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3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Good afternoon, everyone. Good
4 afternoon, California. Good afternoon, L.A. County.
5 Good afternoon, community neighbors. Welcome and thank
6 you for tuning in to the California Citizens
7 Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest COI
8 Input Meeting. I'm Commissioner Derrick Taylor. And I
9 will be co-chairing today's meeting with Commissioner
10 Isra Ahmad.

11 Ravi, can you take roll, please?

12 MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair.

13 Commissioner Toledo?

14 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Here. Sorry about that.

15 MR. SINGH: Thank you.

16 Commissioner Turner?

17 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

18 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vasquez?

19 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

20 MR. SINGH: Thank you.

21 Commissioner Yee?

22 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

23 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Ahmad?

24 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Here.

25 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Akutagawa?



1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Andersen?

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

3 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

5 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

7 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

9 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons.

10 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

11 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sadhwani?

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

13 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Sinay?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

15 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Taylor?

16 CHAIR TAYLOR: I am present.

17 MR. SINGH: Roll call is complete. Thank you.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Ravi. I will start this

19 meeting by sharing a little bit about the Commission.

20 Every ten years after the federal government publishes

21 updated census information, California must redraw the

22 boundaries of its Congressional, State Senate, State

23 Assembly, and State Board of Equalization Districts so

24 that the districts correctly reflect the state's

25 population.



1 In 2008, California voters authorized the creation
2 of the Commission. When they passed the Voter's FIRST
3 Act. It authorized the Commission to draw the new
4 district lines for State Senate, State Assembly, and
5 State Board of Equalization Districts.

6 In 2010, the Congressional Voter's Act added the
7 responsibility of drawing Congressional districts to the
8 Commission. The fourteen-member Commission is made up of
9 five Republicans, five Democrats and four not affiliated
10 with either of those two parties. The Commission must
11 draw the District lines in conformity with strict
12 nonpartizan rules designed to create districts with
13 relatively equal population that would provide fair
14 representation for all Californians.

15 When we receive census data, the Commission must
16 begin drawing maps using six-line drawing criteria as
17 outlined in the California Constitution. One of the one
18 of these is minimizing the division of counties, cities,
19 neighborhoods, and communities of interest to the best
20 extent possible. We can obtain The City and county
21 information from those jurisdictions, but we need the
22 neighborhood and communities of interest information from
23 Californians directly.

24 That's why we have launched these communities of
25 interest input sessions to get that valuable information



1 from you directly. We encourage all Californians to
2 participate in this process. If you would rather submit
3 COI, community of interest input information, over the
4 internet, you can do so from our website or by visiting
5 Drawmycacommunity.org. Or you can skip the line and go
6 online.

7 Now I will call on all Commissioners to introduce
8 themselves and to say hello. To see the biographies for
9 all fourteen Commissioners or for additional information
10 or to sign up for our emails, please visit our website at
11 wedrawthelinesca.org.

12 Please also follow the California Citizens
13 Redistricting Commission on Social Media. You can find
14 us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and
15 YouTube. Our handle is @Wedrawthelinesca. There you
16 will find a lot of useful information about redistricting
17 and updates from the California Commission. We will
18 begin our introductions with my co-chair, Commissioner
19 Isra Ahmad.

20 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Chair Taylor. And
21 welcome everyone to our L.A. County COI Input meeting or
22 Communities of Interest Input Meeting. I'm very excited
23 to continue to learn about your communities.

24 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.

25 Next, we have Commissioner Linda Akutagawa.



1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Hi. Good afternoon,
2 California. Good afternoon, L.A. County. I was born and
3 raised in L.A. County. I work in L.A. County, although I
4 live now in Orange County. I'm looking forward to
5 hearing what the residents of L.A. County have to say
6 about your communities of interest. And as has been
7 said, we are eagerly looking forward to hearing from you.
8 Thank you.

9 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you very much.
10 Commissioner Jane Andersen?

11 S3: Afternoon, California. I'm looking forward to
12 hearing from Los Angeles County and the communities of
13 interest and anyone else who happens to call in today.
14 Looking very forward to hearing what is it about your
15 community that makes it outstanding and want to stay
16 together? Thank you.

17 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
18 And helping me with my Spanish is Commissioner
19 Alicia Fernandez.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: [Speaking Spanish]. Good
21 afternoon, California, especially those in Los Angeles
22 County. I'm Alicia Fernandez coming to you from Yolo
23 County, from a small farming community in Clarksburg.
24 And I'm very excited to continue to hear about your
25 communities.



1 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Alicia.

2 Commissioner Neal Fornaciari.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Good morning, California
4 and L.A. County. I'm Neal Fornaciari coming to you from
5 Tracy in San Joaquin County. I'm looking forward to
6 hearing about your communities and why you believe they
7 should be kept together. Thanks.

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Fornaciari.

9 Next, we have Commissioner Ray Kennedy.

10 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. Good
11 afternoon, everyone. My name is Ray Kennedy. I live in
12 Morongo Valley, which is a Joshua Tree Gateway Community
13 in the high desert here in San Bernardino County. And I
14 enjoy my time in Los Angeles whenever I can get there.
15 And I am certainly looking forward to hearing from
16 everyone about their communities and neighborhoods this
17 afternoon. Thank you.

18 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.

19 And with the star by his name, we have Commissioner
20 Antonio Le Mons.

21 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Buenos Tardes. Good
22 afternoon, California, Los Angeles. I split my time
23 between Los Angeles County and Riverside County long
24 term, thirty-five-year resident of Southern California
25 looking forward to hearing feedback from Southern



1 California region and anyone else who chooses to call in
2 this evening. Thank you.

3 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons.

4 And to my neighbor, next we have Commissioner Sara
5 Sadhwani.

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Hola, Los Angeles. I'm so
7 excited to be your neighbor, Commissioner Taylor and yet
8 we've never met. My name is Sara Sadhwani. I'm very
9 happy to call Los Angeles County home for the last almost
10 20 years. Super excited to hear from folks this evening
11 and learn more about your communities of interest.
12 Thanks so much.

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Sara.

14 And my other tutor, Commissioner Patricia Sinay.

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Gracias, Commissioner Taylor.

16 [In Spanish]. Hi, I'm Patricia Sinay. I live in San
17 Diego, but Los Angeles is one of the four counties that I
18 have lived in in California. My parents and my siblings
19 still live there with their families. And I'm really
20 excited to hear from all of you today.

21 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

22 Commissioner Trena Turner?

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Good afternoon, California.

24 I'm Pastor Commissioner Trina Turner and so glad to
25 engage with all of you on today. I'm looking forward to



1 hearing from each and every one of you. I hail from the
2 Central Valley, San Joaquin Central Valley in California,
3 where, yes, it is indeed hot. Today with just a nice,
4 cool 91 or so. So you all enjoy the weather where you
5 are and look forward to hearing from you. Thanks.

6 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

7 We have next Commissioner Pedro Toledo. Good
8 afternoon. Buenos Dias. I am Pedro Toledo. And I'm
9 from Petaluma, California and wine country. I'm looking
10 forward to learning all about your communities of
11 interest and enjoying this evening with you today. Thank
12 you.

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Toledo.

14 We have Commissioner Angela Vasquez.

15 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Hello, Los Angeles. I'm so
16 excited to hear about your communities all across the
17 county and Southern California today. As I've said
18 before, I'm originally from the IE, but I am an adopted
19 Angelina of ten years and counting. I'm also speaking up
20 on behalf of all the third gen plus Chicanas who never
21 learned Spanish. So we want to hear your input too.

22 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Vazquez.

23 And full of facts always, we have Commissioner
24 Russell Yee.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Greetings, California. And



1 especially Los Angeles County. And here's your fact, but
2 you all know this by far the most populous county in
3 California, with over 10 million folks in the county
4 there. I'm here in my hometown in Oakland. But over the
5 years I've had many connections with L.A. County, mostly
6 through schools there.

7 I have a daughter who graduated from Azusa Pacific
8 University. Nieces and nephews from there, as well as
9 UCLA and Viola. And then I have colleagues at Fuller
10 Theological Seminary in Pasadena, as well as I've done
11 some teaching at LOGOS Evangelical Seminary in El Monte.
12 So it's been quite a bit of time in L.A. and look forward
13 to hearing from you today.

14 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.

15 And a brief introduction from myself. I am a
16 Southern California kid born in Kaiser Sunset, which
17 speaks to a lot of those in Southern California. I was
18 raised in the San Gabriel Valley. I call Los Angeles
19 home. I'm eager for all of the information that my
20 community members can provide so that we can effectively
21 go about our task at hand.

22 And with that, we will move toward some housekeeping
23 rules. This meeting is primarily for communities of
24 interest testimonies focused on Los Angeles County and
25 surrounding areas. However, anyone in California can

1 call in to provide input. General public comment will
2 take place at the end of the meeting. Today we are
3 joined by our line drawing team HaystaqDNA and Q2 Data
4 and Research. They will be displaying a map of the area
5 that it can be described.

6 Please start with your -- with the area you would
7 like to discuss and be as specific as possible about the
8 boundaries of where your community is located. The City
9 of Los Angeles being within Los Angeles County uniquely
10 consists of many neighborhoods. If the area you wish to
11 describe consists of a neighborhood within the City of
12 Los Angeles, please define those boundaries of that
13 neighborhood.

14 Further, if the area you wish to describe includes a
15 larger geographical area, for example, the San Fernando
16 Valley, San Gabriel Valley, or the Pomona Valley, it
17 would be helpful to describe your boundaries of those
18 communities. Attendees will not be able to share their
19 screen. It is our goal to find the area on the map you
20 would like to discuss prior to your testimony.

21 If you are within a specific neighborhood of Los
22 Angeles, please mention it by name. Once we are able to
23 locate your area, your three-minute testimony will begin.
24 Attendees would not be able to share their screen.

25 We are also joined by spoken language interpreters



1 who will be interpreting some of the public input. And
2 Katy, our comment moderator, will be introducing the
3 attendees when it is their turn to speak. When you join
4 the meeting, please use the raise your hand button at the
5 bottom of your screen to enter the queue.

6 If you have registered for a time slot, we encourage
7 you to call in during your appointed time slot. When it
8 is your turn to speak, Katy, our comment moderator, will
9 be identifying you by your assigned unique ID number.
10 You will be reconnected to this session with the ability
11 to enable your own video and/or audio.

12 The comment moderator will assign you a speaker
13 order number before you begin speaking and please make a
14 note of this for future reference. You will be able to
15 use this number to identify your COI testimony on our
16 website at a future date. The Commission will be
17 enforcing a three-minute time limit for English speakers
18 and a six-minute time limit for those with an
19 interpreter.

20 There will be a warning at thirty seconds and
21 fifteen seconds. At the beginning of your input, you
22 will see a map on the screen. Please remind the mapper
23 what area you would like to see on the screen and be as
24 specific as possible about the boundaries of where your
25 community is located. Registration is not required to



1 participate in this public input meeting. The public has
2 the option of calling in during this meeting to get in
3 the queue to speak. The call-in information and access
4 code is listed on the live stream.

5 While there are no clear rules on how to define a
6 community of interest, we've identified ways for you to
7 describe your community. Begin with your county or city.
8 Mention the street names and significant locations in
9 your neighborhood to help us identify the parameters of
10 your community. What are your shared interests? What
11 brings you together? What is important to your
12 community?

13 Are there nearby areas you want to be in a district
14 with? Are the nearby areas you do not want to be in a
15 district with? And please tell us why or why not. Has
16 your community come together to advocate for important
17 services, better schools, roads, or health centers in
18 your neighborhood?

19 Also, we invite you to use the Communities of
20 Interest Tool to draw a map and describe your community.
21 And you can do this by visiting Drawmycommunity.org.
22 Again, skip the line, go online, submit your COI input
23 today.

24 We will now begin the public input sessions, and I
25 will pass this over to Katy, our comment moderator. We



1 will start with people who are registered and then open
2 the phone lines if there is time before the next session.
3 And with that, Katy.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.
5 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the
6 raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen to
7 enter the queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will
8 be identified by your assigned unique ID number which you
9 were emailed yesterday.

10 You will be reconnected to the session with the
11 ability to enable your own video and or audio. You will
12 then be assigned a speaker order number before you begin
13 speaking. Please make a note of your speaker order
14 number for future reference.

15 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time
16 limit for English speakers and a six-minute time limit
17 for those with an interpreter. There will be a warning
18 at thirty seconds and fifteen seconds remaining. It is
19 the Commission's goal to find the area on the map you
20 would like to discuss prior to your testimony.

21 If you are within a specific neighborhood of Los
22 Angeles, please mention it by name. Once we are able to
23 locate your area, your three-minute testimony will begin
24 or six-minute testimony for those with interpretation
25 will begin. Attendees will not be able to share their



1 screen. At the end of your public input or at the end of
2 your time, you will be reconnected in a listen and view
3 only mode.

4 At the beginning of your input, please remind the
5 mapper what area you would like to see on the screen. We
6 will be starting today with 001. We'll be starting today
7 with 001. Up next in the queue will be color 0073, which
8 is unique ID Number 015. We will be starting with 001.
9 Up next, will be color 0073.

10 001, I will be promoting you now. 001, your speaker
11 Order number will be number 1. If you are, please make
12 note of that for future reference. If you will please
13 let mapper know what area you would like to discuss
14 today. With that, the floor is yours.

15 MS. LUCERO: I represent Long Beach, California.

16 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Please go ahead.

17 MS. LUCERO: Thank you. Hello, Commissioners. My
18 name is Kelly Leigh Lucero, and I've been a Long Beach
19 resident since 1987. I'm also president of the Long
20 Beach Symphony. And I am so proud to reside, work and
21 raise my children in this great city of nearly half a
22 million people.

23 I'm speaking today and strong support of keeping
24 Long Beach together in Congress and State Districts. As
25 the second largest city in Los Angeles County, Long Beach



1 is comprised of many unique neighborhoods, united by our
2 commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and
3 accessibility. Our strength lies in our ability to come
4 together as a single voice and is only possible by
5 unifying Long Beach within single legislative districts.

6 Keeping Long Beach together will preserve the
7 geographic and demographic integrity of my city, allowing
8 our unique strengths as a city to contribute to the
9 success of this great state of California. This is a
10 critical time, and remaining unified will allow us to
11 create solutions to current and important challenges. So
12 on behalf of a coalition of community leaders, I call on
13 the Commission to keep Long Beach together. Thank you
14 for your time.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Right now
16 will be caller 0073. And up next will be 002. 002, will
17 require Spanish interpretation -- or has requested
18 Spanish interpretation. Right now is caller 0073. If
19 you will please follow the prompts to unmute.

20 Caller 0073, you are unmuted. I have a couple of
21 brief instructions for you. Your speaker order number
22 will be number 2 if you will. Please make note of that
23 for future reference. And then if you will, please let
24 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss
25 today. With that, the floor is yours.



1 MR. AI: Of course, if you could please pull up the
2 map on the existing boundaries of L.A. Counsel District
3 2, 13, and LAUSD District 5.

4 CHAIR TAYLOR: Caller, would you happen to know the
5 boundaries as this is a State-Level redistricting and
6 those are Local-Level redistricting districts.

7 MR. AI: I don't have the maps. It would be the
8 area of Hollywood would be Counsel District 13. Counsel
9 District 2 would be the area of North Hollywood. And
10 LAUS District five would be East Hollywood and Highland
11 Park.

12 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

13 MR. AI: Hello, Commissioners. My name is Mike Ai.
14 And I'm calling for Equality California, the state's
15 largest LGBTQ+ civil rights organization with hundreds of
16 thousands of members across California. I want to thank
17 you again for taking an interest in our community.

18 When you held a panel discussion on how
19 redistricting impacts policy goals that are specific to
20 our struggle for equality and how that can be impacted by
21 fair representation for our communities. As you know, we
22 plan to actively engage in the redistricting process to
23 ensure such fair representation for the LGBTQ+ community.

24 I am calling today because Equality California has
25 identified very significant geographic, specific LGBTQ



1 communities of interest in Los Angeles County that we
2 wanted to bring to your attention as you hear from others
3 in Zone H at today's hearing, specifically North
4 Hollywood, Valley Village, Studio City, Toluca Lake,
5 (indiscernible), Silverlake, and East Hollywood
6 neighborhood, the City of Los Angeles, all served as
7 major building blocks of the local LGBTQ+ communities in
8 Los Angeles and had a history of voting cohesively to
9 elect a candidate of choice. Both members of the LGBT+
10 community and officials have consistently been responsive
11 to the LGBTQ community.

12 Since the Northeast neighborhood in the City of Los
13 Angeles I mentioned elected the first openly LGBTQ plus
14 woman to serve on the Los Angeles City Council in 1993,
15 after previously electing her to serve on the LAUSD Board
16 of Education in 1983, she won reelection in 1997 without
17 opposition and was elected to the California Assembly in
18 2001 and served until 2007 and was recently reelected to
19 serve out the LAUSD Board of Education in 2019.

20 Currently, Equality California is developing a
21 dataset of maps with 831,000 data points and growing that
22 can be used as a guide for work to understand where the
23 community's strength lies in the state. We know at this
24 time that our LGBTQ plus dataset will demonstrate the
25 strength of our community and these neighborhoods.



1 You should expect that several members of our
2 community, not just in Los Angeles County but throughout
3 the state, will be participating in the process as well.
4 Thank you for your time today. And we look forward to
5 continuing our conversation with you about the importance
6 of representation which can be achieved through this
7 process.

8 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. We appreciate the call.
9 And we would like to say that while this Commission deals
10 with Congressional and State level redistricting efforts,
11 we encourage our community members to participate in all
12 local redistricting efforts. Katy?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair. Our Spanish
14 interpreter should begin interpreting now. Up next, we
15 have 002.

16 INTERPRETER: [In Spanish].

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Unique I.D. number 002,
18 you will be reconnected in a video enabled mode.

19 INTERPRETER: [In Spanish].

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Unique I.D. number 002,
21 you can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
22 corner of your screen.

23 INTERPRETER: [In Spanish].

24 MS. KOTA: [In Spanish].

25 MS. KOTA (through interpreter): Hello, everyone. I



1 am here. I'm here to represent Long Beach. And good
2 afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Marta Kota
3 (phonetic). I am from Long Beach and I've been living
4 here for 36 years. My children and my grandchildren were
5 born here as well. And I informed the -- the interpreter
6 informed the speaker to please pause as there was a
7 misunderstanding that it was simultaneous interpretation.

8 MS. KOTA: [In Spanish].

9 MS. KOTA (through interpreter): And so we are here
10 to support the Federal and also State to be united in the
11 representation of the districts.

12 MS. KOTA: [In Spanish].

13 MS. KOTA (through interpreter): And so I'm here to
14 support for State and Federal Districts to be kept
15 together in support of that.

16 MS. KOTA: [In Spanish].

17 MS. KOTA (through interpreter): And so Long Beach
18 is comprised of a forty -- or greater than forty percent
19 of Latinos. And we would like to continue to be united
20 and living together. And as we share values and we share
21 in the school districts that we're in and because of the
22 transportation, we have the churches. And so I'm really
23 excited for this to continue.

24 MS. KOTA: [In Spanish].

25 MS. KOTA (through interpreter): And so you know, in

1 the last two years we were -- with the redistricting, we
2 were able to keep Long Beach United. And so we want to
3 maintain that unification and keep that intact. And so
4 the changes were not made.

5 And so we respectfully -- or I respectfully ask that
6 Long Beach be kept together. And you know, I listened to
7 Linda, Alicia Fernandez, people from San Diego, and other
8 women as well, who were very powerful. And that really
9 gives me such excitement to hear them as well.

10 MS. KOTA: Keep Long Beach together. Thank you.

11 MS. KOTA (through interpreter): Keep Long Beach
12 together. Thank you.

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have
15 012. And up next, will be 016. Right now, will be 012.
16 And up next will be 016.

17 012, I will be promoting you now. Let me fix it.
18 012, your speaker order number will be number 4. If you
19 will, please make note of that for future reference. You
20 can now enable your audio and video in the lower left
21 corner of your screen. If you'll please let the mapper
22 know what area you would want to discuss today. With
23 that, the floor is yours.

24 MS. KING: Hello?

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, go ahead.



1 MS. KING: [In Spanish].

2 MR. MANOFF: Excuse me. Speaker, would you like
3 Spanish interpretation? Because your time will be
4 different.

5 MS. KING: Oh, I can do it both English and Spanish.

6 MR. MANOFF: Chair, could you please give us some
7 direction? Should we reset their clock for six minutes?

8 MS. KING: Yes. The whole CD. Right now --

9 MR. MANOFF: I'm sorry.

10 CHAIR TAYLOR: No.

11 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment.

12 CHAIR TAYLOR: So caller, are you going to use
13 Spanish or English?

14 MS. KING: Let me do it in Spanish.

15 CHAIR TAYLOR: Then, yes, Kristian, can you please
16 reset their clock to six minutes?

17 MS. KING: Thank you.

18 MR. MANOFF: I will. Just a moment. And please
19 pause for interpretation as we do have an interpreter.
20 Just a moment.

21 MS. KING: Okay.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Have we asked -- one
23 moment. We need to ask for interpretation then? Okay.
24 Marguerite, you're there? All right.

25 INTERPRETER: Yes.



1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. Go ahead,
2 please.

3 MS. KING: [In Spanish].

4 INTERPRETER: [In Spanish]. Okay. I'm sorry about
5 that.

6 MS. KING (through interpreter): Hello. Good
7 afternoon. My name is Araceli King. And I represent the
8 City of Long Beach. I am also part of Latinos in Action,
9 and I've been in a community doing community work for
10 over 20 years. I've also worked at the schools, and I
11 also was a community server for the city.

12 I've lived in Long Beach since 1995 and in L.A.
13 County since 1982. And I am asking for the community to
14 be kept together for Long Beach, to continue to be kept
15 together. We've had good control. And also, as Marta
16 mentioned, we've had a good transportation system and
17 also in order to keep the race and ethnicity of our
18 community together as well.

19 MS. KING: [In Spanish]. Let's keep Long Beach
20 together.

21 MS. KING (through interpreter): So please, let's
22 keep Long Beach together.

23 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

24 MS. KING: Thank you.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Speaker, 012, your



1 speaker order is number 4. If that was missed at the
2 beginning. Thank you so much.

3 Up next, we will have -- or right now we will have
4 016. And then up next will be 003. And 003 is also
5 requesting Spanish interpretation. So right now is 016
6 and then it will be 013 is up next in the queue.

7 016, I will be promoting you now. 016, your speaker
8 order number will be number 5. If you will please make
9 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 remind the mapper of what
12 area you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

13 016, you can now enable your audio and video in the
14 lower left corner of your screen. Your speaker order
15 number is number 5. If you'll please make note of that.
16 If you'll please remind the mapper of what area you would
17 like to discuss today. With that, the floor is yours.

18 Can you hear me? Oh, they can't hear me. 016 does
19 not have audio. One moment I will be sending them a
20 chat. They're attempting to connect to audio at this
21 moment, but they can't hear me.

22 Okay. 016, it appears -- oh, no. They are not
23 capable of getting audio. Oh, they can hear me. Look at
24 that. I got a chat from them. You are on the phone.
25 Okay. If you're not able to get the audio synced via



1 your phone, we cannot hear you. No. 016, one moment
2 we're going -- it's okay. We're going to attempt to sync
3 your audio. One moment. You're on the phone that you
4 registered with? Can you answer me in the chat? Yes.
5 Okay. One moment. I think you're linked via your Zoom
6 link, not the call in.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Right. They're not connected
8 via the telephone.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. So you can call in
10 using the phone number that is in your Zoom link and we
11 will know it's you by the last four of the phone number.
12 And if you will call into the meeting -- yes. Disconnect
13 from -- well, actually -- okay.

14 You have two options. You can call the phone number
15 or you can reconnect with your Zoom link. But when you
16 reconnect, do not pick connect with phone audio just
17 because you're on your phone. Reconnect by using Zoom
18 audio --

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- or internet audio.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- or internet audio.
21 Okay. We will see you soon -- or talk to you soon
22 either. Up next -- or right now we will have 003. And
23 then up next will be -- oh, 004. However, one moment.
24 All right. I fun night guys. All right.

25 003, our Spanish interpreter should begin



1 interpreting now. Up next, we have unique I.D. number
2 003.

3 INTERPRETER: [In Spanish].

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Unique ID number 003, you
5 will be reconnected in a video enabled mode.

6 INTERPRETER: [In Spanish].

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 003, your speaker order
8 number will be number 6. If you will, please make note
9 of that for future reference.

10 MR. ZAMORANO: Hello. [In Spanish].

11 INTERPRETER: [In Spanish].

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You can now enable your
13 audio and video in the lower left corner of your screen.
14 Please remind the mapper of what area you would like to
15 discuss and with that the floor will be yours.

16 INTERPRETER: [In Spanish].

17 MR. ZAMORANO: [In Spanish].

18 INTERPRETER: [In Spanish].

19 MR. ZAMORANO: [In Spanish].

20 MR. SAN MUDANO (through interpreter): Yes. My name
21 is Rodrigo Zamorano. Can you hear me? My name is
22 Rodrigo Zamorano and I am a resident of Long Beach.

23 MR. ZAMORANO: [In Spanish].

24 MR. SAN MUDANO (through interpreter): I currently
25 live in Long Beach. I've been here since 2015 and I work



1 in Long Beach. And I am a parent of children who go to
2 school in Long Beach.

3 MR. ZAMORANO: [In Spanish].

4 MR. ZAMORANO (through interpreter): I use public
5 transportation and I am also a volunteer for Latinos in
6 Action, California.

7 MR. ZAMORANO: [In Spanish].

8 MR. ZAMORANO (through interpreter): And I am here
9 in favor of keeping the State and Federal Districts
10 together within the geographical boundaries.

11 MR. ZAMORANO: [In Spanish].

12 MR. ZAMORANO (through interpreter): We ask that
13 Long Beach be kept together and united so that during
14 this cycle the District will continue with the work that
15 we have done and keep it intact.

16 MR. ZAMORANO: [In Spanish]. Keep Long Beach
17 together.

18 MR. ZAMORANO (through interpreter): I ask the
19 Commissioners that when you create the boundaries for the
20 District, that you keep Long Beach together. Keep Long
21 Beach together. Thank you.

22 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
24 now, we have 004. And up next, we have 018. Right now
25 will be 004. And up next will be 018. 004, I will be

1 promoting you now. 004, your speaker order number will
2 be number 7. If you will, please make note of that for
3 future reference. You can now enable your audio and
4 video in the lower left corner of your screen. If you
5 will, please remind the mapper of what area you would
6 like to discuss today. With that, the floor is yours.

7 MR. GARCIA: Hi. The area I'd like to speak on is
8 Long Beach, California.

9 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead, please.

10 MR. GARCIA: Yes. So my name is Ivan -- Ivan
11 Garcia. I'm speaking on Long Beach today because I am
12 from Long Beach, born and raised. I was, you know, I
13 went to school here. I attended the university here, Cal
14 State at Long Beach. And I'm here to speak about keeping
15 Long Beach together.

16 As the others have mentioned already, it is -- Long
17 Beach is a big community that has thrived on its
18 composition and the demographic and geographic
19 composition -- it makes us a very unique place. And as a
20 result, we'd like to keep the Federal and State
21 boundaries intact in those city limits of Long Beach.

22 It's been a really highlight -- reflects our values
23 as a community, as a city, and we'd like to keep it that
24 way and just making sure that we have the adequate
25 resources that we need as families and as a community to



1 thrive, whether that be our school districts, our public
2 transit system, our churches, or even just our community
3 centers, and just something that would ensure that we, as
4 a community, have the connections, that togetherness.
5 And we've seen that happen.

6 We've had evidence, I'm sorry, of that togetherness
7 over the past few years. With ensuring that we, as Long
8 Beach folk have the adequate knowledge and resources to
9 keep our families thriving. And that's a very good
10 thing. Therefore, my stance on this is keep Long Beach
11 together. And that'll be my time. Thank you so much.

12 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
14 now, will be 018. And then up next will be 016. We will
15 go back to 016. So right now will be 018. And then up
16 next will be 016.

17 018, I will be promoting you now. 018, your speaker
18 order number will be number 8. If you will, please make
19 note of that for future reference. You can now enable
20 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your
21 screen. If you will, please remind the mapper of what
22 area you would like to discuss today. With that, the
23 floor is yours. 018, there you are.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Good evening. Can you hear me?

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Good



1 evening.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Thank you. Good
3 evening, Commissioners. My name is Martin Hernandez.
4 I'm here with my wife, Holly. But we live in the
5 community of Bear Valley Springs, California. It's near
6 Tehachapi, California, in Kern County. There it is.
7 Very good. Thank you.

8 So Bear Valley Springs is a small, rural community
9 outside the small town of Tehachapi California, but in
10 the southern part of Kern County and is a part of the
11 Central Valley of California. The 24,000 plus acres
12 includes a multitude of beautiful wildlife that we
13 coexist with. The elk and deer roam free, along with
14 animals such as bobcats, foxes, and Lynx. Our majestic
15 oak and pine trees are home to many beautiful birds,
16 including red tailed hawks, falcons and condors. Our
17 roads are shared with horseback riders and hikers.

18 There are no stoplights, very few stop signs, and
19 the speed limit is mostly 35 to 40 miles per hour. We
20 have no large supermarkets or businesses, with the
21 exception of a 1-2 pump gas station in a little market.
22 Our whole community has a desire to concentrate its
23 efforts on preserving our beautiful open spaces. And we
24 have a population of approximately 5,400 people.

25 Our neighboring town of Tehachapi is a bit more



1 modern, with several dozen stop signs and ten or so
2 stoplights, many mom-and-pop stores, restaurants and
3 other businesses. There are two semi large grocery
4 stores and mostly one and most recently, one large box
5 store opened up close to California Highway 58. Overall,
6 this town is what we call rural. The population of
7 Tehachapi is approximately 14,000.

8 Other close by communities consist of small rural
9 developments of Stout Stallion Springs, Golden Hills,
10 Cummings Valley, and Alpine communities. Most of these
11 communities work and live close by in California
12 Correctional Institute, the Lehigh Cement Factory, the
13 mining company out toward Willow Springs, California,
14 another small rural town, and the new Wal-Mart.
15 Otherwise, they are self-employed ranchers and vineyard
16 owners or they travel the Bakersfield area to work in the
17 oil fields or agricultural fields and orchards.

18 To compare Tehachapi and Bear Valley Springs to the
19 likes of Antelope Valley is like comparing California to
20 Montana. Antelope Valley does not have anything in
21 common with Tehachapi, Mojave, or any other Kern County
22 communities with the exception of Bakersfield. Although
23 Bakersfield is urban, it is still concentrated --

24 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: -- processing culture and wide-open



1 spaces. Antelope Valley has in common -- has more in
2 common with Santa Clarita Valley. Kern County is hugely
3 rural where Antelope Valley, though they might also be
4 high desert are extremely urban.

5 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds. We continue to
6 preserve the open spaces of southern part of Kern County,
7 where we are tied to another community or area. We would
8 be more in line with Tillery or Kings County, which are
9 both more rural, Latino --

10 MR. MANOFF: Time.

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: -- and more agriculture.

12 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you, caller. If you were
13 unable to complete your testimony, we can accept it by
14 phone call, email, or U.S. Postal Service. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
16 now we'll be 016. I would like to ask the interpreter to
17 interpret my following instructions to the callers as we
18 believe that one of our Spanish speaking appointments is
19 a caller. So right now we'll be 016 and then now we will
20 begin Spanish interpretation. If all the callers will
21 please press star 9 to raise their hand indicating they
22 wish to comment. I will be starting with callers after
23 our next appointment of 016.

24 INTERPRETER: [In Spanish].

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.



1 INTERPRETER: Gracias.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now will be 016.

3 And then up next will be caller 7543. So right now, 016,
4 I will be promoting you.

5 INTERPRETER: [In Spanish].

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you for the
7 interpretation. I don't know if we will continue
8 interpreting for 016.

9 INTERPRETER: [In Spanish].

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Gracias. Your speaker
11 order number is still number 5. If you'll please make
12 note of that for future reference. You can now enable
13 your audio and video in the lower left corner of your
14 screen or on your phone, and let the mapper know what
15 area you would like to discuss today. And with that, the
16 floor is yours.

17 MS. KATZ: Hi. I represent Long Beach, California.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 MS. KATZ: Thank you for your help. I apologize for
20 the inconvenience. Good afternoon, Commissioners. My
21 name is Julia Katz. And I'm The Government affairs
22 analyst for The City of Long Beach. We submitted a
23 letter outlining the city's official position on
24 redistricting at the first statewide Communities of
25 Interest meeting. And we'd like to reiterate the city's



1 redistricting priorities today.

2 Earlier this year, the Long Beach City Council
3 unanimously adopted our 2021 state legislative agenda,
4 which supports redistricting actions that preserve the
5 geographic and demographic integrity of the city through
6 district lines that keep Long Beach together. For the
7 past two redistricting cycles, the city has been largely
8 kept intact, with the vast majority of Long Beach
9 represented by predominant seats.

10 In the State Legislature and in Congress. As much
11 as eighty-five percent of the city is represented by a
12 main district. And this cohesion is critical to ensure
13 strong representation at all levels of government. We
14 ask that Long Beach retains this unity through the
15 upcoming redistricting process.

16 With nearly a half a million residents, Long Beach
17 is the seventh largest city in California and the second
18 largest city in Los Angeles County, located in the
19 southeast region of outreach Zone H. We are also one of
20 the most diverse communities in the country and
21 consistently achieve a perfect score on the Human Rights
22 Campaign Municipal Equality Index.

23 Keeping our community together as the central for
24 Long Beach. And we want to make sure redistricting does
25 not further divide Long Beach into smaller districts.



1 Thank you for the opportunity to address the Commission.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 Margarita, are you there?

5 INTERPRETER: Yes.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. Our caller 0551 is
7 we believe our Spanish appointment is and they still have
8 not chose to raise their hand. So I'm going to go ahead
9 and just go to them. And if you can interpret from now,
10 until we try to get them on board, we will go forward
11 from there. So right now we will go -- caller 0551, if
12 you could follow the prompts of star 6 to unmute.

13 INTERPRETER: [In Spanish].

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 0551, you are
15 unmuted.

16 MS. CONTRERAS: Yeah. [In Spanish].

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number
18 will be number 9. If you could make a note of that for
19 future reference. And if you could please let the mapper
20 know what area you would like to discuss. And with that
21 the floor will be yours.

22 MS. CONTRERAS: [In Spanish].

23 MS. (through interpreter): The speaker said, good
24 afternoon. My name is Josefina Contreras.

25 INTERPRETER: [In Spanish].



1 MS. CONTRERAS: [In Spanish].

2 MS. CONTRERAS (through interpreter): I'm a resident
3 of Long Beach since 2015, and I am a mother.

4 MS. CONTRERAS: [In Spanish].

5 MS. CONTRERAS (through interpreter): My eldest
6 daughter attended the Long Beach College, and then also
7 my young daughter will also attend.

8 MS. CONTRERAS: [In Spanish].

9 MS. CONTRERAS (through interpreter): I use the
10 school transportation and I also belong to Latinos in
11 action California.

12 MS. CONTRERAS: [In Spanish].

13 MS. CONTRERAS (through interpreter): Today I am
14 here to give my great support in order for the Federal
15 and State districts to continue together in the City of
16 Long Beach within the geographical boundaries.

17 MS. CONTRERAS: [In Spanish].

18 MS. CONTRERAS (through interpreter): We want Long
19 Beach to be together in order to reflect our values, our
20 community, our school districts, and our access to
21 transportation.

22 MS. CONTRERAS: [In Spanish].

23 MS. CONTRERAS (through interpreter). Let's keep
24 Long Beach together. Thank you.

25 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Right now, we
2 will be going to 013 as they have an appointment for this
3 session. Looks like we lost 013. Okay. Well, hopefully
4 they come back. Onto our callers. Caller 7543, will be
5 right now. And then up next to be caller 3894.

6 Caller 7543, if you will, please follow the prompts
7 to unmute. Caller 7543, your speaker order number will
8 be number 10. If you will, please make note of that for
9 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper
10 know what area you would like to discuss today. With
11 that, the floor is yours.

12 MR. MARES: Hi. Good afternoon. My name is Lionel
13 Mares. I live in the Northeast San Fernando Valley
14 within Los Angeles County. Did you get that?

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

16 MR. MARES: Okay. This is my first time making
17 public comment regarding the redistricting, so I took the
18 chance to look at the map online right now before
19 calling. And I live in Sun Valley, California, which is
20 a neighborhood of the City of Los Angeles and calling
21 because I feel like we are not represented enough.

22 We live in an industrial neighborhood because
23 there's a lot of dismantling -- commercial, and auto
24 dismantling places. And I feel like we need better
25 representation from our city, state, and county

1 officials. I feel like we could maybe expand to more
2 affluent areas like Burbank area, because I believe there
3 they get better representation because they're more
4 affluent.

5 So maybe we could expand to Burbank or something to
6 improve my community because I feel like we're being
7 neglected. And I've been -- over the past year and a
8 half, I've been engaged with City Councilmember Nury
9 Martinez from the City of L.A. and Assemblymember Luz
10 Rivas and Robert Hertzberg, Senator, I've been trying to.
11 Be politically active and advocate on behalf of my
12 community and for myself as well.

13 So I believe we should expand or maybe get better
14 representation because our -- the current district line,
15 I guess we're not taken serious enough. Maybe we could
16 maybe reform the way we have it drawn out currently. I
17 don't know if that's appropriate or not, but there's some
18 things to think about so we could get better
19 representation from our elected officials. Thank you. I
20 yield the balance of my time.

21 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. So right now
23 we will have caller 3894. And up next will be caller
24 9088. Caller 3894, if you will, please follow the
25 prompts to unmute. Caller 3894 --



1 Hello?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hello. You are currently
3 unmuted and I will have a couple of brief instructions
4 for you. Your speaker order number will be number 11.
5 If you will, please make note of that for future
6 reference. And then if you'll please let the mapper know
7 what area you would like to discuss today. And with
8 that, the floor is yours.

9 MR. EDMOND: Hello, Commissioners. Thank you so
10 much for your time and your service it's greatly
11 appreciated. My name is John Edmond and I am calling and
12 representing on behalf of the Long Beach Area Chamber of
13 Commerce.

14 I work with the Governmental Affairs team. And I'm
15 calling in specific for the City of Long Beach. We
16 support strongly keeping Long Beach together, both with
17 regards to our representation at the Federal and State
18 level. We believe very strongly in preserving the
19 geographic and demographic integrity of the city.

20 Long Beach is very unique. It's a large city where
21 it's the second largest city in L.A. County, but it's
22 small enough where it's a true sense of community and if
23 you want to put your arms around it. And so it's
24 integral and important that the leadership represents
25 that as well.



1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible).

2 MR. EDMOND: And I think as long as people gather,
3 we're able to do that. For the past two redistricting
4 cycles, the city has been very blessed and lucky to keep
5 it intact. The vast majority will be represented by our
6 leaders.

7 So with that, we most respectfully request -- on
8 behalf of the members of the Chamber of Commerce for the
9 Long Beach area, we most respectfully request that you
10 keep one piece together when drawing the lines for
11 representation. Thank you so much for allowing me the
12 opportunity to speak and have a blessed day.

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

14 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
16 now we have caller 9088. And up next will be caller
17 5660. Caller 9088, if you will, please follow the
18 prompts to unmute. Caller 9088, you are unmuted. I have
19 a couple of brief instructions for you. Your speaker
20 order number will be number 12. If you will, please make
21 note of that for future reference. And if you'll please
22 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss
23 today. With that, the floor is yours.

24 MR. DIPPLE: Thank you. My name is Terry Dipple.
25 I'm the executive director of the Los Virgenes-Malibu



1 Council of Governments, which is the five cities of
2 Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Hidden Hills, Malibu, and
3 Westlake Village, all located on the western end of Los
4 Angeles County, adjacent to the Ventura County line.

5 We have submitted written correspondence, but would
6 like to confirm and testify that we support keeping the
7 five cities together. Our five cities work together on
8 environmental, transportation, emergency management,
9 wildlife protection, all within Los Angeles County and
10 would like to be maintained together in our community of
11 interests in one Assembly District and one Senate
12 District. Thank you.

13 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
15 now it's caller 5660. And up next will be caller 2331.
16 Right now is caller 5660. If you will, please follow the
17 prompts to unmute.

18 Caller 5660, you are currently unmuted. I have a
19 couple of brief instructions for you. Your speaker order
20 number will be number 13. If you will please make note
21 of that for future reference. And if you'll please let
22 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss
23 today. With that, the floor is yours.

24 MR. FOLEY: Thank you so much, Commissioners. My
25 name is Michael Foley. I'm calling in regards to the



1 Santa Clarita Valley. I am the executive director of the
2 Bridge to Home Homeless Center and our programs -- we're
3 the primary -- the primary agency that works with
4 homelessness and homeless people in the Santa Clarita
5 Valley.

6 We're calling today to work -- to help ensure that
7 our strong belief that the unity and singular focus and
8 voice of representation for the Santa Clarita Valley is
9 maintained with one clear voice. This is really
10 important for our neighbors in need.

11 Santa Clarita is very much an island community in
12 northern Los Angeles County. The borders are very clear
13 and there's great spaces in between the San Fernando
14 Valley and all of the other areas surrounding Santa
15 Clarita.

16 So however, the super -- the districts are drawn up,
17 it's very crucial that the supervisory, the Assembly and
18 the Congressional District represent the entirety of the
19 Santa Clarita Valley and the unincorporated areas
20 surrounding it.

21 Once again, we struggle and work very, very hard to
22 ensure that our neighbors in need have the resources that
23 they need in Santa Clarita. Because we're very different
24 than other communities, surprisingly enough, in the way
25 that the community has been built. So we appreciate your



1 time and effort. And once again, we appreciate the
2 singular focus of those three are the Supervisory, the
3 Assembly and the Congressional District in Santa Clarita
4 Valley. Thank you so much.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
7 now will be caller 2331. And up next, will be caller
8 5302. Right now will be caller 2331. If you will,
9 please follow the prompts to unmute.

10 Caller 2331, you are currently unmuted. I have a
11 couple of brief instructions for you. Your speaker order
12 number will be number 14. If you will, please make note
13 of that for future reference. And then if you'll please
14 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss
15 today. With that, the floor is yours.

16 SPEAKER 14: Hello. Thank you, Commissioners. I
17 represent the San Fernando Valley. I'm a recent high
18 school graduate and I've grown up and lived in the valley
19 in my whole life. And to me, the valley is all
20 neighborhoods north of Mulholland, Encino, including
21 Sherman Oaks, Reseda, Canoga Park, Chatsworth, Granada.

22 And to me, most importantly, especially as a
23 resident of the Valley and a Muslim-American, I think
24 that keeping the valley together is, critical for us
25 being represented, as both the Muslim community, but also



1 as a valley resident when it comes to our schools, to our
2 public transportation.

3 As a resident of Chatsworth specifically, you know,
4 I spent a lot of my time going to the Granada
5 Hills (indiscernible), and we'll be doing community
6 projects or working with our leaders in our district in
7 places like in Reseda and the West End Valley Islamic
8 Society and the Northridge Mosque.

9 And I noticed that areas like Simi Valley and the
10 Valley are really disconnected. And furthermore, areas
11 like past Sepulveda, past the 405 are really, you know,
12 disconnected from the valley. And just as the previous
13 caller stated, you know, we noticed that Santa Clarita is
14 very distinct from the life that goes on in the valley.

15 So you know, I just -- I think it's critical that
16 the valley maintains that, you know, it stays together
17 because it's a cohesive unit that really has to be
18 represented by, you know, the people living there. So I
19 just ask humbly that that you don't divide our community
20 of interest and you know, and throw pieces of the valley
21 population together with counties outside of what we know
22 as the San Fernando Valley.

23 And we simply ask that these districts represent the
24 San Fernando Valley community by including the vast
25 majority or all of the valley population. So thank you



1 so much. And I end my time.

2 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 Margarita, I just sent you a message in the chat. You
5 are in earshot. Awesome. Right now we will have caller
6 5302. And attendee 019, if you will, please use the
7 raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen, you
8 will be next.

9 INTERPRER: [In Spanish].

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'm not seeing the raised
11 hand, but -- so right now we will go to caller 5302. And
12 after caller 5302, we will go to attendee 019 for
13 interpretation of Spanish input.

14 INTERPRETER: [In Spanish].

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. Thank you so much,
16 Margarita. Okay. Now, for now, we'll go caller 5302.
17 If you will, please follow the prompts to unmute.

18 Caller 5302, you are currently unmuted. I have a
19 couple of brief instructions for you. Your speaker order
20 number will be number 15. If you will, please make note
21 of that for future reference. And if you'll please let
22 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss
23 today. With that, the floor is yours.

24 MS. DONETTE: Hi. Good evening. Good evening.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Good evening. Go ahead.



1 MS. DONETTE: Oh. Good evening. Hi. My name is
2 Dominique Donette. I'm representing the California
3 Hawaii State Conference, NAACP. We represent 57 branches
4 of members who are deeply invested in this topic. Our
5 main concern is keeping African-American businesses and
6 communities strong throughout the state.

7 We're also concerned about ensuring that the
8 communities we represent are included in the decision-
9 making process. We humbly ask that you consider how
10 these efforts are being marketed. Who and how are you
11 partnering with to ensure the messaging is culturally
12 specific, relevant, and clear?

13 How are you partnering with identity-based
14 organizations to ensure that they are made aware of this
15 process and disseminating information to their
16 membership? What resources are available to the public
17 outside of the website?

18 We understand that there are Commissioners assigned
19 to outreach phones and social media toolkits, but we are
20 specifically asking what else is being done for people
21 who may not be able to access website across the state?
22 We hope the Commission will use neighborhood counsel
23 boundaries when defining communities and do everything in
24 its power, not just for adjacent cities and
25 unincorporated areas unnecessarily.



1 Equity inequality and the drawing of the lines is
2 important to us. Community involvement and collaboration
3 is critical to this effort. And most importantly,
4 keeping communities whole and not causing disruption is
5 most critical. Thank you for your consideration of our
6 concerns as a statewide entity.

7 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I had
9 a wonderful suggestion from Commissioner Fernandez.
10 Thank you.

11 Caller 019, I'm going to call my name because they
12 may not know they're 019. So her name is -- I hope I do
13 not butcher this, Guillermina Cruz. Guillermina Cruz, if
14 you could please use the raise your hand button. Ah-ha.
15 That worked. All right.

16 So 019, I will be promoting you now.

17 INTERPRETER: [In Spanish].

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: 019, your speaker order
19 number will be 16. If you will, please make note of that
20 for future reference. You can now enable your audio and
21 video. And please let the mapper know what area you
22 would like to discuss today.

23 INTERPRETER: [In Spanish].

24 MS. CRUZ: [In Spanish]

25 MS. (through interpreter): Hey. Good afternoon.



1 I'm sorry. Are you speaking to me? It's because I'm not
2 really sure. I'm not really able to figure this thing
3 out.

4 MR. MANOFF: Yes. Please go ahead.

5 INTERPRETER: [In Spanish].

6 MS. CRUZ: [In Spanish].

7 INTERPRETER: This is the interpreter speaking. I
8 asked the speaker to please pause for a moment and also I
9 would like for her to just repeat one part, because it
10 was cutting out -- the part of how long she's been in her
11 city of residence. [In Spanish].

12 MS. CRUZ: [In Spanish].

13 MS. (through interpreter): Okay. Good afternoon,
14 everyone. My name is Karina Cruz and I've been a
15 resident of Long Beach for 25 years already. I'm a
16 mother of three children and I am part of Latinos in
17 Action. I'm a Latina resident and I would like for Long
18 Beach to reflect the values, the needs, the school
19 district, and the public transportation that we have and
20 the community resources that help our community thrive.
21 [In Spanish].

22 MS. CRUZ: [In Spanish].

23 MS. CRUZ (through interpreter): And I am in favor
24 of maintaining the Federal and State District boundaries
25 in order to maintain the good image that the city has,

1 which also reflects the diversity of the city. Once
2 again, I am in favor of maintaining the boundaries for
3 the Federal and State Districts. Thank you for your
4 time.

5 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. And Katie, the next
6 caller will be our last caller in front of our mandatory
7 break.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, chair. And with
9 that, I would also like to let the callers know that are
10 in the queue and have been waiting, we have a fifteen-
11 minute break. And when the next session begins, we
12 will -- the callers can stay on through the break and
13 hold over if they wish and we will keep on going.

14 So right now will be caller 5704. If you will,
15 please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 5704, you
16 are unmuted. I have a couple of brief instructions.
17 Your speaker order number will be number 17. If you
18 will, please make note of that for future reference. And
19 if you please at the mapper know what area you would like
20 to discuss today. With that, the floor is yours.

21 MR. ERIKSSON: Yeah. Hi. I would like to discuss
22 The City of Culver City in L.A. County. Good afternoon,
23 Commissioners, and thank you for your time. My name is
24 Goran Eriksson. I'm a council member in the city of
25 Culver City. And we have -- only ten years ago when the



1 last redistricting was up, we brought this up. And that
2 is that our city has a much, much stronger connection
3 with the cities that is member -- our members in our West
4 Side council of government.

5 And it so happens that we are not in the same
6 district as any of them. And we would like to be able to
7 have that connection because our strongest connections
8 are with the cities to the west and north of us in the
9 area.

10 So for instance, we have a lot of our employees -- a
11 lot of our residents have employment in Santa Monica. We
12 do a lot of shopping there. And also we have a Ballona
13 Creek, which is a fantastic resource that runs from
14 Culver City and goes all the way down to the ocean. And
15 it goes through West L.A. and Venice, Marina del Rey.
16 And it's a very strong connection. We are trying to
17 develop that into a bike and walk facility.

18 So and I think the best illustration is really to
19 look at our transportation system, which illustrates
20 this. So we have our own transportation system. And
21 when we look at our busses, our bus lines, they go from
22 Culver City to Playa del Rey. They go from Culver City
23 to Marina del Rey. We even have a special bus line that
24 goes between our high school and Venice High, which is
25 also in west L.A., on the west of us. And then we have a

1 bus that goes from LAX to Culver City and then further up
2 to UCLA.

3 So our whole connection is really to the west and
4 north of us, and that's where our strongest connections
5 and most relationships are, especially since all the
6 members of the West Side Council of Governments are those
7 areas, and we are a city that sort of separate it.

8 And so for that reason, we would like to have the
9 opportunity to belong to a Congressional District, State
10 and Senate -- State Senate and Assembly Districts that
11 are toward the west and north of us. Thank you for your
12 time. I much appreciate the work you're doing.

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 MR. ERIKSSON: I know this is not easy.

15 CHAIR TAYLOR: Thank you. I would like to again
16 reiterate to those callers that are in the queue, please
17 don't leave your testimony is wanted and valued. When we
18 return from break, I will leave you in the capable hands
19 of Commissioner Ahmad.

20 We will start with the individuals who are
21 registered for an appointment time slot and then open the
22 phone lines if there is time for any additional callers.
23 And with that, I -- we will go into break, and we will
24 return at 5:45 p.m. Thank you.

25 (Whereupon, a recess was held)



1 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome back from our break. To
2 the California Citizens Redistricting Commission
3 Community of Interest Input meeting. This session is
4 specifically dedicated to those who have an appointment.
5 If there is time remaining, we will open up the phone
6 lines for those who do not have an appointment. So with
7 that, I will pass it over to Katy, our comment moderator
8 to continue with the callers in the queue.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.
10 I will beginning with our instructions and following the
11 instructions in English, they will be repeated in Farsi
12 and then they will be repeated in Spanish. Thank you to
13 our wonderful interpreters.

14 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the
15 raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen to
16 enter the queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will
17 be identified by your assigned duty unique ID number,
18 which you were emailed yesterday. You will be
19 reconnected to the session with the ability to enable
20 your own video and/or audio.

21 You will then be assigned a speaker order number
22 before you begin speaking. Please make a note of your
23 speaker order number for future reference. The
24 Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time limit
25 for English speakers and a six-minute time limit for



1 those with an interpreter. There will be a warning at
2 thirty seconds and fifteen seconds remaining.

3 It is the Commission's goal to find the area on the
4 map that you would like to discuss prior to your
5 testimony. If you are within a specific neighborhood of
6 Los Angeles, please mention it by name. Once we are able
7 to locate your area, your three minutes or your six
8 minutes will begin.

9 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 in a listen and view only
12 mode. At the beginning of your input, please remind the
13 mapper of what area you would like to see on the screen.
14 You are on mute, sir. Thank you.

15 INTERPRETER: [In Farsi]. Thank you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.
17 Margarita? Thank you so much.

18 INTERPRETER: [In Spanish].

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. We
20 will begin with our appointment 022. And then up next
21 will be 021. Right now will be 022. And up next will be
22 021.

23 022, I will be promoting you now. 022, your speaker
24 order number will be number 18. If you will, please make
25 note of that for future reference. You can now enable



1 your audio and video. If you will, please remind the
2 mapper of what area you would like to discuss today. The
3 floor is yours.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So my people are the --

5 MS. SOM: Thank you, Commissioners. My name is
6 Laura Som. And today I would like to speak in support of
7 keeping The City of Long Beach together. The spirit of
8 Long Beach is located in L.A. County. I have resided in
9 The City of Long Beach for 30 years. Like many other
10 Cambodians, I immigrated to The City of Long Beach as a
11 result of the genocide in 1975 through 1979.

12 Again, my name is Laura Som. I'm the executive
13 director of The Maye Center, a trauma healing center that
14 helps survivors of genocide heal themselves, rebuild
15 their lives in The City of Long Beach. The City of Long
16 Beach has the largest Cambodian population in the nation.

17 While I and my family was -- were in the refugee
18 camps, many of us have made a pact that we would use The
19 City of Long Beach as a location for us to go and reunite
20 with our family members. After 30 years, having built
21 The Maye Center, a nonprofit, a trauma healing center, we
22 all have done just that. We all have put everything we
23 could into building businesses in The City of Long Beach.
24 We became property owners.

25 And I'm also the co-chair of Equity for Cambodians.



1 This organization purpose is to build Cambodian voices so
2 that we could strengthen our political voice in
3 California in a core of Long Beach City. Equity for
4 Cambodians have just done that. We have established and
5 pioneered the newly independent redistricting Commission
6 that reflects this Commission as well.

7 It is very important for us to keep Long Beach
8 together, not only because we have built our home and our
9 roots here, but it also have established resources and
10 history for our people. It remains an important site
11 that Cambodian people who have been dispersed around the
12 world, Canada, France, are still using The City of Long
13 Beach as a place for us to reunite with families and
14 friends.

15 At the Maye Center, every year we bring friends and
16 families together from different parts of the world. It
17 is very important to keep The City of Long Beach
18 together, not only for the political voice, not only for
19 the resources and the history that we have built, but
20 it's also for our mental health that we have establish
21 and build a home together here. We have our grocery
22 stores here. We brought our urban farming here. We
23 share our practices of healing and resources of income
24 and economics to The City of Long Beach.

25 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.



1 MS. SOM: I appreciate all of your hard work to
2 keeping all these communities together. And I support
3 and ask that the Commissioners help keep The City of Long
4 Beach together. Thank you so much for giving me this
5 opportunity to share my comments.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Right now we
7 will go to 021. And as that is our only other
8 appointment present at this time, we will be going on to
9 callers after that. So right now will be 021. And then
10 up next will be caller 4057.

11 021, I will be promoting you now. 021, your speaker
12 order number will be number 19. If you will, please make
13 note of that for future reference. And if you will,
14 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
15 discuss today, the floor is yours.

16 MS. ZENDEJAS: Thank you. Thank you. My name is
17 Mary Zendejas, and I am the councilwoman for District One
18 for The City of Long Beach, California. On behalf of The
19 City of Long Beach, thank you for your leadership in the
20 redistricting process, and congratulations on being
21 chosen to serve on the California Citizens Redistricting
22 Commission.

23 I join Centro CHA, our largest Latino organization,
24 the NAACP, Cambodian for Equity, our business community,
25 and our arts community in keeping Long Beach together.



1 As the woman who has the privilege to represent Long
2 Beach's 1st District, I voted to adopt as part of the
3 2021 state legislative agenda the official position to
4 support redistricting policies, practices, and
5 legislation that preserve the geographic identity and
6 demographic integrity of The City through district lines
7 that keep Long Beach together.

8 For the last couple of decades, the vast majority of
9 Long Beach has been unified in a single Congressional
10 Assembly and State Senate Districts. This has enabled
11 our community to unify around important local needs and
12 focused representation on major issues facing our city,
13 state and nation.

14 For the past two redistricting cycles, the city has
15 been largely kept intact, with the vast majority of Long
16 Beach represented by predominant seats. We believe this
17 is one of the most important issues facing our community
18 and will impact Long Beach for years to come.

19 I respectfully ask that you that this Commission
20 consider keeping Long Beach together and allow our
21 unified city to continue to be the leader in the region.
22 Thank you so much for your commitment and for your
23 service.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. So
25 right now, I invite those that have called in to please



1 press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to
2 comment. I also believe I should have that interpreted.
3 Margarita?

4 And Mr. Varoujan, if you could please interpret the
5 callers to press star 9 to raise their hands indicating
6 they wish to comment. Please press star 9 to raise your
7 hand, indicating you wish to comment. We'll go with
8 Margarita and then Mr. Varoujan.

9 INTERPRETER: [In Spanish].

10 INTERPRETER: [In Farsi].

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And
12 we will now go to caller 4057. And up next to be caller
13 6729. Caller 4057, if you will, please follow the
14 prompts to unmute. Caller 4057, you are unmuted. I have
15 a couple of brief instructions for you. Your speaker
16 order number will be number 20. If you will, please make
17 note of that for future reference. And if you please let
18 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss
19 today. With that, the floor is yours.

20 MR. HAGOBIAN: All right. Thank you. I'd like to
21 discuss Santa Clarita, California.

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

23 MR. HAGOBIAN: Good evening, commissioners. My name
24 is Massis Hagobian. And I'm the inter-governmental
25 relations analyst for The City of Santa Clarita.



1 On behalf of the Santa Clarita City council, I
2 respectfully urge that The City of Santa Clarita and
3 Santa Clarita Valley be placed within only one
4 Congressional state Senate, State Assembly, and Board of
5 Equalization District and not divided among two or more
6 districts. And The City of Santa Clarita Valley be
7 placed within Compact District, which should include
8 other communities of North Los Angeles County, including
9 the Antelope Valley and Northwest communities of the San
10 Fernando Valley.

11 City of Santa Rita collaborates on regional issues,
12 including transportation planning, homelessness, public
13 safety, emergency preparedness and response, and water
14 quality and supply with surrounding unincorporated areas
15 directly adjacent to the city, including Castaic,
16 Stephenson Ranch, Acton and Agua Dolce, and the cities of
17 Lancaster and Palmdale.

18 Furthermore, The City of Santa Clarita serves on the
19 North Los Angeles County Transportation Coalition with
20 the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale to develop regional
21 policies and implement projects and programs to address
22 critical transportation issues, promote economic
23 development and maximize transportation and funding
24 opportunities, including Los Angeles County Measure M and
25 Senate Bill 1, the gas -- also known as the gas tax in



1 the North Los Angeles County region.

2 Additionally, similar to The City of Santa Clarita,
3 the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale contract with Los
4 Angeles County Sheriff's Department and Fire Department
5 and work together on emergency preparedness through Los
6 Angeles County Disaster Management Area Planning Group,
7 which is of critical importance due to the region's
8 history of wildfires and flooding.

9 Finally, The City of Santa Clarita serves on the
10 Santa Clarita River Watershed Area Steering Committee
11 with other regional bodies and surrounding communities,
12 including the Agriculture Town counsel and Santa Cruz
13 Valley Water Agency, to develop funding plans and
14 recommendations to provide water quality, water supply,
15 and community enhancement benefits to the Santa Clarita
16 Valley Region regional.

17 Collaboration between these unincorporated areas and
18 cities meet the Commission criteria with respect to
19 retaining communities of interest that share common
20 economic interests and social interests that should be
21 included within a single district for purposes of its
22 effective and fair representation. Thank you for your
23 consideration of my comments.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. At
25 this time, we have caller 6729. And then up next will be



1 caller 9424. Unique ID 011. So right now will be 6729.
2 If you will please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller
3 6729, you are currently unmuted. Your speaker order
4 number will be number 21. If you will, please make note
5 of that for future reference. And if you will, please
6 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss
7 today. The floor is yours.

8 MR. SANDBROOK: My name is John Sandbrook
9 S-A-N-D-B-R-O-O-K. I'm focusing on the Westwood
10 Homeowners Association area in northwest of the --
11 northeast of the junction of the San Diego and Santa
12 Monica Freeways in west Los Angeles. I'm calling on
13 behalf of the board of this homeowner's association,
14 which is one of seven HOAs which form the West Side
15 Neighborhood council.

16 The West Side Neighborhood Council adopted a motion
17 on July 8th, which was formally transmitted to the
18 Commission on Monday, July 12th, by a formal letter sent
19 via email and my HOA wish to go on record as indicating
20 their complete support for the recommendations contained
21 in the West Side Neighborhood council letter and asked
22 that each member of the Commission be informed that
23 record -- that document was filed with the Commission on
24 Monday, July 12th. That's the end of my comment.

25 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Hi, caller. Before you hang up,



1 would you please help us understand the boundaries of the
2 West Side Neighborhood Council?

3 MR. SANDBROOK: The West Side Neighborhood
4 Council -- the boundary on the west side is Sepulveda
5 Boulevard. On the south side, it's National Boulevard
6 and the Santa Monica Freeway. On the north side, it is
7 Santa Monica Boulevard, State Highway 2. And on the east
8 side, it is essentially the eastern border of the Century
9 City area of Los Angeles, with a slight enlargement
10 through the Cheviot Hills area and then down towards the
11 Santa Monica Freeway.

12 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you so much.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: So right now will be
14 caller 9424. And then up next will be caller 6000.
15 Caller 9424, if you could please follow the prompts to
16 unmute. Caller 9424, your speaker order number will be
17 number 22. If you will, please make note of that for
18 future reference. And if you'll please remind the mapper
19 of what area you would like to discuss today. With that,
20 the floor is yours.

21 MS. ZAMBRANO: Hi. I would like to discuss The City
22 of Long Beach.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

24 MS. ZAMBRANO: Thank you. So my name is Stephanie
25 Zambrano, and I've been a resident of Long Beach since



1 2019. I graduated from Long Beach City College, and I am
2 part of the Latinos in Action of California. And I
3 wanted to strongly keep Long Beach together in Congress
4 and State Districts. And then I was planning, you know,
5 continuing on my MBA at Long Beach State in the next year
6 or so.

7 So I would briefly, strongly support keeping Long
8 Beach together. So if I ask the Commission to keep Long
9 Beach together when drawing the lines, I would greatly
10 appreciate that for the community and myself. Thank you
11 for your time.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you. Right now, we
13 will have caller 6000. And then up next will be caller
14 1378.

15 Caller 6000, please follow the prompts to unmute.
16 Caller 6000, your speaker order number will be number 23.
17 If you will, please make note of that for future
18 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what
19 area you would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

20 MR. ROSENBERG: Thank you, Commissioners. My name
21 is Matt Rosenberg from Woodland Hills. I have lived in
22 the Valley, the San Fernando Valley for 39 years. This
23 includes neighborhoods in Reseda, Canoga Park, Sherman
24 Oaks, North Hollywood, Woodland Hills and West Hills. I
25 was married in Valley Village and my son was born in

1 Tarzana. All of these neighborhoods are the valley, the
2 San Fernando Valley. We are one community. Please keep
3 the San Fernando Valley together.

4 For many years, I've gone to many concerts at Warner
5 Park and Woodland Hills. It's run by the Valley Cultural
6 Organization. Thousands of people in our community enjoy
7 it. I was a member of the West Valley Jewish Community
8 Center in West Hills for 17 years. For many years I read
9 the San Fernando Valley Business Journal. I read the
10 Valley, excuse me, I read the Weekly Valley message. The
11 Valley voted to succeed from the City of L.A. This
12 resulted in a neighborhood councils in the valley. We
13 are one community. Please keep the San Fernando Valley
14 together. Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 Varoujan? Hello?

17 INTERPRETER: Yes. Yes.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I believe our appointee
19 is here by telephone. So one moment. Let me find the
20 proper instructions. Okay. Okay. Varoujan, our Farsi
21 interpreter, should begin interpreting now.

22 INTREPRETER: [In Farsi].

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'm sorry. Caller 3547,
24 if you will, please follow the telephone prompts to
25 unmute your telephone.



1 INTERPRETER: [In Farsi].

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The telephone prompt is
3 please press star 6 on your telephone keypad.

4 INTERPRETER: [In Farsi].

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Please press star 6.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: They're unmuted.

7 MS. SAMANI: Can you hear me?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. One moment. Your
9 speaker order number will be number 24.

10 INTREPRETER: [In Farsi].

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If you will please remind
12 the mapper of the area you would like to discuss today
13 and please make sure to speak slowly and break up your
14 testimony into two or three sentences at a time so our
15 interpreter can interpret your testimony. You may begin.

16 INTERPRETER: [In Farsi].

17 MS. SAMANI: Can you hear me now?

18 INTREPRETER: Can you hear me now?

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

20 INTERPRETER: [In Farsi].

21 MS. SAMANI: [In Farsi].

22 MS. SAMANI (through interpreter): Thank you very
23 much. I believe I would be able to speak in English
24 because I have already prepared the text. So Mr.
25 Interpreter, I don't think that I would need your

1 services right now.

2 MS. SAMANI: Yes. Thank you. Thank you,
3 Commissioners. Sorry, I'm a little bit under the
4 weather. Excuse me for my voice sometimes. It's just --
5 it's just slow me down.

6 My name is Mitra Samani, and I live with my family in the
7 Canoga Park neighborhood of the San Fernando Valley. So
8 I would like to -- I don't see it, but if anybody wants
9 to see it, it's the Canoga Park and the place that I'm
10 referring is north of Mulholland Boulevard.

11 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Please go ahead.

12 MS. SAMANI: The San Fernando -- yeah. The San
13 Fernando Valley includes all the neighborhoods north of
14 Mulholland Boulevard as it runs along the top of the
15 Santa Monica mountains. Encino, Van Nuys, Reseda,
16 Woodland Hills, and my own home of Canoga Park.

17 Mulholland separates the Valley from the West Side.
18 People in the Valley think of themselves as from The
19 Valley, in the same way that people on the West Side
20 think of themselves as West Siders. We have our own
21 airport, colleges, and space community, but the main
22 thing we have in common is traffic, particularly traffic
23 through the Sepulveda Pass. If we want to get over the
24 hill to the west side, we have to cut through the
25 mountains in the --

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Thank
2 you, Varoujan, as well.

3 INTERPRETER: You're welcome.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now is caller 5338.
5 And up next will be caller 4543. Right now, caller 5338.
6 If you could please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller
7 5338, if you could please press star 6 to unmute
8 yourself. Caller with the last four digits of your
9 telephone number 5 --

10 REC: Recording stopped. Recording in progress.

11 MR. SKELTON: Hello? Can you hear me?

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. I have a
13 couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order number
14 will be number 25. If you will, please make note of that
15 for future reference. And if you will, please let the
16 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today.
17 With that, the floor is yours.

18 MS. SKELTON: Okay. Thank you so much. Hello,
19 everyone. My name is Maria Skelton. I live in the San
20 Fernando Valley. And I just wanted to say please and I
21 hope that the Board would take everyone's statement to
22 heart because everyone's area is very important.

23 Here in a San Fernando Valley, we're represented by
24 some outstanding officials like Assemblyman Nassirian and
25 Senator Hertzberg. Once again, please take every caller



1 statement to heart. And thank you, Commissioners, for
2 all that you do. Good evening.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
4 now is caller 4543. And up next will be caller 9805.
5 Caller 4543, if you will, please follow the prompts to
6 unmute. Caller 4543, you are unmuted. Your speaker
7 order number will be number 26. If you will, please make
8 note of that for future reference. And if you will,
9 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
10 discuss today. With that, the floor is yours.

11 Hello? Caller 4543, you are unmuted. Can you hear
12 me? Hello? Caller 4543, you are currently unmuted. Can
13 you hear me? Oh, now you are not unmuted. Caller 4543,
14 you are unmuted again. Can you hear me? Hello? Again,
15 caller 4543, hello? Can you hear me?

16 SPEAKER 26: Hello? Hello? Can you hear me?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Go ahead.
18 The floor is yours.

19 SPEAKER 26: Oh, my goodness. Okay. I'm going to
20 talk -- in the last twenty years, I've worked in
21 Congressional District 33, which wasn't where I was. I
22 was in 32 at the time.

23 MR. MANOFF: Could the caller please --

24 (Indiscernible). Caller 4543? Excuse me. Excuse
25 me?



1 SPEAKER 26: Uh-huh? Yes?

2 MR. MANOFF: Could you please speak very close to
3 the phone and please make sure that --

4 SPEAKER 26: Okay.

5 MR. MANOFF: -- there's nothing in front of your
6 phone microphone.

7 SPEAKER 26: Can you hear me now?

8 MR. MANOFF: I can hear you now. Perfectly. Thank
9 you. Go ahead. Your time has not --

10 SPEAKER 26: Okay. Sorry.

11 MR. MANOFF: -- started yet. You're all right.

12 SPEAKER 26: Oh, fabulous.

13 MR. MANOFF: Yeah. Go ahead.

14 SPEAKER 26: So I want to speak a little bit about
15 the different places that you could focus on Lakewood,
16 because that's currently where I represent as well as
17 8063 up into South Gate, Maywood, Vernon area. So I'm
18 not sure which way I'm going to begin.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

20 SPEAKER 26: Okay. Great. Thank you. So I as I
21 was saying, I lived in Congressional District 33, and 44
22 and 38. And 33, I was there when I was part of
23 Rohrabacher, the Palos Verdes area, and then it got
24 changed. And now it's part of 33. And it makes a huge
25 difference when you can talk to your neighbors about



1 what's going on in your area. Because when we were part
2 of the Orange County area and it was across a huge bay,
3 it was impossible to have any interaction.

4 So that being said, in the Lakewood and southeast
5 L.A. area, Lakewood is cut up if you look at it. I don't
6 know if you have -- I'm on my own personal map. So it
7 has a 47, 44, 38. It's all cut up. You can't talk to
8 anybody. Yeah, I heard a lot of people at Long Beach
9 saying, hey, keep us all together. And they have a
10 really strong, cohesive community because they all can
11 talk politics together. Lakewood, not so much.

12 And in fact, that goes about the whole business of
13 Southeast L.A., which I highly doubt that you're going to
14 have anybody speak to you about here. South Gate,
15 Linwood, Downey, Paramount, Maywood, they were all up
16 into that area. They're all cut up into jigsaw puzzles.

17 The strongest communities are like Long Beach, which
18 are kind of like almost not rectangles, but they're
19 evenly almost a square. And same for Culver City.
20 They're all happy and they all have voices. But up here
21 that equal is South Gate next to Cudahy and they are in a
22 whole different district. I've knocked on many, many
23 doors up in that area and the Assembly District is all
24 cut up and the Congressional Districts are all cut up.

25 I suggest you start at the middle in south east L.A.

1 and make them a cohesive square. You know, that would be
2 so much better for those people. And it would certainly
3 be to give them a feeling and a sense of --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 SPEAKER 26: -- political action and stop making
6 everything so squiggly that it really breaks up the
7 community. Thank you.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
9 now will be caller 9805. And then up next will be caller
10 1378. Right now, will be caller 9805. And then up next
11 will be caller 1378. Caller 9805, if you will, please
12 follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 98 --

13 MR. AKDOGLAND: Can you hear me?

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. I have a
15 couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order
16 number --

17 MR. AKDOGLAND: Yes.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- will be number 27. If
19 you'll please make note of that. And then if you'll let
20 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the
21 floor will be yours. Go ahead.

22 MR. AKDOGLAND: Thank you very much. Thank you very
23 much, Commissioner, for your time. I really appreciate
24 your taking my call. My name is Bob
25 Ackdogland(phonetic). I live in Woodland Hills. That's



1 in San Fernando Valley. I would like to ask you to keep
2 San Fernando Valley as a whole and do not combine it with
3 West L.A. or South -- any anywhere south of the mountain.

4 There is no representative like to travel through
5 405 to come to The Valley. If their office is not in the
6 valley and is on the west side anywhere in the West Side
7 or Hollywood, they will not come and see what's going on.
8 It will be a big disconnect. So I'm asking you to keep
9 San Fernando Valley as a whole.

10 We have always been a stepchild of Los Angeles.
11 There is no railroad or metro in The Valley. We have
12 Orange Line as a bus line in The Valley that comes and
13 goes. And if a representative of us sits in the West Los
14 Angeles or West Side, they will not care about us. So it
15 is extremely important to Valley to be kept as a whole so
16 the representative really represent the people from San
17 Fernando Valley. And thank you so much for your time.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

19 Caller 1378, if you will, please follow the prompts
20 to unmute. Caller 1378, you are unmuted. I have a
21 couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order number
22 will be number 28. If you will, please make note of that
23 for future reference. And if you'll please let the
24 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. With
25 that, the floor is yours.



1 MR. ROSE: Thank you, Commissioners. My name is
2 Rocky Rose. I'm concentrating on a map area of the
3 Congressional District 25, which is centered in Santa
4 Clarita. I'm calling on behalf of horse enthusiasts, the
5 equestrian community.

6 I was previously a longtime resident of the San
7 Fernando Valley, and with growth and expansion, the
8 ability to have space to ride horses and enjoy that
9 activity was squeezed. And we ended up packing our
10 horses and house and moving to Simi Valley in Ventura
11 County.

12 I now live in a neighborhood of like people,
13 equestrian homes where we have horses in the backyard and
14 yet we are still feeling the pressure of growth to be
15 squeezed out. I would like to encourage the Commission
16 to consider the areas on the West Side being Moorpark,
17 Simi Valley, Santa Clarita, all the way out to Palmdale
18 through Canyon Country to remain in a single
19 Congressional District.

20 The reason for that is we want to be able to have a
21 single piece of -- single place of representation that we
22 can try to keep on top of zoning laws and any changes
23 that might restrict the amount of space for these
24 communities. In Simi Valley, there's over 3000 horses,
25 in Moor Park, about the same in Canyon Country, more than

1 our two cities combined.

2 It is a strong community and if we get squeezed
3 further and further out, we'll have nowhere to go but the
4 Central Valley soon. So I encourage you to keep this
5 area together in Congressional District 25. And then as
6 you consider the Assembly Districts, please also consider
7 the needs of the equestrian communities to keep like-
8 minded people with similar activities in the same
9 district. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
11 now is caller 2546. And up next will be caller 2515.

12 Caller 2546, if you could please follow the prompts
13 to unmute. Caller 2546, you are currently unmuted. I
14 have a couple of brief instructions for you. Your
15 speaker order number -- one moment. Your speaker order
16 number will be number 29. If you will, please make note
17 of that for future reference. And if you'll please let
18 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss
19 today. With that, the floor is yours.

20 Speaker 29: Hi, Commissioners. Thank you for
21 hearing me. Could we look at all the neighborhoods north
22 of Mulholland Boulevard, which is the San Fernando
23 Valley, which includes Encino, Sherman Oaks, Northridge,
24 Reseda, and Woodland Hills, among others? Again, that's
25 all the neighborhoods North of Mulholland --



1 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment.

2 SPEAKER 29: Hi. Sorry. What?

3 MR. MANOFF: Speaker 2546, could you please start
4 again?

5 SPEAKER 29: Yes. Can we look at all the
6 neighborhoods north of Mulholland Boulevard, specifically
7 the San Fernando Valley, which includes Encino, Sherman
8 Oaks, Northridge, Reseda, and Woodland Hills, among
9 others?

10 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead, please. Caller 2546, can you
11 hear us?

12 SPEAKER 29: Yes. Can you hear me?

13 MR. MANOFF: We can hear you. And we've got your
14 location on the map. Go ahead with your testimony,
15 please.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He muted himself again.

17 MR. MANOFF: Caller 2546 you muted yourself again.
18 If you could please press star 6, caller 2546. There you
19 go. You're unmuted. And if you could please begin your
20 testimony. We've got your location on the map.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You're muted again.

22 MR. MANOFF: You muted yourself again, sir. If you
23 could please just press star 6 and then leave the
24 telephone keypad. There you go. We can hear you now.

25 SPEAKER 29: Is that working?



1 MR. MANOFF: That's working right there. And if you
2 go ahead and begin your testimony, we've got your
3 location.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Oh, my God!

5 MR. MANOFF: Oh, I'm sorry. You're muted. You
6 muted yourself again, sir.

7 SPEAKER 29: I'm not doing anything. It's just --

8 MR. MANOFF: That's --

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: There's a glitch.

10 MR. MANOFF: Yeah. Just a moment.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Let's try this one more
12 time. Nope, it's still going. There seems to be some
13 type of glitch with this particular phone.

14 MR. MANOFF: Caller 2546, it seems like your phone
15 is continuing to send the mute message. If you could
16 please hang up and call back in. We'll be looking for
17 Your Number. Caller 2546, please call back in.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We will now have to go to
19 caller 2515 at this time.

20 Caller 2515, if you could please follow the prompts
21 to unmute. Caller 2515, your speaker order number will
22 be number 30. If you could please make note of that for
23 future reference. And if you could please let the mapper
24 know what area you would like to discuss today. With
25 that, the floor is yours.

1 MR. RAFFERTY: Hello, everyone. My name is Sage
2 Rafferty. I'd like to talk about CA-25, which is the
3 Congressional District in the Santa Clarita Valley area
4 and also AD-38. So I heard callers saying that they
5 think Simi Valley is a good the community of interest for
6 Santa Clarita, and I have to firmly disagree with that.
7 I think that CA-25 should remain entirely in L.A. County.

8 I've worked in manufacturing for years in this area.
9 And from my experience, you know, going into any
10 manufacturing plant here in Santa Clarita Valley or San
11 Fernando Valley or the AV, you'll find that the employees
12 of that at any plant, they're always from Santa Clarita
13 Valley, San Fernando Valley and the AV.

14 They're weird communities of interest, and our
15 economies are intertwined. You know, you're never going
16 to really find anybody from Simi Valley who works in
17 Santa Clarita and the other way around. So I would like
18 to see CA-25, or the Congressional District --

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: What's going on?

20 MR. RAFFERTY: Hello.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

22 MR. RAFFERTY: Hi. Can you guys hear me?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, I can, caller 1205.

24 MR. RAFFERTY: Yep. That is me.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment. It looks



1 like the other caller did not get to complete their
2 testimony. So if I could ask you to just hold on one
3 moment. I'm going to have to mute you --

4 MR. ROSE: No problem.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- and then come back.

6 MR. ROSE: Sure.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I apologize. It looks
8 like you got muted somehow, sir.

9 Caller 2515, if you could please complete your
10 testimony.

11 MR. RAFFERTY: Okay. I'll be quick to do some
12 glitches, but. Yeah, basically, I think that the CA-25
13 or the Congressional District in Santa Clarita Valley
14 would be better served if it stays with communities that
15 are also in L.A. County, including Antelope Valley and
16 San Fernando Valley.

17 And it doesn't make any sense to have Simi Valley in
18 with CA-25. And also for AD-38, which is the Assembly
19 District, I'd like to see L.A. County to be in one
20 Assembly District with Santa Clarita Valley, you know,
21 with other communities within L.A. County. Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, sir.
23 And with that, I will be going to the last gentleman who
24 was so patient with me.

25 Caller 1205, if you could please follow the prompts



1 to unmute. And then up next would be caller 0770. Right
2 now, caller 1205. Caller 1205, I have a couple of brief
3 instructions for you. Your speaker order number will be
4 number 31. If you will please make note of that. And if
5 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would
6 like to discuss today. With that, the floor is yours.

7 MR. COHEN: Hello, commissioners. My name is Alex
8 Cohen, and I'm going to talk about the San Fernando
9 Valley. The southern boundary of the San Fernando Valley
10 is Mulholland Boulevard as it slithers across -- along
11 the top of the Santa Monica mountains.

12 The Valley includes all of the area in northern
13 Mulholland Falls within the cradle of these mountains
14 Canoga Park, Woodland Hills, Encino, Sherman Oaks, and
15 several more. For an exact description of the geography,
16 know that The Valley has its own census county division
17 ascribed to it by the U.S. Census Department, which I
18 will email my following comments today.

19 I was raised in The Valley and being raised here
20 means that you learn your community, not just from your
21 direct daily experiences and family and friends, but from
22 the broad swath of Valley folklore laid down in great
23 many films and TV shows that make reference to the San
24 Fernando Valley.

25 The portrayal of The Valley is consistent, and you



1 come to see that the writers who live here understand
2 Valley life in contrast to the fast-paced storyline and
3 culture of Hollywood, particularly common are tales of
4 Wayward Valley children enchanted over the hills by the
5 stars along Hollywood Boulevard and the danger that
6 follows.

7 For Valley kids, these are cautionary tales about
8 what parties you should go to and which ones you can't.
9 Hollywood isn't the Valley, they say. Whatever else that
10 the Valley is, it's not Hollywood. And the golden
11 standard here is the twice released classic Valley Girl.
12 Valley Girl is Romeo and Juliet, except that Juliet comes
13 from the San Fernando Valley.

14 And the Montague family, of course, live in
15 Hollywood and Nick Cage's Romeo, which, of course, makes
16 the movie awesome. All this is to say that the San
17 Fernando Valley well understands itself as its own
18 household and that it defines itself over and against the
19 perilous household of Hollywood Beverly Hills.

20 When you go to draw the lines, please do not make
21 the mistake of imagining that the families of Romeo and
22 Juliet are the same. They most certainly are not. When
23 possible, keep the San Fernando Valley together and do
24 not join our population with the cities of the West Side.
25 Thank you very much for your time.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
2 now, will be caller 0770. And up next will be caller
3 4784. Caller 0770, if you could please follow the
4 prompts to unmute. Caller --

5 MS. TAGNAZIAN: Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, I have a couple of
7 brief instructions for you. Your speaker order number
8 will be number 32. If you are, please make note of that.
9 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you
10 would like to discuss today, the floor is yours.

11 MS. TAGNAZIAN: Thank you very much. And thank you,
12 Commissioners, for this opportunity to address you. My
13 name is Terry Tagnazian. And I live in Westwood which is
14 the community centered around UCLA. We are a -- let's
15 see, South of the -- of Mulholland, North of the 10, and
16 we are East of the 405.

17 But what I'd like to ask -- and I have to say I've
18 been listening to The Valley speakers -- and we are South
19 of Mulholland. We would like to be kept South of
20 Mulholland in a district with other West Side
21 communities. So I can certainly agree with The Valley
22 wanting to be north of Mulholland. I understand that.

23 Our particular area, which is what is West -- was
24 surrounding UCLA was gerrymandered after the 2000 census
25 before -- we didn't really know what was going on, but we



1 were gerrymandered out of our usual area by -- I don't
2 even know how it happened because the assemblyman,
3 then -- an assemblyman, a politician, wanted to be able
4 to -- from a different part of the city, wanted to be
5 able to say that he represented UCLA. And as a result,
6 we've been a small finger of a district that's based
7 elsewhere southeast of the 10 freeway and East -- way
8 East of the 405.

9 We would like to -- and that happened again in 2010.
10 Again, we weren't as aware of the redistricting process,
11 but after 20 years we are. So we would like to be kept
12 together in a west side area that runs south of
13 Mulholland, roughly to the 10 freeway, roughly from
14 Beverly Hills, perhaps all the way to the coast.

15 I'm not sure. You know, not having census data, I'm
16 not sure exactly what the boundaries should be, but for
17 sure, maybe mid-city, West, North of the 10. It would
18 include Century City, Cheviot Hills, Westwood, the
19 Westwood Community Plan area, the West Side Neighborhood
20 Council.

21 A gentleman from the Westside Neighborhood Council
22 spoke earlier. We have a community of interest with
23 them, potentially with Brentwood, even the Palisades,
24 West, L.A., all of those areas are close together. We
25 have similar employment opportunities in the Westwood,

1 Brentwood, Century City, Wilshire Corridor area, and
2 schools and other communities of interest.

3 We would like to submit written testimony. We
4 thought we would wait until after the census data was
5 available and submit more detailed testimony. Thank you
6 for that.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
8 now, will be caller 4784. And then up next will be
9 caller 2546 which was the gentleman that we had the
10 muting/unmuting thing going on. So right now would be a
11 caller 4874 and up next will be caller 2546.

12 Caller 4784, if you will, please follow the prompts
13 to unmute. Caller --

14 Oh, okay. You can get off the phone now. Thank
15 you.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 4784 --

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Oh, okay. Caller 4784,
19 you are currently unmuted. I have a couple of brief
20 instructions for you. Your speaker order number will be
21 number 33. If you will, please make note of that for
22 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper
23 know what area you would like to discuss today. With
24 that, the floor is yours.

25 MR. KEELEY: Thank you. My name's Al Keeley



1 (phonetic). I'm a resident of South Los Angeles, Africa
2 Town and the Merc Park area. And I want to talk about
3 South L.A. I'm also with the Fannie Lou Hamer Institute.
4 We're calling on the redistricting process to keep people
5 with common geography, common interests and common
6 conditions in South L.A., irrespective area together.

7 We have seen what has happened over the years when
8 our vote gets diluted and split up. And the last thing
9 we want to see is our neighborhoods and communities split
10 up and the possible confusion that can result.

11 Many people get accustomed to the assembly members,
12 congressional members and council members that they've
13 known. And so we'd like to keep our community intact and
14 together. And we support the continued community
15 engagement and participation process and look forward to
16 in-person and education meetings because this process is
17 a bit cumbersome and a little confusing sometimes.

18 So I would encourage you all to look at other ways
19 to get community input. And the Fannie Lou Hamer
20 Institute stands ready to support you and assist you in
21 doing that. But we also want to speak to keeping South
22 L.A. respective areas together. Thank you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
24 now would be caller 2546. And then up next will be --
25 one moment -- 7672. Right now, will be caller 2546. And

1 up next will be caller 7672.

2 Caller 2546, if you will, please follow the prompts
3 to unmute. Caller 2546, you are unmuted. You know the
4 drill.

5 SPEAKER 34: Hi.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: So I won't go through it
7 all.

8 SPEAKER 34: Yeah, hopefully --

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: The floor is yours.

10 SPEAKER 34: All right. Thank you. As I said
11 before, I was hoping to talk about the San Fernando
12 Valley, which is best described by someone I'd like to
13 metaphorically yield my time to the great Tom Petty in
14 his hit song, Free Falling.

15 Tom Petty's words, "It's a long day living in
16 receipt. There's a freeway running through the yard.
17 I'm a bad boy cause I don't even miss her. I'm a bad boy
18 for breaking her heart". This freeway, described by Tom
19 Petty is the 405 freeway, which splits the Valley east to
20 west.

21 The 405 is the defining feature of the Valley
22 because traffic on the 405 in the Sepulveda Path is what
23 prevents Valley folks from moving to and from the West
24 Side. As Petty said, "all the vampires walking through
25 the valley move west down Ventura Boulevard".



1 Surely these vampires, too, are a metaphor. But as
2 you'll see in the map, Tom Petty's geography of Ventura
3 Boulevard, running from Calabasas to Studio City, is a
4 squarely accurate account of the southern neighborhoods
5 of the San Fernando Valley.

6 Tom Petty continues, "I want to glide down over
7 Mulholland. I want to write her name in the sky. I'm
8 going to freefall out into nothing. I'm going to leave
9 this world for a while". Mulholland Boulevard sits the
10 top of the Santa Monica mountains and defines the
11 southern border, the San Fernando Valley.

12 In Tom Petty's view, leaving the valley to go to the
13 west side would be like leaving the world for a while.
14 If you ever sat on the 405 and the Sepulveda Pass at rush
15 hour, you would agree. Tom Petty knows that the San
16 Fernando Valley is different from the West Side. Please
17 consider this when you're drawing your line. Thank you
18 so much.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
20 now, we will have caller 7672. And up next will be
21 caller 9092. Right now, will be color 7672. If you
22 will, please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 7672,
23 your speaker order number will be number 35. If you
24 will, please make note of that for future reference. And
25 if you will, please let the mapper know what area you



1 would like to discuss today. With that, the floor is
2 yours.

3 MR. FONG: Hi. My name is Henry Fong and I am going
4 to discuss the Eastern San Gabriel Valley. So the area
5 around Covina, Glendora. I currently live in the
6 unincorporated Covina area and in the past those
7 unincorporated areas end up getting cut off. For
8 example, you have the District 27 and 32, which borders
9 Azusa and Glendora.

10 And I think that the Eastern San Gabriel Valley
11 needs to be an integrated unit as much as possible. And
12 while I recognize that Glendora may have -- Glendora, may
13 have been placed in District 27 because the number of
14 white people, it really needs to be -- it really needs to
15 be considered as part of eastern San Gabriel Valley so
16 that cities from Laverne to El Monte are all in the same
17 district and not odd pieces like Glendora or Claremont.

18 Now, I understand with District 35 and Pomona, there
19 is a connection to the empire. So having Pomona,
20 Claremont, perhaps in the same congressional district
21 would make sense. But the San Gabriel Valley, the
22 eastern Central Valley, has the whole east that needs to
23 be one district that should not jump from Monrovia to
24 Glendora.

25 Regarding the board of Equalization, which nobody

1 really talks about, but the Board of Equalization
2 districts also are very oddly shaped. You have a
3 district that goes from -- District 3 goes from Ventura,
4 and then the L.A. Basin. And really, Ventura County has
5 not much to do with L.A. County.

6 And so as the Board of Equalization -- the Board of
7 Equalization District should be as much of L.A. County as
8 possible that fits within one quarter of the state. And
9 if there is a need to, you know, subtract portions of the
10 county, it should come from North Los Angeles County. It
11 should not be from the basin.

12 And the part of Pomona, which is somehow in the
13 B.O.E. District 1 that is very oddly constructed, going
14 from -- all the way from the Northern state line and
15 somehow takes in Chino and Pomona that that is not
16 appropriate. And the B.O.E District needs to be
17 consistent with L.A. County boundaries as much as
18 possible.

19 And I think L.A. County is about a quarter of the
20 population. So I think that that's fine. And the same
21 goes with the Assembly and Senate Districts as well. I
22 know that there is -- in the Eastern San Gabriel Valley
23 there is a desire to create a community of interest with
24 Latinos. And so places like Glendora, maybe sometimes
25 are subtracted out, sometimes the southern portion --

1 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

2 MR. FONG: -- of the San Gabriel Valley. So you
3 have areas such as Hacienda Heights, Rowland Heights end
4 up getting subtracted out. But to the greatest extent
5 possible I would look at that. I would look at the
6 Eastern San Gabriel Valley as an integrated whole, and
7 my --

8 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

9 MR. FONG: -- of the Eastern San Gabriel Valley
10 consists of the 605 freeway, the Pointy Hills to the
11 south. So basically the southern borders of Hacienda
12 Heights, Rowland Heights, Diamond Bar. I would consider
13 the eastern boundary of the San Gabriel Valley, the 57
14 freeway or San Dimas that we are at --

15 MR. MANOFF: Time.

16 MR. FONG: -- might be -- might be a -- might be
17 a --

18 MR. MANOFF: Time.

19 MR. FONG: -- of compromise. And --

20 MR. MANOFF: Chair, would you like to get more
21 definition on this area?

22 MR. FONG: (Indiscernible)

23 MR. MANOFF: Hold a moment, speaker.

24 Chair?

25 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: May I ask -- may I ask the line

1 drawers if we have enough information to digitize this
2 input? Or you can contact me directly in the appropriate
3 manner. We have enough information --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thank you, Chair.

5 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: -- Kristian. Thank you.

6 I would encourage those who didn't get a chance to
7 finish their input to please contact us via email. You
8 can also submit your input through the tool as well,
9 which is on our website. We do have to enforce a three-
10 minute time limit per caller in order to ensure fairness
11 in this process. So thank you so much for your input
12 thus far.

13 Katy, back over to you.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

15 Right now is caller 9092. And up next will be
16 caller 5050. Caller 9092, if you will, please follow the
17 prompts to unmute. Caller 9092, you are unmuted. I have
18 a couple of brief instructions for you. Your speaker
19 order number will be number 36. If you will, please make
20 note of that for future reference. And if you'll please
21 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss
22 today, the floor is yours.

23 SPEAKER 36: Yeah. Hi, my name's Josh. And I'm
24 talking about the San Fernando Valley, the neighborhoods
25 north of Mulholland Boulevard. And yeah, so I'm talking



1 about the San Fernando Valley, and what separates it from
2 the west side of L.A. And spoiler alert, it's the
3 traffic on the 405, the Valley, which is north of
4 Mulholland, all those neighborhoods and west side have
5 Beverly Hills, Santa Monica and the Hollywood area.

6 The Valley and the West Side are separated by the
7 Santa Monica mountains. And the main route between the
8 two is that ten-mile stretch of the 405 known as the
9 Sepulveda Pass. Some people have talked about how this
10 portion of the 405 is one of the most congested roads in
11 the country.

12 And I just want to stress that it is so bad that it
13 is a bad joke of life in L.A. In fact, Jay Leno actually
14 made a joke about this back in February of 2011 when The
15 City of L.A. was performing repairs on the 405. That it
16 was going to briefly close the Sepulveda Pass over the
17 weekend.

18 Leno had a monologue where he literally said, "You
19 won't be able to go anywhere on the 405 as opposed to
20 when it's open and you can't go anywhere on the 405".
21 Funny because it's unfortunately true.

22 Carmageddon is what they called it and that wasn't
23 just a weekend once upon a time. But it's literally
24 every afternoon if you have to move from the West Side to
25 the Valley, or vice versa.

1 And so as the San Fernando Valley is cut off from
2 the West Side by a mountain range and the impassable
3 Sepulveda Pass, I would ask the Commission to please
4 avoid drawing districts that would cobble together those
5 respective populations. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
7 now, will be caller 5050. And up next will be caller
8 6559. I would like to invite the rest of the callers in
9 the queue to please press star 9 to raise your hand
10 indicating you wish to comment. For the rest of the
11 callers in the queue, please press star 9 to raise your
12 hands indicating you wish to comment. And right now will
13 be caller 5050. If you will, please follow the prompts
14 to unmute.

15 Caller 5050, you are currently unmuted. I have a
16 couple of brief instructions for you. Your speaker order
17 number will be number 37. If you will, please make note
18 of that for future reference. If you'll please let the
19 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today.
20 With that, the floor is yours.

21 MS. WESTIN: Hi, my name is Fabian Westin
22 (phonetic). First of all, I'd like to thank you all for
23 doing this, and I'd like to echo the previous comments
24 regarding the politicians past involvement and request,
25 truly request that the public input be the most important



1 input that is heard, truly listened to and acted upon.

2 Come on, let's unite our communities and
3 neighborhoods as best we can. Let's reduce the number of
4 splits in these unincorporated areas in adjacent cities.
5 I'm talking about in particular Los Angeles. We've got
6 the Pico, South Robertson, United Neighborhood Councils
7 that are all split between AD Districts 50, 53, and 54.

8 You've got communities like Venice and Argus in
9 neighborhoods who have much more in common with Santa
10 Monica and L.A. communities North of Ballona Creek versus
11 the airport, Westchester, Inglewood. Let's use resources
12 that we already have.

13 Our neighborhood councils who are already on the
14 ground in the weeds, doing the business of getting our
15 communities together and keeping our communities
16 together. This is so important in light of COVID-19.

17 I cannot stress how important it is for you to
18 listen to the community input. I want to thank you for
19 doing this and I hope that we hear some of our comments
20 being acted upon. Thank you again and good luck with
21 this.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
23 now, will be caller 6559. And up next will be caller
24 1506. Right now is caller 6559. Please follow the
25 prompts to unmute.



1 Caller 6559, your speaker order number will be
2 number 38. If you will, please make note of that for
3 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper
4 know what area you would like to discuss today, the floor
5 is yours.

6 MR. KRAVITZ: Hi, my name is Steve Kravitz. I live
7 in Santa Clarita. I'm calling about California 25 and
8 Assembly District 38. In Santa Clarita, we live in an
9 interesting part of Northern California -- northern Los
10 Angeles County.

11 We are directly contiguous with the Antelope Valley
12 and we're directly contiguous with the northern part of
13 the San Fernando Valley. We have literally no connection
14 to Simi Valley. If you look at the last gerrymandered
15 district, there is a little spaghetti strand that
16 connects us to them.

17 Ventura County does not feel like it's part of us.
18 And we don't feel like we're part of them. Our actual
19 issues are based very much more with San Fernando Valley
20 than with Simi Valley. From transportation to COVID to
21 governmental issues. We have the same supervisor in
22 Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita, San Fernando Valley. But
23 we have nothing in common with Ventura County.

24 Consequently, I'm asking you, please make us a
25 compact district where we actually meeting the



1 definitions that are required by law with real contiguous
2 and community interests with the Northern Fernando
3 Valley. I want to thank you very much for your time.
4 And once again, you guys are doing a hard job. Thank
5 you. Good night.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
7 now, we have caller 1506. And up next to be caller 7175.
8 Right now caller 1506, if you could please follow the
9 prompts to unmute.

10 Caller 1506, you are unmuted. I have a couple of
11 brief instructions for you. Your speaker order number
12 will be number 39. If you will please make note of that
13 for future reference. And if you'll please let the
14 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. With,
15 that, the floor is yours.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you. My name is Elena Johnson,
17 E-L-E-N-A J-O-H-N-S-O-N. And I would like to talk about
18 Simi Valley, Moorpark and other part of CA-25, which the
19 previous speaker alluded to. But first of all,
20 distinguished members of this panel, I appreciate your
21 time and a very pleasant good evening to all of you.

22 I am a naturalized citizen and my country of origin
23 is the Philippines. My dream as a young person growing
24 up in the Philippines is to be here in the United States
25 where I can enjoy the quality of life that I only read



1 and so -- in the movies.

2 I was blessed that when I came to the United States,
3 I ended up in Simi Valley. And when I married in 2002, I
4 acquired relatives coming from Simi -- from Moorpark.
5 And my job, which is located in Sylmar, California, had a
6 lot of people coming from Santa Clarita Valley, Palmdale,
7 Porter Ranch, which is all part of California District
8 25.

9 I would like to say that that's having grown up
10 here, because I was kind of like in my late twenties when
11 I came to the United States. I did not just one thing.
12 Moorpark and Simi Valley have the same demographics. I
13 can say with pride that these two cities have middle
14 class, well-educated population.

15 I felt the same way when I met my coworkers. I'm a
16 teacher, by the way, and they came from Santa Clarita,
17 Valencia, Saugus, Palmdale. And most of our lifestyle,
18 our beliefs and what we hold dear to our heart are
19 similar.

20 So I urge this panel that when you think about
21 redistricting, to please consider that our way of life in
22 Simi Valley, all of the other (indiscernible) we are not
23 connected geographically are very similar. Our ideals,
24 our economic ability to live in a free country like the
25 United States and enjoy the blessings of democracy is

1 similar.

2 Our government that rules or runs Congressional 25,
3 we want to be part of that Congressional District 25
4 because the last two years that we joined -- that I
5 fought and became involved in the political arena of what
6 is -- because of what is going on around me, I understood
7 how important it is that we belong to a Congressional
8 district that will be --

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MS. JOHNSON: -- a district, that is a government
11 for the people, by the people, and serve the people.
12 That is your part of the place. Keep Simi Valley in
13 District 25 and at our sister city of --

14 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

15 MS. JOHNSON: -- Moorpark, we have many, many
16 organizations in Simi and Moorpark that are interrelated
17 and have the same ideas. Notwithstanding that even if we
18 are not geographically close to Santa Clarita, we have
19 the --

20 MR. MANOFF: Time.

21 MS. JOHNSON: -- same --

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
23 now, we have caller 7175. And up next will be caller
24 4820.

25 Caller 7175, if you will, please follow the prompts



1 to unmute. Caller 7175, you are currently unmuted. I
2 have a couple of brief instructions for you. Your
3 speaker order number will be number 40. If you will,
4 please make note of that for future reference. And if
5 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would
6 like to discuss, the floor is yours.

7 MR. KANE: Thank you so much. I will be calling for
8 The City of Long Beach. This is Gerry Kane. Hello,
9 Commissioners. I'm calling from Equality California, the
10 state's largest LGBTQ civil rights organization. You
11 heard from my colleague earlier for the Hollywood, East
12 L.A. area. But again, I wanted to call regarding the
13 coastal neighborhood of The City of Long Beach.

14 As I mentioned before, but I just want to thank you
15 again for taking the interest in our community. You
16 heard me last week. And then you also had our panel
17 discussion. It's so important to hear about how
18 redistricting impacts our policy goals system of the
19 LGBTQ community and our fight for equality, and how
20 that's all impacted by fair representation for our
21 community.

22 And so as I mentioned, I'm calling for the
23 California to identify very significant, geographically
24 specific LGBTQ+ people with interests that fall within
25 the zone in Los Angeles County. And I want to call it to



1 bring it to your attention as you hear from others today.

2 And as I mentioned, this is for the coastal
3 neighborhoods of The City of Long Beach. And I'm looking
4 at some of the downtown area stretching from downtown
5 west, Belmont Heights and Belmont Shore. All of these
6 regions along kind of the southern border of Long Beach
7 have served as a major building block of the local LGBTQ+
8 community for The City of Long Beach, and the L.A. County
9 overall as a whole.

10 And there's a history of voting cohesively to elect
11 candidates of choice in these areas, both members of the
12 LGBTQ+ community and also just officials who have been
13 consistently responsive to the LGBTQ+ community needs in
14 these areas.

15 The Long Beach neighborhoods stretching us back
16 downtown all the way through East to Belmont Shore and
17 Belmont Heights. They have consistently made up for the
18 first and second Congressional Districts of The City of
19 Long Beach. But it also corresponds to The State
20 Assembly and Congressional District, that is Assembly
21 District 70, Assembly District 33, and Congressional
22 District 47 usually falls within kind of like the
23 southern and western regions of those districts.

24 And in terms of the city council districts for Long
25 Beach, in 2009, they elected an openly LGBTQ+ city



1 councilmember who has since gone on to become the city's
2 first openly LGBTQ+ also first Latino and first person of
3 color to serve as mayor of The City of Long Beach. That
4 geographically specific LGBTQ+ community of interest also
5 helped elect an openly LGBTQ first member of The State
6 Assembly in 2010, and they went on to represent them in
7 the California Senate from 2012 until 2019.

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

9 MR. KANE: He was sworn in as the first openly
10 LGBTQ+ person to be elected to a statewide office in
11 California's history. As mentioned my colleague and
12 myself prior, Equality of California is working to
13 develop a dataset and maps that have 831,000 data
14 points --

15 MR. KANE: Fifteen seconds.

16 MR. KANE: -- and growing. And we'll be using that
17 to guide our work to understand where strength lies in
18 the state. And we know at this time that our LGBTQ+ data
19 strip set will demonstrate the strength of our community
20 in these neighborhoods. So thank you so much for taking
21 the --

22 MR. MANOFF: Time.

23 MR. KANE: -- to hear from me once again and we
24 look --

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right



1 now is caller 4820. Up next, will be caller 8177.

2 Caller 4820, please follow the prompts to unmute.

3 Caller 4820, you are currently unmuted. I have a couple
4 of brief instructions for you. Your speaker order number
5 will be number 41. If you will, please make note of that
6 for future reference. And if you'll please let the
7 mapper know what area you would like to discuss, the
8 floor is yours.

9 MR. SMART: Good evening, Commissioners. My name is
10 Pastor William D. Smart, Jr. I am the President and CEO
11 of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of
12 Southern California. The organization that Dr. Martin
13 Luther King Jr. came to L.A. to set up, as you do, the
14 national program.

15 We all have always fought for voting rights. We
16 have always fought around the fences and understanding
17 the value of redistricting. As you look for
18 redistrict -- as you look to redistrict, particularly in
19 an outreach zone 8. There are eight of the eleven
20 African American districts in the state in this zone.
21 Senatorial, 30 and 35, and 41, 48, 64, 54, 59, 62.

22 This is African American's voting power. One of the
23 only places in the state that you have a concerted
24 likeness. It was very important because many of these
25 neighborhoods are old neighborhoods where they have homes



1 that have been there a long time. Many of these
2 neighborhoods are working together because there are a
3 whole conglomeration of problems from household use to
4 housing, social structure, and community development, and
5 business development.

6 These are loving communities, but they have -- they
7 have issues like no other place in the state sometimes.
8 And we want to ensure that there are continuous African
9 American support, African Americans that are represented
10 because they get it. They understand like everyone else
11 has their interest. We have our interests,
12 Commissioners.

13 We want to ensure that in The State of California,
14 we keep or get more African American elected officials at
15 the state level. We are SCLC. We will be willing to
16 work with you. We're going to have some phone polls and
17 other things because we understand the value of having
18 representation that looks like us, understands us, living
19 in our community.

20 So thank you so much for this process. We think
21 that many of you understand the Voting Rights Act is
22 still alive and helps us to get to this point. We'll be
23 glad to work with you. Thank you so much.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

25 Chair, it looks like we have one more time -- one

1 more caller.

2 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: I believe we'll have time for one
3 more and then we'll take our monetary break.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

5 S5: So right now will be caller 8177. If you will,
6 please follow the prompts to unmute. And for those in
7 the queue, I would like to ask you to just hold on. We
8 will be taking a fifteen-minute break for our staff, and
9 we will be returning at 7:30 for further comment. But
10 right now will be caller 8177. The last of this session.

11 Please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller, 8177,
12 your speaker order number will be number 42. If you'll
13 please make note of that for future reference. And if
14 you will, please let the mapper know what area you would
15 like to discuss. With that, the floor is yours.

16 SPEAKER 42: Thank you so much. Got you right
17 before a break. So I will try to be brief. Hello,
18 Commissioners. Thank you for all your work. My name is
19 Travis, and I would like to focus on the San Fernando
20 Valley. This area sits north of Mulholland Boulevard and
21 includes, among others, Calabasas, Woodland Hills,
22 Encino, Sherman Oaks, Reseda, Northridge, and Studio
23 City.

24 Since the San Fernando Valley is one of the only
25 parts of L.A. without a subway, the default gateway to



1 the West Side is a ten-mile portion of the 405 freeway as
2 it runs along a slim low mountain pass known as the
3 Sepulveda Pass. Please allow me to speak for everyone in
4 Los Angeles on both sides of Santa Monica -- the Santa
5 Monica mountains when I say that nobody wants to drive
6 through the Sepulveda Pass.

7 It is by far the worst, slowest, most defeating
8 drive you can imagine. And if you don't believe that,
9 try making plans with friends who live in both areas.
10 You would think you were asking them to drive cross-
11 country. In fact, it's, I think, probably easier to get
12 a friend to fly in from a different state.

13 Ultimately, the San Fernando Valley and the West
14 Side are separate communities. And so when drawing the
15 lines, I will ask that you please, do your best to make
16 districts that attract the San Fernando Valley community
17 and do not graph the valley population together with the
18 West Side population. And I thank you for your time and
19 for the important work you guys are doing. Thank you so
20 much.

21 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: And with that we are at 7:15. So
22 what we will do is we will take our fifteen-minute
23 mandatory break. And when we return from break, we will
24 continue to take public input. And we'll also go over
25 the instructions on general public comment. And both

1 lines for public input and general public comment, the
2 phone lines will be closing at 8 p.m. So I encourage
3 everyone to get in the queue if you can. And with that,
4 We'll see everyone back at 7:30.

5 (Whereupon, a recess was held)

6 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome back to the California
7 Citizens Redistricting Commission Community of Interest
8 Input Meeting. This session is specifically dedicated to
9 those that did not have an appointment. However, if you
10 had an appointment and were unable to call in during your
11 time work, we encourage you to call in now. If you do
12 not have an appointment, you are also welcome to call in
13 now.

14 We will continue to take public input at this time
15 and also invite public comment at this time as well. So
16 that's general public comment. The phone line for public
17 input and public comment will close at 8 p.m. I will
18 pass it over to Katy, our comment moderator, to go
19 through the queue.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, Chair.

21 In order to maximize transparency and public
22 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
23 taking community of interest input and public comment by
24 phone to call in dial the telephone number provided on
25 the livestream feed. It is 877-853-5247. When prompted



1 to enter the meeting ID number provided on the livestream
2 feed, it is 96259501366 for this meeting.

3 When prompted to enter a participant ID simply press
4 the pound key. Once you have dialed in, you'll be placed
5 in a queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please
6 press star 9. This will raise your hand for the
7 moderator when it is your turn to speak. You will hear a
8 message that says the host would like you to talk and to
9 press star 6 to speak.

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

18 And at this time, I again invite those in the queue
19 to please press star 9 to raise your hand indicating you
20 wish to comment. Right now we will have caller 3770.
21 And then up next will be caller 8288.

22 Caller 3770, if you will please follow the prompts
23 to a mute at this time. Call her 3770, you are unmuted.
24 I have a couple of brief instructions for you. Your
25 speaker order number will be number 43. If you will,



1 please make note of that for future reference. If you'll
2 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
3 discuss today. With that, the floor is yours.

4 MR. GARRETT-PATE: Thank you so much. I'll be
5 discussing the city of West Hollywood and excuse me,
6 surrounding neighborhoods in City of Los Angeles,
7 including Hollywood, the Hollywood Hills, Venice, and
8 Pacific Palisades.

9 MR. MANOFF: Thank you. Go ahead.

10 MR. GARRETT-PATE: Thank you. And thank you,
11 Commissioners. My name is Sam Garrett-Pate. I'm the Los
12 Angeles resident, and I'm calling from Equality
13 California, the state's largest LGBTQ+ civil rights
14 organization. I want to join my colleagues who spoke
15 earlier and thanking you once again for taking an
16 interest in our LGBTQ+ community of interest.

17 I'm calling to highlight a third significant,
18 geographically specific LGBTQ+ community of interest that
19 we've identified in the city of West Hollywood and
20 surrounding neighborhoods within the city of Los Angeles,
21 including Hollywood, the Hollywood Hills, Venice and
22 Pacific Palisades, which have all served as a major --
23 major building blocks of the local LGBTQ communities in
24 Los Angeles County, and have a history of voting
25 cohesively to elect candidates of choice, most members of

1 the LGBTQ community and officials who have been
2 consistently responsive to the community's needs.

3 For example, the LGBTQ+ community of interest in
4 this area elected California's first openly LGBTQ+ state
5 legislator to the Assembly in 1994. She went on to
6 become the first female speaker pro-tem of the assembly,
7 the first openly LGBTQ+ member of the California Senate
8 representing the same area. And she now serves as the
9 first openly LGBTQ+ member of the Los Angeles County
10 Board of Supervisors, repeatedly elected to represent
11 this geographically specific community of interest that I
12 mentioned.

13 The communities I identified continue to make up a
14 significant voting bloc in Assembly District 50 and
15 Senate District 27. However, Venice is currently
16 separated from the rest of the community into Assembly
17 District 62, and the community is currently divided
18 between Congressional District 28, which includes West
19 Hollywood, Hollywood, and part of the Hollywood Hills,
20 east of Coldwater Canyon Drive and Congressional District
21 33, which includes Venice, Pacific Palisades, and the
22 Hollywood Hills west of Coldwater Canyon Drive. I know
23 this because this obviously dilutes the LGBTQ+ community
24 of interest and opportunity to elect candidates of choice
25 in those districts where they are split.



1 As my colleagues previously mentioned, Equality
2 California is developing a dataset and maps that will be
3 able to be used as a guide for work to understand where
4 our community strength lies in the state and in Los
5 Angeles County in particular. And I would say that you
6 should expect that several members of our community here
7 in Los Angeles County and throughout the state will be
8 participating in this process.

9 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

10 MR. GARRETT-PATE: So I just want to thank you again
11 for your time, and we look forward to continuing our
12 conversation with you about the importance of the
13 representation that can be achieved through this process
14 for the LGBTQ+ community.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

16 Right now, we have caller 8288. And up next will be
17 caller 6270.

18 Caller 8288, if you will, please follow the prompts
19 to unmute. Caller 8288, you are currently unmuted. I
20 have a couple of brief instructions for you. Your
21 speaker order number will be number 44. If you will,
22 Please make note of that. And if you have an area to
23 discuss, please let the mapper know what that is. With
24 that, the floor is yours.

25 S4: Thank you. My name is Glenn and I live in



1 Woodland Hills in the San Fernando Valley, and that's the
2 area I would like to speak about. San Fernando Valley
3 has one and a half million peoples in it alone, which
4 would rank 40th among states if it was a state unto
5 itself.

6 To think that it's even to be considered to divide
7 this this area amongst representation is just -- it's
8 just not right. Somebody already spoke earlier about the
9 405 and maneuvering through that. I live on the West
10 Valley and just to travel across to the East Valley can
11 take half a day. That's a bit of an exaggeration. But
12 two hours is not unheard of, depending on what time you
13 go.

14 So going over the hill, you could just imagine. As
15 the previous speaker said, you could spend a lot of time
16 just trying to go over the hill into the West Side. And
17 so I just strongly, strongly, strongly urge you to keep
18 the representation of the Woodland -- of the Central
19 Valley intact in this area so that we have access to our
20 representatives. I thank you very much for what you're
21 doing and the time you're putting in. And thank you
22 again.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
24 now we have caller 6270. And then up next will be caller
25 5725.

1 Caller 6270, if you will, please follow the prompts
2 to a mute at this time. Caller 6270, you are currently
3 unmuted. I have a couple of brief instructions for you.
4 Your speaker order number will be number 45. If you
5 will, please make note of that for future reference. If
6 you have an area you'd like to discuss, please let the
7 mapper know what that is, and the floor is yours.

8 MS. TECUANHUEHUE: Yes. I would like to discuss
9 South Central. Hello, Commissioners. My name is
10 Rachelle and I'm a member of South-Central Youth,
11 Empowered through action with Community Coalition and
12 People BLOC. I'm a resident of South Central and have
13 lived in the community for 18 years.

14 My community is made up of working-class families.
15 These neighborhoods are built and empowered by hard
16 working generations, including parents, teens, kids and
17 more. Many members of my community work in manual labor
18 and domestic work, construction, house cleaning, and
19 gardening.

20 South Central has older homes fit for large families
21 and shared apartments. Primary languages in my community
22 are Spanish and English. To move around in my community,
23 I use public metro busses and subways. My community is
24 similar to East L.A. Both have similar family-owned
25 businesses, house structures, and people.



1 It is important to unite my community that has been
2 divided to disempower and erase us because we care about
3 COVID relief, housing, worker rights, homelessness, and
4 environmental justice. And we need a representative that
5 comes from our community of South Central who can
6 represent and be responsive to our needs. Thank you for
7 the opportunity to speak today.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

9 Right now we have caller 5725. And up next will be
10 caller 8385. And I invite those in the queue to please
11 press star 9 to raise your hand. I invite the rest of
12 those in the queue to please press star 9 to raise your
13 hand indicating you wish to comment.

14 Right now we have caller 5725. If you will, please
15 follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 5725, you are
16 currently unmuted. I have a couple of brief instructions
17 for you. Your speaker order number will be number 46.
18 If you will, please make note of that for future
19 reference. And if you will, please let the mapper know
20 of what area you would like to discuss, the floor is
21 yours.

22 MS. FERNANDEZ: Good afternoon -- or good evening.
23 I would like the map to be pulled up from Clairemont to
24 Altadena, north of the 210 Freeway. Hi. My name is Mia
25 Fernandez. Please keep the I-10 -- I-210 corridor as a



1 community along Angeles Crest Mountain together in one
2 district as it is now.

3 I've been a homeowner in Arcadia for the last 30
4 years and lived in the city for more than 50 years. I've
5 been a member of the equine community most of my life,
6 starting in junior high, riding the local foothills above
7 Arcadia and now have three horses board in Altadena.

8 I was a cub and a Boy Scout leader for many years.
9 Our local mountains have a huge resource for our Cubs
10 Girls and Boy Scouts camps, the Trask Wilderness Park
11 hiking trails that have been a huge resource for our
12 scouting community.

13 Being involved in the equine community has also made
14 me hyper alert to all fires in our local mountains. I
15 have personally sat for hours waiting for evacuating
16 horses to a safer facility. We work as a community to
17 help -- excuse me, evacuate animals for owners so they
18 have time to get their families to safety.

19 We are dedicated -- we have a dedicated Facebook
20 page that helps with training to open stalls and help
21 whoever and whenever the community. We don't care about
22 city lines. I realize that I-210 corridor is lengthy,
23 but we work as one community linking cities as one. Fire
24 has definitely been a large danger in our area. We
25 understand -- we all understand and have similar fears.



1 The wildlife coming down here often needs food,
2 water, and even has made the local news and Instagram.
3 In Altadena, there have been some big coyotes coming out
4 during the day. Bobcats and recent mountain lions on
5 Altadena. Our local authorities in this corridor help
6 the community get the education to help the wildlife and
7 keep the public saved.

8 The I-210 corridor has similar and huge concerns. I
9 truly believe that separating this would not benefit
10 those of us living here and those of us counting on the
11 foothill communities. We need to keep our corridor
12 together. We want to be represented by elected officials
13 who understand these kinds of lineages that bind us
14 together. Please keep Angeles National Forest corridor
15 whole. Thank you for your time.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

17 Right now, we have caller 8385. And then up next
18 will be caller 9099.

19 Caller 8385, if you will, please follow the prompts
20 to unmute. Caller 8385., you are currently unmuted. I
21 have a couple of brief instructions for you. Your
22 speaker order number will be number 47. If you will,
23 please make note of that for future reference. And if
24 you have an area you'd like to discuss, please let the
25 mapper know what that area is. And with that, the floor



1 is yours.

2 SPEAKER 47: First of all, I'd like to thank the
3 Commission for taking my call. I'm calling representing
4 Southeast Los Angeles and specifically Santa Fe Springs,
5 Norwalk, Cerritos, Artesia, Lakewood, and Bellflower.
6 Thank you, again, Commissioners, for taking my call.

7 My name is Daniel. I've been a lifelong resident of
8 Santa Fe Springs. My friends and family have lived in
9 the neighboring cities throughout my whole life for 54
10 years. We are part of the L.A. County Gateway Cities.
11 I'm calling to ask you to please keep our cities
12 together. This includes keeping Artesia and Cerritos
13 within L.A. County and separate from Orange County.

14 What impacts one of our communities impacts us all.
15 As a set of communities, the Gateway Cities share the
16 same concerns around economic development, housing,
17 homelessness, air quality, and transportation. We are
18 highly an ethnically diverse region with significant
19 Latino and Asian populations that are united by the
20 common social and economic connections to the L.A.
21 County.

22 For instance, our region experiences the
23 environmental and transportation related impacts created
24 by the Port of L.A. We all rely on the 710 Freeway. It
25 is how the residents from our region, including Artesia



1 make their way to work in the Greater Los Angeles Basin.
2 The 710 is also the main artery for movement of goods and
3 services out of the Port of Los Angeles.

4 Also my city, Santa Fe Springs, as I've already
5 mentioned, make up a significant portion of the Gateway
6 Cities council, a governance body which helps us
7 coordinate our efforts on transportation, housing, air
8 quality, and economic development.

9 I'd like to thank the Commission, again, for taking
10 my call, and I would please implore the Commission to
11 please keep our cities and our gateways cities whole.
12 And please do not put us with the Orange County District.
13 Thank you again, Commission.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

15 Right now, we have caller 9099. And up next will be
16 caller 0094.

17 Caller 9099, if you will, please follow the prompts
18 to unmute. Caller 9099, you are currently unmuted. I
19 have a couple of brief instructions for you. Your
20 speaker order number will be 48. If you will, please
21 make note of that for future reference. And if you will
22 please let the mapper know what area you would like to
23 discuss, the floor is yours.

24 MR. HILTON: The honorable Commission, my name is
25 council member Jawane Hilton. I represent the city of



1 Carson, representing over 100,000 residents. I called to
2 ask you guys to keep us together -- to keep our city
3 together. We are in Carson in Los Angeles County. We
4 don't want to be cut in half or to be gerrymandered in
5 any way. We want you to take in heavy consideration that
6 this community belongs together.

7 We would like to keep our Assembly seats. We would
8 like to keep our Senate seats and our Congressional
9 seats. As you make these choices, this South Bay City is
10 a tightknit city, and we love the people who are serving
11 us. We believe we're one of the most diverse cities in
12 the South Bay, and we believe that we're crossing all
13 lines.

14 So it is our hope -- I am pausing council meeting
15 tonight to come to put this information on the record
16 that we would like to be together as a city. We would
17 not like to be split in half, but we would like to keep
18 our current representation. Thank you so much for your
19 time and thank you for taking my call.

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

21 Right now we have caller 0094. And up next, we'll
22 have caller 7283. And I do invite those in the queue
23 that have not chose to raise their hands to please press
24 star 9 to raise your hand indicating you wish to comment.

25 And right now we have color 0094. If you will,



1 please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 0094, you
2 are currently unmuted. I have a couple of brief
3 instructions for you. Your speaker order number will be
4 49. If you'll please make note of that for future
5 reference. And if you have an area you would like to
6 discuss, please let the mapper know what that is. And
7 with that, the floor is yours.

8 SPEAKER 49: Hello. I would like to speak about the
9 San Fernando Valley. My name is Rafael and I would like
10 to speak about the San Fernando Valley tonight. The
11 Valley includes all the neighborhoods north of Mulholland
12 Boulevard, which is on top of the Hollywood Hills.

13 Like a lot of transplants to L.A., I bounced around
14 a little bit where I've lived and where I work. Among
15 other things, I have come to appreciate about L.A. is
16 that the San Fernando Valley is its own thing. Not only
17 is it big enough to be its own city, but the Valley has a
18 culture and a vibe that is different from the rest of
19 L.A.

20 Moreover, this culture sits in particular contrast
21 with the Westside culture of Beverly Hills, Santa Monica,
22 or Hollywood, where the West Side has ocean views and
23 rooftop pools, the Valley is backyards and barbecue.
24 Where the West Side is Equinox and CrossFit, the Valley
25 is all about bowling alleys and disc golf. Where the



1 west side is a place for the stars to shine, the Valley
2 is the place where celebrities go to be anonymous.

3 If asked where they are from, West Siders would
4 rarely exchange Los Angeles or Hollywood or whatever
5 neighborhood they may live in. Hardly anyone in the
6 Valley would ever say they're from L.A. They would --
7 they would speak their cultural truth. They would say
8 that they are from the San Fernando Valley.

9 Please try to make districts that reflect the San
10 Fernando Valley community. Do not group them together
11 with the West Side. I thank you for your time.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right
13 now we have caller 7283. And I do invite those that are
14 in the queue to please press star 9 to raise your hand if
15 you wish to comment at this time.

16 And right now we have one more raised hand with
17 caller 7283. If you will, please follow the instructions
18 to unmute. Caller 7283, you are unmuted. I do have a
19 couple of brief instructions for you. Your speaker order
20 number will be 5-0 or 50. If you will, please make note
21 of that for future reference. And if you'll please that
22 the mapper know what the area is that you would like to
23 discuss today. With that, the floor is yours.

24 MR. MORA: Good evening and thank you,
25 Commissioners. My name is John Mora. I'm calling from

1 The City of Santa Fe Springs. And I'd just like to
2 request that you keep Santa Fe Springs (indiscernible) as
3 a gateway city intact. I feel at this time that our
4 representatives in our community know our cities and
5 surrounding areas the best, and we would not like to be
6 redistrict -- considered for redistricting in Orange
7 County. So that is my only request so that we keep our
8 current status. I appreciate your time and have a good
9 evening. Thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. We do
11 have a few more minutes this evening. So I will invite
12 those in the queue to please press star 9 indicating you
13 wish to comment. And I do a lovely -- see a lovely
14 couple more say raised hands. Caller 0569 will be right
15 now. And then up next will be caller 5831.

16 Caller 0569, If you will, please follow the prompts
17 to unmute.

18 S3: Hello?

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, hello. You are
20 unmuted. I have a couple of brief instructions for you.
21 Your speaker order number will be number 51. If you
22 will, please make note of that for future reference. And
23 if you have an area you would like to discuss, please let
24 the mapper know what that area is. And with that, the
25 floor is yours.



1 SPEAKER 51: Hello, Commissioners. My name is
2 Tiffany. I live in the Antelope Valley, which is part of
3 the 25th Congressional District. It's the northeastern
4 most city in Los Angeles County, part of the Antelope
5 Valley, along with Palmdale and some unincorporated areas
6 are considered the high desert.

7 The high desert is defined by geography and by a
8 shared culture. The people who live here patronize the
9 local businesses. We participate in community activities
10 and engage in cultural events located in the Antelope
11 Valley. Most of the Antelope Valley is in the 25th
12 District.

13 However, we are also very closely connected with
14 Santa Clarita Valley, which is further south of us off of
15 the 14 freeway. We pass through -- if we have to pass
16 through Santa Clarita in order to gain access to Los
17 Angeles. We participate in community activities there
18 and they come here as well. We have family in both
19 areas. Some of us have parents who are older who live in
20 the Antelope Valley.

21 Simi Valley is part of the 25th District, but it's
22 an hour's drive away from the Antelope Valley. And we
23 really don't have to go there. It's another county in
24 the opposite direction of Los Angeles. So the concern of
25 the residents of Simi Valley are far different from those

1 of the residents in the Antelope Valley.

2 I speak for a lot of people in the Antelope Valley
3 when I say that we feel ignored and left out because
4 often candidates for the 25th District don't come to the
5 Antelope Valley. Part of the reason for that is the
6 difference in economic status between the Antelope Valley
7 and Simi Valley.

8 The Antelope Valley has a large working class. We
9 have a lot of veterans because of our location near
10 aerospace. We have a lot of people that work in
11 Aerospace corporations located here. The culture is a
12 lot different. We're very diverse.

13 The vast majority of the constituents in the 25th
14 District live in the Antelope Valley. It's approximately
15 450,000 people. But a lot of times, as I said, because
16 of economic factors, sometimes people pay more attention
17 to Simi Valley, which is nowhere near Lancaster and
18 Palmdale.

19 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

20 SPEAKER 51: However, we do spend a lot of time in
21 Santa Clarita. So that community of interest, the
22 Antelope Valley in the Santa Clarita Valley, should be
23 kept together in one Congressional district, the --

24 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

25 SPEAKER 51: 25th District. Thank you. Thank you

1 for your time.

2 MR. MANOFF: Chair, would you like to make an
3 announcement about that?

4 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, I would.

5 MR. MANOFF: Thank you.

6 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Kristian.

7 So I just wanted to remind everyone that the phone
8 lines will be closing at 8 p.m. So if you have not had a
9 chance to get in the queue, please do so as soon as
10 possible. We will take every caller who is in the queue
11 who has their hand raised even beyond 8 p.m. So please
12 try to get into the queue and I will ask Katy very kindly
13 if she can repeat the instructions on how to get into the
14 queue as well.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, of course, Chair.

16 For those that have dialed it and are waiting in the
17 queue, if you will, please press star 9 on your telephone
18 keypad to raise your hand indicating you wish to give
19 comment this evening. Again, if you choose to give
20 comment, please press star 9 on your telephone keypad,
21 which will raise your hand indicating you wish to
22 comment.

23 At this time, we do have one raised hand with caller
24 5831. If you will please follow the prompts to unmute.
25 Caller 5831, if you will, please follow the prompts to



1 unmute. And for those just joining, please press star 9
2 to raise your hand to get into the comment queue before
3 the end of the evening. Caller 5831 --

4 MS. MITCHELL: Hello?

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- you are unmuted. Yes.
6 Hello, sir. One moment, please. I have a couple of
7 brief instructions for you. Your speaker order number
8 will be 52. If you will, please make note of that for
9 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper
10 know what area you would like to discuss. With that, the
11 floor is yours.

12 MS. MITCHELL: Los Angeles is the area I'd like to
13 discuss. My name is Tracy Mitchell, and I'm the
14 president of Mothers in Action. And we are a nonprofit
15 organization, and our physical office is located in
16 Council District 8. But we also do work and have
17 satellite offices in Counsel District 9 and 10.

18 We would like to ask that our communities remain
19 whole in the redistricting process because we want to
20 make sure that the underserved families and children in
21 our community have representation and have a say in what
22 they need in our community. We are most concerned with
23 health, education, and access to resources to help our
24 communities thrive.

25 Our mission is to help improve the quality of life



1 of families and children in our community. And we think
2 this can only be done with our partnerships with elected
3 officials. And so it's important to keep our communities
4 whole so that we can have a say in what our community has
5 access to. We've helped over 15,000 people get access to
6 vaccines -- be vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine.

7 We do outreach for education and health, for small
8 businesses and for other community members. And we just
9 think it's important that our district is not divided up
10 so that we no longer have representation. I'm
11 specifically concerned about the Crenshaw area, Central,
12 Crenshaw Street -- Boulevard, Central, and the areas
13 South of the 10 freeway. And I just want to make sure
14 that we keep our representation.

15 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Before you hang up, I have a
16 clarifying question for you.

17 MS. MITCHELL: Yes.

18 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Would you be able to describe the
19 boundaries geographically of the area you were speaking
20 about?

21 MS. MITCHELL: Yes. So it's a wide district --

22 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Um-hum.

23 MS. MITCHELL: -- because like I said, Council's 8,
24 9, and 10. So I would say going from maybe Washington
25 South to say Imperial Boulevard to -- and going east and



1 west central to Culver City.

2 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you so much.

3 MS. MICHELL: Okay. Thank you.

4 MR. MANOFF: Chair, the lines are closed.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. We do
6 have one more raised hand this evening. Caller 3166, if
7 you will, please follow the prompts to unmute. Again,
8 caller 3166, if you will, please press star 6 to mute
9 your telephone. Caller 3166, you are currently unmuted.

10 I have a couple of brief instructions for you. Your
11 speaker order number will be 53. If you will, 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 today, the floor is yours.

15 MS. SUAREZ: Thank you very much, Commissioners. My
16 name is Griselda Suarez. And I am calling from Long
17 Beach, California, and representation of Long Beach. I
18 have lived in Long Beach since 2005 and I'm currently the
19 Executive director of the Arts Council for Long Beach.

20 I came today to speak in -- speak in strong support
21 of keeping Long Beach together in Congress and State
22 Districts. As an executive director of a local arts
23 agency, it is important for us to keep Long Beach
24 together because it preserves our cultural identity, but
25 also our rich and -- our rich and diverse arts services

1 within our city.

2 We have a city that is integral to the economy of
3 California, and by keeping Long Beach together, we ensure
4 that this contribution stays intact with our city. For
5 the past year, redistricting cycles, the city has been
6 largely kept intact, with a vast majority of Long Beach
7 represented by predominant seats. I ask the Commission
8 to keep Long Beach together when drawing the lines.

9 Thank you and I yield my time.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

11 Chair, we will defer to you.

12 VICE CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Katy. And thank you
13 to everyone who called in tonight for our Community of
14 Interest Input meeting. There are many, many, many
15 opportunities for you all to share your input with the
16 Commission. If you would like to find additional ways to
17 share your input, please visit our website at
18 wedrawthelinesca.org.

19 Our next community interest public input meeting
20 will be this Saturday, July 17th, at 10 a.m. with a focus
21 on the Bay Area counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin,
22 San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Solano, and
23 their surrounding areas.

24 We will also have our next business meeting next
25 week on Wednesday, July 21st at 4 p.m. Again, a reminder



1 to everyone, callers at the community of interest
2 meetings are not limited to those specific counties for
3 your input. You can visit the meetings page at our
4 website to see a list of additional community input
5 meetings at www.wedrawthelinesca.org/meetings.

6 And I see that we do not have any additional callers
7 at this time. So with that, I will call this meeting
8 adjourn and I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday.

9 (Whereupon, the Zone H Public Input Meeting
10 adjourned at 8:00 p.m.)

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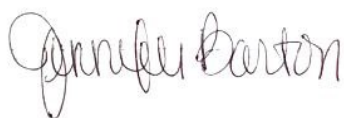
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