much about the
9 Commission. You can watch meeting videos, and eventually
10 you'll be able to look up community of interest input
11 submissions.

12 You can also check us out on Facebook, Instagram,
13 Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube. Our handle is
14 wedrawthelinesCA. WedrawthelinesCA, CA, for California.
15 We will continue to have these community of interest input
16 meetings the next several weeks. By the way, the on-line
17 mapping tool is available not only in English, but 12 other
18 languages, including, Spanish, simplified Chinese,
19 traditional Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean, Armenian,
20 Farsi, Arabic, Russian, Japanese, Punjabi, Khmer, Hmong and
21 Thai. Tutorials are available in all those languages.

22 You can also always e-mail us at
23 votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov. That's
24 votersfirstact@crc.ca.gov. And you're also welcome to
25 snail mail, send us snail mail at California Citizens

1 Redistricting Commission, 721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260.
2 That's 721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260, Sacramento, 95814,
3 95814. If you want to draw us a hand-drawn map of your
4 community of interest, we would love to receive that.

5 If you do want interpretation for a meeting where
6 we have not scheduled the language that you would like to
7 give you testimony in, please make a request for that at
8 least five business days ahead of time. You can call our
9 office at (916) 323-0323, or send an e-mail to
10 interpreter.request, that's interpreter.request@crc.ca.gov.

11 Okay. It looks like we have no callers. Does
12 anyone have any other comments to make? If not, I look
13 forward to our business meeting tomorrow starting at 9:30,
14 with Commissioner Akutagawa chairing.

15 Okay. Thank you, all. Thank you to the staff,
16 ASL Interpreters, Spanish Interpreters, and Katy, as
17 always, your magnificent work as our moderator. Thank you,
18 all. This meeting is adjourned.

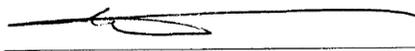
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