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Kareem Abdul Kabir  
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Lupe Camacho  
Chris Hofeditz  
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Vanessa Moreno, COFEM  
Norma Barles, LULAC Riverside  
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Brenda Campbell  
Lupe Amith, Indio City Council Member  
Eddie Paige  
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Mike Mayo  
Sharon Geiser  
Lori Stone, City of Murietta Council Member  
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Karina Quintanilla, District 1 Council Member  
Paul Herrera  
Keith Willis  
Itzi Carver  
Mary  
Jerry Knox  
Jim Gallagher, Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce

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Donald Fleming, Tuskegee Airmen of Inland Empire  
Janet Barnabe, Center for Community Action Environmental  
Carla Towns  
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Yvette  
Lauris  
Evan Truby  
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Sheryl Brown  
Nickie Bell  
Arianna  
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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 July 31, 2021 10:00 a.m.

3 CHAIR LE MONS: Good morning, California. And  
4 welcome to our Community of Interest Input Meeting this  
5 Saturday, July 31st, 2021.

6 So before we get started, I'd like to welcome  
7 everyone and thank you for tuning in to the California  
8 Citizens Redistricting Commission's Community of Interest  
9 Input Meeting. I'm Commissioner Le Mons, I will be  
10 cochairing today's meeting with Commissioner Kennedy.

11 Marcy, if you could take roll call.

12 MS. KAPLAN: Thank you.

13 Commissioner Ahmad.

14 Commissioner Akutagawa.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

16 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Andersen.

17 Commissioner Fernández.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: Presente.

19 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Fornaciari.

20 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

21 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Kennedy.

22 Commissioner Le Mons.

23 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Present.

24 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Sadhwani.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

1 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Sinay.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

3 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Taylor.

4 Commissioner Toledo.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

6 MS. KAPLAN: Commissioner Turner.

7 Commissioner Vázquez.

8 Commissioner Yee.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

10 MS. KAPLAN: Chair, the roll call is complete.

11 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you very much, Marcy.

12 I will start by sharing a little bit about the  
13 Commission. Every ten years after the Federal Government  
14 publishes updated census information, California must  
15 redraw the boundaries of its Congressional, State Senate,  
16 State Assembly, and State Board of Equalization districts  
17 so that the districts correctly reflect the state's  
18 population.

19 In 2008, California voters authorized the creation  
20 of the Commission when they passed the Voters FIRST Act.  
21 It authorized the Commission to draw the new district  
22 lines for the State Senate, State Assembly, and State  
23 Board of Equalization districts. In 2010, the  
24 Congressional Voters FIRST Act added the responsibility  
25 of drawing Congressional districts to the Commission.

1           The fourteen-member Commission is made up of five  
2 Republicans, five Democrats, and four not affiliated with  
3 either of those parties. The Commission must draw the  
4 district lines in conformity with strict nonpartisan  
5 rules designed to create districts of relatively equal  
6 population that'll provide fair representation for all  
7 Californians.

8           When we receive census data, the Commission begins  
9 drawing maps using six line-drawing criteria as outlined  
10 in the California Constitution. One of these is  
11 minimizing the division of counties, cities,  
12 neighborhoods, and communities of interest, to the extent  
13 possible.

14           We can obtain the City and county information from  
15 those jurisdictions, but we need the neighborhood and  
16 communities of interest information from Californians  
17 directly. That's why we have launched these communities  
18 of interest input sessions to give that valuable  
19 information -- excuse me, to get that valuable  
20 information from you directly. We encourage all  
21 Californians to participate in this process.

22           If you would rather submit community of interest  
23 input over the internet, you can do so from our website  
24 or by visiting, [DrawMyCACommunity.org](http://DrawMyCACommunity.org); again, that's  
25 [DrawMyCACommunity.org](http://DrawMyCACommunity.org). Skip to line, go online.



1           Now, I will call on all Commissioners to introduce  
2 themselves and to say hello. To see the biographies of  
3 all fourteen Commissioners for additional information, or  
4 to sign up for our emails, please visit our website at  
5 WeDrawTheLinesCA.org.

6           Please also follow the Community Citizens  
7 Redistricting Commission on social media. You can find  
8 us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube  
9 at WeDrawTheLinesCA; again that's at WeDrawTheLinesCA.  
10 There you will find a lot of useful information about  
11 redistricting and updates on the California Commission.

12           So with that, I'd like to begin having our group  
13 introduce ourselves. We'll start with Commissioner  
14 Ahmad.

15           COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Hello and good morning,  
16 everyone. I'm very excited to spend the Saturday with  
17 you all learning more about communities from across  
18 California, and specifically Zone I.

19           CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Ahmad.  
20 Commissioner Akutagawa.

21           COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Good morning, California.  
22 Happy Saturday. So we are happy to be here with you, and  
23 we're looking forward to all of the stories that you have  
24 to tell us about the Riverside San Bernardino Inland  
25 Empire region.

1 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. Commissioner Andersen.

2 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Good morning, California,  
3 and particularly those living in San Bernardino and  
4 Riverside counties, who want to share their communities  
5 of interest with us today. I'm coming to you from  
6 Berkeley, California, a slightly different climate right  
7 now. And I look forward to hearing from you today.  
8 Thank you.

9 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Fernández.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: (In Spanish, not  
11 translated). Good morning California. I'm Alicia  
12 Fernández from Yolo County. I'm excited to hear about  
13 all of the residents, and people in Riverside and San  
14 Bernardino counties.

15 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. Commissioner Fornaciari.

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Good morning, California,  
17 and especially San Bernardino and Riverside counties.  
18 I'm Neal Fornaciari, coming to you from Tracy,  
19 California, and San Joaquin County. I'm looking forward  
20 to hearing from you all about what's important to you  
21 with regards to redistricting. Thanks for joining us.

22 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sadhwani.

23 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Good morning, and happy  
24 Saturday to everyone. I'm calling in this morning from  
25 my home in beautiful La Canada, California, right up in

1 the gateway to the Angeles National Forest. I had the  
2 opportunity this morning to get in a hike before we  
3 started our meeting. I'm very happy to be here. My day  
4 job, I work at Pomona College, which is just on the cusp  
5 of L.A. County and San Bernardino County. So looking  
6 forward to hearing more about your communities of  
7 interest in the Inland Empire. Thank you.

8 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Sinay.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: (In Spanish, not translated)  
10 Good morning, California, especially my neighbors in the  
11 Inland Empire. It is an honor to serve you from San  
12 Diego. I'm Patricia Sinay.

13 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Toledo.

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Buenos dias. Good morning,  
15 Riverside and San Bernardino. I'm Pedro Toledo, and I'm  
16 coming to you from Petaluma, California, the heart of  
17 Wine Country. I'm looking forward to hearing all about  
18 your community of interest information, and I hope to  
19 spend a great morning with you. Thank you.

20 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Turner.

21 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Good morning, California. I  
22 am Trena Turner. And I'm coming to you today from the  
23 beautiful San Joaquin, Central Valley. Looking forward  
24 to hearing from each and every one of you. Thank you.

25 CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Vázquez.

1           COMMISSIONER VÁZQUEZ: Good morning, everyone. I'm  
2 Angela Vázquez. I am coming to you today from Los  
3 Angeles. But as I'm sure many of you have heard before,  
4 I am an IE girl at heart. I'm very excited to hear from  
5 folks in my hood today. Thanks.

6           CHAIR LE MONS: Commissioner Yee.

7           COMMISSIONER YEE: Good morning, California, and  
8 especially San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. I'm  
9 Russell Yee, here in my hometown of Oakland. A special  
10 greeting to anyone at the University of Redlands who is  
11 listening in, and the Department of Geographic  
12 Information Science, world class mapping program there;  
13 would love to hear from you.

14          CHAIR LE MONS: And my esteemed co-chair,  
15 Commissioner Kennedy.

16          VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: I'm on audio on my phone. The  
17 computer is having connection problems. But yes, I am  
18 here. I'm Ray Kennedy. I'm trying to join this morning  
19 from my home in beautiful Morongo Valley, one of the  
20 Joshua Tree gateway communities in Southern San  
21 Bernardino County. But being a rural community, we don't  
22 have the greatest internet service here, but I will  
23 certainly be doing my best.

24               Looking forward to hearing from folks in Riverside  
25 and San Bernardino counties about what makes their

1 communities special to them. So thank you very much.  
2 Sorry for the connectivity problems, but I'll continue to  
3 do my best.

4 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy.  
5 And we all understand, and those Californians that live  
6 in rural communities certainly understand.

7 I am Antonio Le Mons, who will be cochairing the  
8 meeting with Commissioner Kennedy today. I'm coming to  
9 you proudly from Riverside County today and really  
10 looking forward to hearing from all of our Californians  
11 from the area as well as throughout the state.

12 This meeting is primarily for communities of  
13 interest testimony focused on San Bernardino, and  
14 Riverside counties, and surrounding areas. However,  
15 anyone in California can call to provide input. General  
16 public comment will take place at the end of the meeting  
17 today.

18 Although the Commission has divided up California  
19 into eleven zones, there is no way -- excuse me, that is  
20 in no way related to or reflective of redistricting lines  
21 or boundaries. The Commission created those zones to  
22 assist Commissioners and staff in their outreach efforts  
23 only, not as an indication of planned boundaries.

24 Today, we're joined by our line drawing team from  
25 HaystaqDNA and -- excuse me, Q2 Data & Research, who will

1 be displaying a map of the area that attendees describe.

2 Please start with the area you would like to discuss  
3 and be as specific as possible about the boundaries of  
4 where your community is located. It is our goal to find  
5 the area on the map you would like to discuss prior to  
6 your testimony. If you are within a specific  
7 neighborhood of a large city, please mention it by name.  
8 Once we are able to locate your area, your time will  
9 begin. Attendees will not be able to share their screen.

10 We're also joined by Katy, our comment moderator,  
11 who will be introducing attendees when it's their turn to  
12 speak. And later we will be joined by a Spanish-English  
13 Interpreter. That will be at 1:00.

14 When you join the meeting raised hand button of your  
15 screen to enter the queue, if you have registered for a  
16 time slot, we encourage you to call in during your  
17 appointment time slot. When it is your time to speak,  
18 Katy, our comment moderator, will be identifying you by  
19 your assigned unique ID number. You'll be reconnected to  
20 the session with the ability to enable your own video  
21 and/or audio.

22 The comment moderator will assign you a speaker  
23 order number before you begin speaking, and please make a  
24 note of this for future reference. You'll be able to use  
25 this number to identify your COI testimony on our website

1 at a future date.

2 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time  
3 limit for English speakers, and a six-minute time limit  
4 for those with an interpreter. There will be a warning  
5 at thirty seconds and fifteen seconds remaining. At the  
6 beginning of your input you will see a map on the screen,  
7 please remind the mapper what area you would like to see  
8 on the screen and be as specific as possible about the  
9 boundaries of where your community is located.

10 Registration is not required to participate in this  
11 public input meeting. The public has the option of  
12 calling in during this meeting to get in the queue to  
13 speak. The call-in information and access code is listed  
14 on the live stream.

15 If at the conclusion of the meeting, there is still  
16 a need to allow for members of the public in the queue to  
17 speak, we will continue this Community Of Interest Input  
18 Meeting at a new date and time, and will attempt to  
19 schedule the remaining members of the public to speak for  
20 the allotted three minutes, and six minutes if there is  
21 an interpreter. Please monitor the website as we expect  
22 to post a continuation of this agenda within forty-eight  
23 hours if necessary.

24 While there are no clear rules on how to define a  
25 community of interest, we've identified ways for you to

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

12 Also, we invite you to use the community of interest  
13 tool to a draw map and describe your community by  
14 visiting, [DrawMyCACommunity.org](http://DrawMyCACommunity.org), again that's  
15 [DrawMyCACommunity.org](http://DrawMyCACommunity.org). Again, you can skip the line and  
16 go online and commit your COI input today.

17 We will now begin the public input session. And I  
18 will pass this over to Katy, our comment moderator, who  
19 has been doing an amazing job all season, and looking  
20 forward to her efforts today.

21 We will start with people who are registered and  
22 then open the phone lines if there's time before the next  
23 session.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Good morning, Chair. And  
25 thank you so much.



1 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the  
2 raise hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter  
3 the queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will be  
4 identified by your assigned unique I.D. number which you  
5 were emailed yesterday. You will be reconnected to the  
6 session with the ability to enable your own video and/or  
7 audio. You will then be assigned a speaker order number  
8 before you begin speaking. Please make a note of your  
9 speaker order number for future reference.

10 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time  
11 limit. There will be warnings at thirty seconds and  
12 fifteen seconds remaining. It is the Commission's goal  
13 to find the area on the map you would like to discuss  
14 prior to your testimony. If you are within a specific  
15 neighborhood of a large city, please mention it by name.  
16 Once we are able to locate your area, your three-minute  
17 testimony will begin. Attendees will not be able to  
18 share their screen.

19 At the end of your public input, or at the end of  
20 your time, you will be reconnected in a listen- and view-  
21 only mode. At the beginning of your input please remind  
22 the mapper of what area you would like to see on the  
23 screen.

24 Right now we will have 006, and then up next in the  
25 queue will be 003.

1           006, I will be promoting you now. 006, your speaker  
2 order number will be number 1, if you will please make  
3 note of that for future reference. You can now enable  
4 your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your  
5 screen. If you'll please remind the mapper of what area  
6 you would like to discuss today. The floor is yours.

7           MR. TEVELOWITZ: Hi. I would like to discuss  
8 Congressional District 36 in Southwest Riverside County.

9           Hello. My name is Joe Tevelowitz and I'm a  
10 community organizer with Planned Parenthood Action Fund  
11 of the Pacific Southwest. I am from the City of Wildomar  
12 in Riverside County, and I've have lived here for the  
13 past five years.

14           I am here today to request that the Commission keep  
15 my community in the southwest region of Riverside County  
16 together. Our city is connected to the surrounding  
17 Cities of Lake Elsinore, Murrieta, and Temecula by the  
18 Interstate 15 Freeway. This is a community that shares  
19 many of the same shopping destinations, such as the  
20 Promenade Shopping Mall in Temecula, and also shares  
21 recreational areas such as local parks, wineries, and the  
22 Mulligan Family Fun Center.

23           Our community receives health care from such places  
24 as Rancho Springs Medical Center, Loma Linda Medical  
25 Center, and Temecula Valley Hospital. You might find

1 members of our community at events such as the Temecula  
2 Valley Balloon & Wine Festival, or taking in a baseball  
3 game at the Lake Elsinore Diamond Stadium.

4 Our community is also connected by the issues we  
5 face, such as the current COVID pandemic, affordable  
6 housing, jobs in the area, and homelessness. Our  
7 community is different from other parts of Riverside  
8 County, such as Coachella Valley, and that we are not a  
9 community based around agriculture. Nor do we shop,  
10 work, study, or pray at the same locations as Coachella  
11 Valley residents.

12 In addition, our hospitality industry is distinct  
13 from that of Coachella Valley that we are centered around  
14 Wine Country. I urge the Commission to keep Wildomar  
15 with Lake Elsinore, Murrieta, Temecula, and the  
16 surrounding Southwestern Riverside County cities, and to  
17 distance us from the quite different Coachella Valley.

18 Thank you for your time.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
20 now it will be 003. Up next will be caller 6168, unique  
21 ID Code 018.

22 003, I will be promoting you now. 003, your speaker  
23 order number will be number 2, if you'll please make note  
24 of that for future reference. You can now enable your  
25 audio and video. If you'll please let the mapper know

1 what area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

2 MS. ESQUIVEL: Hi. Yes. I'd like to discuss the  
3 Greater Riverside area, the City of Riverside, in Moreno  
4 Valley, Perris, and Jurupa.

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

6 MS. ESQUIVEL: Thank you. Good morning,  
7 Commissioners. Thank you for giving me this opportunity  
8 to present my community of interest testimony. My name  
9 is Yolanda Esquivel, and I'm a retired schoolteacher.  
10 I'm a member of LULAC of Riverside, Council 3190, I'm  
11 partnered with NALEO Education Fund. We have lived in  
12 Riverside for twenty-seven years, and I am here to  
13 request our Cities of Riverside, Jurupa Valley, Moreno  
14 Valley, and Perris remain united as our community of  
15 interest.

16 Our community of interest has the San Bernardino  
17 County lines to the north. It involves the Cities of  
18 Riverside, Jurupa Valley, Moreno Valley, Perris, and  
19 Highway 215 runs south of these communities. To the east  
20 we have the City of Moreno Valley, the Badlands Hills,  
21 and Highway 60. To the west we have Jurupa Valley. We  
22 shop in Riverside, and in surrounding communities, in  
23 Moreno Valley, and Jurupa, because they have stores which  
24 cater to Latinos.

25 I retired from Moreno Valley Unified School

1 District. We visit friends and attend Latino festivals  
2 in the City of Perris. Riverside is the seat of  
3 Riverside County, and the people from the surrounding  
4 communities always come to visit the City for business or  
5 for entertainment. The area's main industries are health  
6 care, public administration, and construction.

7 Riverside community leaders have worked with other  
8 people representing surrounding cities to build the César  
9 Chávez Memorial, the Cheech Marin Art Museum, and the  
10 Trujillo Adobe preservation. We honor El Dia de los  
11 Muertos, and celebrate the Tamale Festival.

12 We also have a yearly free medical clinic, which  
13 provides free dental treatment, vision exams, and  
14 glasses, and primary care for anyone in need. Riverside  
15 is fifty-three percent Latino, the White population is  
16 thirty percent, the African-American is six percent, and  
17 the Asian is seven percent. And there are several other  
18 ethnicities and nationalities. The main languages spoken  
19 here are English, Spanish, and Chinese.

20 As Latinos, we also make up the largest percent of  
21 the poverty level. However, in the past ten years, by  
22 working together as communities of color, we have been  
23 able to create alliances to help each other. We are  
24 making some progress in the education of our children,  
25 but we are still struggling with housing, employment,

1 health care, and other areas. Therefore, we urge the  
2 Commission to please keep our communities of Riverside,  
3 Moreno Valley --

4 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

5 MS. ESQUIVEL: -- Perris, and Jurupa. Is that it?

6 MR. MANOFF: Twenty-five seconds remaining.

7 MS. ESQUIVEL: Oh. Okay. And Jurupa Valley  
8 together, united because we -- do not separate us,  
9 because we still have a long way to achieve equity.  
10 Again, I sincerely thank all the Commissioners.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12 Right now we will have caller 6168, unique ID code  
13 018. And then up next in the queue will be 009.

14 Caller 6168, if you will please follow the prompts  
15 to unmute on your telephone; caller 6168, you are  
16 unmuted. I have a couple of brief instructions for you,  
17 your speaker order number will be number 3, if you will  
18 please make note of that for future reference. And if  
19 you please at the mapper know what area you would like to  
20 discuss today, the floor is yours.

21 MS. FILKINS WEBBER: Thank you. Can you hear me?

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Go ahead.

23 MS. FILKINS WEBBER: Okay. If the mapper can zoom  
24 in on Norco, and it was similar to the area the last  
25 speaker was addressing.

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

2 MS. FILKINS WEBBER: Well, before my time starts, as  
3 well, I'd like to zoom in so I can get a point of  
4 clarification. I don't see the map zoomed in yet.

5 MR. MANOFF: The live stream is going to be about a  
6 minute behind your testimony.

7 MS. FILKINS WEBBER: Okay. Before my time starts, I  
8 notice that this map does not have the City of Jurupa  
9 Valley identified. So for those of you unfamiliar with  
10 the area, the last speaker was speaking of the area  
11 that's identified on your map is Moreno -- I'm sorry,  
12 Mira Loma, Glen Avon, and Rubidoux, that's the Jurupa  
13 Valley area, Mira Loma, Pedley, Glen Avon. You should  
14 update the map to reflect Jurupa Valley.

15 MR. MANOFF: I have that highlighted for you now.

16 MS. FILKINS WEBBER: Okay. I am former  
17 Redistricting Commissioner, Jodie Filkins Webber. So I  
18 currently reside in the City of Norco, which is in  
19 Western Riverside County. You received a letter from the  
20 City of Norco's Mayor, Kevin Bash. He highlighted a  
21 request to respect the totality of the City of Norco as a  
22 community of interest. This may be a bit unusual, as  
23 you'll be receiving COI testimony likely from portions of  
24 cities to keep whole.

25 However, the City of Norco is unlike any other city

1 in Southern California. The city itself constitutes the  
2 community of interest, as the entire community of Norco  
3 shares its interest in large lot sizes and animal  
4 keeping. This is the epitome of what constitutes a  
5 community of interest under the Constitution for the  
6 purposes of redistricting. A shared social and economic  
7 interest such that it requires it to remain whole within  
8 a single district for the purposes of effective and fair  
9 representation.

10 Our right to maintain large residential lot sizes  
11 and animal keeping are constantly in jeopardy. So I'll  
12 let the letter from the mayor speaks for itself as it  
13 provides more details as to what constitutes a community  
14 of interest. But what I also cannot emphasize enough, is  
15 that because you're going to -- you may very well lose  
16 sight of small communities such as Norco when you begin  
17 to consider whether you will be required to draw a  
18 Section 2 district in Riverside County.

19 I suspect that the population requires for a Latino  
20 Section 2 district will likely cover the City of  
21 Riverside itself. And your last speaker, actually very  
22 poignantly pointed out, that when you need to consider  
23 drawing population, that population from the surrounding  
24 community will likely come from Jurupa Valley to the  
25 west, and Moreno Valley to the east, but your hard line



1 will be at Norco. The rationale behind that is that the  
2 City of Norco already conducted its own study to  
3 determine whether it would change its own at-Large  
4 election system to a district system, and in doing so  
5 there was insufficient Latino population to do it.

6 So then the question becomes: How will you draw the  
7 surrounding areas after you complete your Section 2  
8 district? With that in mind, the City of Norco has more  
9 in common with the City of Corona to the south. It  
10 shares a community school district, the Corona-Norco  
11 Unified School District. And we just entered into an  
12 extension of our cooperation agreement with the City of  
13 Norco for our homeless population.

14 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds remain.

15 MS. FILKINS WEBBER: So when you draw your lines  
16 around your Section 2 districts, consider going down  
17 south to the 15, the one brief thing I would like to  
18 bring up is that the last time you drew the lines for the  
19 City of Temecula community -- the City of --

20 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

21 MS. FILKINS WEBBER: -- Temecula was joined and  
22 merged with the City of San Diego. So I'm asking you to  
23 consider, as you unravel your Section 5 districts above,  
24 maintain the Riverside County line, as the city county --  
25 as the San Diego County line in the City of Temecula.

1 Thank you very much. And I certainly appreciate  
2 seeing all of the Commissioners --

3 MR. MANOFF: Time.

4 MS. FILKINS WEBBER: -- at least most of you  
5 participating in the session. And I look --

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
7 now, we will have unique I.D. number 009. And up next  
8 will be 005.

9 And at this time, I would like to let everyone in  
10 the queue know that we are giving priority to the  
11 appointments of 001 through 018 for this session. Once  
12 we have completed those, we will be moving on to the  
13 other appointments, and that is the process.

14 009 you are right now, I will be promoting you.  
15 009, your speaker order number is number 4, if you will  
16 please make note of that for future reference. You can  
17 now enable your audio and video in the lower-left corner  
18 of your screen. If you'll please let the mapper know  
19 what area you would like to discuss today. The floor is  
20 yours.

21 MS. NUNEZ: Yes. The Highgrove, Riverside -- Jurupa  
22 Valley, which is Rubidoux area. And let me know when to  
23 begin.

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

25 MS. NUNEZ: Hello. My name is Maribel Nunez. Thank

1 you, Commission, for providing me the opportunity to  
2 speak today. And I'm a first-generation, born in the  
3 U.S. daughter of immigrants, a Latina. And I'm also with  
4 Inland Equity Partnership. And I'm partnering in part of  
5 the Brown and Black (sic) Redistricting Alliance working  
6 with different groups, LULAC and NALEO Action Fund. I  
7 have lived in the City of Riverside for over nine years.  
8 Our neighborhood is in downtown area of Riverside.

9 I work as an executive director of an anti-poverty  
10 nonprofit. Many of the families in our community they  
11 rent and don't earn a living wage, working in a job and  
12 don't have full health care benefits. And the area that  
13 I live at is mainly people of color. Like other people  
14 in my community, I have also had challenges in finding an  
15 affordable home to purchase, and affordable, accessible  
16 health care.

17 Some of my neighbors have lost their jobs and have  
18 been evicted, and these struggles have been before or  
19 during COVID. Our community is surrounded off on Market  
20 and Lime Streets, and Downtown Riverside is indeed a very  
21 vibrant city, a vibrant downtown, but it also has --  
22 we're by the Santa Ana River Bottom, where there's a lot  
23 of people there, encampments, and homelessness. And the  
24 River Bottom, we're right next to our neighbor, Jurupa  
25 Valley, so we share that that geography of Santa Ana

1 River.

2 But I, as a resident, also go there to shop and eat.  
3 You know, being a Latina immigrant it's a very vibrant  
4 area, food trucks, businesses, shopping centers, so I go  
5 there a lot. And we have that connection with the 60  
6 Freeway. I'm also close to the 250 Interchange, which  
7 takes us to eastern part of the Riverside part of the  
8 Metropolitan. And also north is Highgrove, which is my  
9 other neighbor that we do a lot of shopping there as  
10 well. It's up north on the 215 going to the 10.

11 I do want to mention that north of Highgrove, we're  
12 very different, north of Downtown Riverside and Highgrove  
13 is very different from Grand Terrace and Colton. Colton  
14 has different county, different government agencies, as  
15 well as Grand Terrace, we have no -- not really a lot of  
16 connection. It's middleclass, and majority of Grand  
17 Terrace residents are middleclass folks that own homes.  
18 So we're very different from those areas for the  
19 different services and income. When drawing the new  
20 district (indiscernible) to --

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds remain.

22 MS. NUNEZ -- the Commission to keep my community of  
23 interests together, with over fifty percent Latino,  
24 people of color, large percentage of immigrants, and we  
25 want to work together to address the issues that face us,

1 anti-poverty, and pro-immigrant (indiscernible).

2 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

3 MS. NUNEZ: Thank you so much for your time.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
5 now we will have 005. And up next will be 007.

6 005, I will be promoting you now. 005, your speaker  
7 order number is number 5. If you'll please let the  
8 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today.  
9 The floor is yours.

10 MS. BORJA: Thank you. I'm calling regarding the  
11 region -- Congressional District 36 Conference. Yes.  
12 Thank you.

13 Hello, Commission Members. My name is Karen Borja.  
14 I am a resident of the City of Indio in Riverside County,  
15 and a lifelong resident of the Coachella Valley. I'm  
16 speaking today under my capacity with Planned Parenthood  
17 Action Fund of the Pacific Southwest as the director of  
18 Community Affairs. Planned Parenthood has been serving  
19 the residents of Riverside, Imperial, and San Diego  
20 Counties for over fifty-eight years.

21 In the year alone, our affiliate provides  
22 reproductive care to over 132,000 patients. Most  
23 recently our -- most recently we expanded our services to  
24 the San Jacinto Pass communities and opened a health  
25 center in the City of Hemet. One reason why this city

1 was chosen was because our patients were traveling to our  
2 Rancho Mirage and Coachella health centers from Hemet to  
3 seek health care.

4       Therefore, from Hemet and Cabazon to Indio and  
5 Blythe, our communities share Interstate 10 as a means of  
6 transportation, commerce, and health care access.  
7 Continuing to place these areas as one community of  
8 interest is crucial for access to health care, to  
9 protected classes that Planned Parenthood serves, such as  
10 transgender patients, farm workers, and Latino patients.

11       In the last redistricting process, our Senate  
12 District was created to encompass 6,373 square miles.  
13 That left the previously mentioned protected classes very  
14 vulnerable. I ask that you keep the residents of the San  
15 Jacinto Pass, the Coachella Valley, and Blythe together,  
16 as you draw any of our Congressional, or State and  
17 Assembly districts.

18       Doing so would allow our region to continue working  
19 towards better social determinants of health, outcomes  
20 through state policy, and resources. Thank you. I hope  
21 you have a good rest of your day.

22       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
23 now we have 007. And up next, we will have 017.

24       007, I'll be promoting you now. 007, your speaker  
25 order number is number 6, if you'll please make note of

1 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the  
2 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The  
3 floor is yours.

4 MR. SMALLEY: Great. I'm looking to discuss  
5 District 31, particularly where the 215 and the 10 meet,  
6 right where it goes north of that area. San Bernardino.  
7 That's a particularly wonderful area. That's perfect,  
8 right there. Thank you very, very much.

9 My name is Joshua Smalley. I'm the communications  
10 and marketing coordinator at Time for Change Foundation  
11 in San Bernardino. And we've been assisting homeless  
12 women and children in San Bernardino County since 2002,  
13 we've helped over 1,700 women, achieve self-sufficiency,  
14 and we've united over 300 children with their mothers,  
15 from foster care. We've actively looked at members of  
16 our community who reached out to us seeking direction in  
17 their issues regarding local government.

18 And we have discussed this. Our community of  
19 interest is vastly diverse with, primarily, Hispanic and  
20 Black, but a large population of Asian, and Caucasian  
21 people, it's fantastic. We love, we love San Bernardino,  
22 but we're also an area of vast income inequality. We  
23 have a poverty rate of thirty percent, and essentially  
24 worked as food desert. We were isolated until the  
25 completed expansion of the 210 Freeway about 20 years

1 ago. And many parts of these communities have no chance  
2 of development unless businesses brought in -- are low-  
3 paying, warehouse jobs.

4       There are ten liquor stores within a two-mile radius  
5 where I work. And that's kind of unacceptable. And it's  
6 why we wish, if anything possible, to see District 31  
7 merge with our neighboring District 35 in the City of  
8 Fontana. There's this giant cut out section in which a  
9 majority of our constituents tend to have to go into  
10 District 35 to spend their money to buy food -- to buy  
11 groceries, to buy equipment, and items for their house.

12       I care about this because I see the beauty and  
13 tenacity of the members of this community. I mean, they  
14 are hustlers using their skill sets to earn money, when  
15 the opportunity, that they could be like flourishing  
16 businessmen and women. And this is a community of  
17 downtrodden survivors. They created microcosm. They  
18 share towns to ensure repairs are made to homes, that  
19 cars continue to run, that bills are being paid. These  
20 are laborers with years of experience, and they have no  
21 place to use it.

22       You know, one participant in discussions referred to  
23 it as sleeping dirt under a rug. This triangulated area  
24 between Rialto High School, west along East Mill Street,  
25 to the former Norton Air Base that's now San Bernardino



1 International Airport, and northwest to Lionel E. Hudson  
2 Park on Morgan Road, which is just south of Cal State  
3 University, San Bernardino, is ignored, right?

4       You can see stagnant development. There's no big  
5 business commercial developments within this region which  
6 I'm speaking of. If you were to go to Google Maps and  
7 type in Target, Walmart, or Kohl's, you won't see any of  
8 that. What you will see are low-paying warehouse jobs,  
9 and vacancies. You can find these big box stores and  
10 other places like that in the bordering --

11       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds remain.

12       MR. SMALLEY: -- regions and neighboring districts,  
13 because we're drowning in this indifference to politics,  
14 and the only benefit we have, our Congressional leaders,  
15 and Assembly leaders that have fought for legislation to  
16 bring funding into this community, which has just  
17 completed bankruptcy. The 1,700 women that are now self-  
18 sufficient because of the Time for Change that we  
19 serve --

20       MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

21       MR. SMALLEY: -- government grants and support  
22 services in place to ensure that we continue the journey.  
23 There's a magnitude of discussion that can be held on  
24 this topic. I'm grateful for the opportunity to have  
25 three minutes of your time. Thank you very much.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All  
2 right now we will have 017. And up next to be 011.

3 017, I will be promoting you now. 017, your speaker  
4 order number is number 7, if you'll please make note of  
5 that for future reference. You can now enable your audio  
6 and video in the lower-left corner of your screen. If  
7 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would  
8 like discuss today. The floor is yours.

9 MS. CACHU: Hi. Hello. Can I see in the map  
10 Congressional District 41? Thank you.

11 Okay. Hello, Commission Members. My name is  
12 Leticia, and I'm a community organizer for Planned  
13 Parenthood Action Fund of the Pacific Southwest in  
14 Riverside, and I also currently live in Riverside County.

15 I'm calling in today to ask that there be no changes  
16 to Senate District 31, and Congressional District 41. I  
17 firmly believe that any drastic changes made to these two  
18 districts would break up a community that currently  
19 shares similar experiences, and cares about similar  
20 issues as a result of these experiences on their  
21 environment.

22 For example, one of these things is that these  
23 communities share in common are extremely busy roads that  
24 residents find themselves driving in on a daily basis.  
25 West Riverside is the home of many warehouses,

1 specifically Moreno Valley, many universities, such as  
2 University of California, Riverside, Riverside City  
3 College, and Moreno Valley City College, just to name a  
4 few, and jobs that require at least a fifteen-minute  
5 commute.

6       You know, just one thing that these two districts  
7 have in common shows the importance of having  
8 representatives that understand the value in investing in  
9 infrastructure, road safety, and the overall health of  
10 the community, especially considering that these busy  
11 roads also lead to poor air quality, which then leads to  
12 affect people's health.

13       Over the past ten years, these districts and  
14 communities have had effective representation that do see  
15 the value in investing in the overall health of their  
16 communities, and who are also accessible and available to  
17 hear the concerns of the community.

18       And so this one single example is just one way of  
19 showing how these two districts are currently drawn and  
20 in a good manner. And so we are asking that these  
21 communities of interest do not get divided, since they  
22 are already drawn in a way that helps ensure the best  
23 interests of the community through effective  
24 representation. Thank you for your time.

25       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All

1 right now we will have 011. And up next will be 014.

2 011, I will be promoting you now. 011, your speaker  
3 order number is number 8, if you'll please make note of  
4 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the  
5 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today.  
6 The floor is yours.

7 MS. LEWIS: Congressional District 36. My name is  
8 Andrea Lewis, and I live in the City of San Jacinto in  
9 The County of Riverside. I am here to talk about the  
10 African-American community in the Cities of Moreno  
11 Valley, Perris, Hemet, and San Jacinto. We need to  
12 ensure that the African-American voice of the minority  
13 population is not weakened according to the Voting Acts  
14 Right -- the Voting Rights Act.

15 According to the center of the community --  
16 currently the center of the community is separated by two  
17 Assembly districts, District 61 and District 42. The  
18 City of Moreno Valley has the largest population of  
19 African-Americans, and the City of Perris has the second  
20 largest population of African-Americans.

21 However, since the last redistricting process, our  
22 population is shifting to the Cities of Hemet and San  
23 Jacinto. All four cities have been able to elect  
24 African-Americans to local office. Due to these changes,  
25 we are seeking the placement of the Cities of Moreno

1 Valley, Perris, Hemet, and San Jacinto to be included in  
2 the same Assembly, Senate, and Congressional districts.  
3 This will ensure the protection of the voting strength of  
4 the African-American community who share common history,  
5 culture, celebrate the same cultural events, such as  
6 Kwanzaa and Juneteenth, worship together in the same  
7 churches.

8       The community is deeply concerned about the issues  
9 of racism, public safety, voting rights, education, and  
10 we share the same health issues, such as infant  
11 mortality, hypertension, and colon cancer. Not including  
12 Moreno Valley, Perris, Hemet, and San Jacinto in the same  
13 districts would dilute our ability to elect our own  
14 representatives as a minority group, which would be a  
15 violation of the Voting Rights Act.

16       However, equally as important is to make sure that  
17 these cities are not included with the Cities of  
18 Temecula, Lake Elsinore, and Riverside who do not share  
19 the same values, cultures, and issues of concern. I  
20 thank you for your time.

21       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
22 now, we will have 014. And up next will be 015. I'd  
23 like to invite 001, 002, 010, 016, to please use the  
24 raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen as  
25 you have appointments during this session and you do have

1 priority. Thank you so much. I do see your hands.

2 014, I will be promoting you now. 014, your speaker  
3 order number will be number 9, if you will please make  
4 note of that for future reference. You can now enable  
5 your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your  
6 screen. If you'll please let the mapper know what area  
7 you would like to discuss today. The floor is yours.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I would like to -- I would  
9 like to look at the San Jacinto Valley, from Banning  
10 through Idyllwild, down through Valle Vista, through  
11 Diamond Lake, all of that area.

12 Historically, Hemet would have been the seat of  
13 Riverside County. It's geographically centered, of most  
14 of the population. I'm a newcomer. I came from Orange  
15 County. It's hard in this valley, because it goes back  
16 to the 1880s. It's hard for some people to understand  
17 what's going on because there's an older group of people,  
18 and the younger ones coming in because housing is cheap,  
19 rent or housing, but we are divided into three Assembly  
20 districts, two State Senate districts, and two  
21 Congressional districts.

22 Our homeless go to the Valley, they don't park in  
23 one corner, they're in the River Valley. Our water is in  
24 Idyllwild, Lake Hemet, we did. That's in a separate  
25 Assembly district than my area in Downtown Hemet.

1           Our airport, Hemet-Ryan Airport is historical, one  
2 that goes back to World War II. It's in a separate  
3 Congressional district as well in Assembly district. We  
4 can't get coordinated care because we're just so divided  
5 up. Frankly, we don't really care too much which one we  
6 got into, it's just three Assembly districts, two State  
7 Senate districts, and two Congressional districts it just  
8 way too much.

9           We have -- and don't forget that Hemet itself, Hemet  
10 in San Jacinto, Hemet was a sunset city, San Jacinto  
11 always was a city of color, for all of the workers  
12 through all the time, and there are dregs of that still  
13 going on.

14           I would also acknowledge to you a fact that there's  
15 a lot of mobile homeowners, and I think this is a  
16 statewide issue you need to address. We're neither feast  
17 nor -- we're renters, we rent the space, but we own the  
18 unit. We're in this spot as development -- as housing,  
19 because this area, even though it's a valley, is flat.  
20 So there's going to be a lot more housing developments  
21 south of us along Domenigoni and to the west, Highway 79  
22 is going to be realigned west. Highway 74 goes through,  
23 again, every one of the Assembly districts, a state  
24 highway. How can you get coordinated control of  
25 anything, because it is divided up into so many Assembly

1 districts?

2 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds remaining.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: So I just -- I just ask your  
4 consideration that we look at this as a contiguous whole,  
5 and get it in --

6 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yeah. It's up to you guys.  
8 I'm glad it's in your ballpark and not mine; but anyway.  
9 So thank you.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
11 now we will have 015. And up next will be 008.

12 015, I will be promoting you now. 015, your speaker  
13 order number will be number 10, if you will please make  
14 note of that for future reference. You can now enable  
15 your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your  
16 screen. If you'll please let the mapper know what area  
17 you would like to discuss today. The floor is yours.

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: The entire area that you're  
19 showing right now is just fine, San Bernardino, Riverside  
20 area. Thank you very much. And am I ready to go?

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay. Thank you. Two  
23 decades ago, the last time the Legislature drew the lines  
24 I chaired the Assembly Committee on Elections  
25 Redistricting and Constitutional Amendments. My greatest



1 contribution there probably was taking an intern, Ethan  
2 Jones who -- eventually I made the chief consultant for  
3 the Committee on Elections.

4       The Commission starts its -- creating districts in  
5 the northwest corner of the State. This means that we in  
6 the Inland Empire are impacted more than anyone else by  
7 the accumulation of undesirable impacts caused by all of  
8 the many other factors that the Commission must take into  
9 account in the process of redistricting.

10       And I want to note that the very fact of decennial  
11 redistricting, along with term limits, has made it the  
12 case that people today no longer have as strong a  
13 connection with their elected officials as they once did.  
14 They know even less about the districts that they live  
15 in. In fact that -- and that's not good for democracy.  
16 It's not good that people don't know who represents them.

17       And what they do know is county lines, and they know  
18 what ZIP codes they're in, people know that. So I want  
19 to urge, I want to urge the Commission, and this is more  
20 applicable to our area than anywhere else in the state,  
21 that you really make every possible effort to avoid  
22 breaking county boundaries, and to the extent feasible,  
23 ZIP code boundaries.

24       If I'm trying to remember what district I live in  
25 and -- or I'm trying to identify it, if most of ZIP codes

1 are entirely within one specified district or another, it  
2 makes it a whole lot easier for people to recognize  
3 those. So thank you very much. And I appreciate the  
4 opportunity to talk to you today.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
6 now we will have 008. Up next it'll be 010. 008, I will  
7 be promoting you now.

8 008, your speaker order number will be number 11, if  
9 you'll please make note of that for future reference.  
10 You can now enable your audio and video in the lower-left  
11 corner of your screen. If you'll please remind the  
12 mapper of what area you would like to discuss today. The  
13 floor is yours.

14 MS. DEPORTER: I'd like to focus on Congressional  
15 42, specifically Lake Mathews, Good Hope, Meade Valley  
16 area, please.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Go ahead.

18 MS. DEPORTER: Thank you. Dear Commissioners, thank  
19 you for the opportunity to allow me to take the time to  
20 tell you a little about my region. My name is Griselda  
21 DePorter (ph.), and I'm a community leader and a local  
22 case manager for our Unhoused Neighbors in the City of  
23 Corona, a very well-known bedroom community for the past  
24 twenty-eight years.

25 My community is the gateway to Riverside County by

1 ways of the 91 Freeway and the 15 Interstate Corridor.  
2 Due to heavy traffic in the region most local communities  
3 use main roads as alternatives, such as Magnolia Avenue,  
4 Hamner Avenue, and most importantly, Cajalco Road.  
5 Cajalco Road begins at Interstate 15 in the City of  
6 Corona, surrounded by shopping centers for all your  
7 personal and business needs. Going east of Cajalco takes  
8 you to an additional bedroom community such as Lake  
9 Matthews, Gavilan Hills, Mead Valley, Good Hope and  
10 Perris.

11       Being that Cajalco Road is the only way in and out  
12 of these bedroom communities, we share the same shopping  
13 centers, some school districts, fire departments, and  
14 transportation routes. Moreover, these communities share  
15 similar socioeconomics compared to a fully developed, and  
16 well-established neighboring cities.

17       Therefore, I'm here today to request that -- the  
18 Commission to keep and include communities of interest  
19 together, like Corona, Lake, Mathews, Gavilan Hills, Mead  
20 Valley, Good Hope and Perris for the Congressional  
21 District 42. Equally important, I urge the Commission to  
22 include all of Temecula and split -- instead of splitting  
23 it up as it is today. A caller mentioned earlier how it  
24 is in the District of San Diego. However, it's a  
25 completely different community.

1           Lastly, I respectfully ask the Commission to remove  
2 any communities from the Congressional district to the  
3 far east that do not use the same roads, do not shop in  
4 our area, and have higher income levels.

5           Now, the last Commission did a good job of  
6 tightening up the district; however, I know this  
7 Commission can do a better job of smoothing out and  
8 including communities alike. So I implore you to  
9 strongly take my suggestions. Thank you again for your  
10 time and consideration.

11           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. 010  
12 will be right now. And 001 will be up next in the queue.

13           010, I will be promoting you now. 010, your speaker  
14 order number will be number 12, if you'll please make  
15 note of that for future reference. You can now enable  
16 your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your  
17 screen. If you'll please let the mapper know what area  
18 you would like to discuss today. The floor is yours.

19           UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very much for  
20 recognizing me. I would like to rise to speak to the  
21 areas of Moreno Valley and Perris in Riverside County.  
22 These two areas are the highest concentration of the  
23 African-American community in Riverside County. Fast-  
24 growing areas and targeted areas for growth of the Black  
25 community from other areas, followed thirdly by Hemet,

1 San Jacinto.

2 I want to rise to ask that you continue to keep  
3 Moreno Valley and Perris in the same Congressional  
4 district, and as many of the same districts as possible,  
5 so that we can continue to concentrate our activism, we  
6 continue to grow the resources that we share as a  
7 community, and including the opportunities for cultural  
8 interaction and adequate representation. Thank you very  
9 much.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
11 now we'll have 001. And up next will be 016.

12 001, I will be promoting you now. 001, your speaker  
13 order number will be 13, if you'll please make note of  
14 that for future reference. If you'll please let the  
15 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today.  
16 The floor is yours. You are still muted.

17 MS. GALLEGOS: Hello. Moreno Valley, Perris,  
18 Riverside.

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

20 MS. GALLEGOS: Hello. My name is Luz Gallego. I am  
21 I'm a resident here of the -- of the Inland Empire, of  
22 Riverside County specifically for -- I was born and  
23 raised here when my family emigrated from Mexico. And  
24 I'm also a part of the TODEC, Immigrant Justice  
25 organization here in the Inland Empire.

1           As an organization serving the entire region, we see  
2 the different realities and challenges and -- of all  
3 immigrants across the region. But particular here, I  
4 want to speak on my -- my hometown which is Moreno  
5 Valley, back in the day, was known as Sunnymead. Born  
6 and raised between Moreno Valley and Perris, we've seen  
7 the realities and the growth of our region throughout the  
8 years, but also the empowerment of immigrants in  
9 community here in our -- in these cities.

10           Having these very rural communities back in the day  
11 now, we've lost a lot of our farms and whatnot. We  
12 continue to see the linkage, us that live within these  
13 communities, especially Latinos, and the immigrants that  
14 live here, with Moreno Valley. I, myself, live in Moreno  
15 Valley, but I lived in Perris the majority part of my  
16 life, going back and forth from Moreno Valley, Perris,  
17 Riverside, even the outskirts of Riverside, which is  
18 known as Jurupa. But now we know it as Jurupa. Myself,  
19 growing up, I've always known it as the Riverside.

20           Even some of our cities outside of -- unincorporated  
21 cities outside of Perris that are -- consider themselves  
22 Perris because their address is Perris, like Mead Valley  
23 and other unincorporated cities.

24           It's very important to see the realities of this  
25 community as a focus of community and in the way we feel

1 and work. As Latinos, we're very big on culture. I know  
2 within the outskirts of Moreno Valley, and specifically  
3 Perris, we have a lot in common with the rural  
4 communities of also Jurupa, which we have a lot of (In  
5 Spanish, not translated), a lot of (In Spanish, not  
6 translated) that organize within these rural communities,  
7 and there's a lot of exchange with culture within these  
8 cities.

9       So I, myself, as a resident of these communities,  
10 not only as a resident, but also as an organizer, in  
11 making sure that our communities are always being on the  
12 forefront and uplifting, I do see the -- my communities  
13 as a person --

14       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

15       MS. GALLEGOS: -- as a resident, to be in Perris,  
16 Moreno Valley, and Riverside. I look forward to  
17 continuing working with community, but also with the  
18 Commission as we want to make sure communities alike  
19 continue together. Thank you so much.

20       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All  
21 right, now we will have 016. And up next will be 002.

22       016, I will be promoting you now. 016, your speaker  
23 order number is 14, if you'll please make note of that  
24 for future reference. And if you'll please let the  
25 mapper know what area you would like to discuss today.

1 The floor is yours.

2 MR. BOITO: Yeah. I am in Cathedral City, Coachella  
3 Valley area.

4 Hi, Commissioners. My name is Ubaldo Boito (ph.).  
5 I am with the Brown and Black Redistricting Alliance.  
6 I'm also with Rainbow Beginnings, a mutual aid  
7 organization for LGBTQ+ migrants. I'm gay. I'm a  
8 Mexican-American. I'm a person of color, and I live in  
9 Cat City, and (audio interference) and also volunteer in  
10 most of the Coachella areas.

11 I access a lot of -- a lot of this area. I feel  
12 strongly that, you know, I'm here today just to request  
13 that we consider keeping this area together, and joining  
14 Assembly districts and State Senate districts in the  
15 area. We have a huge divide. And part of why -- I'm so  
16 torn because my communities look like, you know, Latinx,  
17 Brown people that I love as my Mexican-American heritage,  
18 and also my queer identity, which has huge ties in Palm  
19 Springs and Cathedral City, but we miss out on a lot of  
20 the rest of the Coachella Valley.

21 So I feel strongly that these two -- these areas  
22 could be united much, much stronger, Congressionally and  
23 with State -- the Assembly district, sorry. I really  
24 urge the Council to look at this. I know the census does  
25 not have data on queer -- queer families, queer residents



1 in the areas, but I think it's really important that we  
2 consider that for the next census in order for us to  
3 really understand where communities share interests.  
4 That's all I have. Thank you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
6 now we'll have 002. And up next it'll be 004.

7 002, I will be promoting you now. 002, your speaker  
8 order number will be 15, if you will please make note of  
9 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the  
10 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The  
11 floor is yours.

12 MR. SANCHEZ: I live in the Moreno Valley area.

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

14 MR. SANCHEZ: Hi. My name is Gerardo Sanchez (ph.).

15 I've lived in Moreno Valley for over thirty years.

16 Although I lived in Moreno Valley, my community that I

17 see part of my life is in Perris, Moreno Valley, and

18 Riverside. Both my daughters go to school in Perris and

19 in Riverside. I work and shop, and most of my friends

20 and family live in these areas. The community has as

21 much as all the Latinos that live in the area, I see this

22 community as staying together so they could keep

23 thriving. Thank you. That's all I have for today.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. All

25 right, now we will have 004. And then up next it will be

1 027.

2 004, I will be promoting you now. 004, your speaker  
3 order number will be 16, if you'll please make note of  
4 that for future reference. You can now enable your audio  
5 and video in the lower-left corner of your screen. If  
6 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would  
7 like to discuss today. The floor is yours. Unique code  
8 with the last 4004, you should see a message on your  
9 computer screen to ask you to unmute at this time.

10 MR. ESQUIVEL: There you go. Can you hear me? I'm  
11 sorry.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can. Go ahead.

13 MR. ESQUIVEL: Okay. Thank you so much. Okay. The  
14 area I'm concerned with is Western Riverside County,  
15 basically the Greater Riverside area.

16 My name is Gilberto Esquivel and I'm with the LULAC  
17 and Riverside, also partnering with NALEO Educational  
18 Fund. I've been living in the City of Riverside for over  
19 twenty-seven years. I'm a retired Spanish Language  
20 broadcaster who has covered the entire Inland Empire for  
21 the past thirty-seven years, with special programs  
22 focused on events and issues that affect this community.

23 The important thing here and for the purpose of this  
24 testimony is my community of interest is the City of  
25 Riverside, Moreno Valley, Jurupa, and the City of Perris.

1 These communities, like many others, have been hit hard  
2 by COVID-19, and besides deaths and serious health issues  
3 in their families, many have lost their jobs, and as a  
4 consequence, many are being -- are losing their homes.  
5 And the increasing cost of housing is another area that  
6 concerns us.

7       The community has many things in common. Spanish  
8 language is spoken by many of the residents, community  
9 events and festivals are always shared, hospitals,  
10 churches, colleges, and shopping centers are always  
11 shared. The March Joint Powers Authority is made up of  
12 representatives from the Cities of Riverside, Moreno  
13 Valley, and Perris, and they determine the usage of the  
14 land included in March Air Force Base and its surrounding  
15 area.

16       The people in our area have been involved with  
17 several projects that make it unique. Jointly, we  
18 constructed a special memorial for labor leader César  
19 Chávez. Currently, we're working to build a Cheech Marin  
20 Art Museum, which will be bringing people from all areas.  
21 Our Tamale Festival and the Day of the Dead Festival in  
22 Riverside bring people from throughout Southern  
23 California. This and many other projects are done by  
24 people living in our community of interest. Please help  
25 us keep it together. We need to continue doing the work

1 that needs to be done. Thank you.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
3 now we'll have 027. And then up next will be 041. And  
4 at that point I will be checking in with the chair for  
5 the time.

6 027, I will be promoting you now. 027, your speaker  
7 order number will be 17, if you'll please make note of  
8 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the  
9 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The  
10 floor is yours.

11 MS. WALLACE: Good morning, Commissioners. I would  
12 like to -- San Antonio Pass. Hello. My name is Colleen  
13 Wallace, and I live in Banning, California, which is in  
14 Riverside County. I am also the Mayor of the City of  
15 Banning. I am here to talk about the African-American  
16 community in the Cities of Beaumont, Banning, and Desert  
17 Hot Springs.

18 We need to ensure that the African-American voice,  
19 as a minority population is not weakened, according to  
20 the Voting Rights Act. Therefore, we ask that all three  
21 cities be included in the same Assembly, Senate, and  
22 Congressional districts. We also are close to Palm  
23 Springs, all the Coachella and Moreno Valley, we shop  
24 there. Perris, Riverside, I go everywhere, and most of  
25 the people in Banning does too.

1           This will ensure the protection of the voting  
2 strength of the African-American community who share a  
3 common history, culture, celebrate the same cultural  
4 events, such as Kwanzaa and Juneteenth. We worship  
5 together in the same churches. The community is deeply  
6 concerned about issues of racism, public safety, voting  
7 rights, education, and we share the same health issues  
8 such as infant mortality, hypertension, colon cancer.

9           (Background noise)

10          MS. WALLACE: Not including all those cities in the  
11 same district would dilute our ability to elect our own  
12 representation -- representatives, sorry, as a minority  
13 group, which would be a violation of the Voting Rights  
14 Act. Thank you very much.

15          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I  
16 would like to ask 013, as you have an appointment at this  
17 time and you have just shown up in the queue. If you are  
18 ready to give comment at this time, we are coming to the  
19 end of this appointment session. So please use the raise  
20 your hand button at the bottom of your screen. That's  
21 for 013. Hmm? 013, I will come back, if we have time.

22          014, I will be promoting you now -- oh, 041. 041,  
23 your speaker order number is 18, if you'll please make  
24 note of that for future reference. You can now enable  
25 your audio and video. If you'll please let the mapper

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

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Yeah. I would like  
4 to discuss AD 42, the Coachella Valley, and the Morongo  
5 Basin. That's good.

6 All right. So I'm a resident of Morongo Valley, an  
7 unincorporated area there in the Morongo Basin. Right  
8 now the Morongo Basin, Yucca Valley, Twentynine Palms,  
9 you know, Landers, these communities are together. I  
10 would stress that we keep it that way. We share a very  
11 similar community. We share a lot of services. We have  
12 our own school district. So it makes sense that we stay  
13 as a community and don't get divided up.

14 I would also stress that we bear a very close  
15 economic, cultural relationship with the Low Desert or  
16 what we call the Low Desert, that's the Coachella Valley,  
17 so cities like Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs, Indio,  
18 Cathedral City, Palm Desert. These are also communities  
19 that you might call a gateway to Joshua Tree National  
20 Park, which is there, that big green block separating us.  
21 You know, if it weren't for that big green block, we'd  
22 probably have communities that connect us contiguously.

23 A lot of us commute down the hill to go to work. A  
24 lot of people send their kids to schools down in the Low  
25 Desert for higher education, or K through 12. We have

1 people that send their kids to charter schools down  
2 there. And we have a lot -- share a lot of -- excuse me,  
3 economic opportunities, and also a lot of cultural values  
4 with conserving the last intact regions of the desert in  
5 our area. There's a lot of federally protected land,  
6 both in the Colorado Desert, in Riverside County, and in  
7 the Mojave Desert in San Bernardino County.

8       So I just stress that the way Assembly District 42  
9 right now is, it sort of splits the Coachella Valley in  
10 half. And I'd say, you know, whereas we share a lot of  
11 values with many of those cities, it makes sense to keep  
12 it all in -- into one contiguous form, it also would be  
13 more geographically consistent. And I would point out, I  
14 know there are population limits to how these things are  
15 drawn. You know, we have a lot of communities to the  
16 west from, you know, the Banning Pass area, all the way  
17 down to the San Jacinto Valley, which honestly I have --  
18 bear really no relationship to the communities in our  
19 High Desert region or in our Low Desert region.

20       So I would just point out that there are some  
21 arbitrary lines that seem to be driven -- bringing, you  
22 know, the Eastern Inland Empire closer to the Coachella  
23 Valley, politically speaking, on a political  
24 representation --

25       MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- level doesn't make a lot  
2 of sense. Also point out for the High Desert; we're  
3 disconnected from the Low Desert by -- in CA 8, in our  
4 Congressional district, and I think it would be more  
5 appropriate if we were all in one Congressional district.  
6 Thank you.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
8 please forgive me. I thought the break was 11:15, it's  
9 11:30.

10 Right now, I will be going to 013 as you do have an  
11 appointment at this time. 013, I will be promoting you.  
12 And then up next will be 024.

13 013, I will be promoting you now. Well, I spoke too  
14 you soon. There appears to be some connectivity issues  
15 with 013, so we will not be going to 013 at this time.  
16 Right now we'll be going to 024. And up next will be  
17 042.

18 024, I will be promoting you now. 024, your speaker  
19 order number will be number 19, if you'll 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 The floor is yours.

23 MS. ALBERTO: Hi. Yes. I would like to speak about  
24 Redlands, California. So hello. My name is Annell  
25 Alberto (ph.). I am a resident of Redlands, a concerned



1 citizen of the United States. I'm a Latina, first-  
2 generation college student, a mother, a wife, a daughter,  
3 a graduate of Georgetown University, an educator. I'm  
4 also currently a graduate student at the University of  
5 Redlands, and I grew up in Redlands.

6       And I'm here today because I am requesting that the  
7 Commission keep my community together. Now, Redlands  
8 borders Loma Linda, the City of San Bernardino, Highland,  
9 Yucaipa, and Riverside County. And we are part of the  
10 31st Congressional District. I'm asking that we do not  
11 divide Redlands. It's really important that our city be  
12 kept together. We have many historical sites here, such  
13 as Kimberly Crest House & the Gardens (sic) there. We  
14 have museums such as the San Bernardino County Museum.  
15 We also have great schools, such as the Redlands Unified  
16 School District, and we have University of Redlands.

17       All these things together make Redlands a community  
18 with a growth mindset. And I ask that Redlands not be  
19 divided, because if we are to maintain our strength as  
20 part of the 31st Congressional District, we need to stay  
21 together to be strong. So again, I request that Redlands  
22 be kept together, not divided, because division does not  
23 bring us together or make a strong, it makes us weak.

24       And given the current climate that we're in  
25 politically, where everything is about dividing people, I

1 request that we are -- we stay together and be part of  
2 the 31st District -- Congressional district. And thank  
3 you for your time and for listening. And I repeat my  
4 request that the Commission keep Redlands, my community,  
5 a growing community, together. Thank you.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
7 now we will have 042. I'd like to invite those in the  
8 queue with appointments to use the raise your hand button  
9 at the bottom of your screen. This is for 013, 024, 026,  
10 030, 036, and 038. At this time, if you use the raise  
11 your hand button at the bottom of your screen we will get  
12 to as many of you as possible during this session.

13 042, I will be promoting you now. 026, I do see  
14 your hand. You will be next. 042, your speaker order  
15 number will be number 20, if you'll please make note of  
16 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the  
17 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The  
18 floor is yours.

19 MR. PAYNE: Thank you so much. Good morning.  
20 Jeremy Payne with Equality California. So nice to see  
21 everyone again. I am going to be talking about the  
22 Coachella Valley, specifically all those communities that  
23 were discussed by caller 41 between the San Jacinto  
24 Mountain Range and the Little San Bernardino Mountain  
25 Ranges. Again, I am with Equality California, and the

1 state's largest LGBTQ+ Civil Rights organization, and I  
2 wanted to bring your attention to this community; these  
3 counties, Riverside, San Bernardino County, but  
4 specifically Coachella Valley where we have 17,000  
5 members and of course, hundreds of thousands of members  
6 across California.

7       Thank you, as always, for hearing from me about our  
8 LGBTQ+ communities throughout California. I want to  
9 point out the prominent LGBTQ+ population that resides in  
10 the cities bordered by these two mountain ranges. This  
11 includes Palm Springs and Cathedral City in the  
12 northwest, to La Quinta and Indio in the southeast, all  
13 of which have large clusters of LGBTQ+ residents,  
14 according to the dataset that we have been putting  
15 together.

16       The LGBTQ+ community of interest in the Coachella  
17 Valley is large, vibrant, and well connected, both  
18 physically by the kind of urban planning of the Coachella  
19 Valley, allowing convenient travel from one city to the  
20 next, and culturally by the number of LGBTQ+ businesses  
21 and organizations in the Valley. It's a very welcoming,  
22 LGBTQ+ welcoming community. And these places are  
23 frequented by members of our community.

24       The LGBTQ+ community of interest here is physically,  
25 culturally, and politically united, but as previously

1 mentioned also by a previous caller, it's divided by  
2 state/district boundaries, specifically Assembly District  
3 42 and 56, which splits the Coachella Valley in two. And  
4 it really has diluted the LGBTQ+ voting bloc, making it  
5 difficult for them to identify and elect the candidate of  
6 choice that is representative of them in the Coachella  
7 Valley as a whole, since there is a lot of similarity  
8 there.

9       So we ask that the LGBTQ+ communities in Palm  
10 Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, Thousand Palms,  
11 Palm Desert, Desert Palms, Indian Wells, Bermuda Dunes,  
12 La Quinta, and Indio, all be kept together as much as  
13 possible to embrace the true solidarity and sense of  
14 belonging within the Coachella Valley.

15       That's all I wanted to share. Thank you so much for  
16 hearing from me, and for taking the time. I look forward  
17 to having these conversations about California's LGBTQ+  
18 community. Thank you so much. And have a great rest of  
19 your day.

20       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
21 now we will have 026. And again, I'd like to invite  
22 those with appointments in the queue, 013, 019, 030, 032,  
23 036, and 038, to please use the raise your hand button at  
24 the bottom of your screen.

25       026, I will be promoting you now. And 036 you will

1 be next. 026. 026, your speaker order number will be  
2 number 21, 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'll  
5 please let the mapper know what area you would like to  
6 discuss today. The floor is yours. Hello? You are  
7 unmuted. Can you hear me?

8 MS. RAMOS: Hello, this is -- I can hear you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

10 MS. RAMOS: But where do I click? I'm sorry.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You don't have to click  
12 anymore. You can just talk.

13 MS. RAMOS: Oh. Okay. Thank you for allowing me to  
14 speak today. My community of interest is Riverside  
15 County, District 41, but specifically the areas of  
16 Riverside, Moreno Valley, and Perris. Are you hearing  
17 me?

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

19 MS. RAMOS: Oh, I'm sorry. Okay. Yes. My name is  
20 Graciela Ramos. I'm with LULAC Riverside, and partnering  
21 with NALEO Education Fund. I am here to request that the  
22 Commission keep my community of interest together,  
23 specifically Riverside, Moreno Valley, and Perris. These  
24 are the areas where I have lived for thirty-three years,  
25 especially -- I mean, I live in Moreno Valley. I was a

1 school counselor with Moreno Valley Unified School  
2 District, and have retired.

3 I see that the cities in our community share large  
4 mixed groups of Latinos per the Census.gov Moreno Valley,  
5 is 58.7 Latino population, Riverside 53.7, and Perris  
6 76.8. This group is compromised by Salvadorans,  
7 Mexicans, and Guatemalans. A large number of parents are  
8 immigrants and essential workers who speak Spanish, and  
9 have suffered tremendously during the pandemic.

10 Our school district, even when I was still in the  
11 district, always strive to provide a strong bilingual  
12 program to promote success in the students' education, to  
13 improve the livelihood, and their education ability, and  
14 their earning possibilities. And really to provide a way  
15 for more students to graduate, to improve our graduation  
16 rates. At present, in Moreno Valley, it is 76.4 percent,  
17 Riverside 80.6 percent, better; and 66.5 percent in  
18 Perris. We really want our students, all students to  
19 succeed. And so we want to work hard on that.

20 And socially, we love to visit the museums in  
21 Riverside and enjoy the festivities there, especially El  
22 Dia de los Muertos. And we also like to relax and enjoy  
23 fishing at Lake Perris and attend the fair at the Perris  
24 grounds. I would like the Commission to maintain our  
25 community together so we can continue to work on helping

1 our immigrant community, improve our graduation rates,  
2 and enjoy continued outings in our cities. Please keep  
3 us together. Thank you.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

5 Right now we will have 036. I'll be promoting you  
6 now. 036, your speaker order number will be 22, if you  
7 will please make note of that for future reference. And  
8 if you'll please let the mapper know what area you would  
9 like to discuss today. The floor is yours.

10 MS. ABDUL KABIR: Hi. My name is Kareem Abdul Kabir  
11 (ph.). I'm talking about the High Desert region of San  
12 Bernardino County. And I'm here to talk about the  
13 African-American community in the areas of Adelanto,  
14 Victorville, Hesperia and Apple Valley. It's important  
15 we keep the voices of African-Americans together as a  
16 minority population, and it's not weakened by being cut  
17 up, as according to the Voting Rights Act.

18 So we have the largest population of the High  
19 Desert -- population of African-Americans in the High  
20 Desert, so we ask that all four cities be included in the  
21 Assembly, Senate, same -- Assembly, Senate, and  
22 Congressional districts. This will ensure that we  
23 protect the voting strength of the African-American  
24 community who share a common history, culture, celebrate  
25 the same culture events such as Kwanzaa and Juneteenth,

1 and we worship together.

2 The community is deeply concerned about issues such  
3 as racism, public safety, voting rights, education. And  
4 we share the same health issues, such as infant  
5 mortality, hypertension, and colon cancer. Not including  
6 for these four cities in the same districts, would dilute  
7 our ability to elect our own representatives as a  
8 minority group, which would be a violation of the Voting  
9 Rights Act. So thank you for listening.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
11 now I will be going -- thank you so much.

12 We are at 11:28, Chair. Would you like to try and  
13 do one more? Or is that it?

14 CHAIR LE MONS: We could do one more.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay.

16 CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you.

17 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: If you have one  
18 appointment that will -- please choose the raise your  
19 hand button at the bottom of your screen.

20 019, I will be promoting you now. 019, your speaker  
21 order number will be 23, if you'll please make note of  
22 that for future reference. You can please enable your  
23 audio and video in the lower-left corner of your screen.  
24 If you'll please remind the mapper of what area you would  
25 like to discuss. The floor is yours.



1 MS HOWARD: Yes. Good afternoon -- good morning.  
2 My name is Martha Howard, and I'm with the Latina  
3 Association of Riverside County, in partnership with  
4 NALEO and LULAC of Riverside. I am a retired military  
5 spouse, and I live in Temecula for twenty-seven years.  
6 Temecula boundaries, in addition to the unincorporated  
7 areas, are basically to the Northern Baker Street, it  
8 boundaries with Murrieta, to the east it boundaries with  
9 the City of Winchester, to the south it boundaries at the  
10 Rainbow checkpoint with San Diego County, and to the west  
11 with the Santa Rosa and Santa Margarita Plateau.

12 Our main economies are service providing, with  
13 emphasis on retailing and tourism. During the spring, a  
14 yearly Balloon & Wine Festival takes place in the Wine  
15 Country and that's substantial revenue for our economy.  
16 The residents who work outside of our boundaries commute  
17 daily to San Diego, Orange, and Los Angeles County.

18 Since our city is at the southwest end of Riverside  
19 County, they use the Interstate 15 and 215 similarly to  
20 commute, and also to transport goods from the warehouses,  
21 and construction materials from the quarries. Currently,  
22 Temecula is split between two Congressional districts,  
23 the 50, which is the greatest part of San Diego, as you  
24 can see on the bottom, and the 42nd is to the north. It  
25 splits our city in half. And the 42nd is in Riverside

1 County.

2       When drawing the new boundaries, please keep in mind  
3 that our community of interest does not share the same  
4 economy industries. District 50, for example, has mainly  
5 administrative, law enforcement, and information  
6 technology, so it really doesn't make sense to have a  
7 community in my neighborhood with its boundaries attached  
8 to San Diego County, because we do not share similar  
9 economies.

10       I thank you for your time. And please keep my  
11 community in mind, and keep it in a single district  
12 instead of dividing our city in two. Thank you so much  
13 for your time, and the effort, and everything that you're  
14 doing for our communities.

15       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you, so much.

16       CHAIR LE MONS: Thank you. At this time, we're  
17 going to take a fifteen-minute break. And when we return  
18 from break, we'll start and continue with individuals who  
19 have registered appointments. And if time permits we'll  
20 open the lines for those that don't have appointments.  
21 So enjoy your break. Please be back at 11:46.

22               (Whereupon, a recess was held from 11:30 a.m.  
23               until 11:46 a.m.)

24       VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Welcome back to the California  
25 Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities of Interest

1 Input Meeting, on Saturday, July 31st. We also encourage  
2 folks to visit the Communities of Interest Tool online to  
3 draw a map and describe your community. That tool is  
4 accessible at DrawMyCACommunity.org, go online, get the  
5 line.

6 I'll pass this over to Katy, our comment moderator,  
7 to continue with public input. We will start with people  
8 who are registered, and then open the phone lines if  
9 there is time before the next session.

10 Katy, take it away.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.

12 Welcome to the public input session. Please use the  
13 raise hand button at the bottom of your screen to enter  
14 the queue. When it is your turn to speak, you will be  
15 identified by your assigned unique ID number which you  
16 received yesterday. You will be reconnected to the  
17 session with the ability to enable your own video and/or  
18 audio. You will then be assigned a speaker order number  
19 before you begin speaking. Please make a note of your  
20 speaker order number for future reference.

21 The Commission will be enforcing a three-minute time  
22 limit. There will be a warning at thirty seconds and  
23 fifteen seconds remaining.

24 It is the Commission's goal to get -- to find the  
25 area on the map you would like to discuss prior to your

1 testimony. If you are within a specific neighborhood of  
2 a large city, please mention it by name. Once we are  
3 able to locate your area, your three-minute testimony  
4 will begin. Attendees will not be able to share their  
5 screen.

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

11 Again, I would like to invite those that have  
12 appointments during this session to use the raise your  
13 hand button at the bottom of your screen. 023, 032, and  
14 038, I do invite you to use the raise your hand button to  
15 join the comment queue line. At this time, 039, you will  
16 be a first. And up next in the queue will be 033.

17 039, I will be promoting you now. 039, your speaker  
18 order number will be 24, if you'll please make note of  
19 that for future reference. You can now enable your audio  
20 and video in the lower-left corner of your screen. If  
21 you'll please remind the mapper of what area you would  
22 like to discuss today. The floor is yours.

23 STEVIE: Hello? Can you hear me?

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We can. Go ahead.

25 STEVIE: Oh, hi. Thank you. I'm in West Riverside.

1 Good afternoon. My name is Stevie (ph.). I live in  
2 Riverside. I am a volunteer for the Planned Parenthood  
3 PAC of the Pacific Southwest, and a first year graduate  
4 student attending Cal State San Bernardino Master of  
5 Social Work Program. I've signed up to speak to you  
6 today to ask that you vote to keep the districts in West  
7 Riverside unchanged, and those communities within those  
8 districts, intact.

9 For the past ten years, the representatives in our  
10 area have been steadfast supporters for people's access  
11 to reproductive health care throughout their careers.  
12 Planned Parenthood Health Care centers throughout  
13 Southern California provide vital reproductive health  
14 care services to hundreds of thousands of patients every  
15 year. One of those centers is located in Riverside and  
16 within the West Riverside districts.

17 This health center serves patients seeking care from  
18 Riverside and many neighboring communities. It is  
19 imperative that the Riverside, Planned Parenthood Health  
20 Care Center, maintain the support from the officials  
21 elected by our communities to ensure continued access to  
22 those seeking services. If you support people's right to  
23 accessible reproductive health care services, and I hope  
24 that you do, please vote not to make changes in west  
25 riverside. Thank you.

1 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Caller?

2 Katy, could we speak with the caller again?

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. She is still here.

4 STEVIE: I'm here.

5 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thanks. You mentioned West  
6 Riverside districts. Could you just make sure that we  
7 understand which district you're speaking of?

8 STEVIE: Sure. I believe it's Assembly District 61,  
9 Congressional District 60, and I can't think of the other  
10 specific districts. But we also have Senator Roth;  
11 Assembly Member Jose Medina, all of -- oh, CD District  
12 41, and CD District 42. So I'm getting help through  
13 texts, from one of our representatives.

14 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you very much.

15 STEVIE: And AD District 60.

16 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment.

17 STEVIE: And AD District 61.

18 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment. John, our mapper, we  
19 seem to have lost our map. Are you there?

20 MR. DRECHSLER: Yeah. He had a power issue, we're  
21 getting ready his back up.

22 MR. MANOFF: Okay. Please stand by. You can  
23 probably go ahead and proceed with your questions, Chair,  
24 while we get that map back up.

25 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: I believe we've gotten what we

1 needed with the -- for the mappers.

2 MR. MANOFF: Very good, Chair. Let's stand at ease  
3 until we get a map. Just a moment.

4 (Pause)

5 COMMISSIONER FERNÁNDEZ: I'm sure Chair Kennedy  
6 understands the communication, and the internet issues,  
7 right? As do I.

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yesterday I thought it was the  
9 fact that we were having thunderstorms around us. But  
10 the weather is beautiful today and I'm still having  
11 problems.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Well, I had them yesterday,  
13 and our weather was perfect. I don't know what was going  
14 on it just -- it died several times, just dropped me  
15 right off, right off of the group. Well, I don't know.  
16 Nice to see you though, Ray.

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. Thank you.

18 MR. MANOFF: Chair. Would you like to take a break,  
19 and we could come back in five minutes.

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Sure.

21 MR. MANOFF: All right. Sounds good.

22 (Whereupon, a brief recess was taken)

23 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Welcome back again to today's  
24 California Citizens Redistricting Commission's  
25 Communities of Interest Input Meeting. We apologize for

1 the technical difficulties.

2 I will turn it back over to Katy, our comment  
3 moderator, to pick up where we left off. Katy.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much, Chair.  
5 Right now we will have 033, and then up next will be 020.  
6 I would also like to invite those in the queue to -- that  
7 have appointments, to please use the raise hand button at  
8 the bottom of your screen to enter the comment queue  
9 line, as you will have priority in this session.

10 033, I will be promoting you now. I do see those  
11 hands. Thank you so much. Oh. And we lost the map; one  
12 moment. I believe we lost John as well. Yeah.

13 MR. DRECHSLER: Yeah. His computer went down. Just  
14 three minutes. Sorry.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. 033, you will  
16 still be up next as soon as we get the map up again.

17 (Pause)

18 MR. MANOFF: All right. I'm going to take us to a  
19 break on the live stream, Chair; if everybody could be  
20 back at 12:05, please.

21 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Very good. Thank you. Thank  
22 you, Kristian.

23 MR. MANOFF: Oh, wait just a minute. Maybe I spoke  
24 too soon.

25 Welcome back, John.



1 All right. We are still in session, Chair.

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Do we have Commissioners  
3 in sufficient number?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

5 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Katy, I'll hand it back  
6 to you then.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: All right. 033, thank  
8 you for your patience. I will be promoting you now.  
9 033, your speaker order number will be number 25, if  
10 you'll please make note of that. If you'll please let  
11 the mapper know what you would like to discuss. The  
12 floor is yours.

13 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you. I'm going to be focusing  
14 on the Cities of Jurupa Valley, Riverside, and Moreno  
15 Valley.

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

17 MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you. Thank you, Commissioners,  
18 for allowing me the opportunity to speak to you today.  
19 My name is Juan Martinez. I'm a member of LULAC of  
20 Riverside, Council 3190, and I'm partnering with the  
21 NALEO Education Fund. My family and I have lived in  
22 Riverside since 2008. I am an employee of the Jurupa  
23 Unified School District. My sister graduated from John  
24 W. North High School, then earned her undergraduate  
25 degree from UCR. My family shops in Moreno Valley. And

1 I have been a student at Moreno Valley College. My  
2 community extends from Interstate 15, runs along the 60  
3 Freeway, west to the Badlands and includes the Cities of  
4 Jurupa Valley, Riverside, and Moreno Valley.

5 My community is diverse and multicultural, excuse  
6 me, and majority -- majority Latino, with sixty-two  
7 percent of the population identifying as Hispanic, and  
8 eighty percent of residents born outside of the U.S. The  
9 pandemic greatly affected residents, but we have all come  
10 together to support each other. The Riverside Gurdwara  
11 Sikh temple in Jurupa Valley provided hot meals to  
12 countless families during some of the hardest times last  
13 year. The Riverside Spanish Seventh Day Adventist Church  
14 continues to provide food boxes to residents across the  
15 three cities, and Overflow Farms invites community  
16 members to help grow farm fresh produce and donates to  
17 local churches and food pantries.

18 In better times our community has come together to  
19 celebrate at the Riverside Tamale Festival, the Riverside  
20 Greek Fest at St. Andrew Orthodox Christian Church, and  
21 the three-day music festival, Desert Daze, at Lake  
22 Perris.

23 Commissioners, please keep in mind the  
24 interconnectedness of this community when drawing  
25 district maps. We share language, culture, and immigrant

1 identity, and a desire to foster an inclusive community  
2 welcoming to all. Thank you for your time.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
4 now we will have 020. And then up next will be 030.

5 020, I'll be promoting you now. 020, your speaker  
6 order number will be number 26, if you'll please make  
7 note of that for future reference. You can now enable  
8 your audio and video in the lower-left corner of your  
9 screen. If you'd please remind the mapper of what area  
10 you would like to discuss today. The floor is yours.

11 MS. CAMACHO: Thank you very much. Thank you,  
12 Commissioners, for giving us a little bit of time to  
13 speak. I would like to focus in on the City of Rialto  
14 and the region right around it. So thank you very much.  
15 Yes, Rialto right there.

16 So my name is Lupe Camacho, and I'm a twenty-five-  
17 plus year resident of the City of Rialto, came out here  
18 back in 1996. And I'm an engineer. I've worked for many  
19 cities in the Inland Empire as a -- as an engineer, and  
20 obviously doing infrastructure projects, and street  
21 improvement, sewer, all of that good stuff.

22 My background particularly has led me to work for  
23 the United States Census Bureau, which I do currently.  
24 And I wanted to bring to your attention today, the reason  
25 that I'm speaking today is that I wanted to bring your

1 attention to our city, the City of Rialto. Our  
2 Congressional districts in Rialto, we are split, as you  
3 can tell, right almost down the middle. And we are split  
4 between Congressional District 31 and 35, if I'm not  
5 mistaken. I previously, of course, being very much an  
6 Engineer and a science person, I never really paid a  
7 whole lot of attention to this. I thought that, you  
8 know, my fellow residents were very apt in selecting  
9 these regions.

10       However, I just want to make sure that I bring to  
11 you the request to make us whole, City of Rialto, we have  
12 suffered kind of being sort of on the outskirts of both  
13 of these districts. And just to kind of give you an  
14 idea. The City of Rialto is above seventy percent  
15 Latino, so is Fontana, which, as you can see, there's a  
16 portion of Fontana also in Congressional District 31.  
17 And that area as well is above seventy-one percent.

18       However, to the east of us, San Bernardino, Colton,  
19 and with the exception of Muscoy, that whole region there  
20 is between sixty-one to seventy percent Latino. So I  
21 would encourage you to look at that region and see what  
22 you can do about making us here in the City of Rialto  
23 whole, and putting us all in one Congressional district.

24       Both of our Congressmen are great. I don't -- this  
25 is not about who is a better Congress person. I just

1 would like to request that you take a look, a very close  
2 look at us, because we are split in half. And that has  
3 not resulted in a whole lot of support, and  
4 understandably so. Like I said, I'm an engineer. So  
5 yeah, working with the outskirts of any city, usually  
6 those outskirts do not get the attention that -- the  
7 attention we should get.

8 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds remain.

9 MS. CAMACHO: So I just wanted to make sure that I  
10 brought that to your attention and ask you to please take  
11 a look at us, see if you can make us whole, either in one  
12 district or another. I don't really have a preference,  
13 just as long as we are whole and not confusing --

14 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

15 MS. CAMACHO: -- our people with the fact that we're  
16 in two Congressional districts rather than in one. So  
17 thank you very much.

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: And thank you for your call.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we'll have 030.  
20 And then up next will be 028.

21 030, I will be promoting you now. 030, your speaker  
22 order number is number 27, if you will please make note  
23 of that for future reference. And if you'll please at  
24 the mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The  
25 floor is yours.

1 MR. HOFEDITZ: Yes. Hi. And thank you. If the  
2 mapper could focus on the San Jacinto Valley, which is  
3 central west of Riverside County; and if you can -- yeah,  
4 that looks good right there. If you would superimpose  
5 the Assembly districts on that area, I'd appreciate it.  
6 That's terrific.

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

8 MR. HOFEDITZ: All right. My name is Chris  
9 Hofeditz, and my testimony today concerns Hemet and its  
10 nearby cities as a community of interest, based on  
11 transportation infrastructure. I live in Riverside  
12 County in a west central area commonly known as San  
13 Jacinto Valley. It is bounded on the east by the San  
14 Jacinto Mountains, the south by Diamond Valley Reservoir,  
15 the west by Nuevo Hills, and the north by Angeles Forest,  
16 National Park, and Lambs Canyon.

17 The two principal cities in this area are Hemet and  
18 San Jacinto. We share a rather isolated environment  
19 being a small, a set of small towns. We must travel to  
20 all parts, somewhat regularly, to access services such as  
21 general shopping, government services, and repair  
22 services. The services, roads, and environment are our  
23 common feature that are shared by the 160,000, or so,  
24 residents in this area.

25 Since we are surrounded by mountains, our climate is

1 also evenly experienced by our residents. In our Valley,  
2 there is a deficit of regional transportation facilities  
3 directly serving our city and integrating Hemet with the  
4 Greater Riverside County area.

5 Proposed projects in the near future are the  
6 realignment of Route 79. This will connect I-10 with  
7 I-15, and will relieve some congestion in Hemet. There  
8 is the Mid County Parkway, which is proposed 60-mile  
9 transportation corridor that will relieve traffic  
10 congestion for east-west travel in Riverside County. The  
11 Metrolink is thinking about putting out a spur into our  
12 area from Perris, and our Hemet Ryan Airport is scheduled  
13 for upgrade and possible expansion.

14 I don't see much change occurring to the north,  
15 east, or west, most change will occur -- I'm sorry to the  
16 west. Our valley is divided into three Assembly  
17 districts and two Senate districts. I feel this dilutes  
18 our opinion when it comes to public input for commuting,  
19 community planning, governmental resources, and business  
20 support.

21 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds remain.

22 MR. HOFEDITZ: We would like to stop being  
23 associated with major parts of East San Diego County.  
24 One district extends that far. And we'd like to be  
25 associated with Beaumont, Banning, Canyon Lake, and

1 Perris Valley. One Assembly district and one Senate  
2 district would give greater value to the opinions of  
3 citizens in this somewhat isolated area. Thank you for  
4 allowing me to participate.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
6 now we will have 028. And up next will be 023.

7 028, I will be promoting you now. 028, your speaker  
8 order number will be 28, and if you'll please make note  
9 of that for future reference. If you'll let the mapper  
10 know area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

11 MS. CASILLAS: Good afternoon. I'd like to focus on  
12 West Riverside County along the 15 -- I-15 Corridor.

13 Good afternoon, Commission. My name is Jacque  
14 Casillas. I'm a community leader and a health care  
15 advocate here in the City of Corona, where I was born,  
16 and have lived for the last thirty-five years. My  
17 community is the gateway to Riverside County and we make  
18 up the west side of the County. Out here, we live and  
19 die by traffic along the I-15 Freeway and S.R. 91  
20 Freeway. We all know the alternative routes to take when  
21 traffic is a mess. We take a Cajalco Road, Hamner  
22 Avenue, Van Buren Boulevard, and Magnolia Avenue.

23 I cannot stress enough how much these transportation  
24 corridors connect all of us. They connect our jobs, and  
25 our schools, and I ask you to please draw the lines for



1 this Congressional district accordingly. The last  
2 Citizens Commission did a good job of tightening up the  
3 Congressional district, CD 42, but we think that you can  
4 do an even better job. For instance, CD 42 keeps Corona,  
5 Norco, Eastvale together, which is great because these  
6 cities share a K through 12 school district, but they  
7 split up the City of Temecula, and they gave our  
8 Congressional districts some odd outliers on the West  
9 Side -- outliers on the Eastside, sorry. Instead of  
10 bringing in the Cities of Perris, Mead Valley, and Lake  
11 Mathews, that all lie along the Cajalco Road, which we  
12 use heavily.

13       Ultimately, I humbly ask you to respect our  
14 community by tweaking this Congressional map to  
15 incorporate these communities along Cajalco, and the  
16 remainder of the City of Temecula into Congressional  
17 District 42, and that you will meet the outliers on the  
18 East Side, those two branches that are not along these  
19 vital transportation corridors. That's it. Thank you so  
20 much for your time. Thank you for listening.

21       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I  
22 would like to invite those with appointments that have  
23 not spoken today, 029, 032, and 038, if you'll please use  
24 the raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen  
25 to enter the comment queue line. At this time we will

1 have 023, and then up next will be 034; and again, 029,  
2 032, and 038, if you wish to get in the line to give  
3 comment at this time, you do have an appointment during  
4 this session, and you will be given priority.

5 023, I will be promoting you now. 023, it appears  
6 that you may have some connectivity issues. I am going  
7 to do the Allow to Talk, audio-only option. Please  
8 follow the prompts on your screen. 023, you are unmuted.

9 MR. ALVAREZ: Hi.

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi.

11 MR. ALVAREZ: Hi. Please pull up the City of Rancho  
12 Cucamonga, as well as its western border as far as the  
13 City of Claremont.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Will do. Your speaker  
15 order number is number 29, if you'll please make note of  
16 that. And the floor is yours.

17 MR. ALVAREZ: Hi. My name is Eloy Alvarez (ph.).  
18 I'm asking that you keep Rancho Cucamonga whole, and  
19 group it with Upland, Claremont and La Verne. As a  
20 resident of Rancho, my kids attend public schools in  
21 Rancho. Their friends live in our city, our neighboring  
22 cities to the west, and play on teams and sports leagues  
23 that include Upland, Claremont, Ontario, and as far west  
24 as La Verne. When it comes to local entertainment, and  
25 fine dining, or shopping, our families move between

1 Victoria Gardens, located here in Rancho, to places like  
2 Sycamore Hills, or Downtown Claremont, depending on what  
3 type of shopping we want to do, or the atmosphere that  
4 we're looking for.

5 We're linked together, west by the 210 Freeway,  
6 Foothill Boulevard and the Metrolink, and all the  
7 residents from Rancho to Claremont use to get to and from  
8 work. And it's for these reasons that I ask you to  
9 please include Rancho Cucamonga with its western --  
10 western neighboring cities along the 210 Freeway. Thank  
11 you for your time. And thank you for the opportunity to  
12 speak.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

14 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have  
16 034. And then up next will be 037.

17 034, I will be promoting you now. 034, your speaker  
18 order number is number 30, if you'll please make note of  
19 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the  
20 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The  
21 floor is yours.

22 MS. MORENO: Thank you. I will be focusing in the  
23 City of Coachella and surrounding areas of the Eastern  
24 Coachella Valley in Riverside County.

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

1 MS. MORENO: Uh-huh. Good afternoon, Commissioners.  
2 My name is Vanessa Moreno, and I'm with the Council of  
3 Mexican Federations in North America, also known as  
4 COFEM, here in the Coachella Valley. I have lived in the  
5 City of Coachella for more than sixteen years after  
6 migrating from Mexico with my family. I'm an  
7 undocumented DACA recipient and first-generation Latina.  
8 In my work as a programs manager with COFEM, I get to  
9 serve communities that share similar backgrounds like  
10 mine. Our communities of interest in Coachella and its  
11 neighboring unincorporated cities to the southeast, such  
12 as Mecca, Thermal, Oasis, and North Shore are  
13 predominantly Latinx, where we have large population of  
14 mixed-status families and households, undocumented  
15 immigrants, legal permanent residents, DACA recipients,  
16 and temporary protected status and visa holders.

17 Many of our communities are low income, Native  
18 Spanish-speaking, and essential workers like farm  
19 workers, landscapers, and housekeepers. Many of these  
20 communities have always been impacted even before the  
21 pandemic, as they are left out from Federal assistance  
22 programs, affordable housing, and jobs that require  
23 immigration status, and are extremely limited with  
24 medical and mental health resources and other services.  
25 Working with these communities, I've seen the many

1 challenges they face, like the fear of losing their home  
2 because they don't make a living wage to pay for rent,  
3 bills, food, car, and other expenses.

4 For this reason, these communities rely on local  
5 food banks, public transportation, and yearly free  
6 medical services events, such as the Flying Doctors, and  
7 other community events to receive free school supplies,  
8 gift cards, and PPE.

9 Growing up in the City of Coachella, and now working  
10 closely with my community, with the surrounding Eastern  
11 Coachella Valley rural areas on Grapefruit Boulevard, and  
12 Highway 86, I'm thankful and blessed for the culture that  
13 unites us together in being able to practice our  
14 traditions through food, music, dance and art, and annual  
15 cultural events like the Mariachi Festival, El Dia de los  
16 Muertos, and Festival de la Uva.

17 Through these opportunities, I am reminded of my  
18 home country, but also of the daily fighting work that's  
19 needed to advance and empower our communities. When  
20 drawing your districts, I would like my Commission to  
21 maintain my community together for the reasons I  
22 mentioned. Thank you for your time and for the  
23 opportunity to speak today.

24 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for joining us today.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have

1 037. And then up next we will have 029.

2 037, I will be promoting you now. 037, your speaker  
3 order number is number 31, if you please make note of  
4 that for future reference. You can enable your audio and  
5 video, if you'll please let the mapper know what areas  
6 you would like to discuss today. The floor is yours.

7 MS. BARLES: Good morning. The areas I will be  
8 discussing today are Jurupa Valley, the City of  
9 Riverside, and Moreno Valley.

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

11 MS. BARLES: Okay. Thank you for providing me the  
12 opportunity to testify today. My name is Norma Barles,  
13 and I am the president of LULAC of Riverside, Council  
14 3190, and partnering with NALEO Education Fund. I work  
15 for Riverside Unified School District as an  
16 administrative secretary to the Curriculum and Assessment  
17 Department. I'm here today to request that the  
18 Commission keep my community of interest together.

19 My communities of interest are Riverside, Jurupa  
20 Valley, and Moreno Valley. I have lived in the North  
21 Side Riverside for thirty-four years. To my east is  
22 Jurupa Valley, and to my west is Moreno Valley. My home  
23 is north of where the 62, 15, and 91 Freeways interchange  
24 meet. I am north of Downtown Riverside, to the east of  
25 Fairmount Park. My communities of interest have a

1 diverse population of White, Hispanic, Asian, and  
2 African-Americans. We have all worked together to keep  
3 our cities diverse and involved in our local activities.  
4 Riverside hosts Wednesday night's concerts at Fairmount  
5 Park, where residents of Jurupa Valley and Moreno Valley  
6 attend.

7 Riverside is also home to the lighting ceremony  
8 every November at the Mission Inn, Black History Parade  
9 downtown in February, as well as the Tamale Festival,  
10 where again, our communities come together to celebrate  
11 each other's culture.

12 Riverside, Jurupa Valley, and Moreno Valley consist  
13 of essential workers in the local schools, colleges,  
14 hospitals, and warehouses. We shop at the same malls,  
15 grocery stores, and visit the same parks and  
16 recreational, areas such as Castle Park, the Fox Theater  
17 and the museums in downtown Riverside.

18 Our community speaks English, Spanish, and Chinese.  
19 We are similar because we share the same ideas and  
20 culture, and diversity. Our Riverside Unified School  
21 District has had college fairs that have invited the  
22 students of Jurupa Valley and Moreno Valley to  
23 participate in so that they can also have the opportunity  
24 to obtaining scholarships.

25 I would like to ask the Commission to please keep

1 our communities of interest, Jurupa Valley, Riverside,  
2 and Moreno Valley together so that we can continue to  
3 share our diverse cultures, education, and traditions.  
4 Thank you very much for your time.

5 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for joining us today.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
7 029. I'd like to invite 032 and 038 to please use the  
8 raise your hand button at the bottom of your screen. 032  
9 and 038, you do have appointments during this time and  
10 you will have priority.

11 At this time we will go to 029, I will be promoting  
12 you now. 029 your speaker order number will be number  
13 32, if you'll please make note of that for future  
14 reference. If you would, please at the mapper know what  
15 area you'd like to discuss. The floor is yours.

16 MR. CASTELAN: I will be discussing Jurupa Valley,  
17 Riverside, and Norco.

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

19 MR. CASTELAN: Commissioners, thank you for allowing  
20 me the opportunity to testify today. My name is Edgar  
21 Castelan, and I'm a resident of Jurupa Valley and here in  
22 partnership with the Brown and Black Redistricting  
23 Alliance (sic). I have lived in Jurupa Valley for twenty  
24 years before it became incorporated, and was just  
25 referred to many as Riverside. I live in the



1 neighborhood of Glen Avon, below the 60 Freeway, west of  
2 Pedley Road, and north of Michigan Avenue.

3       My community and many parts of Jurupa Valley have an  
4 agrarian and ranch history, and that history is still  
5 present throughout parts of the city, where many  
6 households, including family members, take care of our  
7 animals, grow their own crops and plants, and ride horses  
8 throughout the city. Many of these residents, such as  
9 those in my family, are also Spanish speakers, immigrants  
10 who have immigrant backgrounds, and they work many of the  
11 local manual labor jobs in the region, such as warehouse  
12 jobs, landscaping, restaurant, cooks; and the list goes  
13 on.

14       Jurupa Valley also shares some of these rural traits  
15 with the majority parts of Norco, and parts of West  
16 Riverside, which contain large open lots with horses and  
17 animals. I would often go right with my cousin to  
18 different properties in these areas where we would train  
19 and take care of horses for friends and clients. I also  
20 have personal connection with the City of Riverside.

21       My parents like to shop down Van Buren, and in  
22 Super, and Walmart, and since we drive we can drive down,  
23 very accessibly down Van Buren. And I can also go a  
24 little further down to the mall for any other items that  
25 I may need, because many of these options are not yet

1 available in my community. I also like to drive down  
2 East Mission Avenue, which connects me to some of the  
3 local businesses within the city, which eventually gives  
4 many of us in Jurupa Valley access to Mount Rubidoux,  
5 Downtown Riverside, and UC Riverside where I went to  
6 school.

7 I strongly urge the Commission to keep this  
8 community of interest, which I belong, together. We're  
9 all working class communities that maintain a ranch style  
10 character, are also dependent on these other areas  
11 mentioned due to its historical ties and current physical  
12 connections. Thank you for having me today.

13 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for telling us about  
14 your community today.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. I'd  
16 like to invite 022 to use the raise your hand button at  
17 the bottom of your screen; and 032 and 038. At this  
18 time, it is your appointments. 022, you have just  
19 joined. If you'll please use the raise your hand button  
20 at the bottom of your screen indicating your wish to  
21 comment. 038, I see your hand. 038, I will be promoting  
22 you now. And again 022 and 032, please use the raise  
23 your hand button.

24 038, your speaker order number will be 33, if you'll  
25 please make note of that for future reference. You can

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

4 MS. CAMPBELL: Hi. Hello, Commissioners. And thank  
5 you for letting me speak. I'm going to be discussing  
6 Assembly District 42 and 56 in Coachella Valley in  
7 Riverside County.

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

9 MS. CAMPBELL: Okey doke. My name is Brenda  
10 Campbell (ph.), and I live in the City of Indian Wells,  
11 which is in District 42, and borders the City of Palm  
12 Desert and La Quinta, south of the I-10 in Coachella  
13 Valley. I've lived here for part time for seven years  
14 and full time for the last two years.

15 Indian Wells is primarily a retirement community,  
16 and there's approximately 5,500 citizens. We have many  
17 neighboring cities that are all connected and we are  
18 truly one community. These cities include Palm Springs,  
19 Desert Hot Springs, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, Palm  
20 Desert, Indian Wells, La Quinta, Indio, Coachella, Mecca.  
21 We share the same services, school districts, and  
22 interests. It's so important that we are in the same  
23 district as we need to continue to work together to  
24 achieve similar goals such as infrastructure,  
25 homelessness, environmental and energy needs, to name

1 just a few.

2 We need not be segregated by ethnic or socio  
3 economic groups. But presently, the Coachella Valley is  
4 divided into two Assembly districts, District 42 and  
5 District 56. And as noted by a few prior speakers, I  
6 urge you not to divide us as we are one true community.  
7 We share the same interests and concerns. Tourism and  
8 agriculture are the two large economic factors in  
9 Coachella Valley, and tourism includes golf, Paribas  
10 tennis tournament, Coachella music festivals, Palm  
11 Springs, International film festivals, Palm Springs  
12 Modernism Week just to name a few.

13 I request you put the following cities in one  
14 district, please. Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs,  
15 Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert, Indian Wells,  
16 La Quinta, Indio, Coachella, Mecca, and Bermuda Dunes.

17 And one other note, and that is agriculture is a  
18 really important part of our community. It's the  
19 founding block of the majority of old-timers, if you  
20 will, residents whose parents and grandparents came to  
21 the area as farmers and transformed the valley into a  
22 year round --

23 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds remain.

24 MS. CAMPBELL: -- of fast growing season. It would  
25 be very beneficial if Blythe and the Imperial Valley were

1 in one district. Thank you and I appreciate your time  
2 and consideration.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
4 now we have 022. And then up next, we will have 032.

5 022, I will be promoting you now. 022, your speaker  
6 order number will be number 34, if you'll please make  
7 note of that for future reference. And if you'll please  
8 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss.  
9 The floor is yours.

10 MS. AMITH: Good afternoon. And thank you,  
11 Commissioners, for allowing me this time to speak. My  
12 name is Lupe, and I am a City Council Member and Mayor of  
13 the City of Indio. And I, too, would like to address  
14 Assembly District 42 and 56, but also Senatorial District  
15 28.

16 As the previous member mentioned, the Coachella  
17 Valley is one economic area which includes agriculture  
18 and tourism. And I believe it's very important that our  
19 district or our area of interest remain whole without  
20 influence from other areas that are more aligned with  
21 larger urban cities. The Coachella Valley year-round  
22 population is between 350,000 and 450,000. The parts of  
23 Assembly District 42 and Senatorial District 28 that are  
24 beyond the Coachella Valley, which is to the west,  
25 including the Temecula area, and the French Valley, are

1 much more aligned with the Northern Riverside demographic  
2 than they are with the Coachella Valley District.

3       So I would urge the Commission to please consider  
4 keeping the Coachella Valley as one area of interest so  
5 that we have an opportunity to have policymakers that are  
6 more aligned with our individual needs, including our  
7 growth needs, infrastructure needs, our economic needs,  
8 and of course, maintaining our agriculture and tourism  
9 industries.

10       I appreciate this time to speak with you this  
11 afternoon, and if you should have any questions, you can  
12 contact me at City Hall. Thank you all for this  
13 opportunity.

14       VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: And thank you for joining us  
15 this afternoon.

16       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
17 at this time 032, I will be allowing you to talk to see  
18 if you are struggling with the raise your hand option.  
19 032? There you are. You can go ahead.

20       MR. PAIGE: Good afternoon, everyone. Can you hear  
21 me?

22       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I can. I have a couple  
23 of brief instructions. One moment.

24       MR. PAIGE: Sure.

25       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number

1 will be 35, if you'll please make note of that for future  
2 reference. And if you'd let the mapper know what area  
3 you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

4 MR. PAIGE: Good afternoon, everyone. This is kind  
5 of an interesting conversation for this afternoon because  
6 my name is Eddie Paige. I'm a community outreach  
7 associate with BLU Educational Foundation. And the  
8 reason our area is so unique and specific is because we  
9 serve constituents in many of the areas. The following  
10 areas are the ones that are most important, Palm Springs,  
11 Desert Hot Springs, the City of Riverside, and San  
12 Bernardino, the City of San Bernardino. So BLU Education  
13 Foundation prides itself on creating college access  
14 opportunities for its students, as well and engaging with  
15 the African-American community to provide support and  
16 resources to promote healthy communities.

17 In our COI sessions that we had with a lot of these  
18 cities, one of the main issues of concern was ensuring  
19 that the African-American -- the voices of the African-  
20 American community would be heard. There was concern  
21 with, you know, political power during this type of  
22 political -- national political climate, I should say,  
23 about misrepresentation, tokenization, racism, you know,  
24 a lot of these things that affect the African community  
25 on a daily basis. And what these communities had in

1 solidarity during these COI sessions was the idea that  
2 our voices are stronger, united. So what we're asking is  
3 that any Congressional seat, or any political seat that  
4 is involved around these cities, that they be considered  
5 together in solidarity. Black voices being separated  
6 will only diminish their voting power and will not -- and  
7 will also hurt them getting access to resources in the  
8 sense of they will not have the power that they need to  
9 vote for elected officials that represent the communities  
10 they come from.

11         So with BLU Educational Foundation, in my position,  
12 my job with BLU is to ensure that we're putting Black  
13 voices and African-American voices out there. But we  
14 also look out for the community in general. We also  
15 provide college access for a lot of the students in the  
16 desert. And during these times in a pandemic, having  
17 their voices and having their parents be involved in the  
18 political systems of their school district has given us a  
19 lot of input and a lot of feedback about maintaining  
20 solidarity among communities of color.

21         And I would just like to emphasize the two -- to  
22 whomever is listening, and whoever has the authority to  
23 make this type of decision to please keep those voices  
24 together, we want to make sure that the African-American  
25 community is strong and that their needs are being heard.



1 And especially in these times where there is the  
2 contestation --

3 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

4 MR. PAIGE: -- thank you; when there is a  
5 contestation of cultures right now we want to make sure  
6 that we can ensure that our communities are protected,  
7 and that their voices are heard. I want to thank you all  
8 for taking the time to listen to me.

9 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

10 MR. PAIGE: And I hope you all enjoy the rest of  
11 your afternoon. Thank you so much.

12 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: And thank you for taking time  
13 to join us today.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And at this time I'd like  
15 to invite those that have called in to please press star  
16 9 on their telephone keypad to join the comment queue.  
17 Please press star 9 on your telephone keypad. This will  
18 raise your hand indicating you wish to comment at this  
19 time. I see lots of raised hands. So right now we will  
20 be at caller with the last four digits 3138. And then up  
21 next will be caller with the last four, 9065.

22 Caller 3138, if you will, please follow the prompts  
23 to unmute at this time? Caller 3138, you are unmuted,  
24 your speaker order number will be number 36. If you  
25 will, please make note of that for future reference. And

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

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi. Good afternoon. I am  
4 calling from San Jacinto, Hemet area. I absolutely agree  
5 with the last speaker. We are also in agreeance with the  
6 voting rights for African American people, along with  
7 homelessness, violence in the area, along with the help  
8 of the Police Department, with basically pointing fingers  
9 at what's going on with us, along with the help of  
10 housing, resources, more help for our people in regards  
11 to this area.

12 It needs to be more open. Management of what's  
13 going on with our areas. The resources need to be more  
14 open to what's going on. Our resources in Riverside  
15 County, in general, is ridiculous, public services need  
16 to be more open. And that's basically it. All I have to  
17 say. He basically -- he took the floor on that one. So  
18 thank you for my voice.

19 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: And thank you for sharing  
20 today.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
22 now it will be caller 9065. And then up next will be  
23 caller 2450, unique ID 035.

24 9065, please follow the prompts to unmute at this  
25 time. Caller 9065 your speaker order number will be

1 number 37, if you'll please make note of that for future  
2 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what  
3 area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

4 MONSERRAT: I'll be talking about the Riverside  
5 County, the Eastern Coachella Valley, North Shore.

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

7 MONSERRAT: Hi. Good morning. My name is Monserrat  
8 (ph.), and I am with Communities for a New California.  
9 Here in the Coachella Valley, I have lived in the City of  
10 North Shore for twenty years, and I am the first-  
11 generation student in my family. My community is located  
12 in Riverside County in the Eastern Coachella Valley, and  
13 includes the City of Mecca and Thermal. The major  
14 streets are from California, Highway 111, up to 68th  
15 Avenue.

16 One of our shared interests as a community is the  
17 majority of the population are Latinos and indigenous  
18 people who share the similar ethnic background. And one  
19 of our main priorities is quality education for our  
20 children, and young people, youth people is very  
21 important and we would like to see improvement in  
22 educational system.

23 Another area of interest is infrastructure, such as  
24 street -- streetlights and sidewalks, which we're -- are  
25 currently lacking in our neighborhood. There are many

1 infrastructure needed in the community.

2 Another concern is water quality. The color of the  
3 tap water is yellow and has a bad taste. We are not sure  
4 if it is safe to drink, so my family and I purchased  
5 bottled water every week, about two to four times a week.  
6 In the past, the mosquitoes -- and another priority  
7 health concern is air quality, and currently many  
8 residents are suffering from asthma, and other  
9 respiratory issues. The Salton Sea emits a foul odor,  
10 and there is a mosquito problem. In the past, the  
11 mosquitoes have tested positive for the West Nile Virus.

12 We would like to be a district with the communities  
13 of Mecca and Thermal, because we share similar ethnic  
14 backgrounds, share the same schools and the same culture.  
15 I am here today uplifting my communities for families can  
16 feel more safe, and my community deserves the same life  
17 quality as everyone else. It is important to keep our  
18 community together so we can protect our kids to reach  
19 our goals, and make us feel safe and secure. Thank you  
20 very much for your time and have a wonderful day.

21 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. It  
23 looks like our caller with the unique ID, it looks like  
24 they -- they're no longer here. All right. So we will  
25 be going to caller 4233. And then up next will be caller

1 0981. Caller 4233, if you will please follow the prompts  
2 to unmute. Caller 4233, if you would, please follow the  
3 prompts to unmute by pressing star 6 on your telephone  
4 keypad?

5 MS. WEI: Okay.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 4233, you are  
7 unmuted.

8 MS. WEI: Hello?

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. I have a couple of  
10 brief instructions for you. Your speaker order number is  
11 going to be 38, if you'll please make note of that for  
12 future reference. And if you will please let the mapper  
13 know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is  
14 yours.

15 MS. WEI: Thank you very much. And hello,  
16 Commissioners, thank you for allowing me to speak today.  
17 I am looking at the Coachella Valley, and I'm calling  
18 about everything from Palm Springs, north and south along  
19 the mountains, all the way to the Arizona border, really.  
20 I know that goes into Palo Verde Valley, but that's what  
21 I'm speaking to.

22 My name is Ellen Wei (ph.), and I am a farmer in the  
23 Coachella Valley. And I am calling in today because I am  
24 very concerned about how our community was gerrymandered  
25 ten years ago, which, now that I understand the law

1 better, was not supposed to happen. I'm calling to  
2 stress what people who've spoken before me have expressed  
3 that we would like to be one community.

4 We're already connected through our Association of  
5 Governments, where all the cities work together to solve  
6 issues that we have regarding public safety, water,  
7 homelessness, any issue. Our Association of Governments  
8 comes together to address those issues. I'd also like to  
9 add in that if you look at the registration of voters in  
10 our community, there isn't one group that has really any  
11 less than another. So I believe ten years ago we were  
12 divided because there was a group of people who thought  
13 that part of our community would not be well represented.

14 But if you look at the numbers today, we're pretty  
15 equal at about 100,000 people registered in the Democrat  
16 Party, Republican Party, and declined to state. So there  
17 isn't that issue. Our community has grown and it is very  
18 important that we work together, and that our leaders  
19 work together to address the issues that are coming  
20 before us as we grow and more people continue to move to  
21 the Coachella Valley.

22 I also want to make a special note that agriculture  
23 is very important to the State of California, and because  
24 not a lot of people are aware of the agriculture that is  
25 in and around their communities they don't realize how

1 much food we produce for our country. And it's really  
2 important that agriculture remain viable in this country  
3 so that we are not importing all of our food from foreign  
4 countries.

5 And I think we've seen, through this COVID pandemic,  
6 that it is not safe to have to rely on foreign countries  
7 for all of our supplies. So it is very important that we  
8 protect our agricultural communities, of the Coachella  
9 Valley, the Palo Verde Valley, and the Imperial Valley.  
10 It would be great if they were connected once again like  
11 they once were twenty years ago in Assembly District 80,  
12 where they could all work together on those issues.

13 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

14 MS. WEI: And Commissioners, I think you're  
15 hearing -- I think you're hearing resoundingly today from  
16 everyone that we don't want our districts gerrymandered  
17 wherever we are. We want to work together as  
18 Californians, of people of all different backgrounds,  
19 colors and creed because --

20 MR. MANOFF: Fifteen.

21 MS. WEI: -- that is the only way we're going to  
22 solve problems in our state. So thank you very much for  
23 serving. I know this takes a great deal of time in your  
24 life, and I do appreciate it very much. And thank you  
25 for listening to me.

1 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you, Ms. Wei. Could you  
2 stay with us for a moment? The mappers wanted me to ask  
3 some questions.

4 MR. MANOFF: Just a minute, Chair.

5 MS. WEI: I'm back.

6 MR. MANOFF: Welcome back.

7 MS. WEI: Hello.

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much. Thank  
9 you. The mappers wanted me to ask if you could clarify  
10 the southern boundary of the area that you're speaking  
11 on.

12 MS. WEI: Well, sir, I just don't know how many  
13 people you're going to allow into a district. But if  
14 we're still talking about 450,000 people in an Assembly  
15 district, then it would be from Palm Springs all the way  
16 through the City of Blythe, to the border of Arizona.  
17 And I'm not familiar with the names of those small towns  
18 out there, but basically, everything east. If we were  
19 allowed to be bigger, I think the Imperial Valley  
20 agriculture, Palo Verde and Coachella should be in one  
21 district. But I don't know what your Assembly District  
22 numbers are looking like, and (indiscernible) --

23 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. We're not talking about  
24 districts at this point. We're trying to understand what  
25 your community of interest is. So if you can --



1 MS. WEI: Okay. Okay. Well, I would -- I would say  
2 through the Palo Verde Valley then. I don't live in the  
3 Imperial Valley and I wouldn't want to speak for those  
4 people. I do believe that the eastern end of the  
5 Coachella Valley has very similar demographics, and  
6 weather, and all kinds of things as Imperial Valley, but  
7 Imperial Valley doesn't have the resort, vacation  
8 community that the western end of the Coachella Valley  
9 has. So to answer your question, I'm sorry, I would say  
10 from Palm Springs to the Arizona border, please.

11 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: And with the southern border  
12 of, the (indiscernible) down the line?

13 MS. WEI: The southern border -- oh, of Thermal, I  
14 think the Salton Sea would be our southern border.

15 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thermal?

16 MS. WEI: Yeah.

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Very good.

18 MS. WEI: I think Thermal runs on the Salton Sea.  
19 Thank you so much for asking.

20 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: That sounds right. Thank you  
21 so much.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
23 now, we will be going to caller, 2450, unique ID 035.  
24 Caller 2450, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
25 unmute; you are unmuted.

1 MR. MAYO: Hello?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. I have a couple of  
3 brief instructions for you. Your speaker order number  
4 will be 39, if you'll please make note of that for future  
5 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what  
6 area it is you'd like to discuss. The floor is yours.

7 MR. MAYO: I'm in area 8033.

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

9 MR. MAYO: Okay. Commissioners, I appreciate the  
10 time you're taking to address my testimony. My name is  
11 Mike Mayo, and I speak on behalf of our High Desert  
12 Communities. I have lived in the City of Hesperia for  
13 seventeen years. Our neighborhoods are an interesting  
14 mix of primarily urban with a dash of rural residences.  
15 I'm an English teacher in the neighboring and larger City  
16 of Victorville. Many of my neighbors in Hesperia and  
17 parents of students I serve as the teacher in  
18 Victorville, tend to have difficulties meeting the  
19 burdening financial obligations of rent, housing prices,  
20 general commodities, and health care costs.

21 As thriving economies rely heavily upon our working  
22 classes, getting easy access to health benefits, and  
23 consistently reliable living wages, many from the High  
24 Desert cities, Adelanto, Apple Valley, Barstow, Hesperia,  
25 even in Victorville choose to commute down the hill to

1 Fontana, Rancho Cucamonga, San Bernardino, and Los  
2 Angeles. Not only are many of the higher paying  
3 occupations more accessible south of our High Desert  
4 region it's also true that our closest university is  
5 California State University, forcing our citizens to  
6 commute for higher education needs. And this, in turn,  
7 exacerbates an already strained relationship between  
8 good, high-paying careers in our High Desert and the  
9 populace that lives here.

10 Furthermore, these communities of the High Desert  
11 share a concern for ongoing water in our aquifer. And we  
12 know that without consistent recharging of the aquifer,  
13 especially with relentless drought, our High Desert  
14 communities will cease to exist. Therefore, I argue that  
15 the Commission keeps the High Desert communities together  
16 when redrawing districts, because they share some of the  
17 most impactful concerns for the future.

18 Not only is their geographical location different  
19 from the city south of us, but also our concerns of  
20 access to higher education, advanced career  
21 opportunities, and environmental impact of water  
22 accessibility. Thank you for your time.

23 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
25 at this time, unique ID code 031 has joined us. And you

1 do have an appointment at this time. I will be promoting  
2 you now. 031, your speaker order number will be 40, if  
3 you'll please make note of that for future reference. If  
4 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would  
5 like to discuss. The floor is yours.

6 MS. GEISER: Hello. My name is Sharon Geiser (ph.),  
7 and I live in the Pass Area, in Riverside County. I'm  
8 here to talk about the African-American community in the  
9 Cities of Beaumont, Banning, and Desert Hot Springs. We  
10 need to ensure that the African-American voice, as a  
11 minority population, is not weakened according to the  
12 Voting Rights Act.

13 Therefore, we ask that all three cities be included  
14 in the same Assembly, State, and Congressional districts.  
15 This will ensure the protection of the voting strength of  
16 the African-American community who share a common  
17 history, culture, and celebrate the same cultural events  
18 such as Kwanzaa and Juneteenth. Worship together in the  
19 same churches. The community is deeply concerned about  
20 issues of racism, public safety, voting rights,  
21 education, and we share the same health issues such as  
22 infant mortality, hypertension, and colon cancer.

23 These cities are also in one of the fastest growing  
24 areas in California. We share common concerns, such as  
25 water rights, open spaces for recreation, wildlife

1 preserves, urban development, and traffic congestion.  
2 Not including these cities in the same districts would  
3 dilute our ability to elect our own representatives as a  
4 minority group. And I thank you for listening.

5 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: And thank you for calling.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
7 caller 0981. And up next will be caller 2608. Caller  
8 0981, if you will, please follow the prompts to unmute by  
9 pressing star 6 on your telephone keypad. Caller 0981,  
10 you are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be 41,  
11 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.  
12 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you  
13 would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

14 MS. STONE: Thank you. Congressional District 42.

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

16 MS. STONE: Thank you very much. My name is Lori  
17 Stone. I'm a city councilwoman for the City of Murrieta.  
18 The Murrieta, Temecula, Menifee, Canyon Lake, Wildomar,  
19 Lake Elsinore, and French Valley region shares many  
20 assets and relationships that need to be kept together  
21 when considering redistricting. Our region shares  
22 tourism as an economic driver for the entire valley, with  
23 resources from Lake Elsinore, to Diamond Valley, to  
24 Temecula Valley, Wine Country, it is essential that this  
25 be represented as one region.

1           These six cities have created a working relationship  
2 with one another that is unique to our state. It's not a  
3 competition, but is an understanding of the strengths of  
4 each and all six pulling in the same direction. This  
5 would continue to grow with a single representation to  
6 see the overall vision. The communities have a rich  
7 history of agriculture, and is still today considered the  
8 largest agriculture area in Riverside County. Today, the  
9 area continues to farm citrus, grow crop, has a growing  
10 wine region, and is one of the strongest in the State of  
11 California.

12           The transportation dynamics in Southwest Riverside  
13 County is a work in progress and has had a regional  
14 vision for the state for some time. It is very important  
15 that we -- that this is kept together to continue that  
16 work. Southwest Riverside County cities and  
17 unincorporated areas have been working collectively for  
18 over five years to grow our economy by creating and  
19 attracting growing job sectors and try to reverse the  
20 commute.

21           The residents of our valley are highly educated and  
22 a large percentage of veterans, active duty military.  
23 There's been a concerted effort to provide jobs for this  
24 region, to reduce the amount of travel to San Diego or  
25 Orange County for employment. A single representative

1 for the area would ensure that work continues  
2 successfully. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.  
3 And that concludes my comments.

4 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
6 now we will have caller 2608. And up next in the queue  
7 will be caller 1272. Caller 2608, if you'll -- 2608, if  
8 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute at this time.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello?

10 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. You are unmuted. I  
11 have a couple of brief instructions. You're speaker  
12 order number will be number 42, if you'll please make  
13 note of that for future reference. And if you'll please  
14 let the mapper know what area you'd like to discuss. The  
15 floor is yours.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'd like to address the  
17 community of interest in the City of Moreno Valley.

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

19 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: My community of interest  
20 stretches north of State Highway 60, from the East End, a  
21 very rural area to a large populated urban area on the  
22 West End. State Highway 60 splits the City of Moreno  
23 Valley. Our shared interests are that we live in a city  
24 where residents are exposed to the worst air quality in  
25 the nation due to policy decisions by local, regional,

1 and state bodies. The large area north of Highway 60 in  
2 Moreno Valley is the range area for the largest herd of  
3 wild burros near an urban area in the country.

4 Another shared interest is that large plots of  
5 residential land south of us have been rezoned to  
6 business park industrial to allow nearly 100 mega  
7 warehouses to be built near freeways in our city, adding  
8 thousands of trucks to our already congested community of  
9 interest. The rural East End, both north and south of  
10 Highway 60, are primary animal-keeping areas, and it was  
11 split ten years ago to local -- due to local  
12 redistricting, which diluted the community of interest.

13 Other rural and agricultural land has been rezoned  
14 by local general plans to further split the community of  
15 interest. Our desire is to have a beautiful, clean and  
16 safe city, and this is what brings our community of  
17 interest together. Clean water, and air, open spaces,  
18 and a safe city is important to our community. We would  
19 like our rural areas, and the two canyons north of our  
20 city, San Timoteo Canyon, and Reche Canyon, which are  
21 also part of the range for the wild burro, and our animal  
22 keeping areas to be considered as part of our community  
23 of interest.

24 As stated, we'd like to keep the primary animal  
25 keeping areas rejoin, consideration of the range area for



1 wild burros aligned as a community of interest, and  
2 recognition of the health hazard our residents experience  
3 because they are exposed to bad air quality. Our  
4 community of interest speaks with one voice, and  
5 sometimes they're the only voices at Planning Commission  
6 hearings, City Council hearings, county supervisor  
7 meetings, and air quality management hearings. I  
8 appreciate the Commission's time today. Thank you.

9 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Caller, if you could stay with  
10 us for a moment?

11 MR. MANOFF: Just a moment, Chair. Welcome back,  
12 caller.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm here.

14 MR. MANOFF: The Chair has some questions for you.

15 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Hello.

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yeah. You were you were  
18 mentioning the ranges, and I mean, I'm familiar with the  
19 Badlands, generally, but you were mentioning San Timoteo  
20 Canyon, and where else?

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Reche Canyon, which is north  
22 of the City of Moreno Valley.

23 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Could you just walk us  
24 through again your boundaries; kind of north, south,  
25 east, west of what you're discussing with us?

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. So it would be north of  
2 Freeway 60. The wild burro range actually stretches  
3 throughout the northern area of the City of Riverside,  
4 the southern area of Loma Linda, Grand Terrace, Southern  
5 Redlands, and also into the two canyon areas, as I  
6 mentioned, Reche Canyon, and San Timoteo Canyon. There  
7 are approximately 1,500 wild burros in this range area,  
8 and they are frequently seen in all of the communities in  
9 Northern Moreno Valley, north of the Highway 60.

10 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Okay. Thank you very much.  
11 That's enough for us. Thanks again for joining us and  
12 for giving us the clarification.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you very much.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have caller  
15 1272. And up next, will be caller 4361. Caller 1272,  
16 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6 on  
17 your telephone keypad. Caller 1272, you are unmuted. I  
18 have a couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order  
19 number will be number 43, if you'll please make note of  
20 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the  
21 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The  
22 floor is yours.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Great. I'll be speaking on  
24 the Moreno Valley area. Thank you very much,  
25 Commissioners, for taking my call. Can you hear me well?

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

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you. I'm speaking  
3 about the Moreno Valley, Perris, San Jacinto, Hemet area.  
4 We need to ensure that the African-American voice is  
5 heard in these particular areas, the population is not  
6 weakened according to the Voting Rights Act. Currently,  
7 the center of the community is separated by two Assembly  
8 districts. That would be Assembly Districts 61 and 42.

9 The City of Moreno Valley has the largest population  
10 of African-Americans, and the City of Perris has the  
11 second largest population of the African-Americans.  
12 However, since the last redistricting process, our  
13 African-Americans have been shifting to the Cities of  
14 Hemet and San Jacinto. All four cities have been able to  
15 elect African-Americans to local offices. Due to these  
16 changes, we are seeking the placement of the Cities of  
17 Moreno Valley, Perris, Hemet, and San Jacinto to be  
18 included in the same Assembly, Senate, and Congressional  
19 districts. This will ensure the protection of the voting  
20 strength of the African-American community who share a  
21 common history, culture, celebrate the same cultural  
22 events. And you've heard it over and over again,  
23 Kwanzaa, Juneteenth, allow us to worship together in the  
24 same churches, shop in the same areas, utilize the same  
25 health communities.

1 Not including Moreno Valley, Perris, Hemet, and San  
2 Jacinto in the same districts would dilute our ability to  
3 elect our own representatives as a minority group, which  
4 will be a violation, of course, of our voting rights.  
5 However, equally as important to making sure these cities  
6 are included in this -- in the Cities of Temecula, Lake  
7 Elsinore, and Riverside, who do not share the same  
8 values, culture and issues of concern, would definitely  
9 be a violation. We should not be included with Temecula,  
10 Lake Elsinore, and Riverside.

11 So please ensure that Hemet, San Jacinto, Moreno  
12 Valley, and Perris are all included together. I am here  
13 to talk about African-American community in the Cities of  
14 Moreno Valley, Perris, Hemet, and San Jacinto in the  
15 Riverside County area. I thank you very much for hearing  
16 me out. Thank you.

17 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: And thank you for calling.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we have caller  
19 with the last four 4361. And then up next, will be  
20 caller with the last four 7362. Caller 4361, if you will  
21 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6;  
22 caller 4361, your speaker order number will be number 44,  
23 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.  
24 And if you will, please let the mapper know what area you  
25 would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

1 MS. PATTERSON: Hello. I'm here to talk about the  
2 African-American community in the Cities of San  
3 Bernardino, Rialto, and Fontana, with the easternmost  
4 border being the Street of Del Rosa, and the westernmost  
5 border being the 15 Freeway.

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

7 MS. PATTERSON: Thank you. My name is Jewel  
8 Patterson. I work for Congregations Organized for  
9 Prophetic Engagement, where we service the Inland Empire,  
10 We are housed -- or OUR office is in San Bernardino City,  
11 San Bernardino County. We need to ensure that the  
12 African-American voice, as a minority population, is not  
13 weakened, according to the Voting Rights Act. Currently,  
14 the center of the community is separated by two Assembly  
15 districts, Assembly District 47, and Assembly District  
16 40. The Cities of San Bernardino, Rialto, and Fontana  
17 have the largest population of African-Americans in San  
18 Bernardino County.

19 All three cities have been able to elect African-  
20 Americans to local office. Therefore, we ask that the  
21 census tract with the largest African-American population  
22 in the Cities of San Bernardino, Rialto, and Fontana be  
23 included in the same Assembly, State, and Congressional  
24 districts. This will ensure the protection of the voting  
25 strength in the Black community who share the same

1 history, culture, celebrate, the same cultural events  
2 such as Kwanzaa and Juneteenth, worship together in the  
3 same churches.

4       The community is deeply concerned about issues of  
5 racism, public safety, voting rights, education. And we  
6 share the same health issues, such as infant mortality,  
7 hypertension, and colon cancer. Not including the entire  
8 City of San Bernardino, the majority of Rialto, and  
9 Fontana in the same districts would dilute our ability to  
10 elect our own representatives as a minority group, which  
11 would be a violation of the Voting Rights Act. Thank you  
12 for your time.

13       VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling.

14       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And now we will have  
15 caller 7362. And up next will be caller with the last  
16 four 0838.

17       Caller 7362, if you will, please follow the prompts  
18 to unmute by pressing star 6 on your telephone keypad.  
19 Again, caller with the last four, 7362, if you could  
20 please press star 6 on your telephone keypad, this will  
21 unmute you. And one last time, caller with the last  
22 four, 7362, if you will, please press star 6 on your  
23 telephone keypad, this will unmute you. I apologize,  
24 caller 7362 for the -- one moment.

25       Margarita, I believe you are here?

1 THE INTERPRETER: Yes.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Could you please repeat  
3 these STAR 6 instructions in Espanol, please?

4 THE INTERPRETER: (In Spanish, not translated)

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: They're still choosing --  
6 they're still not unmuting. So I'm going to have to go  
7 to the next caller at this time. Thank you so much.

8 THE INTERPRETER: (In Spanish, not translated)

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Next, will be caller  
10 0838, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute by  
11 pressing star 6 on your telephone keypad? Caller 0838,  
12 you are unmuted. I have a couple of brief instructions.  
13 Your speaker order number will be number 45, if you'll  
14 please make note of that for future reference. And if  
15 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would  
16 like to discuss. The floor is yours.

17 MS. QUINTANILLA: Thank you. Good afternoon. I am  
18 calling in regards to the Coachella Valley, and  
19 specifically the Greater Coachella Valley as defined by  
20 the boundaries of Mount San Jacinto, to the south as far  
21 as Pinyon Pines, to the east as far as Blythe, and to the  
22 north to include the High Desert communities of Joshua  
23 Tree, Twentynine Palms.

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

25 MS. QUINTANILLA: Good afternoon, Commissioners, and

1 fellow Californians from across the state. My name is  
2 Karina Quintanilla, Council Member for District 1 in the  
3 City of Palm Desert. Thank you for allowing me to take  
4 the time and give input on my region, currently  
5 represented by Congressional District 36, Senate District  
6 28, two Assembly Districts 42 and 56. The Coachella  
7 Valley has been my home since 1984, and it is not just a  
8 grouping of cities, but a geographical area. And we have  
9 shared interests, such as economic and environmental  
10 interests that need to continue to be lumped together, or  
11 not separated by two Assembly districts.

12       The Salton Sea, although not in its entirety, should  
13 be kept in the district with the Coachella Valley because  
14 of the ecological impact that requires representation to  
15 address. In September 2002 (sic), the L.A. Times  
16 described what is; a direct quote, "An epic stink that  
17 descended over much of Southern California", direct  
18 quote.

19       Before then, the air quality officials weren't even  
20 sure if it was scientifically possible for the stench of  
21 the annual fish die-off to actually reach over 150 miles.  
22 But now that they know that the smell is possible,  
23 they're aware of the microparticles and contaminants that  
24 do so as well. In order to serve the communities in the  
25 surrounding areas, I believe that Salton Sea should be



1 part of two separate districts, and the whole Coachella  
2 Valley should be included as one.

3       Including the Coachella -- the neighbors to the  
4 north, such as Joshua Tree, Twentynine Palms,  
5 Pioneertown, and including our neighbors to the east,  
6 such as Desert Center, and Blythe, and other communities  
7 that are interconnected for commerce and employment. The  
8 area of the Morongo Valley are disproportionately  
9 impacted by the carbon footprint of the interstate  
10 travel, as those do living along Interstate 10 and  
11 Highway 62, Pinyon Pines sitting along Highway 74 is the  
12 southern access road to the Coachella Valley, and  
13 including Pinyon Pines allows that we can -- ensures that  
14 we can allow safe access through this difficult terrain.

15       These areas that are sparsely populated are rich in  
16 beautiful landscapes and natural attractions, and we need  
17 to be sure that we can help protect these regions instead  
18 of excluding them so that they can have access to quality  
19 health care and technology, and allow tourism to thrive  
20 in those regions as well.

21       As a Latino, I have always been aware of the clear  
22 distinction drawn between the East Valley and the West  
23 Valley, most prominently putting Palm Springs and  
24 Coachella as diametrically opposed, while neglecting to  
25 acknowledge the interdependence on economy, labor,

1 agriculture, and tourism. Having two Assembly districts  
2 in (indiscernible) has allowed this narrative to thrive  
3 at the cost of services and representation.

4 The "us" versus "them" has allowed (indiscernible),  
5 racism, and economic segregation to continue, and it has  
6 devastating --

7 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

8 MS. QUINTANILLA: -- impact on the ability to have  
9 affordable housing and address regional issues such as  
10 water quality. It is imperative to keep Desert Hot  
11 Springs in the Coachella Valley, although some expressed  
12 about, the concerned about the African-American voting  
13 bloc, but removing it would leave a very dire,  
14 dwindling --

15 MR. MANOFF: Ten seconds.

16 MS. QUINTANILLA: -- population in the Coachella  
17 Valley. For the Coachella Valley could develop seasonal  
18 tourism, we need to ensure one single Assembly district  
19 to help us focus on regional issues together. Thank you  
20 for your time.

21 MR. MANOFF: And thank you so much.

22 Chair, we have a break in two minutes, and hopefully  
23 that'll give the mappers some time to get their map back  
24 up.

25 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Right. Okay. So we will go

1 ahead and start our break now. We will come back at 1:30  
2 with lines open for those who are currently in the queue,  
3 those who may have had appointments earlier but missed  
4 them. We will also be open for general public comment,  
5 those who are in the queue at 2:00 will be heard, as long  
6 as it's before 7:00. If it goes beyond 7:00, we will  
7 have to organize a continuation of this meeting. But we  
8 are very happy with the level of participation, and we do  
9 want to hear from everyone possible.

10 So let's go ahead and start our break and come back  
11 1:30. Thank you.

12 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 1:15 p.m.  
13 until 1:30 p.m.)

14 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Welcome back to today's  
15 California Citizens Redistricting Commission Communities  
16 of Interest Input Meeting. This session is specifically  
17 dedicated to those that did not have an appointment.  
18 However, if you had an appointment and were unable to  
19 call in during your scheduled time block, we encourage  
20 you to call in now as well.

21 In addition to continuing to take public input, at  
22 this time we will also invite general public comment.  
23 The phone line for both public input and general public  
24 comment will close at 2 p.m., but we will get to all the  
25 callers who were in the queue at that time, including

1 going beyond 2 p.m. if needed. I would like the  
2 interpreter to interpret the following for anyone who  
3 might be calling in and needing an interpreter.

4 If you will be using an interpreter today, please  
5 start by telling us the language you will be using and  
6 wait until you have heard the moderator's instructions  
7 interpreted.

8 THE INTERPRETER: Okay. (In Spanish)

9 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Please make sure to speak  
10 slowly. And break up your testimony into two or three  
11 sentences at a time so our interpreter can interpret your  
12 testimony. If you will be using street names, please  
13 consider spelling them for us.

14 And just to have this interpreted as well, we  
15 continue to take public input and also invite general  
16 public comment at this time.

17 The phone line for both public input and public  
18 comment will close at 2 p.m., but we intend to hear all  
19 those who are in the queue at 2 p.m. So we will remain  
20 here to listen beyond 2 p.m., if needed.

21 Gracias. And with that, I will pass this over to  
22 Katy our comment moderator.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 Margarita, do you have the call-in instructions to  
25 translate?

1 THE INTERPRETER: Yes, I do.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You do have them. Okay.

3 I didn't know that you had them. Okay. So I suppose you  
4 will be translating this as well, just going forward.

5 In order to maximize transparency and public  
6 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be  
7 taking community of interest input and public comment by  
8 phone at this time. To call in, dial the telephone  
9 number provided on the live stream feed, it is, 877-853-  
10 5247. When prompted to enter the meeting ID number  
11 provided on the live stream feed it is, 86796065784 for  
12 this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant ID  
13 simply press the pound key.

14 Once you have dialed in, you will be placed in a  
15 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press  
16 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.  
17 When it is your turn to speak, you will hear a message  
18 that says: The host would like you to talk, and to press  
19 star 6 to speak. If you would like to give your name,  
20 please state and spell it for the record. You are not  
21 required to provide your name to give public comment.

22 Please make sure to mute your computer or live  
23 stream audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during  
24 your call. Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert  
25 for when it is your turn to speak. And again, please

1 turn down the live stream volume.

2 THE INTERPRETER: Sorry, Katy. I have a short  
3 version of that, but I can go ahead and interpret.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes. And then we'll go  
5 from there.

6 THE INTERPRETER: Thank you.

7 (In Spanish, not translated)

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. At  
9 this time -- oh, shoot. They're gone again. Ugh. Okay.  
10 We'll be going to callers. Caller 4483, will be now.

11 And up next in the queue will be caller 9665.

12 Oh, wait, hold on one second. Sorry. I'm looking  
13 for -- we had an appointment that got skipped over  
14 because of the map going down. I apologize.

15 Caller 1222, unique ID 021, will be right now.

16 Hi, 1222?

17 MR. HERRERA: Yes. Good afternoon. This is Paul  
18 Herrera (ph.).

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes.

20 MR. HERRERA: I'm a resident of Riverside.

21 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, one moment. Your  
22 speaker order number will be 46, if you'll please make  
23 note of that for future reference. And then if you'll  
24 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss.  
25 The floor is yours.

1 MR. HERRERA: Okay. Thank you so much. Right now?

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, go ahead.

3 MR. HERRERA: Okay. Hi. Good afternoon. My name  
4 is Paul Herrera. I'm a resident of Riverside. I'll be  
5 speaking about the Riverside City area. Can I continue?

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

7 MR. HERRERA: Okay. Thank you so much. In the last  
8 redrawing of the districts in Riverside, it was really  
9 helpful, I believe, that the city was kept together in  
10 Congressional and Senate seats, more so than they had in  
11 the past. And respecting the city boundaries I feel has  
12 given our city, which faces some unique challenges, you  
13 know, being the county seat, being home of federal  
14 courts, state courts, a larger population area, has  
15 helped us meet those challenges.

16 We have our UCR, other colleges, and keeping the  
17 city whole to the extent possible, is something that I  
18 hope will be a priority in the next redrawing of the  
19 district. Where it's not possible, because I recognize  
20 we are a large city, and it's not always easy to do so.  
21 I hope we're able to keep the neighborhoods as defined by  
22 the wards and the city intact, and not divide those  
23 further so that these -- the neighborhoods that have been  
24 identified as communities within the community of  
25 Riverside have an intact representation.

1 I personally live in the in the Woods Streets area  
2 in Ward 1. And I feel that we have an ability to have a  
3 united voice with some -- you know, things that are maybe  
4 a little different than other identified communities  
5 within the city. But wherever possible, if the city can  
6 remain together, I think it will be a real benefit to our  
7 representation at the State and Federal level.

8 So I appreciate the time. And thank you so much for  
9 this opportunity.

10 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: And thank you for calling.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Now,  
12 Margarita, I think going forward, because I knew that was  
13 an appointment -- where are you? There you are. And  
14 going forward we'll do the translation process.

15 THE INTERPRETER: Okay.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now it'll be caller  
17 4483, if you will please follow the prompts to unmute.

18 MR. WILLIS: Hello. My name is Keith Willis (ph.),  
19 and I live in --

20 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: One moment; one moment,  
21 sir. Your speaker order number will be number 47, if  
22 you'll please make note of that. And the floor is yours.

23 MR. WILLIS: Thank you. My name is Keith Willis,  
24 and I live in Moreno Valley in Riverside County. I'm  
25 here to talk about the African-American community in the



1 Cities of Moreno Valley, Perris, Hemet, and San Jacinto.  
2 We need to ensure that the African-American voice, as a  
3 minority population, is not weakened according to the  
4 Voting Rights Act. Currently, the center of the  
5 community is separated by two Assembly districts,  
6 Assembly District 61 and Assembly District 42.

7       The City of Moreno Valley has the largest population  
8 of African-Americans, and the City of Perris has the  
9 second largest population of African-Americans. However,  
10 since the last redistricting process, our population is  
11 shifting to the Cities of Hemet and San Jacinto. All  
12 four cities have been able to elect African-Americans to  
13 local office. Due to these changes, we are seeking the  
14 placement of the cities, of Moreno Valley, Perris, Hemet,  
15 and San Jacinto be included in the same Assembly, Senate,  
16 and Congressional districts.

17       And this will ensure the protection of the voting  
18 strength of African-American community, who share a  
19 common history and culture, who celebrate the same  
20 cultural events such as Kwanzaa and Juneteenth, who  
21 worship together in the same churches. The community is  
22 deeply concerned about issues of racism, public safety,  
23 voting rights, and education. And we share the same  
24 health issues such as infant mortality, hypertension, and  
25 colon cancer.

1 Not including Moreno Valley, Perris, Hemet, and San  
2 Jacinto in the same district would dilute our ability to  
3 elect our representatives as a minority group, which  
4 would be a violation of the Voting Rights Act. And  
5 equally important is that the cities not be included with  
6 the Cities of Temecula, Lake Elsinore, and Riverside,  
7 which do not share the same values, culture, and issues  
8 of concern. Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
10 now, we will call 9665. And up next will be caller  
11 1310. Caller 9665, if you will, please follow the  
12 prompts to unmute by pressing star 6 on your telephone  
13 keypad? Caller 9665, your speaker order number will be  
14 number 48, if you please make note of that for future  
15 reference. If you'll please let the mapper know what  
16 area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

17 MS. CARVER: The San Jacinto Valley, Hemet, and San  
18 Jacinto Cities.

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

20 MS. CARVER: Thank you and good afternoon. And  
21 thank you for allowing me to speak. My name is Mitzi  
22 Carver, C-A-R-V as in Victor, E-R, and I am partnering  
23 with the NALEO Education Fund. I live in Hemet, in  
24 Riverside County, and I've lived there for thirty years,  
25 and I'm a retired elementary school teacher.

1 I'm here today to request that the Commission keep  
2 my community of interest together in one state Assembly  
3 district. We currently have three different State  
4 Assembly districts within the San Jacinto Valley,  
5 District 42, 67 and 71. And that prevents us from having  
6 one strong voice in advocating for our community's needs.  
7 By having only one representative district our community  
8 needs can be more fairly addressed by our elected  
9 officials.

10 The San Jacinto Valley is in Western Riverside  
11 County in Southern California. It's about 1,000 square  
12 miles in total and is actually a basin surrounded by the  
13 San Jacinto Mountains on the northeast, and by the Santa  
14 Ana and Elsinore mountains on the southwest. The two  
15 largest cities in the valley are Hemet and San Jacinto,  
16 along with unincorporated areas in the Soboba Indian  
17 Reservation.

18 The total population of the San Jacinto Valley is  
19 about 156,000, dairy, agriculture, and city services, and  
20 businesses form the economic base of our valley. To  
21 support the valley, economy and lifestyle, our water  
22 needs are provided by four agencies, Eastern Municipal  
23 Water District, Lake Hemet Municipal Water District, the  
24 Hemet Water Department, and the San Jacinto Water  
25 Department. In addition, the Diamond Valley Lake in

1 Southern Hemet is a state-supported reservoir. The  
2 supply for water for these agencies comes from the San  
3 Jacinto River, the Colorado River, and the California  
4 Aqueduct.

5 The current growth in the San Jacinto Valley is  
6 being planned for the western end of the Valley, which  
7 includes plans for the Mid County Parkway that will  
8 connect the California Highway 79 from Grand Canyon to  
9 the Interstate 15 in Perris.

10 The question for us becomes then, is there enough  
11 water to support all this plant growth? In conclusion,  
12 we hope to continue with one cohesive Congressional  
13 district representative, and to also attain one cohesive  
14 state Assembly district representative for the San  
15 Jacinto Valley that can represent our community needs.  
16 This will give the citizens of the Valley a coordinated  
17 voice in planning for current situations, and for future  
18 growth, especially by balancing growth and water supplies  
19 in the San Jacinto Valley. Thank you so much for  
20 listening to me today. And for all you're doing, thank  
21 you.

22 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: And thank you for calling.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
24 now we will have caller 1310. And up next will be caller  
25 2828. Caller 1310, if you'll please follow the prompts

1 to unmute by pressing star 6 on your telephone keypad?

2 Caller 1310 --

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hi, good afternoon.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. I have a couple of  
5 brief instructions. Just real quick.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number  
8 will be number 50, if you'll please make note of that.  
9 And if you'll just let the mapper know what area you  
10 would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Sure. Thank you. I'm  
12 calling to discuss Highway 38 and 18. I am a resident of  
13 Palm Spring, and Big Bear, and I am calling today to ask  
14 that you please keep the cities along the 38 and 18  
15 Freeways to the Lucerne Valley, to Apple Valley together.  
16 We belong together because we are rural and small town  
17 communities. We enjoy our open spaces and beautiful  
18 mountains that provides us with an outdoor lifestyle,  
19 camping, backpacking, hiking, dirt biking, off-roading,  
20 and mountain climbing, to name a few.

21 This corridor is also known for its small town feel.  
22 Whether you are in Yucaipa or Lake Arrowhead, you can  
23 expect to experience a hometown feel with local-owned  
24 restaurants and shops. We know our neighbors, and local  
25 watering hole owners by their first name, we enjoy the

1 peace in off season and are happy when tourists come into  
2 our town in the high seasons. But with all this beauty,  
3 we all share the concerns around wildfires, earthquakes,  
4 and other natural disasters that occur in this region.

5 It's for these reasons that I ask you to consider  
6 communities that wrap around the Highway 38/18 whole.

7 Thank you very much for your time.

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
10 now we have caller 2828. And up next will be caller  
11 7852. Caller 2828, please follow the prompts to unmute  
12 by pressing star 6 on your telephone keypad. Caller  
13 2828, your speaker order number is going to be number 51,  
14 if you'll please make note of that for future reference.  
15 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you  
16 would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

17 MARY: Hi. Yes, thank you so much. I am calling  
18 about the General San Bernardino, High Desert area. My  
19 name is Mary. I am a resident of the High Desert. I  
20 moved up here years ago in part because I wanted to get  
21 away from the more crowded areas in L.A., but also  
22 because of the rural lifestyle it offers. I, you know,  
23 enjoy riding in my off-highway vehicle, and I'm also  
24 affiliated with a local equestrian group.

25 I'm calling because I like to see the Commission

1 keep the San Bernardino County and High Desert  
2 communities together in one district. So this includes  
3 communities of Phelan, Pinon Hills, Oak Hill, Hesperia,  
4 Victorville, Adelanto, Apple Valley, Helenndale, Lucerne  
5 Valley, Barstow, Yermo, Newberry Springs,  
6 (indiscernible), Johnson Valley, Yucca Valley, Joshua  
7 Tree, Twentynine Palms, and Needles.

8       These High Desert communities share many common  
9 interests and are generally more rural. We all have  
10 shared concerns over access to drinking water. Our  
11 economies also depend greatly on public lands, and the  
12 effective management of them, whether it is for  
13 recreating in off-highway vehicles, or tourists visiting  
14 National Parks and Forests. Also many of our communities  
15 depend on or did depend on military installations and the  
16 jobs they create, which also means we have a large  
17 population of veterans with concerns about veterans'  
18 issues.

19       In the past, many of our rural communities were cut  
20 up and divided, and even today, some areas have  
21 representatives that overlook our communities and are  
22 barely ever seen because they're from Los Angeles County  
23 or somewhere else. That's why I would like to see the  
24 San Bernardino County and High Desert come together,  
25 because our rural communities should not be overlooked.

1           If the Commission needs to join up with others, I  
2 would ask you to include the other rural communities from  
3 San Bernardino County. Thank you.

4           VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling.

5           PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
6 now we have caller 7852. And up next to be caller 5756.  
7 Caller 7852, please follow the prompts to unmute by  
8 pressing star 6 on your telephone keypad. Caller 7852 --

9           MR. KNOX: Hi.

10          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You are unmuted. I have  
11 a couple of brief instructions. Your speaker order  
12 number is number 52, if you please make note of that for  
13 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper  
14 know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is  
15 yours.

16          MR. KNOX: All right. Thank you. Hi. I'd like to  
17 talk about Chino Hills. My name is Jerry Knox, and I'm a  
18 high school (audio interference) --

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

20          MR. KNOX: And I'm calling today to ask the  
21 Commission to group Chino Hills with other Inland Empire  
22 communities such as Chino Hill and Ontario, and (audio  
23 interference) --

24          MR. MANOFF: Excuse me, caller 7852, are you there?

25          MR. KNOX: -- currently grouped with L.A. and Orange



1 counties, and in State and Federal --

2 MR. MANOFF: I'm sorry. Caller 7852, can you hear  
3 me, sir?

4 MR. KNOX: Yes.

5 MR. MANOFF: Could you speak closer to the phone,  
6 please?

7 MR. KNOX: Yeah.

8 MR. MANOFF: And we're going to start your time  
9 again.

10 MR. KNOX: Yes. Okay. I'm sorry. Yes, I will.

11 MR. MANOFF: Go ahead.

12 MR. KNOX: Okay. So yeah, I'm in Chino Hills and I  
13 am talking about I'd like to have them in Inland  
14 communities such as Chino and Ontario. Currently, Chino  
15 Hills is grouped with L.A. and Orange County in State and  
16 Federal Legislative districts. I believe that Chino  
17 Hills would benefit more by having the same  
18 representatives as Chino, and other Inland Empire  
19 communities.

20 Chino and Chino Hills share a school district, a  
21 fire district and other amenities, such as Chino Valley  
22 Chamber of Commerce. The population and housing  
23 developments in Chino Hills have also grown at a much  
24 faster rate than the other communities that they  
25 currently share State and Federal districts with, such as

1 Walnut, Diamond Bar, and North Orange County. The growth  
2 and expansion is much more in line with that of Chino,  
3 Ontario, Ontario Ranch, and Eastvale, the Orange County  
4 cities should stick together.

5 The L.A. community should be in the East San Gabriel  
6 Valley District, and Chino Hills should go with the  
7 Inland Empire. I would also like to advocate that Cal  
8 Poly Pomono, and (indiscernible) communities should  
9 belong in the same Legislative district right now. Part  
10 of the Cal Poly campus is cut off from the dormitory  
11 portion of the main campus at the State, Senate, and  
12 State Legislative levels. That makes no sense, as  
13 campuses should be entirely in the same State and Federal  
14 district.

15 I hope the Commission can fix this with  
16 redistricting. These two institutions should be grouped  
17 in a district with Walnut, Diamond Bar, and West Covina.  
18 My suggestion would be to have the eastern boundary of  
19 the newly formed district be the 71 Freeway, and Chino  
20 Hills would be in another district with the Cities of  
21 Chino and Ontario. Thank you very much for your time.  
22 And have a great day.

23 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Same to you.

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Chair, would you like to  
25 make your announcement at this time?

1 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Yes, I would. I was just  
2 looking at the clock.

3 We want to once again invite anyone who is  
4 interested in providing input today to call in, in the  
5 next five minutes. If you are in the queue before 2:00,  
6 we will stay late to hear you. If you are not in the  
7 queue by 2:00, then we would invite you to join us for  
8 our next Communities of Interest Input Meeting, focusing  
9 on Riverside and San Bernardino counties in late August.

10 So if you would like to participate in today's  
11 meeting, please call in the next five minutes before we  
12 close the phone lines at 2:00.

13 Margarita could we -- well, I'll do it.

14 (In Spanish)

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
16 now we have caller 5756, if you'll please follow the  
17 prompts to unmute. Caller 5756, you are unmuted. Your  
18 speaker order number will be number 53, if you'll please  
19 make note of that for future reference. If you'll please  
20 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss.  
21 The floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'm living in the Coachella  
23 Valley. And first, I want to make the statement that  
24 gerrymandering is against the law. I live in a highly  
25 gerrymandered district. It was gerrymandered in order to

1 guarantee a Hispanic seat, which it has enjoyed for  
2 years. So why there's brown water coming out of this --  
3 well, the lovely Hispanic woman who spoke earlier in her  
4 Hispanic district, which is my district, she probably  
5 should go down to the Hispanic seat and talk to them  
6 about it.

7       But I have heard the most stunning demands for  
8 systemic racism come to your board, and I have heard  
9 since the Farm Bill came out, it's against the law. It  
10 should be against the law. If you want to celebrate  
11 African-Americans' Kwanzaa, Juneteenth, across my street,  
12 and I can give your speech, by the way, right now. Then  
13 fine, I'll enjoy it with you. But to ask to have these  
14 people on this board guarantee you block parties for  
15 Kwanzaa and Juneteenth, and the Hispanic community to  
16 demand a Hispanic seat carve-out for them, is nothing  
17 short of systemic racism.

18       I ask you, Board, to do the right thing. And do not  
19 gerrymander. It's against the law. Thanks.

20       VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

21       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: And now we have caller  
22 9318. And up next will be caller 8650. Caller 9318,  
23 please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 9318, you  
24 are unmuted. I have a couple of brief instructions.  
25 Your speaker order number will be number 55, if you'll

1 please -- oh, no; 54, if you'll please make note of that  
2 for future reference. And if you'll please let the  
3 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The  
4 floor is yours.

5 MR. GALLAGHER: All right. Thank you. My name is  
6 Jim Gallagher. I'm a retired aerospace HR specialist,  
7 resident of the Chino Valley, specifically Chino Hills.  
8 I've been there for nearly thirty years in the Western  
9 San Bernardino County area. I currently serve on the  
10 board of directors for the Chino Valley Chamber of  
11 Commerce, and we are currently represented in CD 39, AD  
12 55, and SD 29.

13 Our location on the map is within the 60 Freeway to  
14 the north, 91 to the south, and the 57 to the west and  
15 the 71 to the east. We don't entirely -- our district  
16 doesn't entirely reach all those boundaries, but it's  
17 within that area. Now I want to express my support, very  
18 similar to the caller earlier, for having our three  
19 mentioned districts grouped with other Inland Empire  
20 communities, and the State and Federal Legislative  
21 districts who more closely mirror our community  
22 demographically, culturally, and economically.

23 Chino Hills is currently grouped with the Eastern  
24 San Gabriel Valley and North Orange County communities  
25 separated by the 57/60 Confluence to the West. But we

1 would really benefit more by having the same  
2 representatives as Chino and other Inland Empire  
3 communities like Ontario, Montclair, and Eastvale.

4 A big anomaly, I've mentioned this before, is Chino  
5 and Chino Hills actually share a school district, but we  
6 are separated by Assembly districts. We also share the  
7 fire district which is separated, and the water district.  
8 So we are separated by Congressional, Assembly, and State  
9 Senate districts. And it doesn't make sense.

10 Our population and housing developments have also  
11 grown at a much faster rate than many other communities.  
12 It's well known that the population is moving steadily  
13 eastward to East Vale. We've grown about thirteen to  
14 fifteen percent since the 2010 census. We're up to about  
15 85,000 now predicted for the 2020 Census. And we're a  
16 very diverse community. We have roughly fifty percent  
17 White, thirty percent Asian, and twenty-nine percent  
18 Latino in our last estimate. And we're sure to reflect  
19 more changes in the current census.

20 We have many attractions. One of our biggest  
21 attractions is shopping. The shops in Chino Hills is  
22 very well known and does attract a lot of shoppers from  
23 the other Inland Empire communities. At one time it used  
24 to be Brea and the Orange County communities, but we have  
25 come into our own economically.

1           What we do see is the growth in Ontario, at the  
2 Ontario Airport area as becoming a future economic  
3 powerhouse that will heavily influence Chino Hills,  
4 Chino, Ontario, and Montclair.

5           MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds remain.

6           MR. GALLAGHER: Yeah. We do believe that our  
7 interests are better, more in line with those  
8 communities, Chino, Ontario, Montclair, and Eastvale,  
9 because we are uniquely San Bernardino County, and a lot  
10 less Orange and Los Angeles counties.

11          MR. MANOFF: Fifteen seconds.

12          MR. GALLAGHER: So thank you for your time. And  
13 thank you for the hard work you're doing.

14          VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling in this  
15 afternoon.

16          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
17 now we will have caller 8650. And up next will be caller  
18 9637. Caller 8650, if you'll please follow the prompts  
19 to unmute by pressing star 6 on your telephone keypad.  
20 Caller 8650, you are --

21          REBECCA: Hi.

22          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. You are unmuted.  
23 Your speaker order number will be 55, if you'll please  
24 make note of that. And if you'll please let the mapper  
25 know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is

1 yours.

2 REBECCA: Thank you so much. If you don't mind  
3 pulling up the corridor from Claremont to Altadena, the  
4 corridor of cities north of the I-210 Freeway; so  
5 essentially my position is that we should keep this  
6 corridor of the North I-210 Los Angeles Corridor whole.

7 My name is Rebecca. I'm calling to ask that you  
8 keep the Salton communities in the same district. I've  
9 been a resident of La Verne for about fifteen years. My  
10 horses have been stabled in Altadena for about twelve  
11 years. So as a hiker, I spend time exploring the trails  
12 near my home, and as a horse owner I spend almost every  
13 day of the week driving from La Verne to Altadena on the  
14 210 Freeway, which impacts the hillsides of La Verne --  
15 whatever impacts the hillsides of La Verne also impacts  
16 what happens in Altadena.

17 One case in point was last year's Bobcat Fire. How  
18 the North 210 Corridor is one community. When the fires  
19 began, we were all carefully watching which way the wind  
20 was going to blow, because that would determine whether  
21 I'd have to evacuate myself first or my horses. Once we  
22 knew that the fires were heading more west, my barn mates  
23 and I met up to make a plan on how to address evaluating  
24 our horses as needed.

25 But as a tight-knit community, we share information



1 with each other and help each other in crisis. As we  
2 move into fire season right now, currently, I ask that  
3 you please keep our community whole. Together, we enjoy  
4 the hiking, the trail riding, the exploration of the  
5 Angeles Forest, and together we work to ensure that our  
6 animals and community members are safe during fire  
7 season. Thank you so much. That concludes my comments.

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
10 now we have caller 9637. And up next will be caller  
11 0781. Caller 9637, if you will please follow the prompts  
12 to unmute; caller 9637, you are unmuted. Your speaker  
13 order number will be number 56, if you'll please make  
14 note of that for future reference. And if you'll please  
15 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss.  
16 The floor is yours.

17 MR. FLEMING: Hello. My name is Donald Fleming.  
18 I'm with the Tuskegee Airmen of the Inland Empire. I  
19 live in Moreno Valley in Riverside County. I'm here to  
20 talk about the African-American community in the Cities  
21 of Moreno Valley, Perris, Hemet, and San Jacinto. We  
22 need to assure that the African-American voters, of  
23 minority population is not weakened as according to the  
24 Voting Rights Act.

25 Currently, the center of the community is separated

1 by two Assembly districts, Assembly District 61 and 42.  
2 The City of Moreno Valley has the largest population of  
3 African-Americans, and the City of Perris has the second  
4 largest population of African-Americans. However, since  
5 the last redistricting process, our population is  
6 shifting to the Cities of Hemet and San Jacinto.

7 All four cities have been able to elect African-  
8 Americans to local office. Due to these changes, we are  
9 seeking the placement of the Cities of Moreno Valley,  
10 Perris, Hemet, and San Jacinto to be included in the same  
11 Assembly, Senate, and Congressional districts. This will  
12 ensure the protection of the voting strength of the  
13 African-American community who share a common history,  
14 culture, celebrates the same cultural event, such as  
15 Kwanzaa and Juneteenth. Worship together in the same  
16 churches.

17 The community is deeply concerned about issues of  
18 racism, public safety, voting rights, education, and we  
19 share the same health issues such as infant mortality,  
20 hypertension, and colon cancer. Not including Moreno  
21 Valley, Perris, Hemet, and San Jacinto in the same  
22 districts would dilute our ability to elect our own  
23 representatives as a minority group, which would be a  
24 violation of the Voting Rights Act.

25 However, equally as important is to make sure that

1 these cities are not included with the Cities of  
2 Temecula, Lake Elsinore, and Riverside who do not share  
3 our same values, culture, and issues of concern. Thank  
4 you.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
6 now we have caller 0781. And up next will be caller  
7 1525. Caller 0781, if you will please follow the prompts  
8 to unmute by pressing star 6; caller 0781, you are  
9 unmuted. Your speaker order number will be number 57, if  
10 you'll please make note of that for future reference.  
11 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you  
12 would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

13 MS. BARNABE: Hi. Yes. Good afternoon. Can you  
14 hear me?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: We sure can. Go ahead.

16 MS. BARNABE: Okay. The area I would like to focus  
17 will be the City of Perris.

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

19 MS. BARNABE: Okay. Commissioners, thank you for  
20 providing me with the opportunity to testify today. My  
21 name is Janet Barnabe. I am with the LULAC 3190, and  
22 partnering with NALEO Educational Education Fund. I have  
23 lived in the City of Perris for over twenty-five years  
24 and have a fourteen-year-old daughter that has been  
25 attending the Val Verde Unified School District, as I

1 have when I was attending the K-12 education.

2 Our neighborhood is an urban area, a rural, and work  
3 area, and I work as the organizing director for the  
4 Center for Community Action Environmental Justice, also  
5 known as CCAEJ, located in Jurupa Valley, which I oversee  
6 the community organizing; and Riverside County, such as  
7 the City of Perris.

8 And to add on, CCAEJ is also is also part of the  
9 Brown and Black Redistricting Alliance (sic). But to go  
10 more, further in-depth into the City of Perris, the City  
11 is -- the 215 runs through the middle of our community,  
12 having Moreno Valley to the north, and Hemet to the  
13 south, and to the east San Jacinto. Our community is  
14 composed of over 80,000 residents, majority who are  
15 Latinos, followed by the African-American community. Our  
16 residents tend to shop, dine and seek entertainment in  
17 the city -- in the city itself, which is Perris, and  
18 nearby cities such as the City of Moreno Valley and the  
19 City of Riverside.

20 The people that live in my community have many  
21 things in common, from culture, traditions, and language  
22 such as Spanish. When drawing the new districts, I would  
23 like the Commission to keep in mind that my community of  
24 interest would like to stay together as it stands,  
25 Assembly 61, Senate 31, Congressional District 41, as our

1 community -- and to add, our community committee has also  
2 a need to remain together to make sure that we fight  
3 against the environmental racism that the City of Perris  
4 is taking due to the influx of warehousing, and diesel  
5 truck traffic that's impacting our health and our safety.  
6 Thank you so much.

7 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have caller  
9 1525. And up next will be caller 6500. Caller 1525,  
10 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6;  
11 caller 1525 --

12 MS. TOWNS: Hello?

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Hi. I have a couple of  
14 brief instructions for you. Your speaker order number  
15 will be number 58, if you'll please make note of that for  
16 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper  
17 know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is  
18 yours.

19 MS. TOWNS: Thank you. Hello. My name is Carla  
20 Towns (ph.), and I live in the City of Rialto in San  
21 Bernardino County. I'm here to talk about the African-  
22 American community and the Cities of San Bernardino,  
23 Rialto, and Fontana, with the easternmost border being  
24 the street of Del Rosa, and the westernmost border being  
25 the 15 Freeway.

1           We need to ensure that the African-American voice,  
2 as a minority population, is not weakened, according to  
3 the Voting Rights Act. Currently, the center of the  
4 community is separated by two Assembly districts.  
5 Assembly District 47, and Assembly District 40. The  
6 Cities of San Bernardino, Rialto, and Fontana have the  
7 largest population of African-Americans in San Bernardino  
8 County. All three cities have been able to elect  
9 African-Americans to local office.

10           Therefore, we ask that the census tract with the  
11 largest African-American population, and the Cities of  
12 San Bernardino, Rialto, Fontana to be included in the  
13 same Assembly, Senate, and Congressional districts. This  
14 will ensure the protection of the voting strength of  
15 African-American communities who share a common history  
16 of culture, celebrate the same cultural events such as  
17 Kwanzaa and Juneteenth. Worship together in the same  
18 churches.

19           The community is deeply concerned about issues of  
20 racism, public safety, voting rights, education. And we  
21 share the same health issues such as infant mortality,  
22 hypertension, and colon cancer. Not including the entire  
23 City of San Bernardino, the majority of Rialto and  
24 Fontana in the same district would dilute our ability to  
25 elect our own representatives as a minority group, which

1 would be a violation of the Voting Rights Act. Thank you  
2 for your time.

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have caller  
5 6500. And up next will be caller 3130. Caller 6500,  
6 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6;  
7 caller 6500, you are unmuted. I have a couple of brief  
8 instructions. Your speaker order number will be 59, if  
9 you'll please make note of that for future reference.  
10 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you'd  
11 like to discuss. The floor is yours.

12 MR. CARMONA: Yes. Thank you so much,  
13 Commissioners. My name is Armando Carmona (ph.), and I'd  
14 like to speak about Mira Loma in Jurupa Valley.

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

16 MR. CARMONA: Yeah. Thank you so much again. My  
17 name is Armando Carmona. I'm a resident of Jurupa Valley  
18 here in Eastern Riverside. I've lived in this community  
19 for well over thirty years. My family built a home here,  
20 and I recently have -- got a home here, and I'm planning  
21 to continue living in this community.

22 I live in the neighborhood of Mina Loma, which is  
23 below the 60 Freeway and west of the 15 Freeway. So it's  
24 in that little corner area. And it's a community that's  
25 historically rural, and agrarian lifestyle that has a

1 strong equestrian history, and lifestyle, and roots, and  
2 want to make sure that this community is able to stay  
3 together, along with its neighboring counterparts of Glen  
4 Avon, of Rubidoux, and just this whole area that's a very  
5 strong and vibrant Latino community. It's a strong rural  
6 rancho neighborhood as well.

7       Growing up in this area, you see horses going down  
8 the street. You see horses going to the local  
9 neighborhood shop. And we want to make sure that folks  
10 that live in this area, and that practice that type of  
11 lifestyle are able to maintain it.

12       One of the big issues that we've faced in this  
13 community is redlining and exclusion of Latinos from the  
14 political process, and also from key services and  
15 resources. That's changed recently with greater  
16 representation, and local incorporation, and it's slowly  
17 growing in this community. So I just want to -- just to  
18 emphasize the vibrancy of my community of Mira Loma, and  
19 the growing nature, and the importance of that. So just  
20 thank you so much for your time. And yeah, that's it on  
21 my end.

22       VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling.

23       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have caller  
24 3130. And up next will be caller 3952. Caller 3130,  
25 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.



1 Caller 3130, you are unmuted. I have a couple of brief  
2 instructions. Your speaker order number will be number  
3 60, if you'll please make note of that for future  
4 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what  
5 area you'd like to discuss. The floor is yours.

6 MS. CLEMENT: Thank you very much. I am calling  
7 from the Coachella Valley.

8 Hello Commission members, and thank you for taking  
9 input on this very important issue.

10 I am Jan Clement (ph.). My husband and I began  
11 coming to the Coachella Valley for the first time in  
12 2000. We were brought here by the big Pro Tennis  
13 Tournament, starting in its new big stadium, in the year  
14 2000. We ended up moving permanently to Palm Desert in  
15 2010. We've really loved our community and our broader  
16 valley ever since. Both of us have engaged in volunteer  
17 positions which are abundant in this very active valley.

18 We both felt, and still feel, that our community  
19 extends well beyond Palm Desert borders. I recently  
20 found out that the unity we have always felt between our  
21 communities has been solidified for many years now in a  
22 practical governmental structure called the Coachella  
23 Valley Association of Government. This is an  
24 organization where the issues of public safety,  
25 infrastructure, homelessness, conservation and

1 environmental issues, energy needs, and other current  
2 challenges and solutions are discussed and remedied as a  
3 united stewardship of this great, beautiful Coachella  
4 Valley.

5       The current district map divides our country in such  
6 a -- our country -- sorry, our county in such a way as to  
7 separate us. This is unproductive and fosters disunity  
8 in an already expansive desert section of Riverside  
9 County.

10       So I'm asking you to please consider in your  
11 remapping process, that all of our Coachella Valley  
12 cities from the Western Palm Springs, and across to the  
13 Eastern Valley Cities of Coachella, Mecca, and Thermal  
14 will be included in one contiguous district, and would  
15 also include the Palo Verde Valley.

16       Again, thank you for your time, and thank you for  
17 all the work you're doing on this really important issue.

18       VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling and  
19 joining us this afternoon.

20       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have caller  
21 3952. And up next we have caller 5598. Caller 3952,  
22 please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.  
23 Caller 3952, you are unmuted. I have a couple of brief  
24 instructions. Your speaker order number will be 61, if  
25 you'll please make note of that for future reference.

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

3 MR. CASEY: San Bernardino County. My name is  
4 Pastor Samuel Casey. And I live in the City of Fontana  
5 in San Bernardino County to this august body. Thank you  
6 so much for this opportunity to participate. And to our  
7 dear sister earlier who spoke against this process. We  
8 want to invite her in the spirit of Kwanzaa, and to what  
9 we call you Umoja, where she's experiencing the unity in  
10 our community as we as African-Americans in the  
11 community, in San Bernardino County, Cities of San  
12 Bernardino, Rialto, and Fontana, with the eastern border  
13 being the Street of Del Rosa, and the westernmost border  
14 being the 15 Freeway.

15 We need to ensure that the African-American voices,  
16 as a minority population, is not weakened according to  
17 the Voting Rights Act. Currently, the center of the  
18 community is separated by two Assembly districts, of the  
19 47th and the 40th. The Cities of San Bernardino, Rialto,  
20 and Fontana have the largest population of African-  
21 Americans in San Bernardino County. These three cities  
22 have been able to really elect African-Americans to the  
23 local -- to local office, and we want to continue to  
24 protect that.

25 Therefore, we ask this important body to ask that

1 the census tract within this largest African-American  
2 population in the County of San Bernardino, in the Cities  
3 of San Bernardino, Rialto, and Fontana, be included in  
4 the same Assembly, Senate, and Congressional district.  
5 This will ensure the protection of the voting strength of  
6 the African-American community, where we share a common  
7 history and culture and invite others to celebrate with  
8 us as well, the rich culture that we celebrate as Kwanzaa  
9 and Juneteenth. We worship together in the same churches  
10 and with many of those who celebrate our cultural -- our  
11 cultural celebration.

12 This community is deeply concerned, specifically  
13 because of the comments that were made earlier, which  
14 stands to reason that issues of not systematic racism,  
15 but institutional racism, public safety, voting rights,  
16 education. And we share the same health issues that have  
17 already been stated. Not including the entire City of  
18 San Bernardino, but the majority of Rialto, and Fontana  
19 in the same district will dilute our ability to elect our  
20 own representative as a minority group, which will be a  
21 violation of the Voting Rights Act that has protected us  
22 down the years.

23 And we pray that you will be led and moved to  
24 protect the rights of one of the most vulnerable  
25 populations within this region. We thank you. And God

1 bless.

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: But thank you for calling and  
3 sharing that with us today.

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have caller  
5 5598. And up next will be caller 0706. Caller 5598, if  
6 you will please follow the prompts to unmute; caller  
7 5598, your speaker order number will be number 62, if  
8 you'll please make note of that for future reference.  
9 And if you'll please let the mapper know area you would  
10 like to discuss. The floor is yours.

11 MR. RISBY: Hi. My name is Franz Risby (ph.). And  
12 I'm calling from the City of Corona. I have been -- I'm  
13 also with the Center for Community Action Environmental  
14 Justice, and we are here with the Black and Brown  
15 Alliance. I've lived in the City of Corona for about  
16 twelve years, went to middle school and high school here,  
17 the border of which is on the 91 Green River Road, down  
18 towards McKinley.

19 Our community is hemmed in by the 91 Freeway, and  
20 the 15 down that corridor, and I really think that, you  
21 know, our community is a very diverse community with a  
22 huge population of Latinos, Muslims, South Asians. And  
23 you know, just a very diverse community, and I believe  
24 it's really imperative that when we're considering these  
25 communities to make sure you look at the demographic

1 makeup as well as the cultural, and shared influences  
2 that the community has, as I went to college here as well  
3 at UC Riverside, which is outside of my community, but  
4 many of my peers did go as well.

5       And I believe that, you know, when we're looking at  
6 the Congressional districts, it's been said before that  
7 there is a lot of -- when we look at the community, there  
8 is a much more in common with the Cities of Perris and  
9 Mead, which have similar cultural history, (audio  
10 interference) history, but when we look at the  
11 Congressional district, we're actually down in that  
12 corridor Wine Country which I believe will impact  
13 proximity to the City of Corona, and we have the same  
14 exact relationship to the (audio interference) community,  
15 when looking at when looking at the testimony of all the  
16 people here, we look at what (audio interference)  
17 communities exist within these districts and how we can  
18 fix them to be more representative for all the people.  
19 Thank you.

20       VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

21       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. At  
22 this time we have caller 0706. And up next will be  
23 caller 8881. Caller 0706, if you'll please follow the  
24 prompts to unmute; caller 0706, you are unmuted. Your  
25 speaker order number will be number 63, if you'll please

1 make note of that for future reference. Please let the  
2 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The  
3 floor is yours.

4 JENNIFER: Hi. I would like to discuss the High  
5 Desert communities in San Bernardino County.

6 And I thank you for taking my testimony today. My  
7 name's Jennifer. I was born and raised in the High  
8 Desert and I'm a current resident of Hesperia. And  
9 growing up, me and my brothers enjoyed riding dirt bikes  
10 all over the High Desert, including outside of Yucca  
11 Valley and all over the Morongo Basin. I currently work  
12 in water. I have for the past sixteen years, and I'm  
13 employed by a water agency, and serve on the Technical  
14 Advisory Committee for the Mojave Water Agency.

15 The Mojave Water Agency is the water master for all  
16 of the local water agencies in the High Desert, which  
17 means Hi-Desert Water Agency in Death Valley, all the way  
18 to Phelan and Pinion Hills. And out to Victor Valley,  
19 Barstow, Yermo, and all of the other Mojave Desert  
20 communities. All of these communities have one water  
21 master.

22 This is important because the High Desert has unique  
23 public health needs, unlike other areas. We rely on  
24 groundwater and how to ensure it is properly cleaned and  
25 managed because harmful chemicals like arsenic and

1 chromium (VI) occur naturally here. We're also always in  
2 conservation mode, regardless if there is a drought,  
3 because unlike the Coachella Valley which has an aquifer  
4 that can provide a hundred years of water for Los  
5 Angeles, which has access to huge reservoirs, and an  
6 aqueduct from Inyo and (indiscernible) County, our  
7 groundwater could be overdrawn if we don't conserve and  
8 properly manage it.

9       For the interest of public health, I would consider  
10 that High Desert communities in San Bernardino County a  
11 community of interest, and ask that you keep us together.  
12 I would also ask that you do not dilute our voices by  
13 cutting stuff and drawing us in with more urban areas.  
14 In the past, a lot of our communities have been drawn  
15 into districts that are what we call "down the hill",  
16 whether it is in San Bernardino Valley, or Los Angeles  
17 County, or the Coachella Valley. And I don't think that  
18 is in our best interest. Thank you for your  
19 consideration.

20       VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling.

21       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. And  
22 now we have caller 8881. And up next will be caller  
23 7395. Caller 8881, please follow the prompts to unmute  
24 by pressing star 6. Caller 8881, your speaker order  
25 number would be number 64, if you'll please make note of



1 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the  
2 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The  
3 floor is yours.

4 MR. RAMORAN: Hi. Good afternoon. I'm looking at  
5 the intersections in the Coachella Valley, Congressional  
6 District 36, California Senate District 28, and Assembly  
7 Districts 42 and 56.

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

9 MR. RAMORAN: Hi. Good afternoon. My name is Edwin  
10 Ramoran, and I was born and raised, and live and work in  
11 what is known as Sec-he, indigenous land of the Agua  
12 Caliente Tribe of the Cahuilla Indians, also known as  
13 Palm Springs in the Sonoran Desert. And my family has  
14 been based here since the 1960s. I attended Sierra Vista  
15 Elementary, Nellie N. Coffman Middle School in Cathedral,  
16 and graduated the class of 1989 from Palm Springs High  
17 School. I'm proud to have also received a bachelor's  
18 degree from the University of California, Riverside.

19 My family is largely in Palm Springs in minority-  
20 majority District 1 in the Coachella Valley and Riverside  
21 County. I currently serve as the Human Rights  
22 Commissioner of the City of Palm Springs. But I'm making  
23 public comment today here as a home health care provider,  
24 independent food deliverer, and an organizer with  
25 Bayanihan Desert, which works on Filipinx community

1 engagement. Also involved with the Black and Brown  
2 Redistricting Alliance, Bayanihan Desert has been  
3 involved in working on civic engagement with local,  
4 municipal representation, voting rights, districting,  
5 elections, health and food and security, housing,  
6 poverty, anti-racism, and cultural programming.

7         We were involved in helping shape Palm Springs  
8 District 1, which brought together the two historic  
9 African-American neighborhoods, and large neighborhoods  
10 of Latinx, and Filipinx residents. We've been involved  
11 with local organizations like the National Alliance of  
12 Filipino-Americans, and the oldest organization of the  
13 Filipino-American Association of Coachella Valley, plus  
14 the National Ecumenical Forum on Filipino Concerns of the  
15 Inland Empire, and the Asian Pacific American Labor  
16 Alliance of the Inland Empire.

17         As well as engaged Coachella Valley and Inland  
18 Equity Partnership on housing, poverty, and Equity, and a  
19 coalition working relationship with -- in Riverside and  
20 San Bernardino counties. So a shout as well -- shout out  
21 to the Chicano Indigenous Community for Culturally  
22 Conscious Advocacy in Action. We address racial  
23 inequality and police brutality.

24         My mother and I live in a sort of mixed working  
25 class neighborhood, in veteran's tract, which includes a

1 unique Filipino enclave. We are a half block away from  
2 Sierra Vista, and we're walking distance to Demuth Park  
3 at Mesquite Avenue, and the Dinah Shore Mid-Valley  
4 Parkway, and major shopping -- Ramon Road and Gene Autry,  
5 which is Highway 111, which connects south to East Palm  
6 Canyon, and north to Interstate 10.

7 My neighborhood has a main road on its west called  
8 El Cielo, and connects with Palm Springs International  
9 Airport, City Hall, and the campus of Desert Oasis Health  
10 Care. Demuth Park is right next to the Palm Springs  
11 Wastewater Treatment Plant, so we deal with bad air  
12 quality. And from there, combined with the Salton Sea  
13 air, which is of major importance. As a Coachella Valley  
14 resident, we need to save the Salton Sea. Our Filipino  
15 communities have been part of historic communities that  
16 came out --

17 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

18 MR. RAMORAN: -- in early 20th century. I'm going  
19 to jump through, and I want -- I would love for us to  
20 look at how to creatively reunite families in communities  
21 that have been historically located in this area. From a  
22 personal perspective, it would be great to help  
23 consolidate the diverse Filipino community --

24 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Fifteen seconds.

25 MR. RAMONA: -- separated by so many districts. And

1 to cover Palm Springs in 1842 to those east of Capital  
2 City and north of Desert Hot Springs in 1856. Thank you  
3 for taking this time. I'll forward my written comments  
4 as well. Thank you.

5 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much for  
6 calling.

7 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
8 now we have caller 7395. And up next will be caller  
9 7990. Caller 7395, if you'll please follow the prompts  
10 to unmute by pressing star 6. Caller 735 7395 --

11 MR. CALINAS: Yeah.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: -- your speaker order  
13 number will be number 65, if you'll please make note of  
14 that for future reference. And please let the mapper  
15 know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is  
16 yours.

17 MR. CALINAS: Yes. This is Eric Calinas (ph.) for  
18 Coachella Valley.

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

20 MR. CALINAS: Hi. Yes, my name is Eric Calinas  
21 (ph.). I am a community organizer by trade, but a highly  
22 civically engaged resident. I've been living here in the  
23 Coachella Valley for over thirty years. I grew up here  
24 on the western part of the Coachella Valley, but I also  
25 resided in the eastern part as well. Having to grow up

1 here to grow up here, I understand that we have a desert  
2 mountain culture, which encompasses really the  
3 surrounding areas of Desert Hot Spring, the High Desert,  
4 Yucca Valley, Joshua Tree, and up to the mountains and  
5 even including Beaumont.

6 Growing up here, I understand that we have a great  
7 tourism for the arts, and different kinds of culture. We  
8 are part of Coachella Valley that is diverse, but is  
9 majority Latino. I feel like the issues that we have  
10 concentrated within the Coachella Valley are within  
11 unique in Southern California. We do have different  
12 districts such as Assembly District that represent here  
13 in the Coachella Valley, but also in the Inland Empire,  
14 Temecula Valley area.

15 I strongly believe that our issues are very  
16 separate. We have very different issues as according to  
17 a region such as Temecula. I feel that by having  
18 conjoined -- extended, you know, Assembly District 42 all  
19 the way to Temecula, some of the issues that are unique  
20 to the Coachella Valley are never really heard, and which  
21 makes it very harder for leaderships -- positions of  
22 leadership to really get down to the very unique issues  
23 that we have. It's too broad of an Assembly District to  
24 help just the Coachella Valley.

25 And additionally, I think that one of the things

1 that really just brings us together is the outdoors, and  
2 just the outdoor lifestyles and desert mountain culture.  
3 I would highly recommend that we consider the Assembly  
4 District that represents, I think, the Congressional  
5 district as well, and our other Assembly districts that  
6 we have here are represented as well. And that's all I  
7 have. Thank you.

8 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling.

9 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we have caller  
10 7990. And up next will be caller 5581. Caller 7990, if  
11 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by pressing  
12 star 6; caller 7990, you are unmuted. Your speaker order  
13 number will be number 66, if you'll please make note of  
14 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the  
15 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The  
16 floor is yours.

17 MR. LIDDELL: Congressional District 41.

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

19 MR. LIDDELL: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My  
20 name is Ty Liddell (ph.). I am a parent, advocate, and  
21 educator. I live in Moreno Valley in the County of  
22 Riverside. I'm here to express the concerns of the  
23 African-American community in the Cities of Moreno  
24 Valley, Perris, Hemet, and San Jacinto.

25 We need to act and protect the African-American

1 voice as a minority population, and ensure that it is not  
2 weakened according to the Voting Rights Act. Currently,  
3 the center of the community is separated by two Assembly  
4 districts, Assembly District 61, and Assembly District  
5 42.

6       The City of Moreno Valley has the largest population  
7 of African-Americans, and the City of Perris has the  
8 second largest population of African-Americans. However,  
9 since the last redistricting, the process -- our  
10 population has shifted to Cities of Hemet and San  
11 Jacinto. All four cities have been able to elect  
12 African-Americans, some of which are the first to be  
13 elected to office in their locale. Due to these changes,  
14 we are seeking that the Cities of Moreno Valley, Perris,  
15 Hemet, and San Jacinto, be included in the same Assembly,  
16 Senate, and Congressional districts.

17       This will ensure the protection of the voice, common  
18 history, voting strength, and the rich culture of the  
19 African-American community who celebrates coming cultural  
20 events such as Juneteenth, Kwanzaa, and worship together  
21 in the same churches. The community is deeply concerned  
22 about the issues of structural and systemic racism,  
23 education, public safety, voting rights. And we share a  
24 common health, economic, and educational concern, infant  
25 mortality, job security, access to high quality

1 education; just to name a few.

2 Please include Moreno Valley, Perris, Hemet, and San  
3 Jacinto in the same district, and do not allow our  
4 ability to elect our own representatives, as a minority  
5 group, to be diluted, which would be a violation of the  
6 Voting Rights Act

7 Equally important, make sure that these cities are  
8 not included with the Cities of Temecula, Lake Elsinore,  
9 and Riverside, who do not share our same values, cultural  
10 and issues of concern. Thank you so much for your time.

11 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: And thank you for calling  
12 today.

13 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now we will have  
14 caller 5581. And up next will be caller 3969. Caller  
15 5581, if you'll please follow the prompts to unmute by  
16 pressing star 6. Caller 5581, your speaker order number  
17 is number 67, if you'll please make note of that for  
18 future reference. And if you'll please at the mapper  
19 know what area you would like to discuss. The floor is  
20 yours.

21 MS. JONES: Hi. I'm here to talk about the Cities  
22 of San Bernardino, Rialto, and Fontana.

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

24 MS. JONES: Thank you. Hi. My name is Felicia  
25 Jones. And I am a staff member with Congregations



1 Organized for Prophetic Engagement, also known as COPE.  
2 We are located and based in San Bernardino County but  
3 also serve Riverside County.

4 I'm here to talk about the African-American  
5 communities, and again, the Cities of San Bernardino,  
6 Rialto, Fontana, with the easternmost border being the  
7 Street of Del Rosa, and the westernmost border being the  
8 15 Freeway. We need to ensure that the African-American  
9 voice, as a minority population, is not weakened  
10 according to the Voting Rights Act.

11 Currently, the center of community is separated by  
12 two Assembly districts, and that's District 47 and  
13 District 40. The Cities of San Bernardino, Rialto, and  
14 Fontana, these are also places where, I parent a child in  
15 Rialto, and I also worship in Fontana. They have the  
16 largest populations of African-Americans in San  
17 Bernardino County. All three cities have been able to  
18 elect African-Americans to local office.

19 Therefore, we ask that the census tract with the  
20 largest African-American populations in the Cities of San  
21 Bernardino, Rialto, and Fontana be included in the same  
22 Assembly, Senate, and Congressional districts. This will  
23 ensure the protection of the voting strength of the  
24 African-American community who share a common history,  
25 culture, celebrate the same cultural event such as

1 Kwanzaa and Juneteenth, and we worship together in the  
2 same churches.

3 The community is deeply concerned about the issues  
4 of racism, public safety, voting rights, education, and a  
5 host of other issues, including health concerns, many of  
6 which you've already heard.

7 Not including the entire City of San Bernardino, the  
8 majority of Rialto, and Fontana in the same district  
9 would dilute our ability to elect our own representatives  
10 as a minority group, which would be a violation of the  
11 Voting Rights Act. Thank you so much for taking time to  
12 hear us. We appreciate that.

13 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling.

14 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
15 now we will have caller 3969. And up next will be caller  
16 7397. Caller 3969, if you will please follow the prompts  
17 to unmute by pressing star 6; caller 3969, your speaker  
18 order number will be number 68, if you'll please make  
19 note of that for future reference. And if you'll please  
20 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss.  
21 The floor is yours.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you for taking my call.  
23 And I want you to know, ladies and gentlemen, who are  
24 sitting, listening, that I've been listening with you  
25 since 10:00 this morning, because having spent seventeen

1 years in San Bernardino County, where I still have a  
2 family, and twenty-three years now in the Coachella  
3 Valley. I have a lot of interest in what was going to be  
4 said about both of these areas.

5 And I have to say that one thing has come through  
6 loud and clear that we have been talking about in the  
7 Coachella Valley for a long time, and that is to keep  
8 contiguous cities that have things in common, and common  
9 goals, objectives of communities, to keep them together  
10 and not to split them up in arbitrary fashions, which has  
11 happened here in the Coachella Valley.

12 And I just want to say that everybody, with almost  
13 no exceptions, have been basically telling you the same  
14 thing in different ways, shapes, and forms, that there  
15 are communities that should be together in a single  
16 district or Assembly district, Senate district, and  
17 Congressional district that should all be together. And  
18 I think that's a very loud and clear message that's been  
19 coming across in these last several hours I've been  
20 listening.

21 And I hope that you will, in fact, pay attention to  
22 that and find a way to keep contiguous cities together in  
23 districts that make sense. Thank you so much for your  
24 time. And good luck with a very challenging task ahead  
25 of you. Thank you.

1 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you very much.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
3 now we have caller 7397. And up next will be caller  
4 0473. Caller 7397, if you'll please follow the prompts  
5 to unmute by pressing star 6. One more time, caller with  
6 the -- oops, there you are.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: You are unmuted. Your  
9 speaker order number will be number 69, if you'll please  
10 make note of that for future reference. And if you'll  
11 please let the mapper know what area you would like to  
12 discuss. The floor is yours.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes. Thank you so much. I  
14 am calling about the Coachella Valley. I specifically  
15 live in La Quinta. Enjoy it, enjoy my views, I enjoy my  
16 community. I'm in a nongated, so I like kids, dogs, all  
17 the rest of that stuff that makes up the neighborhood.  
18 My concern here is, as I look -- I hear people talking  
19 and I'm looking at what's available as far as maps and  
20 things of interest between our two District 56 and 42;  
21 and I wonder why they are two different districts. We  
22 are all concerned about conservation of our water, our  
23 land, we all have the same tourism issues. We have a lot  
24 of part-time residents that come in here during the  
25 cooler weather.

1           And so as I look at this, I wonder why we aren't  
2 going to be one district, one large district sharing all  
3 the same concerns. And that would be, in my opinion, all  
4 of the Coachella Valley, and perhaps right to the Arizona  
5 border. There's really no reason, include Thermal and  
6 Mecca. Again, we are looking at all the same interests  
7 as this is going on, one continuous line. And I will  
8 thank you very much for your time.

9           VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling.

10          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
11 now we have caller 0473. And up next will be caller  
12 3907. Caller 0473, if you'll please follow the prompts  
13 to unmute. 0473, your speaker order number will be  
14 number 70, if you'll please make note of that for future  
15 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what  
16 area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

17          MS. TYAS: Yes, hello. My name is Mikaylah Tyas  
18 (ph.), and I live in Ontario, which is located in San  
19 Bernardino County. I will be speaking on the Cities of  
20 San Bernardino, Rialto, and Fontana.

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

22          MS. TYAS: Yes. As I just stated, I am here to talk  
23 about the African-American community in the Cities of San  
24 Bernardino, Rialto, and Fontana, with the easternmost  
25 border being the Street of Del Rosa, and the westernmost

1 border being the 15 Freeway. We need to ensure that  
2 African-American voice, as a minority population is not  
3 weakened, according to the Voting Rights Act.

4       Currently, the center of the community is separated  
5 by two Assembly districts, which is District 47 and  
6 District 40. The Cities of San Bernardino, Rialto, and  
7 Fontana have the largest population of African-Americans  
8 in San Bernardino County. All three cities have been  
9 able to elect African-Americans to their local offices,  
10 therefore, we ask that the census tract with the largest  
11 African-American population in the Cities of San  
12 Bernardino, Rialto, and Fontana be included in the same  
13 Assembly district.

14       This will ensure the protection of the voting  
15 strength of the African-American community who share a  
16 common history, culture, celebrate the same cultural  
17 events such as Kwanzaa and Juneteenth, worship together  
18 in the same churches, this community is deeply concerned  
19 about issues of racism, public safety, voting rights,  
20 education, and we share the same health issues such as  
21 infant mortality, hypertension, and colon cancer.

22       Not including the entire City of San Bernardino the  
23 majority of Rialto and Fontana in the same district would  
24 dilute out ability to elect our own representatives as a  
25 minority group, which would be a violation of the Voting

1 Rights Act. Thank you for your time.

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now, we will have  
4 caller 3907. And then up next we will have caller 8547.  
5 Caller 3907, if you'll please follow the prompts to  
6 unmute by pressing star 6. 3907, your speaker order  
7 number will be number 71, if you'll please make note of  
8 that for future reference. And if you'll please let the  
9 mapper know what area you would like to discuss. The  
10 floor is yours.

11 MS. QUARLES: Thank you. My name is Ledonna Quarles  
12 (ph.), and I live in the City of Hemet in Riverside  
13 County. I'm here to talk about the African-American  
14 community in the Cities of Moreno Valley, Perris, Hemet  
15 and San Jacinto. We need to ensure that African-American  
16 voice, as a minority population, is not weakened  
17 according to the Voting Acts Right (sic).

18 Currently, the center of community is separated by  
19 two Assembly districts, Assembly District 61, and  
20 Assembly District 42. The City of Moreno Valley has the  
21 largest population of African-Americans, and the City of  
22 Perris has the second largest population of African-  
23 Americans. However, since the last redistricting  
24 process, our population is shifting to the Cities of  
25 Hemet and San Jacinto. All four cities have been able to

1 elect African-Americans to local office. Due to this  
2 change, we are seeking the placement of the Cities of  
3 Moreno Valley, Perris, Hemet, and San Jacinto to be  
4 included in same Assembly, Senate, and Congressional  
5 districts.

6 This will ensure the protection of the voting  
7 strength of the African-American community who share a  
8 common history, culture, celebrate at the same cultural  
9 events such as Kwanzaa and Juneteenth, worship together  
10 in the same churches. The community is deeply concerned  
11 about issues of racism, public safety, voting rights,  
12 education, and we share the same health issues, such as  
13 infant mortality, hypertension, and colon cancer.

14 Not including Moreno Valley, Perris, Hemet, and San  
15 Jacinto in the same district would dilute our ability to  
16 elect our own representatives as a minority group, which  
17 would be in violation of the Voting Rights Act. However,  
18 equally as important, it is to make sure that these  
19 cities are not included with the Cities of Temecula, Lake  
20 Elsinore, and Riverside who do not share our same value,  
21 cultures, and issues of concern. And thank you for  
22 listening to me today.

23 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for giving us the  
24 chance to.

25 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. As we



1 have two hands left, we will be doing another  
2 announcement to raise hands at this time.

3 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Katy?

4 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, and in Spanish.  
5 They will be done in Spanish right now, with Margarita.  
6 Chair, is that what you were asking for?

7 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Well, I also want to remind  
8 folks that we will be taking a break at 3:00. That's a  
9 required break. It is going to be a bit longer of a  
10 break. We will be on break from 3:00 to 3:30. But I  
11 want to assure all those in the queue that we do want to  
12 hear from them. So we appreciate their patience. We  
13 will just need to be taking this break from 3:00 to 3:30,  
14 and we will be back and hear from those who are in the  
15 queue at that point.

16 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'm unclear as to what to  
17 do at this point, Chair.

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: You can proceed with the  
19 instructions in English and Spanish about raising hands.  
20 But I just wanted to communicate about the upcoming  
21 break.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Okay. Thank you. At  
23 this time, those remaining in the call-in queue, if you  
24 wish to give comment, please press star 9 to raise your  
25 hand.

1 (In Spanish, not translated)

2 Thank you, Margarita.

3 At this time, we will be going to caller 8547, if  
4 you'll follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 8547 year  
5 speaker order number will be number 72. If you'll please  
6 mute your live stream audio at this time.

7 YVETTE: Hi. This is Yvette (ph.), and I'm calling  
8 from Moreno Valley, the Cities of Moreno Valley, Perris,  
9 and Riverside are all very important to me. They're my  
10 surrounding cities. I've gone to school in all three  
11 cities. And over the years that I've lived here, for  
12 fifteen years, I've seen the Hispanic community grow  
13 tremendously. We've become a strong community, and  
14 anywhere I go, I feel comfortable knowing that these are  
15 the people I am surrounded by. It's important to keep  
16 this community strong and let everyone know that we all  
17 still stand together and united. Thank you.

18 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Right now will be caller  
20 5008. Up next will be caller 5819. Caller 5008, if  
21 you'll please follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 5008  
22 your speaker order number will be number 73, if you'll  
23 please make note of that for future reference. If you'll  
24 please let the mapper know of what area you would like to  
25 discuss. The floor is yours.

1 LAURIS: (In Spanish, translated)

2 Hello, my name is Lauris (ph.), and I live in Moreno  
3 Valley for -- it's been about fifteen years. And I've  
4 noticed a considerable increase in the Hispanic  
5 community, just like in the City of Perris, and  
6 Riverside. And the communities have notably improved and  
7 there are so many more things in the community compared  
8 to fifteen years ago. And we're a stronger -- the  
9 Hispanic community is stronger, and there are more  
10 services for us here in the Moreno Valley City. And I'm  
11 happy to live here in this city. Thank you.

12 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: (In Spanish, not translated).

13 Katy, before we proceed, I just wanted to go ahead  
14 and repeat in Spanish what I said earlier.

15 (In Spanish, not translated)

16 And Katy, we can go ahead and take one more call  
17 before we -- one, maybe two more calls before we break.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 5819, please  
19 follow the prompts to unmute.

20 Margarita?

21 THE INTERPRETER: (In Spanish, not translated)

22 Katy, would you like me to repeat it?

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: I'm unsure. I don't  
24 know. Caller 5819, if you could please follow the  
25 prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.

1           We're going to have to go to the next caller at this  
2 time.

3           And now we'll be caller 7010, if you'll please  
4 follow the prompts to unmute. Caller 7010 you are  
5 unmuted. Your speaker order number will be 74, if you'll  
6 please make note of that for future reference. And if  
7 you'll please let the mapper know what area you would  
8 like to discuss. The floor is yours.

9           MR. TRUBY: Terrific. Thank you very much. My name  
10 is Evan Truby. And I am a twenty-eight-year resident of  
11 Palm Desert. I'd like to speak today about my community  
12 of interest which is the Coachella Valley, from Palm  
13 Springs and Desert Hot Springs on the west, all the way  
14 to the Colorado River.

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

16           MR. TRUBY: Perfect. So I believe that the entire  
17 Coachella Valley, ranging from Palm Springs and Desert  
18 Hot Springs all the way to the Colorado River, and then  
19 south to the Imperial County line, roughly, represents  
20 one community of interest and should be included in one  
21 Legislative district. This area is bound by common  
22 geography, climate, and economy. All Coachella Valley's  
23 and local tribes already work together through the  
24 Coachella Valley Association of Governments to address  
25 local infrastructure, energy, homelessness, and

1 conservation issues, just to name a few. We are also  
2 already bound by common school districts, and health, and  
3 recreation districts.

4 I believe that these points are far more important  
5 than ethnic or socioeconomic considerations. By  
6 including the cities, Palm Springs, Desert Hot Springs,  
7 Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, Bermuda Dunes, Cathedral  
8 City, Palm Desert, Indian Wells, La Quinta, Indio,  
9 Coachella, is the nine big ones, in the Coachella Valley,  
10 as well as the unincorporated areas of Thermal, Mecca,  
11 and North Shore in one district, it would give us one  
12 voice to address common issues.

13 It would also remove the cities in the San Gorgonio  
14 Pass that are currently included in our Legislative  
15 district, which have much less in common with the  
16 Coachella Valley than the areas that I mentioned to our  
17 southeast. In addition, by removing the noncontiguous  
18 Cities of Bermuda Dunes, Cathedral City, and Desert Hot  
19 Springs from Assembly District 56, and putting them into  
20 District 42, you would help each district, the 42nd and  
21 the 56th to speak with a more unified voice and  
22 streamlined representation for each Assembly person from  
23 those districts.

24 Thank you so much for your time. And I thank you  
25 for all the work that you're doing, and time you're

1 spending on this issue on our behalf. Appreciate it.

2 VICE CHAIR KENNEDY: Thank you for calling in.

3 As I mentioned, we will be going to a break now  
4 until 3:30. We do ask everyone who is in line to stay  
5 with us. We will come back to hear everything that you  
6 have to say at 3:30.

7 (In Spanish, not translated)

8 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 3:00 p.m.  
9 until 3:30 p.m.)

10 CHAIR LE MONS: Welcome back, everyone. We're going  
11 to now finish hearing from our callers that are in the  
12 queue. If you are in need of an interpreter, please let  
13 our interpreter know, and we'll make sure that we're able  
14 to offer interpretation for you as well.

15 So with that, I'll turn it back over to Katy, so we  
16 can go back to our callers that are in the queue with  
17 hands raised. Katy.

18 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, Chair.

19 Margarita, would you like to repeat that there is an  
20 interpreter available if they would like to request it.

21 THE INTERPRETER: (In Spanish, not translated)

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you.

23 Right now we go to caller 0055. If you will please  
24 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6.

25 Margarita, if you can repeat me, after me?

1           Caller 0055, if you'll please press star 6 to unmute  
2 your phone.

3           At this time we will go to the next caller. They  
4 will not be removed from the queue, so they will be able  
5 to raise their hand again if they can get their  
6 connection back better.

7           Thank you.

8           Caller 5308, if you will please follow the prompts  
9 to unmute by pressing star 6. Caller 5308, you are  
10 unmuted> Your speaker order number will be number 74, if  
11 you'll please make note of that for future reference.  
12 And if you'll please let the mapper know what area you  
13 would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

14           MR. TORRES: Hi everyone. My name is Eddie Torres.  
15 I'm an organizer with the Inland Coalition for Immigrant  
16 Justice. This is a coalition of over fifty organizations  
17 that advocate on behalf of our immigrant communities.  
18 Collectively, they amount to over 200 residents in the  
19 Inland Empire. And today I'm calling specifically on  
20 behalf of the High Desert immigrant communities, so that  
21 includes the communities of Victorville, Adelanto,  
22 Hesperia, and the unincorporated areas of the High  
23 Desert.

24           This is one of our most vulnerable communities that  
25 are deeply concerned and affected by systemic racism,

1 voting rights violations, labor exploitation and  
2 environmental injustice. Please keep their concerns and  
3 their livelihood in mind when considering Congressional  
4 and State districts. These communities deserve more  
5 equitable representation and a shared voice with similar  
6 interests of communities. Thank you for your  
7 consideration.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
9 now we have caller 2903, if you'll please follow the  
10 prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. Caller 2903, you  
11 are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be number  
12 75, if you'll please make note of that for future  
13 reference. And if you'll please let the mapper know what  
14 area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

15 MS. BROWN: Hello. My name is Cheryl Brown (ph.),  
16 and I live in the City of San Bernardino, and that's in  
17 San Bernardino County. I'm here to talk about the  
18 African-American community in the Cities of San  
19 Bernardino, Rialto, and Fontana, with the easternmost  
20 border being Del Rosa and the western being the 15th  
21 Freeway. We need to ensure that the African-American  
22 voice as a minority population is not weakened according  
23 to the Voting Rights Act.

24 Currently, the center of the community is separated  
25 by two Assembly districts, Assembly District 47 and



1 Assembly District 40. The Cities of San Bernardino,  
2 Rialto, Fontana -- and Fontana have the largest  
3 population of African-Americans in San Bernardino County.  
4 All three cities have been able to elect African-  
5 Americans to local office.

6 Therefore, we ask that the census tract with the  
7 largest African-American population in the Cities of San  
8 Bernardino, Rialto, Fontana, be included in the same  
9 Assembly, Senate, and Congressional districts. This will  
10 assure -- ensure protection of the voting strength of the  
11 African-American communities who share a common history,  
12 culture, celebrate the same cultural activities and  
13 events, we worship together in the same churches.

14 The community is deeply concerned about the issues  
15 of racism, public safety, voting rights, education. And  
16 we share the same health issues such as infant mortality,  
17 hypertension, and colon cancer. Not including the entire  
18 City of San Bernardino and the majority of Rialto and  
19 Fontana in the same districts would dilute our ability to  
20 elect our own representatives as a minority group, which  
21 would be a violation of the Voting Rights Act. Thank  
22 you.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
24 now we have caller 6832, if you will please follow the  
25 prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. Caller 6832, you

1 are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be number  
2 76, if you'll please make note of that for future  
3 reference. If you'll please let the mapper know what  
4 area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

5 MS. BELL: Thank you. I'm calling from Palm Springs  
6 and discussing the Coachella Valley area, all the way out  
7 to Blythe and down to like the Thermal, Mecca area.

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

9 MS. BELL: As I mentioned, my name is Nicki Bell,  
10 and I'm a volunteer with Planned Parenthood Action Fund  
11 of the Pacific Southwest. I live in Palm Springs and I  
12 moved here about a year ago from Georgia. Today, I'm  
13 requesting that the Commission review the boundaries of  
14 State Senate District 28, Assembly District 42, and  
15 Congressional District 36, with the goal of redrawing  
16 them to be more consistent with the communities that they  
17 serve.

18 I believe my input is of interest to you because I'm  
19 a remote worker and most of my days are spent shopping,  
20 dining, and accessing services in this community,  
21 specifically between Highway 111 and Interstate 10. In  
22 my free time I'm also a volunteer for Kittyland in Desert  
23 Hot Springs. My partner works for a community-based  
24 regional health system serving Riverside County and San  
25 Bernardino County. Our housemate works for a community

1 food distribution program based in Indio.

2       These activities have connected me with my neighbors  
3 and I want to help ensure that the representatives of the  
4 districts we're in reflect the interests and needs of the  
5 people here. My community members primarily live, work,  
6 and play in this same area. This is distinct from areas  
7 such as Temecula and the region further west of Hemet,  
8 because the majority of that population commutes into San  
9 Diego for a lot of these kinds of activities.

10       So in conclusion, I'd like to see that region,  
11 specifically like west of Hemet excluded from my  
12 district. Thank you for your time.

13       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
14 now we have caller 0057. If you will please follow the  
15 prompts to menu by pressing star 6. Caller 0057, your  
16 speaker order number will be number 77, if you'll please  
17 make note of that for future reference. If you'll please  
18 let the mapper know what area you would like to discuss.  
19 The floor is yours.

20       ARIANNA: Hello everyone. My name is Arianna (ph.),  
21 and I would like to discuss the Cities of Perris,  
22 Riverside, and Nuevo.

23       PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 0057, if you could  
24 speak into your phone a little bit more.

25       ARIANNA: (Indiscernible) --

1 MR. MANOFF: Can you get closer to your phone,  
2 please? We're having trouble hearing you, 0057.

3 ARIANNA: Okay. Can you hear me?

4 MR. MANOFF: Yes, we can. Speak loud and close to  
5 the phones.

6 ARIANNA: Okay. Perfect. Hello everyone. My name  
7 is Arianna. And I am a resident of Perris where I have  
8 lived for more than nineteen years. The Cities of  
9 Perris, Moreno Valley, and Riverside share all sorts of  
10 similarities, including culture and diversity, but most  
11 importantly, the unity we have within our communities.

12 On a day-to-day basis, we share the life struggles  
13 we encounter. When stepping out of Perris and going into  
14 the Cities of Riverside and Moreno Valley, it's home  
15 away -- it's home away from home because of what the --  
16 because of what the community with one another share. I  
17 ask that the Cities of Perris, Moreno Valley and  
18 Riverside stay together. Thank you.

19 MR. MANOFF: 0057. Are you finished?

20 ARIANNA: Yeah.

21 MR. MANOFF: Thank you so much.

22 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Margarita, if you could  
23 please translate for me.

24 At this time, those remaining in the call-in queue,  
25 if you wish to give comment, please press star 9 to raise

1 your hand.

2 THE INTERPRETER: That's it.

3 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

4 Right now we have caller 3966. If you'll please  
5 follow the prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. Caller  
6 3966, you are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be  
7 number 78, if you will please make note of that for  
8 future reference. If you'll please let the mapper know  
9 what area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.  
10 Hello? Can you hear me? Hello caller 3966, you are  
11 unmuted. Can you hear me? Hello? Oh, no, you just  
12 muted yourself again. Caller 3966, you are unmuted. Can  
13 you hear me?

14 NAOMI: Hello? Can you hear me?

15 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, we can hear you.  
16 The floor is yours.

17 NAOMI: Okay. Thank you. Hi. My name is Naomi  
18 (ph.). I will speak upon Perris. I have lived here in  
19 Perris, basically, all my life. I arrived at the age of  
20 four, and I am nineteen years of age. So I've been  
21 living here for fifteen years. Perris is an important  
22 city, not only for me, but my family as well. We arrived  
23 to Perris for the reason that it is a Hispanic community.  
24 It has made us felt -- a sense of comfort and safety,  
25 even though we were coming to a whole different country,

1 by coming to Perris, it felt like we never left, because  
2 we have the same cultures, same traditions, and same  
3 food. And it makes it -- it makes it much easier being  
4 here with our resources because we are Hispanics and we  
5 need the Spanish language to communicate well.

6 If we were to be combined with other cities like  
7 Temecula, it will create fear within the Latino community  
8 that is here because it would be overpowered by  
9 discrimination and racism. We ask to please not combine  
10 this district. Thank you.

11 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much. Right  
12 now we have caller 0055. If you will please follow the  
13 prompts to unmute by pressing star 6. Caller 0055, you  
14 are unmuted. Your speaker order number will be number  
15 79, if you'll please make note of that for future  
16 reference. And if you please let the mapper know what  
17 area you would like to discuss. The floor is yours.

18 MS. PATTON STELL: Good afternoon. My name is Dr.  
19 Regina Patton Stell, and I live in the City of Riverside  
20 and Riverside County. And I'm here to talk about the  
21 City of Riverside. But before I begin, I'd like to be  
22 transparent and share with you that I came to Riverside  
23 forty-five years ago. Started as a teacher, I'm married  
24 now forty-two years, I'm a grandma, I have twelve  
25 grandchildren, that's why I'm still volunteering, and

1 serving, actually, as the president of the Riverside  
2 County NAACP.

3       It's a lot of work. But twenty-five years plus, in  
4 administration at Riverside (audio interference)  
5 Education prepared me for my job. But today I want to  
6 talk about the City of Riverside because I really  
7 understand the challenge before you. This county has  
8 changed. I'm here to talk about the City of Riverside  
9 because I realize -- I'll pause for a minute, because  
10 sometimes there's a void, and there's no voice in  
11 Riverside, particularly for the African-American.

12       We have we have partnered with all kinds of groups,  
13 especially now in this COVID battle. I'm working on  
14 teams with (indiscernible) job, the county, health  
15 department. But I really want to talk to you about not  
16 separating Riverside from a community of interest that I  
17 have three generations of interest in, and that is the  
18 African-American family.

19       It is true that we have a large family-base  
20 community of interest with African-Americans that now  
21 goes with Simi Valley, Perris, Hemet, San Jacinto. And I  
22 say that because I have three adult children that have  
23 all married and had to move outside the City of  
24 Riverside. Several months have passed. I've been really  
25 heavily involved with Riverside trying to look at our

1 anti-racist policies, but I really want you to think  
2 about, if you want to hear a voice, you have to create a  
3 space.

4 We have minority groups in Riverside, many, many,  
5 many that we partnered with. But do we have a voice? Do  
6 we have a voice in the Congressional areas; in the  
7 Senate, Assembly area? We ask you to look, and we may  
8 have impacted Riverside, and make a unique place of  
9 cultural history for a small, perhaps, number of people  
10 that share common interests.

11 We ask that you take consideration of things that  
12 we're facing today. A lot complaints, public safety,  
13 housing, racism, you name it, we're dealing with it. We  
14 need our voice, we need a collective voice, we need  
15 representation, state and national level. I ask you to  
16 keep Riverside as a whole when you think of the community  
17 of interest of African-Americans. I'm here to serve.  
18 And you are too. Thank you. Thank you for listening.  
19 We know the voice is being heard --

20 MR. MANOFF: Thirty seconds.

21 MS. PATTON STELL: -- which will be hard. Thank you  
22 very much.

23 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

24 And Margarita, if you could translate with me one  
25 last time?



1           At this time those remaining in the call-in queue if  
2 you wish to give comment, please press star 9 to raise  
3 your hand.

4           Thank you so much.

5           Caller 1530. Please follow the prompts to unmute by  
6 pressing star 6.

7           Margarita, why don't you try it in Spanish?

8           Caller -- oh. You know what I said.

9           THE INTERPRETER: Oh. Yeah.

10          (In Spanish)

11          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Thank you so much.

12          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Hello. Good afternoon.

13          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Your speaker order number  
14 will be number 79, if you'll please make note of that for  
15 future reference. And if you'll please let the mapper  
16 know area you'd like to discuss. The floor is yours.

17          ALEJANDRA: Hello. Good afternoon. My name is  
18 Alejandra (ph.). I've been living in Perris for more  
19 than ten years. Graduating school from here, I can see  
20 the increase and the big impact that the Latino community  
21 has on (In Spanish, not translated) a very important  
22 community to all of us. We ask that you please keep them  
23 on the same district. Thank you.

24          PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Caller 1530 -- oh, are  
25 you still there? Yes, you are still there. Your speaker

1 order number will be 80, I apologize; if you'll please  
2 make note of that.

3 And it looks like we still have two callers. If you  
4 wish to give comment, please press star 9 at this time.  
5 One last time, if you wish to give comment please press  
6 star 9 on your telephone keypad to raise your hand.

7 THE INTERPRETER: Would you like me to interpret?

8 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Yes, please.

9 THE INTERPRETER: Okay. (In Spanish).

10 CHAIR LE MONS: While we're waiting to see if these  
11 callers want to raise their hand, I'd like to take a  
12 moment to remind our listeners on ways to get involved.  
13 You can visit our website or social media at  
14 WeDrawTheLines.org, again, you can visit our website at  
15 WeDrawTheLines.org. You can also sign up for our emails  
16 to learn about Commission meetings, updates, and  
17 announcements. Please connect with us on our social  
18 media. We're on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn,  
19 and YouTube @WeDrawTheLinesCA, our handle again is  
20 @WeDrawTheLinesCA.

21 Other ways to participate and provide public input,  
22 is you can participate in one of our COI Public Input  
23 meetings that are taking place throughout the rest of the  
24 summer, visit WeDrawTheLinesCA.org for more information  
25 on dates and times. Communities of Interest mapping tool

1 is available for you to also draw your community and  
2 submit, at DrawMyCACommunity.org, again that's  
3 DrawMyCACommunity.org.

4 The online community of interest tool is available  
5 in English, Spanish, simplified Chinese, traditional  
6 Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Korean, Armenian, Farsi,  
7 Arabic, Russian, Japanese, Punjabi, Khmer, Hmong, and  
8 Thai. Tutorials are also available in those languages.

9 And on our website, [www.WeDrawTheLinesCA.org](http://www.WeDrawTheLinesCA.org), you  
10 can go there and click on Draw My Community CA Community  
11 icon, which will also take you to the tool. You can also  
12 communicate with us via email at  
13 [VotersFirstAct@CRC.CA.gov](mailto:VotersFirstAct@CRC.CA.gov), that's  
14 [VotersFirstAct@CRC.CA.gov](mailto:VotersFirstAct@CRC.CA.gov).

15 And finally, if you want to drop us something in the  
16 mail, you can send that to Citizens -- excuse me,  
17 California Citizens Redistricting Commission, at 721  
18 Capitol Mall, Suite 260, Sacramento, California 95814.  
19 Again, that's California Citizens Redistricting  
20 Commission, 721 Capitol Mall, Suite 260, Sacramento,  
21 California 95814.

22 So I've noticed that the callers have not raised  
23 their hand to give comment at this time, so I'm going to  
24 move to adjourn the meeting.

25 First, I want to thank you for joining our Community

1 of Interest Meeting today. We have two upcoming  
2 Community of Interest Public Input meetings. The first  
3 is on Wednesday, August 4th, at 4 p.m. The focus of that  
4 meeting will be on Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced,  
5 San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare counties and their  
6 surrounding areas.

7 The August 4th meeting will have both Spanish and  
8 Punjabi listening lines and available interpretation.  
9 The next COI meeting, or Community of Interest meeting  
10 following that one, is on Monday, August 9, focused on  
11 Butte -- oh, this is -- I thought I was going to mess  
12 this one up; Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas,  
13 Shasta, [Sis-ku-you] -- no. Help me out. What was that  
14 Commissioner Toledo?

15 COMMISSIONER SINAY: [Sis-kiyou]

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: [Sis-kiyou].

17 CHAIR LE MONS: Siskiyou, and Tehama counties, and  
18 their surrounding areas. That again is going to be on  
19 August 9. The meeting will have Spanish listening line  
20 and available interpretation.

21 Our next business meeting is this coming Thursday,  
22 August 5th, at 10 a.m. Callers at the community of  
23 interest meetings are not limited to -- specifically to  
24 the mentioned counties. You can visit the meetings' page  
25 at our website to see a list of additional upcoming COI

1 input meetings.

2 And again, our website is [www.WeDrawTheLinesCA.org](http://www.WeDrawTheLinesCA.org).

3 Thank you everyone for calling in today. We got a  
4 lot of wonderful input.

5 Thank you, Commissioners.

6 And the meeting is adjourned.

7 (Whereupon, the Public Input Meeting adjourned  
8 at 4:00 p.m.)

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