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2020 CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (CRC)

In the matter of:

COI PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

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## APPEARANCES

**2020 Citizens Redistricting Commission:**

## Commissioners Present:

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

## Staff Present:

Anne Marx, Outreach Staff  
Marian Johnston, Legal Counsel

## Technical Contractors:

Kristian Manoff, AV Technical Director/Comment Moderator  
Katy - Comment Moderator  
Interpreter

## Mappers:

Andrew Drechsler  
John  
Tamina

**Also Present**

## Public Comment:

(Unidentified)  
Rocky Chavez  
Newton Viengkhou  
Megan Trinh  
Candida Chung  
Brianna Tang  
Josie Xing  
Christian De La Cruz  
(Unidentified)  
Sunil Agrawal  
Shoshana Brower (phonetic)

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Public Comment (Cont'd):  
Michael Frantz  
Modita Tivarre (phonetic)  
Johan (phonetic)  
Kyle Farro  
Candice Adam-Medefind  
Jose Trinidad Castaneda  
Renee Reed (phonetic)  
Liz  
Jay Marciadar (phonetic)  
(Unidentified)  
Steven Williams  
Sucita Bongon Emanivong (phonetic)  
(Unidentified)  
(Unidentified)  
(Unidentified)  
(Indiscernible)  
Rakir (phonetic)  
(Unidentified)  
(Unidentified)  
(Unidentified)  
(Unidentified)  
Monisha Shaw (phonetic)  
Mary Jong  
Laurie Gonzalez  
Sharon Weissman (phonetic)  
Andy Kerr

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1                                    P R O C E E D I N G S  
2    Friday, September 10, 2021                                    3:00 o'clock p.m.

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4                    CO-CHAIR Le MONS:    Good afternoon, everyone.  
5    Welcome and thank you for tuning in to California Citizens  
6    Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest Input  
7    Meeting.    I am Commissioner Le Mons and I will be co-  
8    chairing today's meeting with Commissioner Fernandez.

9                    Today, we are offering one language line in  
10    Spanish, so Spanish-language speakers can listen to the  
11    meeting in their native language.    Could I please have our  
12    interpreter provide our call-in numbers, please?

13                    THE INTERPRETER:    Hi, Chair.    This is Johanna.  
14    This is the interpreter.

15                    (Interpreter reading call-in instructions in Spanish.)

16                    CO-CHAIR Le MONS:    Thank you very much.    Could  
17    you also provide the line -- the language line  
18    instructions?

19                    THE INTERPRETER:    Yes, of course.

20                    (Interpreter reading call-in instructions in Spanish.)

21                    THE INTERPRETER:    Is this -- sorry, Chair -- so  
22    that they can provide public comment, the full comment?

23                    CO-CHAIR Le MONS:    No.    I think this -- no, for  
24    individuals who want to listen in on the language line of  
25    the instructions on how to dial in.

1 THE INTERPRETER: Those were the instructions  
2 that I gave right before.

3 CO-CHAIR Le MONS: Gracias.

4 THE INTERPRETER: You want me to repeat them?

5 CO-CHAIR Le MONS: No. My Spanish isn't --  
6 clearly [sic].

7 THE INTERPRETER: No problem. Thank you.

8 CO-CHAIR Le MONS: So now, we'll go to Ann for  
9 roll call

10 MS. MARX: Hello. All right.

11 Isra Ahmad.

12 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

13 MS. MARX: Commissioner Linda Akutagawa.

14 (No audible response.)

15 MS. MARX: Commissioner Jane Andersen.

16 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

17 MS. MARX: Commissioner Alicia Fernandez.

18 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Presente.

19 MS. MARX: Commissioner Neal Fornaciari.

20 CO-CHAIR FORNACIARI: Here.

21 MS. MARX: Commissioner Ray Kennedy.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

23 MS. MARX: Commissioner Antonio Le Mons.

24 CO-CHAIR Le MONS: Here.

25 MS. MARX: Commissioner Sara Sadhwani.

1 (No audible response.)

2 MS. MARX: Commissioner Patricia Sinay.

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

4 MS. MARX: Commissioner Derric Taylor.

5 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

6 MS. MARX: Commissioner Pedro Toledo.

7 (No audible response.)

8 MS. MARX: Commissioner Trena Turner.

9 (No audible response.)

10 MS. MARX: Commissioner Angela Vazquez.

11 (No audible response.)

12 MS. MARX: And Commissioner Russell Yee.

13 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

14 MS. MARX: Thank you.

15 CO-CHAIR Le MONS: Thank you. So I will start by  
16 sharing a little bit about the Commission. Every 10 years  
17 after the Federal Government publishes updated Census  
18 information, California must redraw the boundaries of its  
19 Congressional, State Senate, State Assembly and State Board  
20 of Equalization districts, so that the districts correctly  
21 reflect the state's population.

22 In 2008 California voters authorized the creation  
23 of the Commission when they passed the Voters First Act.  
24 It authorized the Commission to draw the new district lines  
25 for the State Senate, State Assembly and State Board of

1 Equalization districts.

2           In 2010 the Congressional Voters First Act added  
3 the responsibility of drawing Congressional districts to  
4 the Commission. The 14-member Commission is made up of  
5 five Republicans, Five Democrats and four non-party  
6 affiliate with either of those two parties.

7           The Commission must draw the district lines in  
8 conformity with strict, nonpartisan rules designed to  
9 create districts of relatively equal population that will  
10 provide fair representation for all Californians. The  
11 Census redistricting data was released the week of August  
12 9th.

13           When the official California Redistricting is  
14 available in late September, the Commission begins drawing  
15 maps using six line drawing criteria as outlined in the  
16 California Constitution. One of these is minimizing the  
17 division of cities, counties, neighborhoods and communities  
18 of interest to the extent possible.

19           We can obtain city and county information from  
20 those jurisdictions, but we need the neighborhood and  
21 communities of interest information from Californians  
22 directly. That's why we have launched these Communities of  
23 Interest Input Sessions and have been conducting them over  
24 the last several months, to get that valuable information  
25 from you directly.

1           We encourage all Californians to participate in  
2 this process. If you would rather submit your community of  
3 interest input over the Internet you can do so from our  
4 website or by visiting, [drawmycacommunity.org](http://drawmycacommunity.org). Skip the  
5 line, go online.

6           Now, we'll call on all Commissioners to introduce  
7 themselves and to say hello. To see the biographies of all  
8 14 Commissioners, for additional information or to sign up  
9 for our emails, please visit our website at  
10 [wedrawthelinesca.org](http://wedrawthelinesca.org).

11           We'll begin with my Co-Chair, Commissioner  
12 Fernandez.

13           CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

14           (Speaking in Spanish.)

15           Good afternoon, California. I'm Alicia Fernandez  
16 from Yolo County. Thank you for joining our meeting, and  
17 also, thank you for taking us on our journey of all of the  
18 communities that you've told us about, and we look forward  
19 to hearing more.

20           CO-CHAIR Le MONS: Commissioner Ahmad.

21           COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Thank you, Chair, and  
22 welcome, everyone, and good afternoon. It's hard to  
23 believe that today is our last live Community of Interest  
24 input meeting. However, we are still taking input. So  
25 Californians, please keep them coming.

1 I'm excited to hear from folks from across the  
2 state and look forward to a great meeting.

3 CO-CHAIR Le MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.  
4 Commissioner Akutagawa.  
5 Commissioner Andersen.

6 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Good afternoon,  
7 California. I'm Commissioner Jane Andersen, coming to you  
8 from Berkeley, California, in Alameda County, San Francisco  
9 Bay Area, and I look forward to hearing from people from  
10 all over California today to tell us about their  
11 communities and what makes them wonderful.

12 CO-CHAIR Le MONS: Thank you.  
13 Commissioner Fornaciari.

14 CO-CHAIR FORNACIARI: Well, good afternoon,  
15 California. I'm Neal Fornaciari. I'm coming to you from  
16 Tracy, California, in San Joaquin County. I'm looking  
17 forward to all the input and what is important to you, and  
18 I do also want to echo the sentiments and thank you for the  
19 journey that you've taken us on throughout California.

20 CO-CHAIR Le MONS: Commissioner Kennedy.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Good  
22 afternoon, everyone. I'm Ray Kennedy, joining today's  
23 meeting from my home in Morongo Valley. Morongo Valley is  
24 one of the rural Joshua Tree gateway communities in the  
25 desert in Southern San Bernardino County.

1           I very much look forward to hearing what makes  
2 your community special to you. We have time later to hear  
3 about what district you want to be in, but we really want  
4 to hear about what makes your community a community, and  
5 what makes it special to you. Thank you very much.

6           CO-CHAIR Le MONS: Thank you, Commissioner  
7 Kennedy.

8           Commissioner Sadhwani.

9           Commissioner Sinay.

10          COMMISSIONER SINAY: Gracias, Chair.

11          (Speaking in Spanish.)

12          Hello California. It saddens me like it does  
13 other -- the other Commissioners that today is our last  
14 public input session, at least scheduled public input  
15 session. But please don't stop sending in your Communities  
16 of Interest.

17          You can call in today or you can use our tool.  
18 We really look forward to hearing from you, and I'm serving  
19 you from San Diego.

20          CO-CHAIR Le MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.  
21 Commissioner Taylor.

22          COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Good afternoon, California.  
23 I hope everyone is well. I also echo all the sentiment of  
24 the Commissioner as I join you from a pleasant day in Los  
25 Angeles. I just want to encourage you to keep the input

1 coming throughout this redistricting process, and I  
2 appreciate the education thus far. Thank you.

3 CO-CHAIR Le MONS: Thank you.

4 Commissioner Toledo.

5 Commissioner Turner.

6 Commissioner Vazquez.

7 Commissioner Yee.

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: End of the alphabet. Thank  
9 you, Chair.

10 Greetings, California, and looking forward to  
11 this last Communities of Interest Input Session. It's been  
12 amazing just hearing from hundreds and hundreds of  
13 Californians over this past 30 or so meetings, and so wish  
14 that we could have met each and every one of you in person,  
15 but glad that we can at least meet virtually.

16 And we have duly recorded your testimony and we  
17 have a wide database that you can get to on our website  
18 where you can search through and sort and analyze and do  
19 research into all the inputs that we've gotten, just as we  
20 will be doing as a Commission.

21 So looking forward to our final set today through  
22 this meeting, but you can continue to submit those from the  
23 comfort of your own home through our Communities of  
24 Interest input tool, or go to one of our access centers  
25 that I have opened, and you can find out about all that on

1 our website.

2 CO-CHAIR Le MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.  
3 Commissioner Toledo.

4 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Chair. I'm  
5 Pedro Toledo from Petaluma, California. I'm looking  
6 forward to hearing all of our Community of Interest  
7 testimony, and have just appreciated hearing from  
8 Californians across the state with all of the wonderful  
9 information that'll help make our process of redrawing the  
10 lines so much more colorful, I think, and give us some good  
11 information to work with.

12 So thank you so much and back to you, Chair.

13 CO-CHAIR Le MONS: Thank you. And I'm  
14 Commissioner Le Mons, and I'm coming to you today from  
15 Rancho Mirage in Riverside County, and I share the  
16 sentiment of my fellow Commissioners in really looking  
17 forward to hearing from all of you.

18 This is our last live meeting and we're looking  
19 forward to as many people as possible dialing in. And  
20 before I go, to tell you a little bit about our social  
21 media and some other ways to connect with us, I'd love to  
22 give fellow Commissioner Vazquez an opportunity to say  
23 hello, as well.

24 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Good afternoon, everyone.  
25 Excited to be back again, coming to you from Los Angeles,

1 California, as usual, and enjoy every afternoon we get to  
2 spend hearing from your communities. So keep them coming.  
3 Thank you.

4 CO-CHAIR Le MONS: We are active on social media.  
5 So please follow us, follow the -- excuse me -- follow the  
6 California Citizens Redistricting Commission on our social  
7 media handles as follows.

8 You can find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter,  
9 LinkedIn and YouTube at wedrawthelinesca [sic]. That's at  
10 wedrawthelinesca [sic]. Following us on social media is  
11 another way to get useful information about redistricting  
12 and updates from the California Commission.

13 And I just want to give a shout out to our  
14 Communications Department, who has done an incredible job  
15 with our social media and getting the word out, and I  
16 encourage all of you to share our information so that your  
17 community members can also use some of the tools that we'll  
18 talk about in getting their information to us, as well.

19 Before we continue, could I please have our  
20 interpreters provide our language line numbers one more  
21 time?

22 THE INTERPRETER: Hi, Chair. This is the Spanish  
23 interpreter.

24 (Interpreter reading call-in instructions in Spanish.)

25 CO-CHAIR Le MONS: Gracias.

1           This meeting is for Communities of Interest  
2 testimony from throughout the State of California. General  
3 public comment will take place at the end of the meeting.  
4 Although the Commission has divided up California into 11  
5 zones, that in no way is related to or reflective of  
6 redistricting lines or boundaries.

7           The Commission created the zones to assist  
8 Commissioners and staff in their outreach efforts only, not  
9 as in indication of plan boundaries. Today we're joined by  
10 our Line Drawing Team, HaystaqDNA and Q2 Data & Research,  
11 who will be displaying a map of the area that attendees  
12 describe.

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

18           If you are within a specific neighborhood of a  
19 large city, please mention it by name. Once we are able to  
20 locate your area your timer will begin. Attendees will not  
21 be able to share their screen. We also are joined by a  
22 Spanish interpreter, and Katy, our Comment Moderator, who  
23 will be introducing attendees when it is their turn to  
24 speak.

25           When you join the meeting please use the "raise

1 hand" button at the bottom of your screen to enter the  
2 queue. If you have registered for a time slot, we  
3 encourage you to call in during your appointment time slot.  
4 When it is your turn to speak, Katy, our Comment Moderator,  
5 will be identifying you by your assigned unique ID number.

6 You will be reconnected to the session with the  
7 ability to enable your own video and for audio.

8 Registration is not required to participate in this Input  
9 Meeting. The public has the option of calling in during  
10 this meeting to get in the queue to speak.

11 If you do not have an appointment and wish to  
12 call in to provide public input, the number is 877-853-  
13 5247. Again, the number to provide input is 877-853-5247.  
14 You will need to enter meeting ID number 88487619376.  
15 Again, the meeting ID number you'll need to enter is  
16 88487619376.

17 This call in information and access code is also  
18 listed on the livestream. You need to dial this number in  
19 order to give public input. Today there will be Spanish  
20 interpreters available to interpret non-English input at  
21 this call in number.

22 The Comment Moderator will assign you speaker  
23 order number before you begin speaking, and please make a  
24 note of this for future reference. You'll be able to use  
25 this number to identify your Community of Interest

1 testimony on our website at a future date.

2           The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute  
3 time limit for English speakers, and a six-minute time  
4 limit for those with an interpreter. There will be a  
5 warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining. At the  
6 beginning of your input you will see a map on the screen.

7           Please remind the mapper what area you would like  
8 to see on the screen, and be as specific as possible about  
9 the boundaries of where your community is located. If at  
10 the conclusion of the meeting there is still a need to  
11 allow for members of the public in the queue to speak, we  
12 will continue this Community of Interest Input Meeting at a  
13 new date and time, and will attempt to schedule the  
14 remaining members of the public to speak for the allotted  
15 three minutes and six minutes respectively. Please monitor  
16 the website, as we expect to post a continuation of this  
17 Agenda within 24 hours.

18           The Communities of Interest Tools. While there  
19 are no clear rules on how to define a Community of  
20 Interest, we identify ways for you to describe your  
21 community. Begin with your county or city. Mention the  
22 street names and significations locations in your  
23 neighborhood to help us identify the parameters of your  
24 community.

25           What are your shared interests? What brings you

1 to gather? What is important to your community? 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?

5 Has your community come together to advocate for  
6 important services, better schools, roads or health centers  
7 in your neighborhood? Also, we invite you to use the  
8 Communities of Interest Tool to draw a map and describe  
9 your community by visiting [drawmycommunity.org](http://drawmycommunity.org). Again,  
10 that's [drawmycommunity.org](http://drawmycommunity.org).

11 This website is available in 16 languages. Skip  
12 the line, go online, submit your Community of Interest  
13 input today. And please encourage at least three other  
14 people to do the same. As a reminder -- excuse me.

15 Commissioner Fernandez, I'm having a little bit  
16 of trouble with my text. Could you pick up the script from  
17 this point?

18 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Sure.

19 CO-CHAIR Le MONS: Thank you.

20 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: As a reminder -- right?

21 CO-CHAIR Le MONS: Yeah.

22 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Even though we are focusing  
23 on a specific county -- oh, we aren't focusing on a  
24 specific county today. This is a statewide. So please,  
25 anywhere from California, please call in.

1           We will now begin the Public Input Sessions and  
2 will start with people who are registered, and then open  
3 the phone lines if there's time before the next session.  
4 If you are calling without an appointment, please do not  
5 hang up, as you will lose your place in line.

6           I will pass this over to Katy, our Comment  
7 Moderator, and our calming voice of the Commission.

8           CO-CHAIR Le MONS: Thank you, Commissioner  
9 Fernandez.

10           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you to both of  
11 our chairs. Welcome to the Public Input Session. Please  
12 used the "raise hand" button at the bottom of your screen  
13 to enter the comment queue. When it is your turn to speak  
14 I will identify you by your assigned, unique ID number from  
15 your invite.

16           You will be reconnected to the session with the  
17 ability to enable your own video and/or audio. You will  
18 then be assigned a speaker order number before you begin  
19 speaking. Please make a note of your speaker order number  
20 for future reference.

21           The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute  
22 time limit for English speakers, and a six-minute time  
23 limit for those with an interpreter. There will be a  
24 warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining. The  
25 Commission's goal is to find the area on the map you would

1 like to discuss prior to your testimony.

2           If you are within a specific neighborhood of a  
3 large city, please mention it by name. Once we are able to  
4 locate your area, your three or six-minute testimony will  
5 begin. Attendees will not be able to share their screen.  
6 At the end of your public input, or at the end of your  
7 time, you will be reconnected in a listen and view only  
8 mode.

9           At the beginning of your input please remind the  
10 mapper of what area you would like to see on the screen.  
11 And we will begin with unique ID 007, and then up next  
12 after that will be 009.

13           007, I will be promoting you now. 007, your  
14 speaker order number will be Number 1, if you'll please  
15 make note of that for future reference. You can now enable  
16 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your  
17 screen. If you will please let the mapper know what area  
18 you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

19           COMMENTER 1: Yeah. I live in neighborhood West  
20 Hills in L.A. County.

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

22           COMMENTER 1: So I'm a resident of San Fernando  
23 Valley, and I've been living here for many years and this  
24 is where I work, and Global \*22:11 and most of my friends,  
25 they are here, and we really enjoy living here. This is a

1 very unique community and it's a very vibrant community,  
2 and we belong to Indo American community and we have ties  
3 with the Asian communities in the Valley, which they live  
4 here.

5           There have been lots of businesses we are friends  
6 with, and you should know about our community that we post  
7 multiple events in the Valley. The mainly, there's  
8 independence, Indian Independence we host and it's one of  
9 the very big events we organize.

10           It didn't happen last year because of COVID, but  
11 every year there's a lot of people that come there, and we  
12 write our congressmen, as well. And we really like to say  
13 that if we going through restructuring, redistribution of  
14 this district or Valley, then our voice in terms of our  
15 community will not be as strong as it is today.

16           This is a growing community here, and there are  
17 issues like discrimination, supporting human rights, you  
18 know. So we want our community to be together and we  
19 really like our congressman. He has done -- he has taken  
20 good care of us, as well.

21           So don't -- so if this happen, if this  
22 restructuring happens, this will hurt our voice and this  
23 will hurt our voting power, and we would like to keep the  
24 valley together. Thank you so much.

25           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

1 And right now, we will have 009, and then up next after  
2 that will be 013.

3 009, I will be promoting you now. 009, your  
4 speaker order number will be Number 2, if you will please  
5 make note of that for future reference. And if you'll  
6 please let the mapper know what area you would like to  
7 discuss, the floor is yours

8 COMMENTER 2: Yes. The area I'd like to discuss  
9 would be North County San Diego and Southern Orange County,  
10 the 36th Senate District.

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

12 COMMENTER 2: Yes. My name's Colonel Rocky  
13 Chavez. I'm a retired marine colonel. I was on the  
14 Commanding General's staff when I retired in 2001. I'm  
15 also was the Chair of the Governor's Military Council for  
16 Governor Brown and Governor Newsom, and prior to that I was  
17 the Undersecretary then Secretary of the California  
18 Department of Veteran Affairs for Governor Schwarzenegger  
19 and Governor Brown.

20 Additionally, I was an elected council member in  
21 Oceanside and I was the assembly member for the 76th  
22 Assembly District. And currently, I'm the Chairman of the  
23 Tri-City Medical Board. My area of interest is Camp  
24 Pendleton and Tri-City Medical.

25 Camp Pendleton is -- has been the major employer

1 in Southern Orange County and San Diego for the past 65  
2 years. In 2016, Camp Pendleton in direct investment  
3 economy was over \$6 billion. As the Chair of the  
4 Governor's Military Council I can tell you our economic  
5 analysis says the Department of Defense expenditures in the  
6 State of California equals that of agriculture.

7           So it's a big player in all the cities around.  
8 Camp Pendleton, San Clemente, Fallbrook, Oceanside, Vista,  
9 Carlsbad are all impacted directly by Camp Pendleton, and  
10 those areas need to be together so they can speak with one  
11 voice.

12           Additionally, as the Chair of the Tri-City  
13 Medical Board, Tri-City is around 60 years. We represent  
14 the cities of Oceanside and Vista and Carlsbad, and we're  
15 intricately involved in the healthcare of that area right  
16 now. We have given more than 40,000 shots in COVID and to  
17 protect our community. So we're actively there.

18           So I ask that you consider the historical,  
19 economic and healthcare of those cities, of Oceanside,  
20 Carlsbad, Vista, and then the cities around Camp Pendleton,  
21 because they have a historical relationship. Thank you  
22 very much for allowing me to present my issue.

23           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. At  
24 this time we will go to 013, and up next after that will be  
25 012.

1           013, I will be promoting you now. 013, your  
2 speaker order number will be Number 3, if you will please  
3 make note of that for future reference. You can now enable  
4 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your  
5 screen. If you will please let the mapper know what area  
6 you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

7           COMMENTER 3: Hi. How you guys doing today?

8           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Wonderful.

9           COMMENTER 3: My name is Newton Viengkhou. Can  
10 the mapper please zoom in on Hacienda Heights? Hacienda  
11 Heights is located -- oh, I'm sorry. I believe the  
12 Hacienda Heights, Avocado Heights and Valinda belong  
13 together in a district whose representative comes from the  
14 San Gabriel Valley.

15           Hacienda Heights is located near the 605 and 60  
16 Interchange. Avocado Heights is just to the west of it,  
17 next to the Puente Hills Landfill, and Valinda is to the  
18 north of Hacienda Heights, near Rimgrove Park. These  
19 communities depend on Los Angeles County and San Gabriel  
20 Valley institutions to provide major services like  
21 transportation and healthcare.

22           The Upper San Gabriel Water District provide  
23 water for these communities. The San Gabriel Valley  
24 Economic Partnership helps build our economy, and the San  
25 Gabriel Valley has world class higher education. Our

1 freeways are too crowded and the American Community Survey  
2 Data, which is online, shows Valinda, Avocado Heights and  
3 Hacienda Heights all have 73 to 76 percent home ownership.

4           So there are relatively few renters in this area.  
5 Median family income ranges from \$75,000 to \$86,000, and  
6 the percentage of immigrants is 36 to 40 percent in all  
7 three communities. These communities have very little in  
8 common with Orange County.

9           So don't get tempted to mix them with a different  
10 -- with a district whose elected officials must focus on  
11 issues impacting residents there. Please help keep  
12 Valinda, Hacienda Heights and Avocado Heights together in  
13 the San Gabriel Valley District. Thank you.

14           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.  
15 And right now, you have 012 and then up next after that  
16 will be 014.

17           012, I will be promoting you now. 012, there  
18 appears to be some connectivity issues. We will be doing  
19 the audio only option at this time. 012, your speaker  
20 order for your --

21           COMMENTS 4: Oh, sorry.

22           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh. Hi. Just --

23           COMMENTS 4: Can you hear me?

24           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, I can, and so can  
25 everyone else. Just your speaker order number will be

1 Number 4, if you'll please make note of that for future  
2 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what  
3 you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

4 COMMENTER 4: Hi. This is Megan Trinh. Can the  
5 mapper please pull up Walnut, Diamond Bar and Chino Hills,  
6 please? I want to talk about the strong Community of  
7 Interest named Walnut, Diamond Bar and Chino Hills. These  
8 cities are united by the Chino Hills State Park and Highway  
9 60, and my Google search on Census Data showed how much  
10 they are alike.

11 Each city has a substantial Asian population.  
12 Each has a home ownership rate of over 75 percent. Over 40  
13 percent of residence in each city speak a language other  
14 than English at home, mostly Chinese. Over 90 percent of  
15 residence in each city has a high school degree, and about  
16 50 percent in each city has a bachelor's degree.

17 Commute times are nearly identical, 37 to 39  
18 minutes in each city. The median family income in the  
19 three cities range from 99,000 to 106,000, and poverty  
20 levels in each city are about six percent. These cities  
21 are next to each other and about as demographically similar  
22 as they can be.

23 They clearly belong in the same district. Please  
24 keep them together when drawing the new maps. Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

1 And right now we will be going to 014, and then up next  
2 after that will be 010.

3 014, I will be promoting you now. 014, your  
4 speaker order number will be Number 5, if you'll please  
5 make note of that for future reference. You can now enable  
6 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your  
7 screen. If you'll please let the mapper know what area you  
8 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

9 COMMENTER 5: Hi. This is Candida Chung. Can  
10 the mapper please zoom in on West Covina? So West Covina  
11 is currently split between two legislative seats in both  
12 Assembly and the Senate, and is better served by being  
13 united in a single district.

14 In both Assembly and the Senate the district is  
15 currently attached to the legislative seats that have a  
16 population based in Orange County. All of West Covina  
17 belongs in a district that is united by the I-10 Freeway.  
18 It belongs with cities like La Puente or Covina, not Orange  
19 County.

20 West Covina's needs are different than those of  
21 Orange County. West Covina Unified has a 67.9 free reduced  
22 meals, while the district to the south, Walnut Valley  
23 Unified, has just 20.9 percent. West Covina shares similar  
24 school districts of Baldwin Park Unified, Covina Valley  
25 Unified, that span across Baldwin Park, Owendale, Azusa,

1 Covina and Glendora.

2 West Covina has different healthcare needs than  
3 most affluent cities in Orange City like Yorba Linda. We  
4 belong in the San Gabriel Valley District and served by a  
5 representative who understands that community. Problems  
6 like diabetes and obesity are far more severe in La Puente,  
7 Covina and West Covina than in richer Orange County.

8 The percentage of uninsured healthcare  
9 individuals in West Covina is 22.5 percent. By contrast,  
10 it is much lower in Orange County where most people have  
11 healthcare provided by an employer. We're on -- or our  
12 major transportation corridor is the I-10 and we rely on  
13 L.A. County's public transportation system.

14 Visiting an elected official in Orange County is  
15 a major challenge. The last Commission unfairly split the  
16 city in both the Senate and Assembly plans. Worse, it  
17 included that split in districts dominated by Orange  
18 County. Please keep West Covina in San Gabriel, a West San  
19 Gabriel Valley district. Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.  
21 All right. Now, we will have 010 and then up next after  
22 that will be 016.

23 010, I will be promoting you now. 010, your  
24 speaker order number will be Number 6, if you'll please  
25 make note of that for future reference. You can now enable

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

4 COMMENTER 6: Hi. My name is Brianna Tang.  
5 Could we please zoom in on North Orange County, or more  
6 specifically, Placentia, Fullerton and Yorba Linda? Thank  
7 you. I'm here to talk about North Orange County, the  
8 cities of Yorba Linda, Brea, Anaheim Hills, Placentia, and  
9 the part of Fullerton that is in Council District 2 are a  
10 Community of Interest.

11 As I'm sure you know, Anaheim Hills is very  
12 different than Flatlands Anaheim. The Hills are affluent  
13 and the Flatlands have more of the working class. Parts of  
14 Fullerton follow the same pattern. Meanwhile, the south  
15 has a significant Latino population that is much like the  
16 Anaheim Flatlands.

17 The north central part, which is Fullerton City  
18 Council District 2, is more affluent, less diverse and has  
19 incomes that are more like those in Anaheim Hills than  
20 South Fullerton. Like Anaheim Hills, Council District 2  
21 has homes that can sell for more than \$2 million.

22 By contrast, many residents in South Fullerton  
23 struggle to make ends meet. Council District 2 is bounded  
24 by State College Boulevard on the east, Euclid on the west  
25 and Chapman or Malvern on the south. The ZIP Code which

1 has most of that territory is the Fullerton ZIP Code 92835,  
2 and that includes the neighborhood of Sunny Hills.

3 This area has one of the highest median family  
4 incomes in the region. Housing values are \$200,000 more  
5 than other parts of Fullerton. So please do what you can  
6 to keep these North Orange County neighborhoods together.  
7 Thank you so much for your time and consideration. I  
8 really appreciate it.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.  
10 All right. Now, we have 016 and then up next after that  
11 will be 011.

12 016, I'll be promoting you now. 016, your  
13 speaker order number will be Number 7, if you'll please  
14 make note of that for future reference. And if you'll  
15 please let the mapper know what area you would like to  
16 discuss, the floor is yours.

17 COMMENTER 7: Hi, good morning, everyone. My  
18 name is Josie Xing. Can the mapper please zoom in on  
19 Fullerton? Fullerton is located in North Orange County.  
20 Thank you. While Commission is directed to try to keep  
21 cities whole, the reality is population equality and  
22 Communities of Interest compete with that criteria.

23 Sometimes, part of a city just don't fit together  
24 perfectly; for example, Anaheim and Anaheim Hills. So I'm  
25 here submitting some information to enlighten the

1 Commission about some differences in the City of Fullerton,  
2 should the city need to be split in any plan.

3           The territory in Fullerton ZIP Code 92835  
4 includes the neighborhood of Sunny Hills, which has some  
5 homes who value exceed 2 million. The area has one of the  
6 highest median family incomes in the region, over about  
7 30,000 more than the other ZIP Codes in Fullerton.

8           Housing values are 200,000 more than other parts  
9 of Fullerton. The data shows that the northern portion of  
10 Fullerton is fairly affluent, and residents there may  
11 suffer from long commutes. But they don't face the same  
12 kind of problems some other residents do.

13           Only 2.4 percent of those who live in 92835 live  
14 in what is termed "crowded housing," while the other ZIP  
15 Codes in Fullerton have double digits where rental units  
16 have more than one person to a room. In ZIP Code 92835  
17 only 14 percent are on Medicaid.

18           While the number is over 200 percent higher in  
19 one of Fullerton's other ZIP Codes, the fact is that ZIP  
20 Code 92835, which is in the northern portion of the city  
21 and borders the City of Brea, is more like Brea than it is  
22 in parts of Fullerton to the south or west.

23           Linking 92835, which resembles Fullerton Council  
24 District 2, to Brea, Yorba Linda, Placentia and even  
25 Diamond Bar makes sense, if the Commission is trying to

1 link communities that share common traits. I will be  
2 submitting a map online so that the Commission can  
3 understand the exact boundaries. Thank you so much.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.  
5 Right now, we will have 011, and up next after that will be  
6 003.

7 011, I will be promoting you now. 011, your  
8 speaker order number will be Number 8, if you'll please  
9 make note of that for future reference. You can now enable  
10 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your  
11 screen. If you will please let the mapper know what area  
12 you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

13 COMMENTER 8: Hi. My name is Christian De la  
14 Cruz. Can the mapper please zoom in on Diamond Bar and  
15 Yorba Linda, Southeast L.A. County and North Orange County?  
16 Excuse me. I want to talk about the school districts in  
17 North Orange County and West San Gabriel Valley and the  
18 differences between them.

19 The Walnut Valley School District includes the  
20 cities of Diamond Bar and Walnut. The schools are known  
21 for having a high quality education. Only 23 percent don't  
22 meet language arts standards and 25 percent don't meet  
23 English standards.

24 About 20 percent of the students are on reduced  
25 priced or free meal programs. The Brea Olinda District

1 also has excellent schools. Sixty-eight percent meet  
2 English standards and 62 percent meet math standards.  
3 Thirty-one percent are on reduced meal programs.

4           The Placentia Yorba Linda School District covers  
5 both those cities and has similar numbers to Brea Olinda.  
6 Other districts in our region have a different set of  
7 numbers. For example, 72 percent of students in Pomona  
8 Unified don't meet math standards and 50 percent don't meet  
9 language arts standards.

10           Eighty-eight percent of Pomona Unified students  
11 are on reduced or free meal programs. At Hacienda La  
12 Puente Unified, 58 percent don't meet standards. Forty-  
13 five percent don't meet language standards. Seventy-three  
14 percent are on reduced or free meal programs.

15           At West Covina Unified, 60 percent don't meet  
16 math standards. Nearly 50 percent don't meet English  
17 standards, and 69 percent are on school meal programs.  
18 Sorry to bore with the numbers, but education is a  
19 critical function of state government, and improving  
20 schools often takes a different approach than maintaining  
21 strong academic performance.

22           Dealing with students whose parents may be  
23 struggling financially is very different than dealing with  
24 those whose parents can afford good meals, laptops and  
25 tutors. So I encourage you to look at factors like school

1 performance and meal programs when drawing lines.

2 Keep in mind that schools that have a high  
3 percentage of English learners like La Habra Elementary,  
4 which has over 30 percent, are not like those in Yorba  
5 Linda or Brea, which have 13 and eight percent. Thank you  
6 guys so much.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. And right  
8 now, we will have 003 and then up next after that will be  
9 004.

10 003, I will be promoting you now. 003, your  
11 speaker order number will be Number 9, if you'll please  
12 make note of that for future reference. And if you'll  
13 please let the mapper know what area you would like to  
14 discuss, the floor is yours.

15 COMMENTER 9: Thank you very much. May I -- may  
16 you please pull up Oak Park, which is in Ventura County,  
17 just along the L.A. County line. Thank you.

18 Members of the Commission, I am a 30-year  
19 resident of Oak Park, California, located just past the Los  
20 Angeles, Ventura County border. The only reason you may  
21 have ever even heard of Oak Park has to do with, we are in  
22 a high fire area and on November 8th, 2018, the Woolsey  
23 Fire went through our small community in a very short  
24 period of time.

25 Oak Park is actually an unincorporated area about

1 five miles wide, or -- in area, wrenched between Agoura  
2 Hills and Westlake Village, with a population of  
3 approximately 15,000. There are two main roads, Kanan Road  
4 and Madera Canyon Road, both of which lead directly south  
5 two and a half miles to the U.S. 101 freeway.

6 We do not have a mayor or a city council, as we  
7 are a municipality. Our closest representative is on the  
8 Ventura County Board of Supervisors. We are considered  
9 part of the Conejo Valley, but we are not located near  
10 California Highway 23, which runs through Thousand Oaks.

11 The only exit that we have out of Oak Park  
12 directly through Agoura Hills would be to the U.S. 101  
13 Freeway. And on the afternoon and evening of November 8th,  
14 2018, that was our only way out to evacuate the Woolsey  
15 Fire.

16 Currently, we reside in CD 26, and when you look  
17 at the map you will see that Highway 101 is a U.S. highway,  
18 a federally supported freeway that is the main artery and  
19 access point. My recommendation is that you think about  
20 the topography of the hills that surround Oak Park, and our  
21 access to U.S. 101.

22 Keeping Oak Park aligned with a congressional  
23 district that has the 101 is vitally important to our  
24 community and the need of representation that keeps those  
25 federal funds flowing to services that are along the 101.

1 Most of the services we use are in Thousand Oaks, and  
2 although there are surface streets, the quickest way to get  
3 to the places that we go to is by the 101.

4 Some proposals include moving Simi Valley, which  
5 is located along California Highway 118 --

6 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

7 COMMENTER 9: -- into our -- which means  
8 resources are diverted for transportation purposes to  
9 another main artery. However, in the case of the residents  
10 of Oak Park, Highway 118 serves no purpose, and in this  
11 case it would divert federal funding.

12 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

13 COMMENTER 9: Thank you very much for your time  
14 and your consideration, and please remember, we are the  
15 southern part of the county and separated by miles of hills  
16 from Simi Valley.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.  
18 Right now, we have unique ID 004, and then up next after  
19 that will be caller with the last four 6968.

20 I'd like to invite those that have called in with  
21 us this afternoon to please press \*9 on their telephone  
22 keypad. This will raise your hand, indicating you wish to  
23 give comment this evening -- this afternoon. We're not in  
24 the evening yet.

25 004, I'll be promoting you now. 004, your

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

5 COMMENTER 10: -- my name is Sunil Agrawal. Can  
6 the mapper zoom in San Fernando Valley, please? I'm a  
7 resident of Northwest San Fernando Valley. This is where I  
8 live, work and play. We are a unique Community of  
9 Interest. Our boundaries are Mulholland, drive to south  
10 and the Los Angeles City.

11 Neighborhood of Orange, Northridge and Granada  
12 Hills to the north. We are surrounded by mountains, but I  
13 assume you already knew that because we are a valley, after  
14 all. We are not connected to West L.A., and it's nearly  
15 impossible to drive over to that side of town many hours of  
16 the day because of traffic.

17 You should also know that I am a chairperson of  
18 the Valley's large Indo-American community. This is one of  
19 the most vibrant such communities in Southern California.  
20 Tens of thousands of Valley residents attend our annual  
21 India Day Festival, making it just about the largest  
22 community event anywhere in the Valley each year.

23 We also host frequent civic and holiday  
24 receptions, at the many famous Valley Indian restaurants.  
25 Our Hindu and Sheikh temples are here and we don't have to

1 travel to areas outside of the Valley to pray and gather  
2 for other holidays.

3 In fact, because of traffic to other parts of  
4 town, few would want to. The Valley is home to a  
5 particularly large South Asian community. In addition to  
6 Indo-Americans, there are many people originally from  
7 places like Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

8 On issues like confronting discrimination and  
9 supporting human rights around the world, we need a united  
10 community when we connect our State Legislators and member  
11 of Congress. Being united includes being in the same  
12 Valley, best \*50:13. Don't hurt our rights. Don't hurt  
13 our voting power.

14 Keep the Valley together, please, and large South  
15 Asian community together. Thank you very much. I  
16 appreciate your time.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.  
18 And right now, we will have caller with the last four 6968,  
19 and then up next after that will be caller 1459.

20 Caller 6968, if you will please follow the  
21 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing \*6 on your  
22 telephone keypad. Caller 6968, your speaker --

23 COMMENTER 11: Yes.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- order number will  
25 be Number 11, if you'll please make note of that for future

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

3 COMMENTER 11: Yes. I live in Thousand Oaks, and  
4 I really am -- my name's Shoshana Brower (phonetic), and I  
5 just have an interest in keeping the same boundaries that  
6 we've had before or that we have now, and making sure that  
7 Thousand Oaks remains -- that our district is a Ventura  
8 County district.

9 We have much more in common with Ventura County  
10 than I believe we do with Los Angeles County. And that's  
11 all I wanted to say, but thank you very much for hearing me  
12 out.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.  
14 And right now, we will have caller 1459, and then up next  
15 after that will be caller 5820.

16 Caller 1459, if you will please follow the  
17 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing \*6. Caller  
18 1459, your speaker order number will be Number 12, if  
19 you'll please make note of that for future reference. And  
20 if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would  
21 like to discuss, the floor is yours.

22 COMMENTER 12: Good afternoon, everyone. My name  
23 is Michael Frantz, and I am a director of the Turlock  
24 Irrigation District, located in Stanislaus County; and if  
25 you could zoom the map to Stanislaus and Merced County.

1 Three of the four irrigation districts that generate and  
2 distribute retail power are located in Merced and  
3 Stanislaus Counties.

4 The only outlier is Imperial, way down south. We  
5 have many unique and urgent needs to be able to continue to  
6 provide affordable and reliable water and power here in the  
7 Merced and Stanislaus areas. In my community there are 14  
8 disadvantaged communities, all that rely on the water and  
9 power that we provide.

10 The legislative needs are unique and often quite  
11 technical. So it's incredibly important in my perspective  
12 as a citizen and as an Irrigation District Director that  
13 the Stanislaus and Merced communities continue -- counties  
14 -- continue to be remain as one unit legislatively. Thank  
15 you very much. Appreciate it.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.  
17 And right now we will have caller 5820, and then up next  
18 after that will be caller 3036.

19 Caller 5820, if you will please follow the  
20 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing \*6. And one  
21 more time, caller with the last four 5820 -- oh, there you  
22 are. Your speaker order number will be number --

23 COMMENTER 13: Hi, there.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- hi. Your speaker  
25 order --

1 COMMENTER 13: I say hi.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. Your speaker  
3 order number will be Number 13, if you'll please make note  
4 of that for future reference. And if you'll please let the  
5 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the floor  
6 is yours.

7 COMMENTER 13: Thank you so much. I would like  
8 to discuss Congressional District 18. My name is Modita  
9 Tivarre (phonetic), and I work for Silicon Valley tech  
10 company. And this call is regarding, I'm very much  
11 interested, actually, on having an Asian represented at  
12 some Silicon Valley Congressional District 18.

13 The Asian community is keenly invested in the  
14 sectors of Silicon Valley's economy. We are a community  
15 that is family focused and educational focused. We also  
16 hold many cultural events that brings our community  
17 together. We are a relatively new immigrant community and  
18 predominantly live in the cities of Sunnyvale, Cupertino  
19 and Santa Clara, along with pockets of Mountain View, Palo  
20 Alto and San Jose.

21 We are launching startups and we are power -- and  
22 we power the tech economy with our hard working technology  
23 skills and technical education, but our Asian community  
24 from Congressional District 18 doesn't much say in  
25 politics. Having Asian American representative has upward

1 mobility of our community by accessing services such as  
2 education, healthcare, public services and more of our  
3 immigrants in the community.

4 Asian Americans are not getting our fair share of  
5 resources here. My request is for you to insure that the  
6 Asian population is evenly distributed between  
7 Congressional District 17 and 18. District 17 has 50  
8 percent Asian and District 18 has 20 percent.

9 Can we make it easier for an Asian representative  
10 from District 18? As you know, District 17 has had an  
11 Asian representation for decades. Asian Americans are the  
12 largest minority community of Congressional District 18,  
13 but this district has never had a minority congressional  
14 representation.

15 My recommendation is that you include the cities  
16 the Sunnyvale, Cupertino and Santa Clara into the  
17 Congressional District 18. Geographically, it makes sense  
18 and it also groups the Asian Community into District 18.  
19 This will help with a chance of -- this will help with a  
20 chance to have Asian representation from both the  
21 Congressional District the 18 and District 17.

22 When we aren't represented and included in our  
23 count our entire community loses out. Thank you for  
24 hearing me out. I appreciate it.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

1 Right now, we will be going to caller 1708, unique ID 005,  
2 as you have an appointment during this session. And then  
3 up next after that will be caller 3036.

4           Caller 1708, if you will -- wait one moment,  
5 please. Oh. 005 has joined as 005. I will be promoting  
6 you now.

7           (Pause)

8           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Unique ID 005, there  
9 seems to be some connectivity issues. We will be the audio  
10 only option at this time. If you'll please unmute. Unique  
11 ID 005 your speaker order number will be Number 14, if  
12 you'll please make note of that for future reference.

13           And if you'll please let the mapper know what  
14 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours. You  
15 are unmuted. We want to make sure that your microphone is  
16 set to -- whichever microphone you're using. Oh, you are  
17 muted again.

18           Can you hear me? We cannot hear you at this  
19 time. It appears there's some audio issues. It appears  
20 you maybe called in and joined via Zoom, which may be  
21 affecting your microphone options. We will go ahead and  
22 come back to you. Oh, hold on one moment.

23           005, can you hear me now, or can we hear you now?  
24 005, I invite you to please reconnect, and we will be  
25 coming back to you.

1           At this time we will be going to caller 3036, and  
2 then up next after that will be unique ID 020. Caller  
3 3036, I will be promoting -- or, no. Caller 3036, if you  
4 will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
5 pressing \*6.

6           Caller 3036, your speaker number order will be  
7 Number 15, if you will please make note of that for future  
8 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what  
9 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

10           COMMENTER 15: Sure. I'd like to discuss West  
11 Sacramento. Okay. If you have the map up. Hi, my name is  
12 Yohan. I live in West Sacramento. I wasn't planning on  
13 calling, but I have to disagree with what I heard  
14 yesterday. I think combining West Sacramento and  
15 Sacramento has to be great.

16           I completely understand and respect that for  
17 someone who works on county issues keeping the county whole  
18 is important, but the history of keeping Yolo County whole  
19 hasn't been great for West Sacramento. Before the city  
20 incorporated we were a dumping ground for construction and  
21 industrial -- industries that Yolo County cities didn't  
22 watch.

23           Our main thoroughfare was a magnet for sleazy  
24 motels, because the city just didn't have control of its  
25 land use, and the rest of the county just really didn't

1 care. A West Sacramento brewery actually has named one of  
2 their beers "30 Motels" as a tongue in cheek to that  
3 unfortunate history.

4 West Sacramento is finally changing. The  
5 district should reflect how people actually live. As  
6 someone who's lived in Davis and in Sacramento and now West  
7 Sacramento, it's relationship between the latter is  
8 defining our future going forward.

9 Jobs are concentrated in the downtown Sacramento.  
10 That's where my partner regularly walks, across the bridge  
11 to West Sacramento house -- or walks across the bridge to  
12 Sacramento from our West Sacramento housing or over to our  
13 office. Nobody walks really over the Yolo Causeway all the  
14 way to Davis.

15 Housing has been limited in downtown Sacramento.  
16 That's one of the reasons why housing has been booming in  
17 West Sacramento in the Bridge District where I live. You  
18 could go to a basketball game, and also to a minor league  
19 game over at Sutter Health Park and travel less than a mile  
20 right over the bridge, and it takes less than 15 minutes.

21 And probably no one really knows that they're  
22 crossing a county line once they cross the bridge. To  
23 borrow a phrase, you only live once, and I choose to live  
24 in West Sacramento, not because it is in Yolo County, but  
25 because of its very, very strong ties to Sacramento. Thank

1 you so much.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

3 Right now, we will have caller -- no. Right now, we have  
4 unique ID 020, and up next after that we will have caller  
5 0102.

6 Unique ID 020, I will be promoting you now.  
7 Unique ID 020, your speaker order number will be Number 16,  
8 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.  
9 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you  
10 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

11 COMMENTER 16: Hi. This is Kyle Farro. Can the  
12 mapper please zoom in on Southeast Gabriel Valley? I want  
13 to talk about the strong Community of Interest between  
14 Walnut, Diamond Bar and Chino Hills. These cities are  
15 united by the Chino Hills State Park and Highway 60, but  
16 Google search on Census data showed how much they are  
17 alike.

18 Each city has substantial Asian population. Each  
19 has a home ownership rate of 75 percent. Over 40 percent  
20 of residents in each city speak a language other than  
21 English at home, mostly Chinese. Over 90 percent of  
22 residents in each city have high school degree, and about  
23 50 percent each city have bachelor's degree.

24 Commute times are nearly identical at 37 to 39  
25 minutes in each city. The median family income in the

1 three cities range from 99,000 to 106,000, and poverty  
2 levels in each city are six percent. These cities are next  
3 to each other and about demographically similar as they can  
4 be. They clearly belong in the same district. Please keep  
5 them together when drawing the new lines. Thanks.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.  
7 And right now, we have caller 0102. If you will please  
8 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing \*6.  
9 Caller 0102, you'll please unmute by pressing \*6. Caller  
10 with unique ID 0102, if you will please press \*6 on your  
11 telephone keypad to unmute at this time.

12 All right. We have -- I'll be going to the next  
13 caller. There appears to -- there may be some connectivity  
14 issues.

15 MR. MANOFF: Right now, we have multiple callers  
16 with the last four 0102. So if you're calling from an  
17 office and your last four is 0102, please follow the  
18 prompts to unmute.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You will hear the  
20 audio in your ear. All of the lines should not be hearing  
21 it at the same time.

22 I'm going to have to go to the next caller at  
23 this time. We will come back to 0102 in a moment. At this  
24 time I'll be going to caller 0883. If you will please  
25 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing \*6.

1 Oh, they hung up.

2 At this time we will be going to caller 0102  
3 again. We now only have one of them. Let's see if that  
4 works. Caller 0102, if you will please press \*6 at this  
5 time to unmute.

6 COMMENTER 17: Yes.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi.

8 COMMENTER 17: Can you hear me now?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sure can. There you  
10 are. That's okay. Your speaker -- that's okay. Your  
11 speaker order number is going to be Number 17, if you'll  
12 please make note of that for future reference.

13 COMMENTER 17: Okay.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And if you'll please  
15 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss,  
16 the floor is yours.

17 COMMENTER 17: Thank you. My name is Candice  
18 Adam-Medefind. I'm Executive Director of Healthy House,  
19 which is a cultural organization and language bank that  
20 trains and provides professional healthcare interpreters in  
21 18 languages, who is located in Merced County in the heart  
22 of the great Central Valley of California, and I'm going to  
23 be speaking about Merced County.

24 Merced County is one of the dozen most ethnically  
25 diverse counties in the entire country. It's home to a

1 significant Punjabi, Portuguese, African American,  
2 Hispanic, even a growing Afghani community. Most  
3 importantly, it acts as a hub for the Southeast Asian  
4 refugee communities, which are part of the 90,000 Southeast  
5 Asians located in the Central Valley, and these constitute  
6 the largest concentration of a single refugee population in  
7 the entire country.

8           Now, the central location of Merced County in the  
9 Valley has made it a source of Southeast Asian resettlement  
10 and cultural advances, including the election of Paul Lo,  
11 the first Hmong Superior Court judge in the nation, Lee  
12 Lor, one of the first Southeast Asian county supervisors,  
13 and Noah Lor, one of the first Southeast Asian City Council  
14 persons.

15           The county also has a consistent, kind of rural,  
16 agrarian topography that allows Southeast Asians to farm  
17 and run fresh produce stands, which add immense value to  
18 the health of county residents. Healthy House, which I  
19 run, was organized in the late '90s after, The Spirit  
20 Catches and You Fall Down was written, and this book  
21 chronicled the cultural clash between Hmong shamanism and  
22 the western medical establishment in Merced County over the  
23 fate of a young Hmong girl with epilepsy.

24           It's now required reading at Harvard Medical  
25 School, and Healthy House is also internationally known now

1 for its Partners In Healing project, which brings Hmong  
2 shamans together with western healthcare providers to  
3 improve health outcomes for Southeast Asian patients.

4           The Hmong community was so essential to these  
5 accomplishments. They're also instrumental in organizing  
6 the Model Health Collaborative, which has developed shaman  
7 directories now in hospitals from Fresno to Sacramento, the  
8 first Hmong/English Glossary for the State of California  
9 and the cutting edge Interpreter Training Manual connecting  
10 rural Central Valley version.

11           Merced County's also one of only nine counties in  
12 the entire country to receive a 2018 Department of Justice  
13 grant to provide legal services to Southeast Asians and  
14 other cultural elders. So with all these cultural  
15 accomplishments, which really hinge on this community and  
16 this centralized county in the Central Valley, we think  
17 that it's important to preserve our --

18           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

19           COMMENTER 17: -- current county boundaries in  
20 the existing district in order to safeguard against any  
21 dilution of this wonderful community, it's cultural and  
22 political strengths. Thank you so much.

23           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 And right now, we'll have caller with the last four 0763,  
25 and then up next after that will be caller with the last

1 four 1501.

2           Caller 0763, if you will please follow the  
3 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing \*6. Caller  
4 0763, your speaker order number will be Number 18, if  
5 you'll please make note of that for future reference. And  
6 if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would  
7 like to discuss, the floor is yours.

8           COMMENTER 18: Hi. My name is Jose Trinidad  
9 Castaneda. If the mapper could please magnify to North  
10 Orange County, Fullerton, Buena Park, La Habra. So again,  
11 my name is Jose Trinidad Castaneda. I serve as a  
12 Commissioner here in the City of Buena Park, and formerly  
13 as a Planning Commissioner in the City of Fullerton.

14           So I know this area very well, and I was very  
15 concerned to hear comments made about potentially  
16 segregating an already highly segregate city, Fullerton,  
17 from -- you know -- South Fullerton to other areas. And so  
18 I just want to share that the main Community of Interest  
19 that I know very well, La Habra, Buena Park, Fullerton,  
20 Anaheim, Placentia should all stick together, the entire --  
21 all the cities.

22           In fact, residents and my family in La Habra are  
23 not represented by their current state assembly member, who  
24 represents places like Yorba Linda. And it's sad to say  
25 that they never receive information or visits from that

1 state assembly member.

2 I'd also like to point out that I regularly bike  
3 with members of my community, predominantly Spanish-  
4 speaking Latinas, in this part of the county, and we are  
5 represented by different state senators, because the City  
6 of Buena Park is split.

7 We're represented with multiple districts -- or  
8 school districts, I should say, that make things a little  
9 confusing to make sure there's a continuum of access to  
10 resources around education. And so again, thank you for  
11 listening.

12 Thank you to Commissioner Sinay for posting this  
13 on LinkedIn, because this is how I found out. So keep  
14 posting that information on LinkedIn. And also, don't  
15 split the City of Fullerton to a highly segregated, high  
16 income district, which was proposed earlier by earlier  
17 comments that includes Yorba Linda, North Fullerton, Brea,  
18 Placentia, and split from South Fullerton.

19 Since I've been living here my whole life and I  
20 have family in both sides of Fullerton, it's just weird to  
21 hear comments like the ones that were stated earlier.

22 Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.  
24 And right now, we will have caller 1501, and then up next  
25 after that will be caller 1389.

1            Caller 1501, if you will please follow the  
2 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing \*6. Caller  
3 1501, your speaker order number will be Number 19, if you  
4 will please make note of that for future reference. And if  
5 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would like  
6 to discuss, the floor is yours.

7            COMMENTER 19: Hi. If we could focus on West  
8 Sacramento. My name is Renee Reed. You may recognize my  
9 voice from previous calls to the Legal Affairs Committee.  
10 I deliberately waited until your last hearing to call about  
11 my own Community of Interest.

12            It wasn't to have the last word. Rather, I  
13 wanted to give a real world example of how you could use  
14 Census data to fill in gaps in testimony. It's really  
15 great that other callers stole some of my thunder by using  
16 Census data, too, but I would still like to tell you about  
17 my community.

18            I feel West Sacramento is more closely tied to  
19 the City of Sacramento than to the east -- excuse me --  
20 City of Sacramento to the east, rather than Davis to the  
21 west. What does the Census say? The median home value in  
22 West Sacramento is \$350,000.

23            In Sacramento, it's \$337,000. In Davis it is  
24 \$652,000. The percent with college degrees in West  
25 Sacramento is 29. In Sacramento it's 33, and in Davis is

1 74. The percent of people receiving Food Stamps or Snap  
2 benefits in West Sacramento is 13, in Sacramento is 12 and  
3 in Davis is five.

4 People who speak English less than "very well,"  
5 West Sacramento is 16 percent. Sacramento is 15 percent  
6 and Davis is eight percent, and the percent of West  
7 Sacramento residents working in Sacramento is 31 percent,  
8 and in Davis is two percent.

9 And today you can see on the map, West Sacramento  
10 abuts Sacramento, while it is separated from Davis by a  
11 flood plain. As to the other point I originally wanted to  
12 make, you should always listen to the public first. They  
13 know their communities best.

14 Data is not a substitute for outreach, but where  
15 the public has yet to weigh in, please consider asking your  
16 demographers to review Census data until those voices can  
17 be heard. And please don't use the county line as  
18 justification to separate West Sacramento from Sacramento.  
19 Thank you.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.  
21 And right now, we'll have caller 1389. Oh. No, we will  
22 not. They hung up. Right now, we will have caller 1276,  
23 and then up next after that will be caller 3375.

24 Caller 1276, your speaker order number will be  
25 No. 20, if you'll please make note of that for future

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

3 COMMENTER 20: Hi. Yeah. Can we go back to  
4 Sacramento and West Sac? So I am calling basically to echo  
5 the same sentiments. So my name's Liz. I am encouraging  
6 the Commission to keep West Sacramento and Sacramento  
7 together in legislative districts.

8 Sacramento's known for being the food farm to  
9 fork capital of the nation, and I believe West Sacramento  
10 should get the same recognition for that. We share a  
11 culture of food. We share a culture of good beer and  
12 restaurants, and so we share a similar economy, as well.

13 We have restaurants that are on both sides of the  
14 rivers. You have Broderick's and Burgers and Brew, and  
15 Spike Dog and Insight Coffee, and we need representatives  
16 who care about these industries, who care about fresh food  
17 and consumers' houses.

18 So I highly encourage you to keep West Sacramento  
19 and Sacramento together, and I greatly appreciate your  
20 time. And thank you so much for your service to  
21 California. It's greatly appreciated.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.  
23 And right now, we will have caller 7285, and then up next -  
24 - oh, wait. No. One moment. Sorry. Right now, we were  
25 going to caller 3375, and then up next after that will be

1 caller 7285.

2           Caller 3375, if you will please follow the  
3 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing \*6. Caller  
4 3375, your speaker order number will be Number 21, if  
5 you'll please make note of that for future reference. And  
6 if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would  
7 like to discuss, the floor is yours.

8           COMMENTER 21: Hello. Thank you. Hello and good  
9 afternoon, everyone. My name is Jay Marciadar (phonetic).  
10 I live in CA 18 Congressional District, the heart of  
11 Silicon Valley. Can the mapper zoom in the CA 18 in Santa  
12 Clara County? Thank you.

13           Since I'm on the phone I can't see it. Today I'm  
14 calling on behalf of the relatively new but growing Asian  
15 American community here. We the Asian community are  
16 contributing to the large tech economy through our hard  
17 work, technological skills and entrepreneurial spirit.

18           We make a significant part of large tech  
19 companies like Googles and Teslas and also so many  
20 startups. We mainly live in the cities of Los Altos, Palo  
21 Alto, Montague, Cupertino and Sunnyvale. However, if you  
22 look at the map, the cities are split between CA 18 and CA  
23 17.

24           Due to this, even though we are the largest  
25 minority community in our congressional district, CA 18, we

1 do not have congressional representation. We feel that we  
2 are losing out a lot due to nonrepresentation. My request  
3 is to combine the cities of Cupertino, Sunnyvale and Santa  
4 Clara into CA 18 so that we can have a chance to have  
5 congressional representation from our original Asian  
6 American community.

7 Thank you for addressing the needs of the Asian  
8 American community, and we hope you will redraw the lines  
9 to favor our community. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.  
11 And right now, we'll have caller 7285. If you will please  
12 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing \*6.  
13 Caller 7285, your speaker order number will be Number 22,  
14 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.

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

17 COMMENTER 22: I'm from Modesto, south of  
18 Modesto, and I prefer to speak Spanish.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You would like an  
20 interpreter?

21 COMMENTER 22: Is it possible?

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. Uno momento, por  
23 favor.

24 Johanna.

25 THE INTERPRETER: Hi, Katy. This is the Spanish

1 interpreter.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

3 THE INTERPRETER: What's the speaker's order  
4 number?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Twenty-two.

6 THE INTERPRETER: Twenty-two. Okay.

7 (Interpreter interpreting Spanish to English and  
8 English to Spanish.)

9 COMMENTER 22: (Through Interpreter) Yes. I  
10 prefer to speak Spanish and I prefer to receive the  
11 information in Spanish in my community. I am currently  
12 serving at the church and at different places in our  
13 community, and I believe that 60 or 70 percent of the  
14 community is Hispanic.

15 And in our area there are a lot of people who  
16 work out in the fields, and these people do not speak  
17 English. Even in our schools there are a lot of parents  
18 who request translators, and this is why I am asking for  
19 this information in Spanish.

20 And there are cities around Modesto. Modesto is  
21 the city and then there's Ceres and Peterson and other  
22 small cities around the area that have four to 5,000  
23 residents. What would be preferred is there -- for there --  
24 - the districts not to be separated.

25 I've been living in this part of the area for 45

1 years, and in the last 38 years I've been working these  
2 areas. And there are way too many people who need this  
3 more than anything. We -- I am trying to get English and  
4 Spanish classes, even for our students. This is what we're  
5 accustomed to and so a lot of people basically do not  
6 understand us when we speak.

7 I can mention all of the communities that I've  
8 worked in, that I've worked in shoulder to shoulder with  
9 the councils, with Murdoch, Modesto, Ceres, Houston --  
10 there are way too many. It would take me way too long to  
11 mention all of them.

12 We have been working for a long time to maintain  
13 the community united, and we've gotten -- we've gotten  
14 many, many benefits for our community. In fact, a lot of  
15 Hispanics have been able to go out and work in the  
16 councils. This is due to everything that we've done in the  
17 last 38 years.

18 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds (in Spanish).

19 COMMENTER 22: (Through Interpreter) And so this  
20 is one of the reasons why I'm calling, and like in other  
21 places, I am representing my community.

22 MR. MANOFF: We are at time. Uno momento, por  
23 favor.

24 Chair, do you have any further questions for the  
25 caller?

1 CO-CHAIR Le MONS: I do. Could you ask to  
2 translate or, the translator, could you please ask the  
3 caller if he could define the communities that he'd like to  
4 see together?

5 COMMENTER 22: (Through Interpreter) Well,  
6 there's the first three that I had mentioned, and there's  
7 Keith. There's Houston, Salida. I can't really think of  
8 all of them right now, but there's at least no less than 10  
9 small communities, including Merced, Livingston, Atwater.  
10 There's many, many cities where I've worked with the  
11 communities.

12 THE INTERPRETER: Is that it?

13 COMMENTER 22: (Through Interpreter) Well, I was  
14 told that I ran out of time. So thank you so much, but if  
15 you'd like to hear more, we can continue on.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 MR. MANOFF: We're not hearing you. Just a  
18 moment. I'm not hearing your microphone, Chair. I'm not  
19 sure what's going on there.

20 CO-CHAIR Le MONS: You're not?

21 MR. MANOFF: Oh, I can hear you now.

22 CO-CHAIR Le MONS: Okay.

23 MR. MANOFF: Did you have any further questions  
24 for the caller?

25 CO-CHAIR Le MONS: No.

1           MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much, and muchos  
2 gracias, caller.

3           COMMENTER 22: Thank you guys.

4           CO-CHAIR Le MONS: We're actually up on our  
5 break. So at this time I'd like us to take a break, and  
6 then we'll take a 15-minute break and when we return from  
7 break we'll continue with individuals who have registered  
8 appointments, and then if there's additional time we'll  
9 open the line for those who don't have appointments. So if  
10 everyone could be back at 4:47, that would be awesome.

11           (Off the record at 4:33 p.m., until 4:45 p.m.)

12           CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Welcome back, everyone, to  
13 the California Citizens Redistricting Commission  
14 Communities of Interest Input Meeting. We also encourage  
15 you to visit the Communities of Interest Tool to draw a map  
16 and describe your community by visiting  
17 [drawmycacommunity.org](http://drawmycacommunity.org).

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

23           Could I please have our interpreters, Johanna or  
24 Margarita, provide our language line numbers and the  
25 information to provide public input? I believe that would

1 be the full call in instructions.

2 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, Chair. This is Margarita,  
3 Spanish interpreter. I'll go ahead and provide the full  
4 call-in instruction. Thank you.

5 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

6 (Interpreter reading call-in instructions in Spanish.)

7 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Gracias, Margarita.

8 As a reminder, Californians from anywhere in the  
9 state are welcome to provide input. I will pass this over  
10 to Katy, our Comment Moderator, to continue with public  
11 input. We will start with people who are registered, and  
12 then open the phone line if there's time before the next  
13 session.

14 Katy.

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

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

25 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute

1 time limit for English speakers, and a six-minute time  
2 limit for those with an interpreter. There will be a  
3 warning at 30 seconds and 15 seconds remaining. The  
4 Commission's goal is to find the area on the map you would  
5 like to discuss prior to your testimony.

6           If you are within a specific neighborhood of a  
7 large city, please mention it by name. Once we are able to  
8 locate your area, your three or six-minute testimony will  
9 begin. Attendees will not be able to share their screen.  
10 At the end of your public input, or at the end of your  
11 time, you will be reconnected to a listen and view only  
12 mode.

13           At the beginning of your input please remind the  
14 mapper of what area you would like to see on the screen.

15           At this time we will go to unique ID 015. I will  
16 be promoting you now. Unique ID 015, your speaker order  
17 number will be number 23, if you will please make note of  
18 that for future reference. You can now enable your audio  
19 and video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you  
20 will please let the mapper know what area you would like to  
21 discuss today, the floor is yours.

22           COMMENTS 23: Hi. My name is Steven Williams.  
23 Can the mapper please zoom in on the North Orange County  
24 cities of La Habra, Fullerton, Buena Park and Stanton,  
25 please? Thank you. I'm here to talk about Northwest

1 Orange County and the cities along the Highway 39 corridor.

2 Those cities are La Habra, Fullerton, Buena Park,  
3 West Anaheim and Stanton. Highway 39 is not only the major  
4 thoroughfare connected to these cities, but it also has its  
5 major hospitality industry employees, including Knotts  
6 Berry Farm, Adventure City, Medieval Times and others.

7 Many workers and families use Highway 39 to get  
8 business, as well as to Disneyland, which is right around  
9 the corner. These cities are on the northwest side of  
10 Orange County. Some border on Los Angeles County, but  
11 these cities all look to Orange County government to deal  
12 with homelessness, healthcare, transportation and other  
13 issues, not L.A. County.

14 They are ethnically diverse working class people.  
15 Many have hospitality industry ties. One part of one  
16 Fullerton doesn't fit with the rest and that is the north  
17 central part of Fullerton. The folks who live in Fullerton  
18 Council District 2 are far more affluent than those who  
19 live in other cities I have discussed.

20 Obviously, they also look to Orange County  
21 government, but their economy and transportation concerns  
22 are quite different than ours. Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Mr.  
24 Williams.

25 At this time I'd like to invite those that have

1 called in -- oh, one moment. And we need to check in with  
2 our mappers. One moment, please.

3 MR. DRECHSLER: Yes. We just had one -- we just  
4 need to go off and come right back on. So just one moment,  
5 please. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely.

7 MR. DRECHSLER: Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: While the mappers are  
9 doing that I'd like to invite those that have called in to  
10 please press \*9 on their telephone keypad. This will raise  
11 your hand, indicating you wish to give comment this  
12 evening. Please press \*9 on your telephone keypads. This  
13 will raise your hands, indicating you wish to give comment  
14 as we get to go to our callers.

15 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. And as we wait, just  
16 a reminder to visit our website at [wedrawthelinesca.org](http://wedrawthelinesca.org).  
17 You can also sign up for our emails to learn more about the  
18 Commission meetings, updates and announcements. Please  
19 connect with us on social media.

20 We are on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn  
21 and YouTube at [wedrawthelinesca.org](http://wedrawthelinesca.org). Okay. We're still  
22 waiting. So I'm going to continue on. Here we go. Let's  
23 see. There are numerous ways to provide public input to  
24 the Commission, even as our Communities of Interest  
25 meetings draw to a close today.

1           You can go on our Communities of Interest Mapping  
2 Tool at drawmycacommunity.org. The online Communities of  
3 Interest Tool is available in English, Spanish, simplified  
4 Chinese, traditional Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean,  
5 Armenian, Farsi, Arabic, Russian, Japanese, Punjabi, Khmer,  
6 Hmong and Thai. Tutorials are also available in those  
7 languages.

8           Great timing. Our map is back. Here we go.  
9 Thank you, Katy. Back to you.

10           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're welcome and  
11 thank you.

12           All right. Right now we've got caller with the  
13 last four, 6850, and then up next after that will be caller  
14 7782.

15           Caller 6850, if you will please follow the  
16 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing \*6 on your  
17 telephone keypad. Caller 6850, your speaker order number  
18 will be Number 24, if you'll 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           COMMENTER 24: Good afternoon. I'm calling from  
22 Merced County, Central Valley. My name is Sucita Bangon  
23 Emanivong. I am the current Vice President of the Lao  
24 Association of Merced County. Our community has called  
25 Merced County their home for over 45 years.

1 Arriving in the United States as refugees, our  
2 elders chose Merced City and county as the hub for our Lao  
3 community. Some of the factors were agriculture, the  
4 resources that were provided here in Merced County,  
5 housing, diverse cultures, employment and the opportunities  
6 of business ownership.

7 Culture is very important to our community.  
8 Merced County has given us the opportunity to share our  
9 culture through food, arts and different events and  
10 festivities, share in our culture through food. We have  
11 some of the best restaurants in Merced, owned by Lao  
12 members.

13 For example, Sam's Café, which has been around  
14 for over 30 years, Bangkok Restaurant, who the owner is a  
15 board member of the Merced Main Street Association, the  
16 Papaya lady who used to sell, you know, food right out of  
17 her van back in the early 1980s.

18 And also, we do have a celebrity here in Merced  
19 County called Cooking with Nana, who shows our community  
20 how to cook food from home, in the comfort of their home.  
21 All these businesses and individuals have been recognized  
22 throughout our nation amongst the Southeast Asian  
23 population.

24 Merced is the only city throughout the nation  
25 which celebrates Lao New Year in the heart of downtown.

1 These festivities include music, arts, dance, traditions,  
2 religion and food. This is very significant, because every  
3 other Lao community throughout the nation celebrates Lao  
4 New Year at the temples.

5 We are a part of Merced City and county, and we  
6 will continue to be an important influence in the  
7 community. Our community, the Lao community of Merced  
8 County, we are against redistricting in Merced County. It  
9 will divide us as a community and will affect our strength  
10 in numbers. Thank you for your time.

11 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for your input and  
12 also for those restaurants. When I drive by I'm going to  
13 be looking for those. So thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.  
15 Right now we have caller 7782, and then up next after that  
16 will be caller 2078, unique ID 021.

17 Caller 7782, if you will please follow the  
18 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing \*6. Caller  
19 7782, your speaker order number will be Number 25, if  
20 you'll please make note of that for future reference. And  
21 if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would  
22 like to discuss, the floor is yours.

23 COMMENTER 25: Sure. Thank you very much. I'm  
24 calling from Congressional District 18, which would be  
25 Saratoga in the Bay Area.

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

2 COMMENTER 25: So I'm calling from Congressional  
3 District 18, which is obviously next to Congressional  
4 District 17, and would like to call out the uneven  
5 representation of the Asian American population from these  
6 two districts.

7 Congressional District 17 has 50 percent Asian  
8 Americans. Congressional District [sic] has 20 percent.  
9 But just the diversity of the District of 17 allows it to  
10 have an Asian American representation. Whereas, the 20  
11 percent Asian Americans in Congressional District 18 does  
12 not provide the option to Asian Americans currently.

13 So my recommendation would be to redistrict  
14 cities of Cupertino and Santa Clara and Sunnyvale into  
15 Congressional District 18 so that we can have congressional  
16 representation, which we have never had, and given the  
17 distribution of population right now, we are not likely to  
18 have for many, many years in future. Thank you for the  
19 opportunity.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.  
21 And right now, we will have caller 579 -- I'm sorry, caller  
22 2078, unique ID 021. If you will please follow the prompts  
23 to unmute at this time. Unique ID 021, your speaker order  
24 number will be Number 26, if you will please make note of  
25 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the

1 mapper know --

2 COMMENTER 26: Hello.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- what area you would  
4 like to discuss, the floor is yours. And hello.

5 COMMENTER 26: And hello. Hello, Commissioners.  
6 I'm a resident of the San Fernando Valley. This is where I  
7 live work and play. We are a unique Community of Interest.  
8 Our boundaries are Mulholland Drive to the south and the  
9 Los Angeles City neighborhoods of Porter Ranch, North  
10 Region Grand Isle (phonetic) to the north.

11 We are surrounded by mountains, but I assume you  
12 already knew about this. We are not connected to West L.A.  
13 It's nearly impossible to travel to the side of the town,  
14 maybe of us, in the day because of traffic. You should  
15 also know that I'm a member of the Valley's large Indo-  
16 American community.

17 This is one of the most vibrant such communities  
18 in Southern California. Tens of thousands of Valley  
19 residents attend annual India Independence Day Festival,  
20 making it just about the largest community event anywhere  
21 in the Valley each year.

22 We also host frequent civic and holiday  
23 receptions at the many famous Valley Indian restaurants.  
24 Our Hindu and Sheikh temples are here. We don't have to  
25 travel to areas outside the Valley to pray and gather for

1 our holidays. Instead, because of traffic to the other  
2 parts of town, you would want to.

3           The Valley is home to a particularly large South  
4 Asian community, in addition to Indo American. There are  
5 many people originally from places like Pakistan,  
6 Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, India. Our issues, like confronting  
7 discrimination and supporting human rights around the  
8 world, we need a united community when we contact our state  
9 legislators and member of Congress.

10           Being united includes being in the same Valley-  
11 based district. Don't hurt our voice. Don't hurt our  
12 voting power. Keep the Valley together and we will help  
13 keep the Valley's large South Asian community together.  
14 Thank you.

15           CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for your input.

16           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
17 have caller 5793, and then up next after that will be  
18 caller 9948.

19           Caller 5793, if you will please follow the  
20 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing \*6. Caller  
21 5793, your speaker order number will be Number 27, if  
22 you'll please make note of that for future reference. And  
23 if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would  
24 like to discuss, the floor is yours.

25           COMMENTER 27: Okay. I would like to discuss San

1 Luis Obispo County. Am I heard at this time?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

3 COMMENTER 27: I would like to ask the Committee  
4 to look at San Luis Obispo County and not allowing  
5 redistricting of that county to include Monterey. We would  
6 like to keep our district the way it is for reasons that  
7 have to do with our community and agriculture and in  
8 tradition, and that redistricting to include other counties  
9 would change the way our county is and looks and the  
10 historic value of our county.

11 So I ask you please to not redistrict San Luis  
12 Obispo County because of our shared history, agriculture,  
13 energy and we need to be kept whole in all the districts  
14 that the Commission draws, to keep San Luis Obispo together  
15 with the neighbors and not linked with Santa Barbara or  
16 Monterey County. Thank you.

17 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for your input.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will  
19 have caller 9948, and then up next after that will be  
20 caller 8454, unique ID 023.

21 Caller 9948, if you will please follow the  
22 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing \*6. Caller  
23 9948, your speaker order number will be Number 28, if  
24 you'll please make note of that for future reference. And  
25 if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would

1 like to discuss, the floor is yours.

2 COMMENTER 28: Hi. My name is Merlin Masquerino  
3 (phonetic). Can the mapper please zoom in on Yorba Linda.  
4 I want to talk about Yorba Linda, which is located in  
5 northern Orange County. And before I get going, I do  
6 realize that the Senate District, Congressional District  
7 and Assembly District have different population  
8 requirements.

9 So I'm going to start with the smallest unit  
10 possible and build out. Brea, Yorba Linda, Placentia are  
11 alike and they belong together. To the north they are  
12 linked to Diamond Bar, Rowland Heights and Walnut by  
13 Highway 57, as well as Anaheim Hills to the south.

14 They share Chino Hills State Park with Chino  
15 Hills, as well as \*1:51:55 power, transportation congestion  
16 on the 60. The Sunny Hills neighborhood, which is in ZIP  
17 Code 92835 in Fullerton, has homes for sale that exceed 2  
18 million.

19 It has ranch style home and schools that's more  
20 like Yorba Linda than the rest of Fullerton, which is more  
21 like working-class neighborhood in Buena Park or West  
22 Anaheim. La Habra is on the northern border of our county,  
23 but isn't it much like Brea or Yorba Linda?

24 It is a working-class city which has a very  
25 significant Latino population. One might put it with parts

1 of Log Angeles County or link it to the communities like  
2 Anaheim or Santa Ana down the I-5. North Orange County is  
3 changing rapidly and it is diverse.

4           It isn't the Orange County of 20 years ago, and I  
5 encourage you to take a careful look at how our city has  
6 changed so you can adjust the district accordingly. Thanks  
7 a lot.

8           CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for your input.

9           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
10 -- one moment. We did have a caller hang up. At this time  
11 we will be going to caller 4036, but that is not the unique  
12 ID number that I mentioned earlier. They hung up. So this  
13 will be caller, last four, 4036. If you will please follow  
14 the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing \*6.

15           COMMENTER 29: Hi. Can you hear --?

16           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

17           COMMENTER 29: Hi. Can you hear me?

18           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can.

19           COMMENTER 29: Hi.

20           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I have a couple of  
21 brief instructions. Real quick, your speaker order number  
22 will be Number 29, if you'll please make note of that for  
23 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know  
24 what area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

25           COMMENTER 29: Hi. I am talking about the

1 redistricting for District 18, the Palmerson District,  
2 which powers the South Bay and peninsula in the Bay Area.

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

4 COMMENTER 29: Hi. My name is Rakir (phonetic).  
5 I have been a Bay Area resident for the past 25 years. I  
6 also serve in the Planning Commission here in Cupertino. I  
7 used to be an independent, but now I'm a registered  
8 Democrat since the (unintelligible).

9 Okay. I'm talking to you to talk a little bit  
10 about representation, and specifically from the point of  
11 view of how the Asian and Indian American community feels  
12 about it. I think the Bay Area has some of the highest  
13 densities of Asian and Indian American, and I'm going to  
14 use the simple word Asian to include both East Asians and  
15 Indian Asian people of our Asian American community.

16 And at times we feel that although, you know, we  
17 made this place our home and Indian -- and we call it  
18 kriyamovi (phonetic). Kriyamovi means that's where you  
19 earn your Karma, where you do your Kriya work. And we have  
20 been very thankful for the opportunities we have received  
21 and in fact we are able to have on the country the lives  
22 that people live and all over the world. I think the Bay  
23 area are extremely unique and we are so thankful to be  
24 here.

25 At the same time, you know, when I talk to people

1 from my community and so on, they feel like their voice  
2 when it comes to decisions which affect them is getting  
3 more and more marginalized. You know, they have the same  
4 \*1:55:33 Democratic people who come, but the number of  
5 Asian and Asian Americans I feel who are so fed up of the  
6 Democratic Party is very astounding (unintelligible).

7 And the president, the way he (unintelligible)  
8 who led the Democratic Party, I also find it surprising.  
9 But you know, they have their reasons and they are fairly  
10 strong, and, again, it points them to the amount of  
11 representation and the voice we as Asian Americans get in  
12 the bigger American picture.

13 So you know, the interesting part about the  
14 demographics is that even though the Asian American  
15 community has a huge part of the Bay Area, is actually a  
16 force to reckon with except in District 17. And what I'm  
17 recommending to you is to seriously consider redistricting  
18 so the Asian Americans who are very fortunate and glad to  
19 be here can actually feel that their voice is getting  
20 heard, and we have a representation and a place in the big  
21 --

22 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

23 COMMENTER 29: -- in the U.S. Okay. So I would  
24 say this. I would recommend you that, you know, if you  
25 could include the cities of Cupertino, \*1:56:46, San

1 Miguel, Santa Clara and maybe even Mountain View in  
2 District 18 so that, you know, we have more than one --

3 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

4 COMMENTER 29: -- representative whose decisions  
5 we can influence than what we have right now. Thank you so  
6 much, and thank you for giving me the chance to speak.

7 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for your input.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And thank you so much.  
9 And caller 8454, unique ID 023, has rejoined us. If you  
10 will please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
11 pressing \*6. And again, it is caller with the last four  
12 8454, and please press \*6 at this time to unmute. Perfect.

13 COMMENTER 30: Hi. Hi.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. One moment. You  
15 are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be Number 30,  
16 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.  
17 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you  
18 would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

19 COMMENTER 30: Okay. Thank you so much. I'm a  
20 resident of San Fernando Valley and this is where I live  
21 and work. I have a few businesses here. And our  
22 boundaries are Mulholland Drive to the south and the Los  
23 Angeles City neighborhoods of Porter Ranch, Northridge and  
24 Granada Hills to the north.

25 And basically, we are not connected to West L.A.

1 because of the drive and the traffic and all that stuff,  
2 and it's nearly impossible to travel to that side of -- for  
3 many hours of the day because of traffic. And all our  
4 representatives are here where they are easily  
5 approachable.

6           And I'm also a member of Valley's large Indo-  
7 American community, and it is one of the most vibrant and  
8 rich communities still in California. So basically, I  
9 would -- everything is within the Lake of the City  
10 (phonetic) and is called San Fernando Valley. We proudly  
11 call it San Fernando Valley.

12           So it would -- I would ask not to redistrict this  
13 boundary. So that's my request and summation. Thank you  
14 very much.

15           CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for calling in.

16           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will go  
17 to caller 6777, and then up next after that will be caller  
18 3795. Caller 6777, if you will please follow the prompts  
19 to unmute at this time by pressing \*6. Caller 6777, your  
20 speaker order number will be Number 31, if you'll please  
21 make note of that for future reference.

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

24           COMMENTER 31: Yes. I'd like to discuss Merced  
25 County, please. And if I could just make a --

1 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

2 COMMENTER 31: Yeah. I'd just like to make a  
3 comment. Merced County obviously is a very important  
4 county here in the Central Valley of California. It has a  
5 very distinct agricultural footprint, as well as  
6 disadvantaged communities and environmental, with the  
7 Grasslands Wildlife Management Area.

8 So all very integrated and really important area,  
9 and I've been hearing that there was potentially some ideas  
10 of moving part of the county out of -- not anywhere part of  
11 Merced County -- maybe the west half being connected more  
12 towards the coastal areas, and that just would be not a  
13 great idea, in my estimation.

14 We've been farming in the Valley for a long  
15 period of time, and the way that the water systems work and  
16 just, again, with the unique nature of the agricultural  
17 community and just all of our communities here, it is  
18 something that I think the county needs to stay together.

19 And it would be doing a disservice to our  
20 residents to make a connection with a county that doesn't  
21 share the same kind of unique traits that we do here. And  
22 that really is the crux of my comments, but again, its  
23 water, as we're seeing in this current drought, is  
24 essential, and the way we manage water in the Valley is  
25 very different than some of the other regions.

1           And I think, again, there's going to be all kinds  
2 of economic and other issues if the region doesn't stay  
3 connected. So those are my comments, and I appreciate the  
4 time today. Thank you very much.

5           CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for your input  
6 today.

7           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time we will  
8 be going to caller 3795. If you'll please follow the  
9 prompts to unmute at this time by pressing \*6. Again, as  
10 caller with the last four 3795, if you wish to give comment  
11 this evening, and please press \*6 on your telephone keypad.  
12 Oh. They have -- they will be calling back. I am certain.

13           The floor is yours, Chair.

14           CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: I hope we didn't scare them,  
15 Katy. Thank you so much. Katy, would you mind giving the  
16 full call-in instructions, and then if I could have Johanna  
17 or Margarita please provide those instructions in Spanish.  
18 Thank you.

19           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. In order  
20 to maximize transparency and public participation in our  
21 process the Commissioners will be taking public comment by  
22 phone. To call in, dial the telephone number provided on  
23 the livestream feed.

24           It is 877-853-5247. When prompted under the  
25 meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed, it is

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2 participant ID simply press the # key. Once you have  
3 dialed in you will be placed in a queue.

4 To indicate you wish to comment please press \*9.  
5 This will raise your hand for the moderator. When it is  
6 your turn to speak you will hear a message that says, the  
7 host would like you to talk, and to press \*6 to speak. If  
8 you would like to give your name, please state and spell it  
9 for the record.

10 You are not required to provide your name to give  
11 public comment. Please make sure to mute your computer or  
12 livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion  
13 during your call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be  
14 alert for when it is your turn to speak, and again, please  
15 turn down the livestream volume.

16 And Margarita, I think I saw your face. Perfect.

17 THE INTERPRETER: Yes. That was me. Thank you.  
18 Okay.

19 (Interpreter reading call-in instructions in Spanish.)

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. We  
21 do have caller 3795. They have returned. Caller 3795, if  
22 you wish to give comment at this time would you please  
23 press \*9 on your telephone keypad. This will raise your  
24 hand, indicating you wish to give comment. Perfect. I see  
25 that hand.

1           And now, if you'll please press \*6, this will  
2 unmute you. Perfect. Your speaker order number will be  
3 Number 32, 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           COMMENTER 32: Well, actually, I'm not actually  
7 calling to make comment. I'm livestreaming the meeting.  
8 But for some reason, although it says in the instructions  
9 that there's a button to push to hear the audio, there's no  
10 audio coming out.

11           So I don't know if there are other people that  
12 are livestreaming that can only see the video and can't  
13 hear. So I actually have to use both devices to  
14 participate in the meeting.

15           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Stand by.

16           COMMENTER 32: Thank you. Well, at this time the  
17 monitoring computer that we have here monitoring the  
18 livestream, we have unmuted it and it is playing out loud.  
19 You may want to check your audio setting in your computer  
20 at this time.

21           COMMENTER 32: Thank you so much.

22           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And there is a mute  
23 button at the bottom of the player. Do you see the little  
24 mute button? If you hover your mouse over it you'll see a  
25 mute button, and if you click that it will play out loud

1 from the streaming player.

2 COMMENTER 32: Okay. I'll try that again. Thank  
3 you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Do you see the mute  
5 button? You're welcome.

6 COMMENTER 32: It doesn't have any buttons at the  
7 bottom. There is something going across it. So let me try  
8 that again and see if it'll allow me to do something.  
9 Thank you so much.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Perfect. You're  
11 welcome.

12 COMMENTER 32: Okay.

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

15 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you for  
16 providing technical support. And so since we don't have  
17 anyone in the queue, I just wanted to continue on in terms  
18 of the ways to participate, other than an input meeting.  
19 This is our last Public Input Meeting.

20 You can go onto our Communities of Interest  
21 Mapping Tool at [drawmycommunity.org](http://drawmycommunity.org). You can also go on  
22 our website on [www.wedrawthelinesca.org](http://www.wedrawthelinesca.org) and click on the  
23 Draw My Ca Community icon. You can also email us at Voters  
24 First Act at [CRC.ca.gov](mailto:VotersFirstAct@CRC.ca.gov).

25 And you can also mail us at the California

1 Citizens Redistricting Commission, 721 Capitol Mall, Suite  
2 260, Sacramento, California, 95814. And since we do not  
3 have anyone in the queue right now, Kristian, can you  
4 please play the 20-minute video, and that way, our viewers  
5 and Californians can learn about the Commission and how  
6 they can participate and provide their valuable input.

7 (Off the record at 5:21 p.m., until 5:40 p.m.)

8 (Video played)

9 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Kristian.  
10 Welcome back to the California Citizens Redistricting  
11 Commission Communities of Interest Input Meeting. For  
12 anyone who's just joined us recently, we're offering a  
13 language line for Spanish language speakers to listen to  
14 the meeting in their native language, and a separate line  
15 for those who wish to provide public comment or public  
16 input.

17 Could I please have our interpreters, Johanna or  
18 Margarita, provide our language line numbers and the  
19 information to provide public input and public comment. I  
20 believe it's the full call-in instructions.

21 THE INTERPRETER: Yes. Hi, Chair. This is  
22 Margarita. I will go ahead and provide the full call-in  
23 instructions.

24 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

25 THE INTERPRETER: Thank you.

1 (Interpreter reading call-in instructions in Spanish.)

2 THE INTERPRETER: Thank you.

3 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Gracias, Margarita.

4 The remainder of this session, it will be  
5 dedicated to those that did not have an appointment -- that  
6 do have an appointment that want to call and tell me where  
7 to go to eat, because I'm a foodie. Whatever you want to  
8 do, just go ahead and call. We're here and we're  
9 listening.

10 So if you had an appointment and were unable to  
11 call, either for the first session or for this session,  
12 please call in now. And as a reminder, Californians from  
13 anywhere in the state are welcome to provide input. At  
14 this point, I'll pass it over to Katy, our Comment  
15 Moderator.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much,  
17 Chair.

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19 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be  
20 taking Community of Interest input and general public  
21 comment for items not on the Agenda by phone. To call in,  
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5 your turn to speak you will hear a message that says, the  
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11 livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion  
12 during your call. Once you are waiting in the queue be  
13 alert for when it is your turn to speak, and again, please  
14 turn down the livestream volume. And again, for those that  
15 have called in this evening, please press \*9. This will  
16 raise your hand.

17           Caller 2815, if you will please press the --  
18 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing \*6 on your  
19 telephone keypad. And once again, caller 2815, if you will  
20 please press \*6 on your telephone keypad, this will unmute  
21 you at this time. Perfect. There you are.

22           You are unmuted. Your speaker order number will  
23 be Number 33, if you'll please make note of that for future  
24 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what  
25 area you would like to discuss, the floor is yours.

1 COMMENTER 33: Hi. Is this for me now?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: It is.

3 COMMENTER 33: Oh, okay. I'm calling from  
4 Cupertino, California. So this is regarding, it's the  
5 heart of the Silicon Valley and it's about the  
6 redistricting of what is going on. So I would like to make  
7 a call that we need a little bit of representation in what  
8 we have.

9 The kind of redistricting that we are planning  
10 should reflect the nature of the population here, a large  
11 amount of Asian American population here. We are all part  
12 of the high tech community and we would like a  
13 representative which represents our interests.

14 So as we understand, a large part of this Asian  
15 community is in the other district, which is the Fremont  
16 area. I think we would like to have a higher  
17 representation of this side of the Valley so we can have  
18 representation which is more representative of the  
19 interests of the tech community.

20 So I would kind of suggest that we have  
21 redistricting on the basis that some part of Cupertino,  
22 Santa Clara, Cupertino or Sunnyvale be separated from the  
23 Milpitas, Fremont area, and so we can have potentially  
24 somebody from the tech as representative of this.

25 Right now, it is -- it goes too far north and

1 south. It will be useful to split it up in a way where the  
2 tech part of the South Bay is represented better. That's  
3 all I have to say. Thank you.

4 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Caller, can I ask you a  
5 quick question before you go?

6 COMMENTER 33: Sure.

7 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Because you did mention some  
8 part of Cupertino, or did you mean all of Cupertino and  
9 Sunnyvale and Santa Clara?

10 COMMENTER 33: All of Cupertino.

11 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right.

12 COMMENTER 33: I think Cupertino is quite --  
13 Cupertino's a small place, so it could include Cupertino,  
14 parts of Sunnyvale live in West San Jose. They could all  
15 be consolidated into a single district.

16 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: So the Cupertino, Sunnyvale  
17 and Santa Clara into a district.

18 COMMENTER 33: That's correct.

19 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: All right. Thank you so  
20 much.

21 COMMENTER 33: Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. And at  
23 this time we will go to caller 0564. If you will please  
24 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing \*6.  
25 Caller 0564, your speaker order number will be Number 34,

1 if you will please make note of that for future reference.

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

4 COMMENTER 34: Yes. It was regarding  
5 redistricting California 18 and 17. So I live in Sunnyvale  
6 and I'm a tech worker. My name is Monisha Shaw (phonetic)  
7 and we were -- you know -- we are basically a new immigrant  
8 community who's more focused on education and getting the  
9 community together.

10 So it would be nice to have an Asian  
11 representation, and it would be nice if you could regroup  
12 18 and 17 so we have enough representation in Washington on  
13 behalf of our community.

14 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes, we're here. Did you  
15 have specific recommendations on how you would like to have  
16 that regrouped?

17 COMMENTER 34: Oh, well, I think Sunnyvale -- I  
18 live in Sunnyvale for the last 20 years. Sunnyvale and  
19 Cupertino and Santa Clara has a lot -- big diaspora of the  
20 Asian Indian and Asian Chinese community, and I don't know  
21 if you would be able to match it all with 18, and you know,  
22 regroup it so we have proper representation, because right  
23 now, you know, 18 goes all the way to San Mateo and all,  
24 and we don't have that -- you know -- the diaspora is more  
25 of the South Bay from Santa Clara to Palo Alto, more

1 Atherton side.

2           So -- and Saratoga, Monte Sereno, San Jose, those  
3 are the districts where our diaspora lives, mainly. So if  
4 we have a regrouping and then we could have our focus on  
5 what our issues are as a community -- represent us in  
6 Washington, D.C. We appreciate if that could be heard for  
7 us, our voices.

8           CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you. Thank you  
9 so much for calling, and thank you so much for clarifying  
10 that for us today.

11           COMMENTER 34: Yeah. I appreciate taking my  
12 call.

13           CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Of course. Thank  
14 you.

15           COMMENTER 34: Thank you.

16           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And that is all of our  
17 callers at this time, Chair.

18           CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Let's see. Let me  
19 just read a little bit of this for everyone that's out  
20 there that may not have heard me. And you know, you might  
21 get tired of hearing me, but that's okay. You can call in.  
22 That way, I don't have to speak as much, right?

23           That's a deal we're going to have. So just a  
24 reminder to visit our website at [wedrawthelinesca.org](http://wedrawthelinesca.org). You  
25 can also sign up for our emails to learn more about the

1 Commission meetings, updates and announcements. And please  
2 connect with us on social media.

3 We are on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn  
4 and YouTube at [wedrawthelinesca](http://wedrawthelinesca.org). And we have mentioned  
5 this many times. It is, unfortunately, our last Public  
6 Input Meeting, but that doesn't mean that you cannot  
7 provide input. There's still plenty of time for you to  
8 provide input. You can go to our Communities of Interest  
9 Mapping Tool on [drawmycacommunity.org](http://drawmycacommunity.org), and provide the  
10 input online.

11 You can also get to that tool by going onto our  
12 website at [www.wedrawthelinesca.org](http://www.wedrawthelinesca.org), and you click on the  
13 Draw My CA Community icon. That'll take you directly to  
14 the tool, and it's very easy to use and very easy to  
15 submit. And you can also email us at Voters First Act at  
16 [crc.ca.gov](mailto:crc.ca.gov).

17 And you can also mail us at the California  
18 Citizens Redistricting Commission, 721 Capitol Mall, Suite  
19 260, Sacramento, CA, 95814. Oh, and again, I just want to  
20 specify that it's the last Communities of Interest Public  
21 Input Meeting.

22 It's not our last community -- or not our last  
23 Public Input Meeting. So thank you so much for watching my  
24 back out there. So with that, let's see. Kristian, can we  
25 go to -- what do we have, a five-minute video?

1 MR. MANOFF: Sure thing, Chair.

2 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Do we -- is that -- what  
3 else do we have, five and what?

4 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment. Okay. We're on that  
5 five-minute video, and we'll check back in here at 5:57.  
6 Other than that, we've got the 20-minute Spanish video.

7 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Oh. We don't have any --

8 MR. MANOFF: Actually, I've got another -- I've  
9 got another two and a half minute video I can play right  
10 after this one about split-dividing counties.

11 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yeah. Let's do that one.

12 MR. MANOFF: You got it, back to back.

13 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: That'd be great.

14 MR. MANOFF: Sure thing.

15 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you.

16 MR. MANOFF: So that puts us back, I don't know,  
17 around --

18 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Like 6:00-ish?

19 MR. MANOFF: -- around 6:00 o'clock, yeah, around  
20 6:00.

21 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. All right. Thank  
22 you.

23 (Off the record at 5:53 p.m., until 6:00 p.m.)

24 (Two videos played)

25 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you and welcome back

1 to our meeting. I'm hoping you enjoyed the videos that  
2 were just played.

3 Katy, it looks like we have someone in the queue,  
4 but can you read the full call-in instructions and then go  
5 to the caller? And if we can also have that interpreted in  
6 Spanish by either Margarita or Johanna. Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Absolutely. In order  
8 to maximize transparency and public participation in our  
9 process, the Commissioners will be taking Community of  
10 Interest input and general public comment for items not on  
11 the Agenda by phone. To call in, dial the telephone number  
12 provided on the livestream feed.

13 It is 877-853-5247. When prompted, under the  
14 meeting ID number provided on the livestream feed, it is  
15 88487619376 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a  
16 participant ID, simply press the # key. Once you have  
17 dialed in you will be placed in a queue.

18 To indicate you wish to comment please press \*9.  
19 This will raise your hand for the moderator. When it is  
20 your turn to speak you will hear a message that says, the  
21 host would like you to talk, and to press \*6 to speak. If  
22 you would like to give your name, please state and spell it  
23 for the record.

24 You are not required to provide your name to give  
25 public comment. Please make sure to mute your computer or

1 livestream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion  
2 during your call. Once you are in the queue be alert for  
3 when it is your turn to speak, and again, please turn down  
4 the livestream volume.

5           And if I could ask for an interpreter to read the  
6 full call-in instructions at this time.

7           THE INTERPRETER: And Katy, this is the Spanish  
8 interpreter.

9           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

10          (Interpreter reading call-in instructions in Spanish.)

11          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 And right now, we have caller 9114. If you would please  
13 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing \*6.  
14 Caller 9114, your speaker order number will be Number 35,  
15 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.

16           And if you'll please let the mapper know an area  
17 if you'd like to discuss it, the floor is yours.

18           COMMENTER 35: Great. Thank you. Hello. This  
19 is Mary Jong. My area of interest is Merced County, right  
20 in the center of the Central Valley. I'm speaking on  
21 behalf of the Hmong community, a cultural group here in the  
22 region. I am Hmong. I was born and raised in Merced  
23 County and have witnessed how much this county needs for  
24 our representation.

25           Merced County has been home to many Hmong for

1 over 46 years, when our people settled here as refugees  
2 escaping genocide during the Vietnam War. Merced County  
3 has one of the largest populations in the entire country up  
4 to date. Yet we only represent six percent of the  
5 population here in the region.

6 It is very important that the boundaries of the  
7 county remain unchanged so our representation can continue  
8 to flourish. Our voices, our choices depend on that.  
9 Merced County is home to many Hmong because of how  
10 culturally aware our language, traditions and values are  
11 here.

12 For example, farming is an important piece of our  
13 community. We continue to do this in Merced County because  
14 it's an agricultural region, and not to mention the county  
15 is home to two essential Hmong markets in the Valley, the  
16 Lee's Community Market (phonetic) and Save Smart Market.

17 Merced County also holds a landmark organization  
18 for the community, which is called the Merced Leo Family.  
19 Established in 1981, the organization has helped the Hmong  
20 with a range of services, such as translation,  
21 interpreting, job seeking, training and educational  
22 opportunities.

23 Merced County also holds one of the largest  
24 annual Hmong New Year's festivals at the Merced  
25 Fairgrounds. This has been a prominent representation for

1 our people throughout the country. Along with that,  
2 there's many significant members of our community that have  
3 served as our voices, such as former Council Member Miller  
4 Lore (phonetic) of Merced, former Merced Board Supervisor,  
5 Lee Lore, and Paul C. Lowe (phonetic), judge for the  
6 Superior Court of Merced County.

7 Merced County has been a powerful asset for the  
8 Hmong community in our representation throughout the United  
9 States, and this should remain unchanged. Any division  
10 through Merced County can risk Hmong under-representation,  
11 considering we only make six percent of the population. I  
12 hope this is taken into consideration. Thank you.

13 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for your input.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And right now, we will  
15 have caller 4835, and then up next after that will be  
16 caller 6799.

17 Caller 4835, if you'll please follow the prompts  
18 to unmute at this time by pressing \*6. Caller 4835, your  
19 speaker order number will be Number 36, if you'll please  
20 make note of that for future reference. And if you'll  
21 please let the mapper know what area you would like to  
22 discuss, the floor is yours.

23 COMMENTER 36: Good afternoon. I'm Councilwoman  
24 Laurie Gonzalez. I am testifying today on behalf of the  
25 Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians in county San Diego. I'm

1 here to request that our tribal community is included in  
2 the same district as the other Luiseño Indian bands in our  
3 region, in order to protect tribal sovereignty and insure  
4 our unique concerns and priorities are well represented in  
5 the state and federal legislature.

6           Rincon is a sovereign government recognized by  
7 the United States of America. Our ancestors date back over  
8 10,000 years, leaving behind a resilient cultural heritage.  
9 We're located, as I said, in Inland North County, east of  
10 the community of Valley Center and north of the San Pasqual  
11 Valley.

12           We are one of five Luiseño bands in the area,  
13 which include Rincon, La Jolla, Pauma, Pala and Pechanga,  
14 which is near the City of Temecula in Southwest Riverside  
15 County, and we're requesting that our five tribal  
16 communities are included in the same district, the reason  
17 being that we share cultural heritage.

18           Each of the five bands mentioned have a shared  
19 cultural heritage as members of the Luiseño Indian Tribe.  
20 We request that our communities are included in the same  
21 district to protect our tribal sovereignty and insure that  
22 we have a strong voice for our communities' concerns in the  
23 legislature.

24           There are six federally recognized tribal  
25 governments in our region, including the five Luiseño

1 Indian bands, and we are requesting to be considered as a  
2 Voting Rights Act district due to the population of tribal  
3 communities (phonetic) in the region.

4 We are also four of the five Luiseño bands of  
5 gaming tribes. Rincon has Resort Southern California. The  
6 Pauma band has Casino Pauma. The Pala Band has Pala  
7 Casino, and Pechanga also hosts one of our region's largest  
8 casinos, Pechanga Resort and Casino.

9 As gaming tribes, we have unique Prop \*2:30:08  
10 priorities and concerns, and we're requesting that our  
11 tribal communities are kept together in the same district  
12 in order to insure those priorities are represented fairly.  
13 Also, wildfire prevention.

14 We and our surrounding tribal communities have  
15 long been under threat of wildfire. The Luiseño Indian  
16 bands all share concerns over wildfire prevention, due to  
17 the dry, shrub land ecosystem in which we all live. In  
18 order to insure our priorities for wildfire prevention,  
19 funding and bush management --

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 COMMENTER 36: -- I'm requesting that the tribal  
22 communities of Rincon, Pauma, Pala, La Jolla, San Pasqual,  
23 \*2:30:49 and Pechanga are included in the same district.  
24 Thank you.

25 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you so much for your

1 testimony.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: At this time we will  
3 be going to caller with the last four 6799. If you will  
4 please follow the prompts to unmute at this time by  
5 pressing \*6. Caller 6799, your speaker order number will  
6 be Number 37, if you'll please make note of that for future  
7 reference.

8 And if you'll please let the mapper know what  
9 area you'd like to discuss, the floor is yours.

10 COMMENTER 37: Thank you very much. Thank you,  
11 Commissioners. I live in Long Beach, California --  
12 obviously, California. Sorry. My name is Sharon Weissman,  
13 and I'm a longtime resident and community leader here in  
14 Long Beach.

15 Long Beach has been very consistent in voicing  
16 that the city should be kept together and intact as  
17 possible in the new district boundaries for Congress, the  
18 State Assembly and the State Senate. Underlying our  
19 position is the history of how the 2011 Redistricting  
20 Commission helped empower our community in ways that it was  
21 not previously in empowered.

22 Prior to 2011 the city was regularly  
23 gerrymandered to dilute our power and voices. It was only  
24 when this process was taken out of the legislature and into  
25 the hands of the people and this Commission that we were

1 treated fairly.

2 Our Congressional District in 2011 kept more than  
3 82 percent of our city together, a solid improvement from  
4 before. We want even more of our city united in our  
5 Congressional District. We share a district with Orange  
6 County cities and we support that partnership with our  
7 neighbors in Orange County.

8 I have submitted maps and some written testimony  
9 of our State Assembly and State Senate lines, which show  
10 from 2001 to 2011 the difference. It really shows a vast  
11 improvement made by the 2011 Independent Redistricting  
12 Commission.

13 I hope that examples I've submitted will help  
14 inform your future discussion. I thank you for hard work,  
15 not only on behalf of Long Beach, but all the people of  
16 California. We have worked very, very hard to respect  
17 your process and answer your call to engage with you. I  
18 hope you'll listen to our request. Thank you so very much.

19 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for calling in and  
20 for providing your input by submitting your maps, as well.  
21 Thanks.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And at this time we  
23 have caller with the last four 2408. If you will please  
24 follow the prompts to unmute at this time by pressing \*6.  
25 Caller 2408, your speaker order number, Number 38, if

1 you'll please make note of that.

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

4           COMMENTER 38: Hi. Yes. I'd like to speak  
5 regarding the City of Long Beach.

6           MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

7           COMMENTER 38: Hello, Commissioners. My name is  
8 Andy Kerr, and I am a proud Long Beach resident and I've  
9 lived here my whole life. I'm the father of three kids  
10 that I've raised here in Long Beach, and I'm looking  
11 forward to \*2:34:09 to find the best possible solution for  
12 my kids and family in the future.

13           We've heard a lot from the Keep Long Beach  
14 Together Coalition, and we plan to stay engaged and active  
15 throughout this process, because we believe in what you're  
16 doing. In fact, our city here in Long Beach, we partnered  
17 with Common Cause to create a similar commission based on  
18 the same work that you're doing for our local community  
19 districts.

20           You know, we want to stay together, and I know  
21 you will hear us. As you prepare to draw lines and maps, I  
22 want to highlight our Congressional District today. Please  
23 keep our city together so that we can continue our  
24 partnerships, grants and federal aid opportunities.

25           In addition, we obviously support Signal Hill and

1 Catalina Island as a continued part of our Congressional  
2 District, since they are extensions of our community. In  
3 fact, Signal Hill is in the middle of our city and is  
4 completely surrounded by the City of Long Beach.

5 We also want to continue to improve Lakewood,  
6 which is part of our school and community college district.  
7 Again, these partnerships and grants are critical. Beyond  
8 Signal Hill, Catalina Island and Lakewood we share a border  
9 with numerous Orange County cities. So they're our  
10 neighbors.

11 We know you may need to make some adjustments in  
12 Orange County and you may choose to move some, but not all,  
13 of these Orange County cities to other districts, but I do  
14 believe the Congressional District could retain at least  
15 the cities that sit on the Long Beach/Orange County border.

16 Again, we know you have a huge job ahead and I  
17 thank you for your patience with us. We really appreciate  
18 your work and service to California immensely. Let's keep  
19 our community of Long Beach together. Thank you so much.

20 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Thank you for calling in.

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

23 CO-CHAIR FERNANDEZ: Okay. Great. Thank you,  
24 Katy. And if that's our last caller, I want to thank  
25 everyone for joining our Communities of Interest Input

1 Meeting today. As today is our last Communities of  
2 Interest Meeting, please continue to provide your Community  
3 of Interest Public Input to the Commission using the online  
4 Community of Interest Tool by email or by mail.

5 Our next Commission Meeting is tomorrow. We have  
6 a meeting tomorrow. It's a full commission meeting to  
7 review our Communities of Interest input, and then we also  
8 have a meeting on September 15th. It's our whole  
9 Commission meeting. It's a line drawing session.

10 And then we have two additional meetings next  
11 week, one on a Friday, September 17th, and one on Saturday,  
12 September 18th, and that -- those are also full Commission  
13 Meetings, and those are to provide Communities of Interest  
14 direction.

15 And then I just want to thank everyone for their  
16 contributions today, to our wonderful staff to make sure  
17 everything runs smoothly. You are amazing; to our  
18 videography dynamic duo, which I keep calling them, Katy  
19 and Kristian, the calming and welcoming voices who keep us  
20 on track; to our Line-Drawing Team of Haystack DNA and Q2  
21 Data & Research for keeping up with all the input received;  
22 to our ASL interpreters, our court reporters and Margarita  
23 and Johanna, our Spanish interpreters, to my fellow  
24 Commissioners for being so open and welcoming to all of our  
25 callers, and to you, our fellow Californians, for your

1 wonderful input.

2           Without you we would be missing an important part  
3 of our redistricting process. Thank you for sharing your  
4 communities with us, and please continue to share your  
5 communities with us. I wish you all the best. Be safe.  
6 Thank you. And the meeting is adjourned at 6:16. Thank  
7 you, everyone.

8           (COI Public Input Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.)

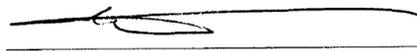
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